

# Dickinson, TX

## Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan



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# INTRODUCTION, CONTEXT AND OVERVIEW



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Parks, trails and recreation amenities are an essential part of a city and important to everyday community life. They help make communities livable and enjoyable for everyone. They provide an opportunity and destination for community events, exercise, play and relaxation. They also help contribute to the health of Dickinson residents and visitors by providing physical, social and educational activities for all ages. Parks also help enhance the natural environment while maintaining it. A quality parks, trails and recreation system that is sensitive to the resident's needs and values can contribute to the overall quality of life for the community, which could potentially provide economic value by attracting visitors to the area.

Parks and open space are an integral part of Dickinson's municipal infrastructure much like streets and sidewalks, water and wastewater connections, drainage facilities, police and fire equipment, and other municipal facilities and services. They warrant an equal level of attention and commitment of resources to adequately acquire, construct, operate and maintain.

**Paul Hopkins Park Bridge**



1000 FM 517

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## MASTER PLAN PURPOSES

The purpose of the Dickinson Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan is to evaluate the current parks, trails and recreation amenities and determine the future needs for improving the entire system to meet the short- and long-term needs of the community. The master plan is a guide for policy and decision-making related to the availability, location, type, scale and quality of the park and recreation opportunities to meet the needs of Dickinson residents and visitors. The plan considers the needs and priorities based on the current deficiencies as well as the current and projected population and development within Dickinson as well as opportunities and interests.

The purposes of developing a parks, trails and recreation system master plan include:

- Develop a vision, goals and objectives.
- Research and document the recreational programs, services and resources of other providers, both public and private, to better ensure a variety of activities for Dickinson residents and visitors.
- Update the inventories of developed and undeveloped parks, other City-owned properties, local school campuses and their respective facilities.
- Evaluate the current and future needs for improving the existing parks and recreation system to accommodate future population growth.
- Gather input from community leaders, residents and other stakeholders to determine the priorities for the parks, trails and recreation system and to identify the preferred types, location and designs of parks and recreation facilities.
- Provide strategic direction and a prioritized action agenda regarding required parks and recreation facilities and programs to respond to issues and gaps identified during the needs assessment, and to identify policies and standards for eliminating existing deficiencies in both the near-term and long-term timeframes.
- Provide the basis for pursuing grants and other external funding opportunities and for generating community support for local funding options.
- Align this plan with the City of Dickinson 2045 Comprehensive Plan, thereby linking this Master Plan to broader objectives of all aspects such as enhancing livability and the community image, preserving local, natural, historic and cultural assets and promoting economic development and tourism, housing transportation, etc.

**Paul Hopkins Park Trails**



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## Ensuring an “Acceptable Plan” for Grant Opportunities

In addition to meeting local needs in Dickinson, this Master Plan is organized, has the appropriate content, and reflects the leadership, community and stakeholder input necessary for it to be reviewed and deemed an “acceptable plan” by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). TPWD has assisted hundreds of communities across Texas with their outdoor recreation needs since 1965 through its grant assistance programs, which enable the local acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities.

TPWD does not require applicants to have a jurisdiction-wide master plan to be eligible for its grant programs. However, an applicant may gain additional points in the TPWD scoring system (except in the Small Community scoring criteria) when the proposed project advances priorities identified in a locally-adopted master plan that is found acceptable by TPWD. The added points are valuable given a highly competitive grant process.

Among the elements of an acceptable plan itemized in the *Master Plan Guidelines* promulgated by TPWD:

- Proof of adoption by the local governing body.
- Planning for the City’s entire corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).
- At least a 10-year plan outlook, with plan updates occurring every five years at most.
- Specified plan content as contained in this Master Plan (i.e., introductory items and background, goals and objectives, documentation of the plan development process and public input, up-to-date inventory of recreation areas and facilities, concepts and standards for the same, needs assessment, and prioritization of needs and plan implementation details).

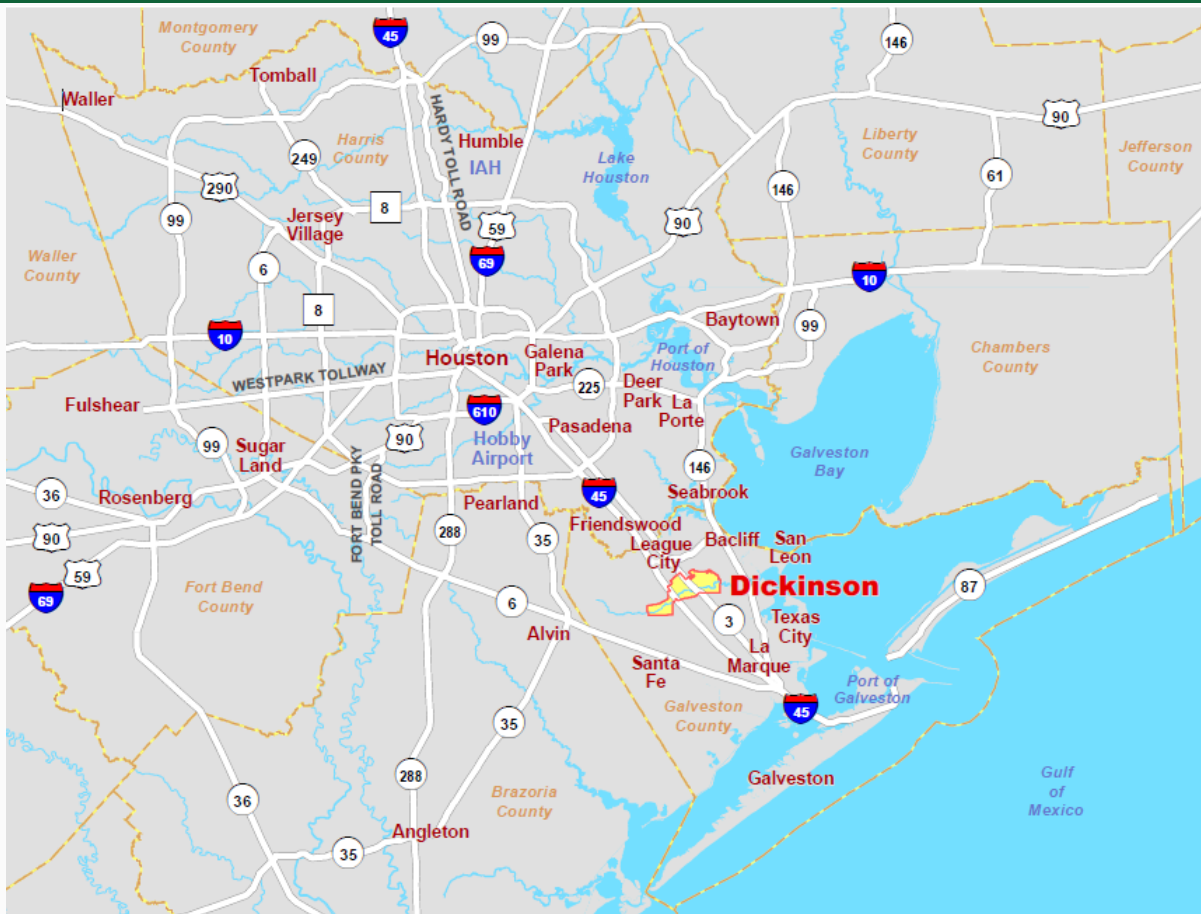
SOURCE: TPWD Grants and Assistance  
<http://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/>

## SETTING AND CONTEXT

Dickinson and the bayou were named for John Dickinson in 1824 when he received a land grant from the Mexican government. More growth came to the area after World War I, World War II and the development of NASA’s Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center located to the north in the Clear Lake area. In the 1970s, Texas City and League City began to encroach on Dickinson. In 1977, residents of the central area incorporated parts of the city and then in the 1990s, additional areas were annexed into the incorporated city.[1]

The City of Dickinson is located in Galveston County, 31 miles southeast of downtown Houston on Interstate Highway 45, which bisects the western portion of the city. Downtown Dickinson does not currently exist but is expected to be developed and located farther east at the intersection of TX-3 and FM 517. The city’s location allows for easy access to all of Houston and Galveston, the Port of Texas City (3 miles), Port of Houston (27 miles), Port of Galveston (23 miles), Hobby Airport (21 miles) and George Bush Intercontinental Airport (49 miles) as shown on **Map 1, Regional Context**.

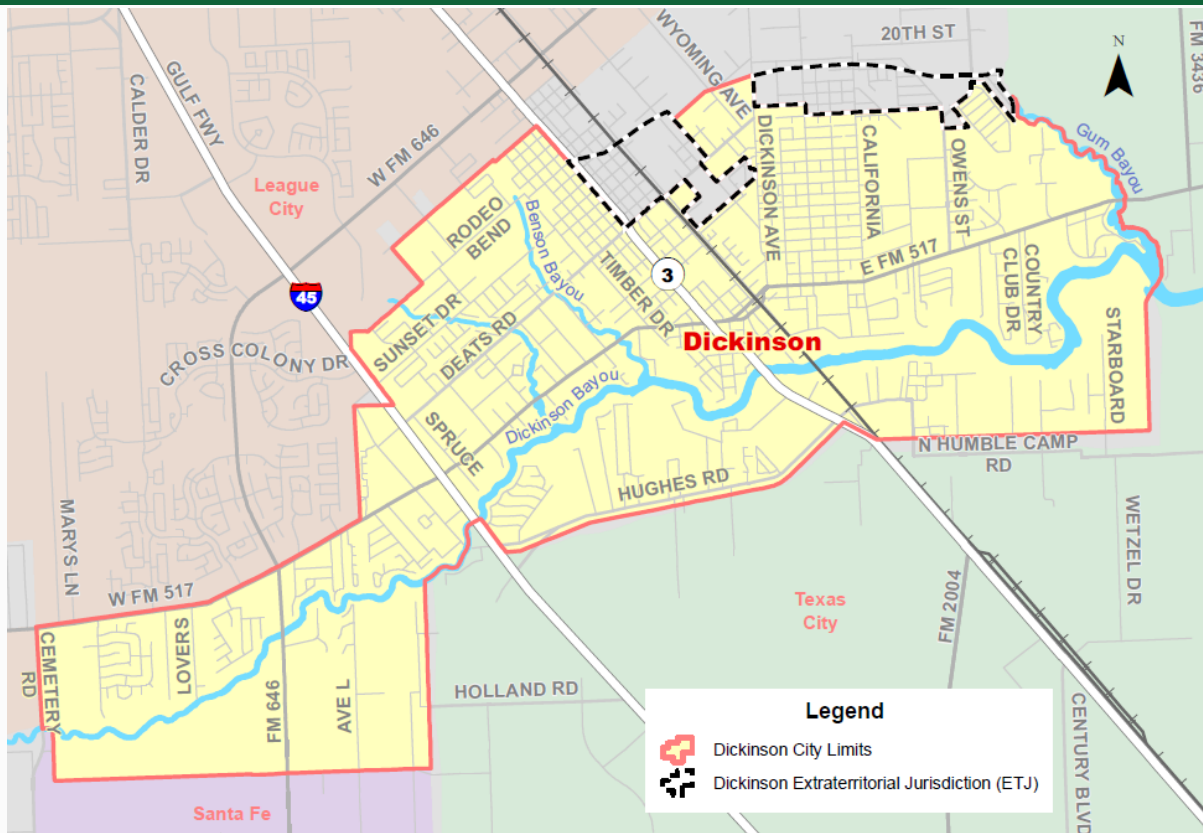
**MAP 1: Regional Context**



Dickinson lies only 10 feet above sea level. The climate in Dickinson is characterized by hot, humid summers and generally mild winters. At a latitude of 29.46 north of the equator, the Koppen Climate Classification system officially places Dickinson in the humid subtropical climate. Average annual precipitation is 56.81 inches.[2]

**Map 2, Dickinson Jurisdiction and Vicinity**, shows the most up-to-date city limits as of October 2022. Dickinson is surrounded by other cities and their ETJs including: League City, Texas City, Bacliff, San Leon, Alvin and Santa Fe. The opportunity for growth will stem from the redevelopment of key parcels and the infill development of vacant or undeveloped parcels.

**MAP 2: Dickinson Jurisdiction and Vicinity**



## CLIMATE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) identifies 10 natural regions or “ecoregions” across the Lone Star State. As a result, Texas has widely varying climates and landscapes. The state is situated at the convergence of eastern and western U.S. habitats and of southern subtropical habitats with northern temperate ones. Annual rainfall can range from eight inches in the deserts of far west Texas to 56 inches per year in the swamps of east Texas. Dickinson is within the Gulf Coast Prairies and Marshes ecoregion in southeast Texas.[3] The prairie system provides a habitat for many migratory species and plant life.[4] The Prairie, plant life and soil enables stormwater to be filtered and to percolate down to the water table; thereby, slowing down rainwater and preventing flooding.

The warm, temperate climate of Dickinson also includes the following key characteristics[5]:

- Average annual temperature: 68.5 degrees Fahrenheit
- Average annual high temperature: 78 degrees Fahrenheit
- Average annual low temperature: 59 degrees Fahrenheit
- Average annual precipitation: 56.81 inches

- Average driest month: February
- Average wettest month: September

## Gulf Prairies and Marshes Region

The Gulf Coast Prairies and Marshes region is a nearly level, slowly drained plain less than 150 feet in elevation, dissected by streams and rivers flowing into the Gulf of Mexico. The region includes barrier islands along the coast, salt grass marshes surrounding bays and estuaries, remnant tallgrass prairies, oak parklands and oak mottes scattered along the coast, and tall woodlands in the river bottomlands. Average annual rainfall varies from 30 to 50 inches per year distributed fairly uniformly throughout the year. The growing season is usually more than 300 days, with high humidity and warm temperatures. Soils are acidic sands and sandy loams, with clays occurring primarily in the river bottoms. Native vegetation consists of tallgrass prairies and live oak woodlands. Brush species such as mesquite and acacias are more common now than in the past. Although much of the native habitat has been lost to agriculture and urbanization, the region still provides important habitat for migratory birds and spawning areas for fish and shrimp.



*SOURCE: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department*

[1] <https://dickinsonhistoricalsociety.org/history-of-dickinson-texas/>

[2] <https://www.usclimatedata.com/climate/dickinson/texas/united-states/ustx2181>

[3] <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/hunter-education/online-course/wildlife-conservation/texas-ecoregions>

[4] <https://houstonwilderness.org/about-ecoregions>

[5] <https://www.usclimatedata.com/climate/dickinson/texas/united-states/ustx2181>

## DEMOGRAPHICS

More detailed community profiles and other data resources are available from the [U.S. Census Bureau](#), [Dickinson Economic Development Corporation](#) and other local sources. This section highlights a portion of the local demographics in Dickinson.

### Comparison Communities

Comparison communities used throughout this section provide a way to view Dickinson's data against similar Texas communities. The selected communities are:

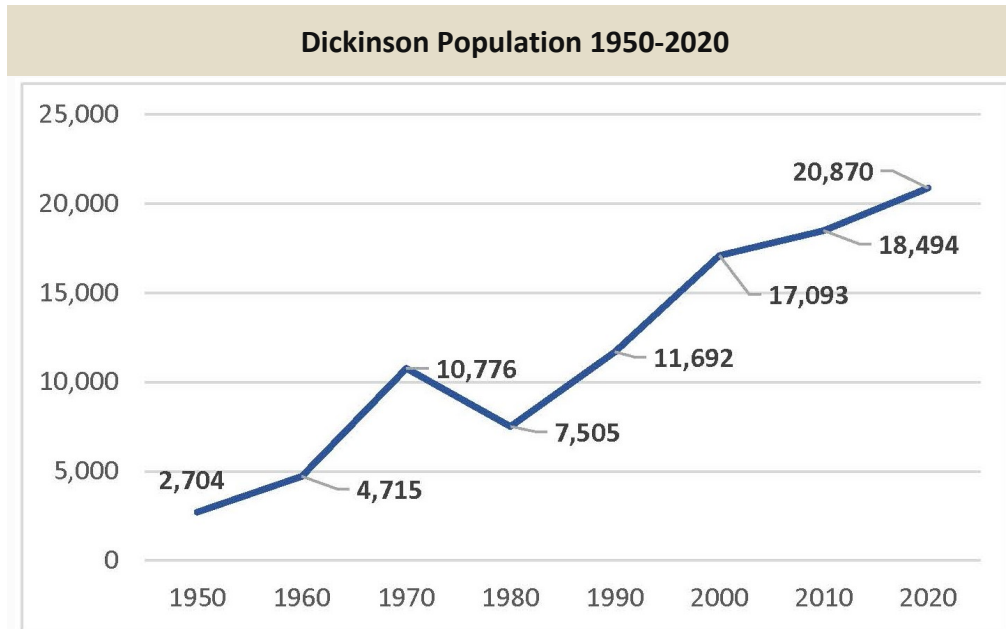
- Friendswood
- Lake Jackson
- Murphy
- Webster

These communities were selected due to their similarities to Dickinson involving location within a metropolitan area of a large city; land-locked with limited land availability for expansion; population; economic base; median age; median income; maintaining a small-town feel even with potential for further subdivision activity and population growth; and location along interstate highways or other major area freeways. At times, Dickinson's data is also compared to the Houston metropolitan area and to the State of Texas.

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## POPULATION

Over the last 72 years, Dickinson’s population increased from an estimated 2,704 to an estimated 20,870, following a slight decline from 1970 to 1980. The population was more than recovered by 1990.

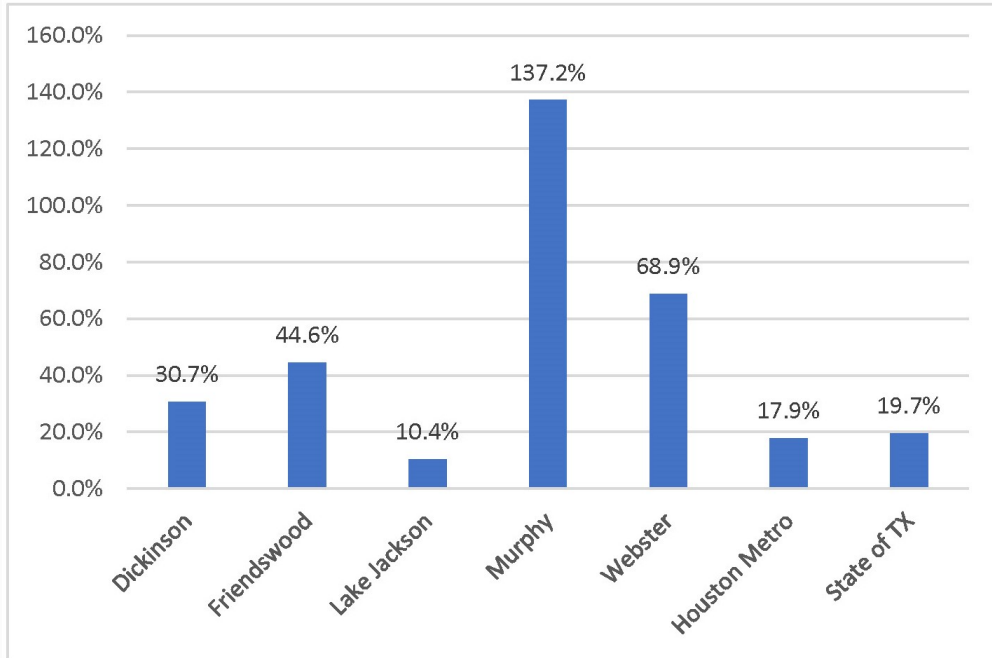


SOURCE:

*Texas Almanac: City Population History from 1850-2000*  
*2020 Decennial Census Redistricting Data PL 94-171*

When reviewing Dickinson’s population change over the 30 years since 1990 contrasted with the selected comparison communities and all of Texas, Dickinson’s average growth rate by decade remained in the middle despite some decades of slower growth. Friendswood’s average growth rate by decade since 1990 was 44.6%, and Dickinson’s was next at 30.7%. When compared to the statewide average growth rate by decade of 19.7%, Dickinson continued to grow at a much faster rate. In fact, Dickinson nearly doubled in population over the last two decades since Census 2000.

**Average Growth Rate by Decade Since 1990**

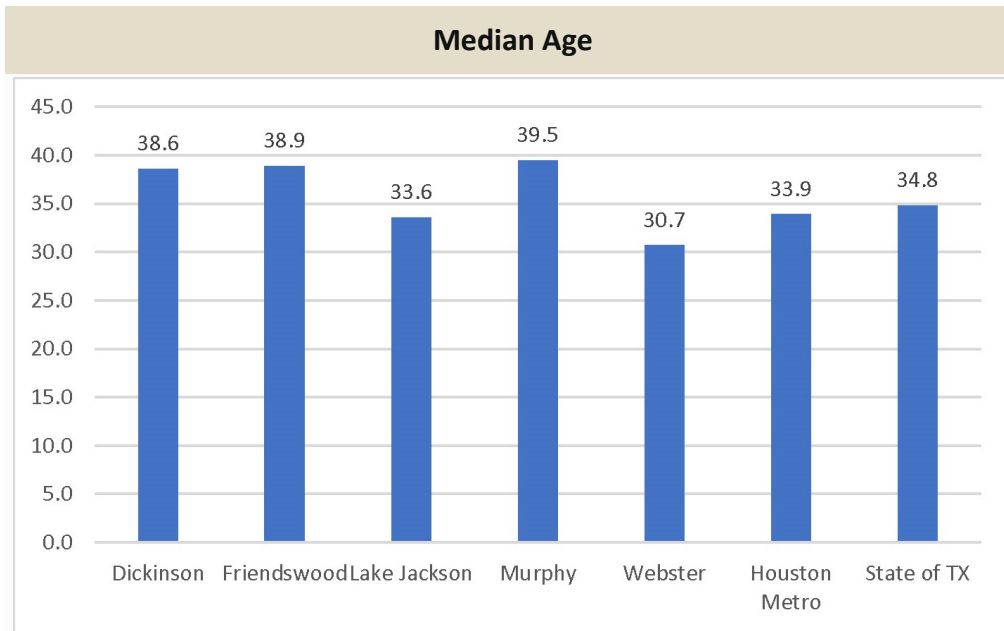


**SOURCES:**

2010 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables; Table ID B01003  
2020 Decennial Census Redistricting Data PL 94-171

## AGE AND HOUSEHOLD SIZE

The residents of Dickinson had a median age of 38.6 in 2020, which was on the higher end when viewed against the comparison communities, the Houston metropolitan area and the State of Texas. Friendswood and Murphy had median ages that were slightly higher than Dickinson's, but the remaining cities showed a median age in the lower to mid 30s. This aligned with Dickinson having one of the lowest percentages of residents under 18 years of age, at 25.9%.

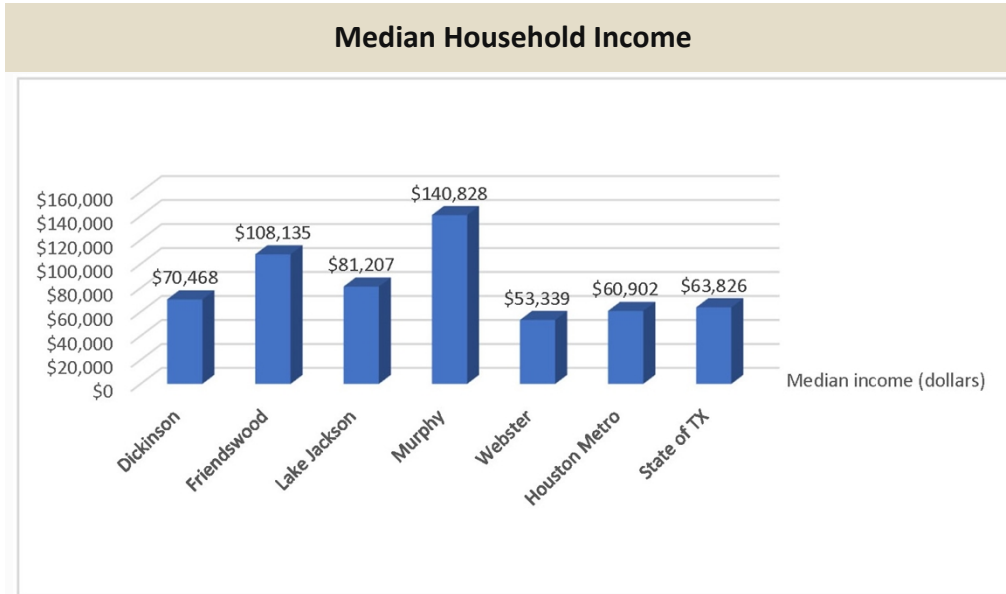


*SOURCE:*

*2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables; Table ID S0101*

## HOUSEHOLD INCOME, POVERTY LEVEL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Dickinson’s median household income in 2020 was \$70,468, which was higher than the Houston metropolitan area, State of Texas and Webster. As seen below, the remainder of the communities had a varied median income ranging from \$81,207 to \$140,828.

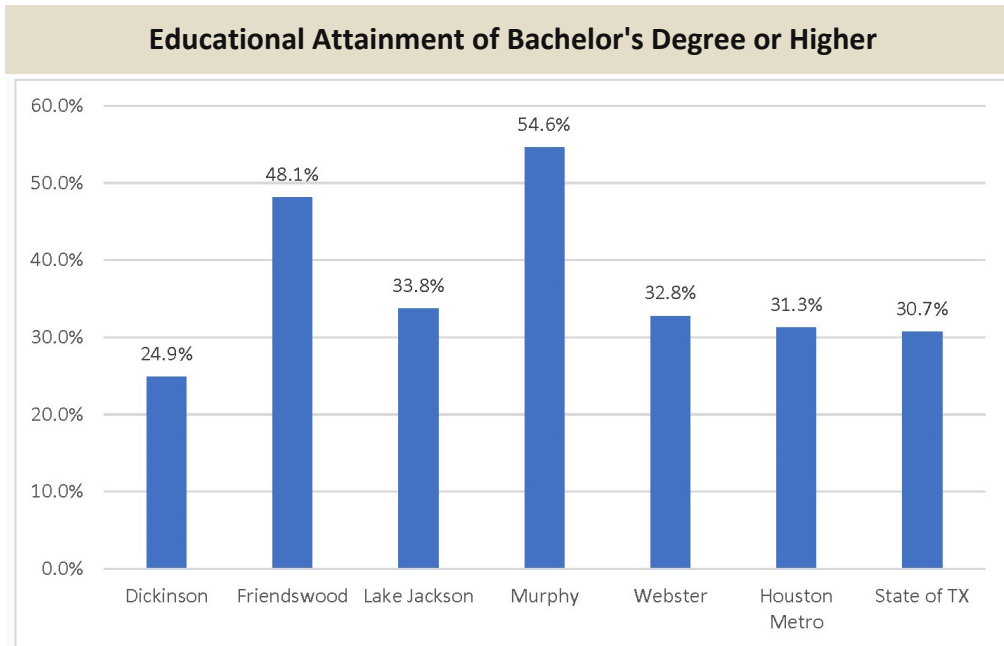


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## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND ENROLLMENT

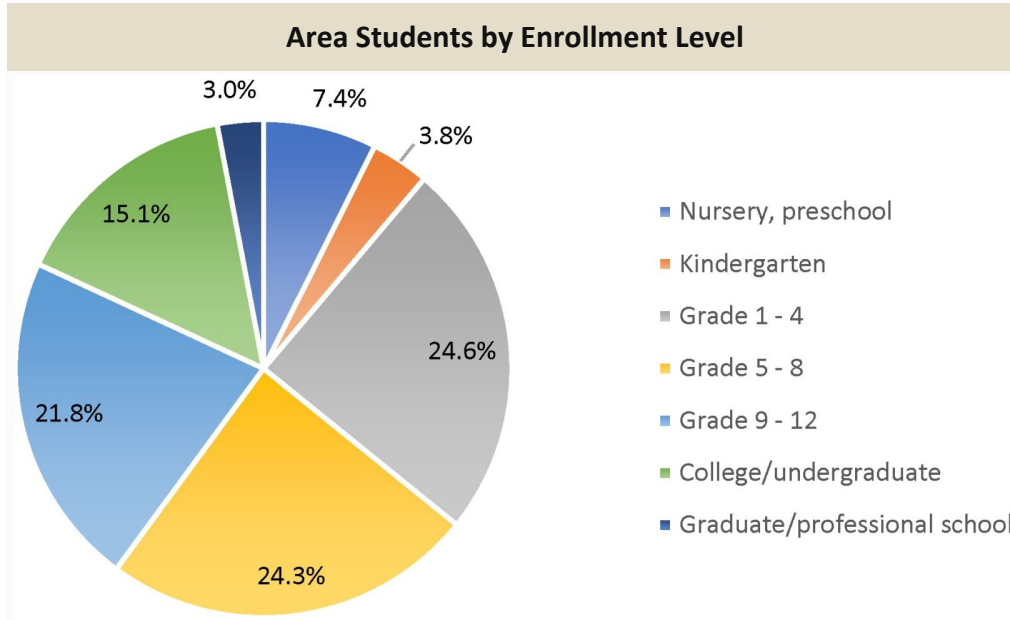
An estimated 24.9% of Dickinson residents had earned a bachelor's degree or higher by 2020. Within a 50-mile radius of Dickinson are 58 colleges that offer an Associate's Degree or Certificate, along with 48 universities that offer a Bachelor's Degree or Higher.



*SOURCE:*

*2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables; Table ID S1501*

Dickinson is home to numerous schools in addition to those in Dickinson Independent School District. The majority of students enrolled in the Dickinson area schools are in grades K-12. The chart below provides a more detailed breakdown of percentage of students by level.

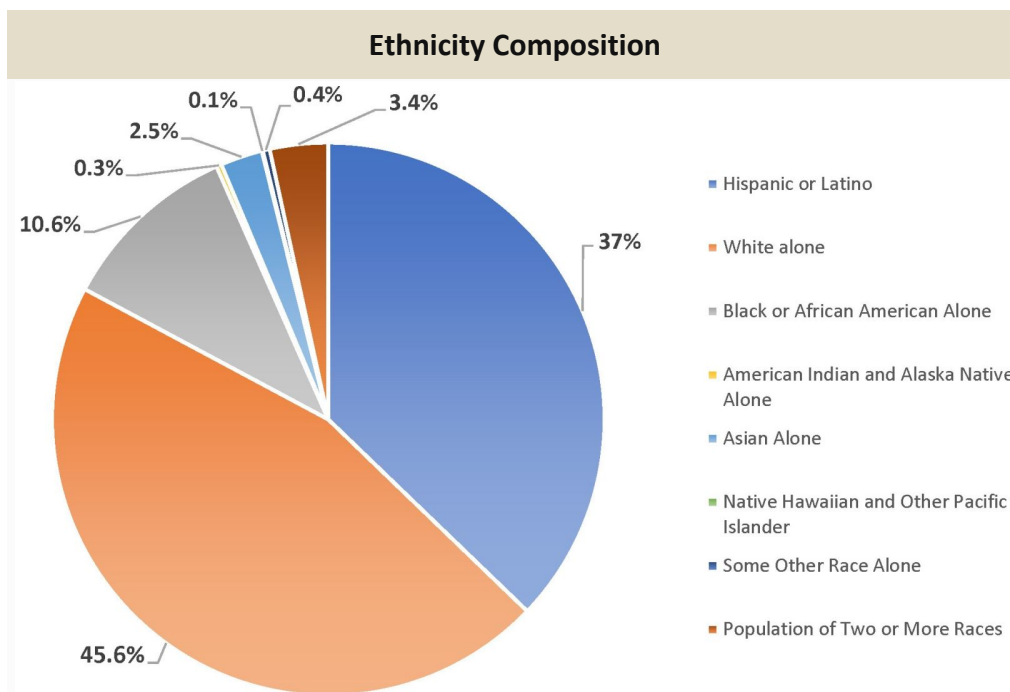


*SOURCE:*

*2020 ACS 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables; Table ID S1401*

## RACE AND ETHNICITY COMPOSITION

According to U.S. Census Bureau estimates, 45.6% of Dickinson’s population in 2020 was White, 10.6% was Black or African American, 37% was Hispanic or Latino, 3.4% was multi-racial, and the remainder was Asian (2.5%) or Native American (0.3%). The Census Bureau also surveys for Hispanic or Latino ethnicity (involving language and cultural characteristics), noting that such individuals may fall under any of the racial categories above. For 2021, 39.4% of Dickinson residents identified as Hispanic or Latino, nearly identical to the 40.2% level among the statewide population in Texas.



SOURCE:

2020 Decennial Census Redistricting Data PL 94-171; Decennial Census Survey

## AMENITIES AND ATTRACTIONS

Dickinson has a variety of leisure amenities and attractions for residents and visitors.

In addition to the parks and trails in Dickinson, other amenities in the surrounding area include:

- Dickinson Historical Society Depot Museum
- Bay Area Raceway
- Linh Son Buddhist Temple
- Galveston Bay Brewing
- Fruit 'N Such Orchard
- Duo Winery & Cider Co.
- Backyard Brewing
- Dickinson Bayou

Dickinson has over 80 retail businesses and restaurants. In addition to those in Dickinson, within a 10-mile radius are three major shopping malls: Tanger Outlets just south along Interstate 45, Mall of the Mainland farther south in Texas City, and Baybrook Mall to the north at I-45 and Bay Area Boulevard.

The most up-to-date information about local attractions and special events is always available online via the key websites below (as of the time of this plan), and in local media and on social media, among other sources.

- City of Dickinson: <https://www.ci.dickinson.tx.us/978/Communications-Special-Events>
- Dickinson ISD: <https://www.dickinsonisd.org/>
- Dickinson Art Guild: <https://www.facebook.com/DickinsonArtGuild>
- Dickinson Historical Society: <http://www.dickinsonhistoricalsociety.org/>
- Dickinson Chamber of Commerce: <https://dickinsontxchamber.com/>
- Galveston County Parks: <https://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov/county-offices/parks-cultural-services/parks/>

## **ECONOMY**

Dickinson had an estimated labor force of 10,822 people in 2021. Of the 3,999 employed persons in Dickinson, 35% were blue collar and 64% were white collar workers. The breakdown by occupation was 14.9% in sales followed by 11.3% in office and administrative support, 9.9% in education (training/library), 8.5% in executive, managers and administrator positions and 7.7% in food preparation and serving. The Dickinson Economic Development Corporation is looking to increase economic opportunities to build on the 550 current business establishments in the city. [6]

### **Dickinson Railroad Museum**



218 FM 517 Road

## **Industry Clusters and Employees**

Dickinson and its surrounding ETJ area are home to several different industry clusters including, as of 2021:

- Agricultural – 6 Businesses and 28 Employees
- Arts/Entertainment – 9 Businesses and 61 Employees
- Biotech/Biosciences – 18 Businesses and 229 Employees
- Food Processing – 2 Businesses and 11 Employees
- Healthcare – 7 Businesses and 32 Employees
- High-Tech Manufacturing – 2 Businesses and 13 Employees
- Logistics – 12 Businesses and 31 Employees[7]

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[6] <https://dickinsonedc.com/community-profile/>

[7] <https://dickinsonedc.com/business/>

## **CITY ROLE IN PROVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS**

The role of Texas cities in the provision of parks, trails and recreational facilities varies considerably from centralized control and management to almost no involvement by local government. Currently, the City of Dickinson does not have a Parks and Recreation Department, but it is in the process of establishing one.

The two largest parks in the area, Ray Holbrook and Paul Hopkins, are currently managed by Galveston County Parks & Cultural Services, which has six staff members. The Galveston County Parks System currently maintains over 55,000 acres of parkland and hosts over 1,000 special events. County parks extend from League City to Galveston Island and across to the Bolivar Peninsula[8].

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[8] <https://www.galvestoncountytexas.gov/county-offices/parks-cultural-services/parks/about-us>

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## **MASTER PLAN OVERVIEW**

In accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department guidance for achieving an “acceptable plan” for grant application purposes, the remainder of this master plan includes the following sections:

### **Goals and Objectives**

This section describes the overarching goals and related objectives that established the framework for the master plan. The goals and objectives will provide ongoing guidance for decision-making as the plan is implemented in the years to come.

### **Concepts and Standards**

This section considers general concepts for park and recreation facility design and identifies local standards that provide a foundation for this plan, along with the goals and objectives in the previous section. These concepts and standards were then considered in conducting the needs assessment later in the plan and when determining near-term action priorities for implementing this plan.

**Paul Hopkins Park Playground**



1000 FM 517



## **Area and Facility Inventory**

This section documents the current availability of parks, trails and other recreation assets for the enjoyment of Dickinson residents and visitors through an inventory of existing site locations, sizes and site-specific features and improvements. The inventory information was an essential input to the next plan section, which focuses on the need for new, expanded or upgraded sites and facilities based, in part, on the condition and adequacy of the existing system assets.

## **Needs Assessment**

This section provides an updated assessment of current and future needs in Dickinson related to parks, trails, recreation areas and related facilities. This assessment led directly into the next step of defining specific potential projects and improvements to address the identified needs, opportunities and interests as well as for prioritizing candidate projects to arrive at a near-term action agenda for plan implementation.

## **Priorities and Implementation**

This final section lays out an action agenda for enhancing parks, trails and recreation facilities in Dickinson. A table itemizing priority projects also highlights key considerations for each, potential financial and other resources for accomplishing them, and potential partners who may lead, cost-share or otherwise assist the City in advancing a specific project.

## **APPENDIX A - Public Involvement Summary**

This appendix section documents and provides highlights from the various leadership, stakeholder and community engagement activities that were completed in support of the master plan update process. These activities occurred from October 2022 through March 2023, after which a final proposed plan was the subject of a City Council public hearing in June 2023 and then considered by Council for adoption as an official master plan of the City adopted on July 11, 2023.

## **APPENDIX B - Park Condition Assessments**

This appendix section documents and provides a detailed assessment of each of the nine parks located in Dickinson. Assessed categories include, but are not limited to turf, plantings and trees, parking, sidewalks, trails, playing surfaces, nets, park amenities, buildings, shelters, signage, fencing and lighting. Each park has a composite score listed at the end of each assessment.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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Goals state the desires of the community, as identified through public engagement, and reflect the needs and priorities that the plan is expected to accomplish. Establishing goals creates communication, transparency and a unified consensus toward implementation. Objectives are the actionable strategies used to attain the goals that are set forth. These are only strategies and provide direction of how to achieve the desired outcomes. The goals and objectives assist the City Council and future Parks and Recreation Department to make necessary decisions related to the parks, trails and recreation system. These goals and objectives were established for the jurisdiction, the City and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ), as expected by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and other potential sources of funding.

### I Wish Dickinson Could Have...



A “sticky note quilt” poster from Parks Master Plan Listening Sessions 1 of 2 (in October 2022), when meeting throughout the day, attendees added their responses to the open-ended question, “I Wish Dickinson Could Have ...” (In the online version of this plan, [click on the image above to open a larger poster view.](#))

## Interactive Community Involvement

Residents and visitors all have different experiences in the community based on their passive and active recreation interests. Some may directly use the parks such as utilizing the trails or sports fields while others may just have a view of the park or nature trail. These experiences give everyone different perspectives and, therefore, can contribute to the community’s vision by detailing what they believe to be the needs. The community input, in conjunction with the following principles, ensure a balance between the interests of the public and private sectors:

- All people should have equal access to recreational areas, activities, services and facilities regardless of personal interest, age, gender, income, cultural background, housing environment or ability.
- Public parks and recreational programming should promote public gatherings and community interaction for all.
- Public recreation should be highly coordinated with other public institutions and private entities to encourage cooperation, avoid duplication and provide variety.
- Public recreation should incorporate public services such as education, health and fitness, transportation, cultural amenities and public art, and other leisure activities and should include affordable and family-oriented activities.
- Facilities should be well planned and coordinated to ensure adequate adaptability to future needs and requirements, including consideration of the maintenance implications of each new or renovated facility.
- The availability of financial resources should be considered in all phases of planning, acquisition, development, operation and maintenance of spaces and facilities.
- Public participation is critical to the ongoing success and effectiveness of the parks and recreation system in responding to user needs and interests and should, therefore, be included in all stages of the process.
- The process should offer continuous opportunities for incremental evaluation and review.
- Other plans that affect the area should be integrated into the recommendations and ultimately in implementation.
- Procedures should be established procedures for acquiring land for future parks, trails and recreation areas and facilities, including partnership opportunities with other public agencies and private entities.
- The design of spaces and facilities should encourage the most efficient utilization of land, water and energy resources and consider the needs, desires and opinions of the intended users.

### Listening Session Informal Discussion



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- The design of overall sites and specific features should utilize themes, motifs and elements that reflect Dickinson’s history and the local environment and physical context, consistent with community branding and beautification objectives.

As the goals and objectives are implemented, a parks, trails and recreation system that is well maintained will be able to accommodate existing and future needs of residents and visitors while also taking advantage of the area’s natural resources including Dickinson Bayou.

**Goals** are the preferred outcomes. **Objectives** are strategies or actions to attain the community's desires as reflected in the stated goals. They answer the question of "how" the goals will be achieved. Objectives generally involve longer-term aims and will take time to accomplish through shorter-term and more specific action steps. Outcomes of the objectives are actual projects that will be implemented when the City can afford to proceed.

The City of Dickinson does not currently have a Parks and Recreation Department, but the goals and objectives build onto the mission of the city:

“ **To promote a wholesome and vibrant community for all residents, visitors and businesses.** ”

With the parks currently being owned and maintained by Galveston County, the goals and objectives also build upon the Galveston County Master Plan Goals:

- A. Provide a geographic distribution of quality parks and recreation opportunities, throughout the County, to fairly serve residents of all ages and socioeconomic status.
- B. Provide park and recreation facilities and opportunities using available resources and participation from as many public and private partners as possible to avoid duplication of expenditures and resources.
- C. Develop new facilities which meet identified needs of residents to state or national standards of quality.
- D. Acquire, protect and preserve open space and natural resource areas within Galveston County for the benefit of current and future residents.

Below are the goals and objectives for this Parks Master Plan. They are based on core planning principles as well as community input and stakeholder engagement activities that are documented in [APPENDIX A - Public Involvement Summary](#).

## GOAL 1:

*Responsiveness to the needs of **youth and adult sports** for play and practice fields, balanced with overall park and recreation system priorities, including quiet places for **passive enjoyment of nature** and **more spaces to host community gatherings**.*

### **ACTIONABLE OBJECTIVES:**

- **Objective 1a:** Investigate opportunities to acquire both small and larger scale sites to host community gatherings and events.
- **Objective 1b:** Eventually manage certain parks and focus on maintaining a relatively quiet atmosphere (e.g., Paul Hopkins Park) relative to more active parks with playgrounds, sports and programming.

**Ray Holbrook Park**



3000 Owens Drive

## GOAL 2:

*A **blueway and greenway system of parks, trails and recreation** that enhances the assets of the bayou and connects residents and visitors with major destinations including, but not limited to parks, schools, workplaces and shopping areas.*

### **ACTIONABLE OBJECTIVES:**

- **Objective 2a:** Integrate lanes, paths and trails for both bikes and pedestrians, and include connectivity in all future street improvement projects.
- **Objective 2b:** Integrate the bayou and boat ramps with the pedestrian trails and linkages to nodes.
- **Objective 2c:** Provide amenities along the bayou and trail system, where possible.
- **Objective 2d:** Coordinate with other entities to utilize the transmission easement along Timber Drive to connect the city for the Emancipation Trail alignment from Houston to Galveston.

- **Objective 2e:** Focus on securing and establishing trail segments in areas where opportunities for connectivity and public use may be lost to land development, such as within easements.
- **Objective 2f:** Create opportunity to connect trails in older neighborhoods with undeveloped or abandoned right of way.
- **Objective 2g:** Investigate opportunities to acquire both small and larger scale sites for trailheads in accessible locations that are along the bayou to provide public access as well as within the city to provide connectivity elsewhere and to and from the bayou.

- **Objective 2h:** Provide pedestrian/bicycle bridges across the bayou at key and viable locations to connect both sides of the bayou with adequate vertical clearance for boats, kayaks, etc. The bridges should be aesthetically pleasing and well-designed to create interest as a destination point.

- **Objective 2i:** Seek opportunities to connect to trails in nearby cities such as League City, Friendswood, Alvin, La Marque, Texas City, Kemah, etc.



Near intersection of Silver Bend and Shoreview

- **Objective 2j:** Emphasize shade and shelter opportunities along trails given area climate conditions and for inclement weather situations. These opportunities can be through natural resources such as existing trees.
- **Objective 2k:** Pursue trail and sidewalk designs, where viable, that provide ample separation between users and adjacent vehicular traffic.
- **Objective 2l:** Ensure that all public trails offer segments that are universally accessible to all regardless of age or ability and are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- **Objective 2m:** Address common security concerns of trail users (e.g., lighting, emergency notification, police visibility, etc.).

## GOAL 3:

*A collection of **safe and modernized parks with a variety of playground equipment and other inviting and inclusive park amenities** that are both cost-effective and durable.*

### **ACTIONABLE OBJECTIVES:**

- **Objective 3a:** Create a parks and recreation department.
- **Objective 3b:** Investigate opportunities to develop interlocal agreements with the County and Dickinson ISD, including for potential joint land purchases, shared facilities, cooperative maintenance strategies, etc.
- **Objective 3c:** Create a parks and recreation improvement program that would annually identify and prioritize added features or upgrades for each of the City facilities, along with periodic maintenance inspections and equipment repairs/replacements to ensure user safety and additions.
- **Objective 3d:** Upgrade park and trail amenities as resources allow and as suggested by the users and residents through the master plan process and ongoing input (e.g., exercise stations, bike repair stations, variety of seating areas, playing fields, multi-purpose open areas, variety of play equipment, tunnels, trails, bike racks, little libraries, photo places, water fountains, etc.). See [APPENDIX A - Public Involvement Summary](#) for the entire list of recommendations and suggestions provided by the public.
- **Objective 3e:** Provide traffic calming features on streets that are adjacent to parks or have bike lanes.
- **Objective 3f:** Make parks inviting such as housing facing park with use of alleys for access to homes.

#### Neighborhood Park Splash Pad



Near intersection of Silver Bend and Shoreview

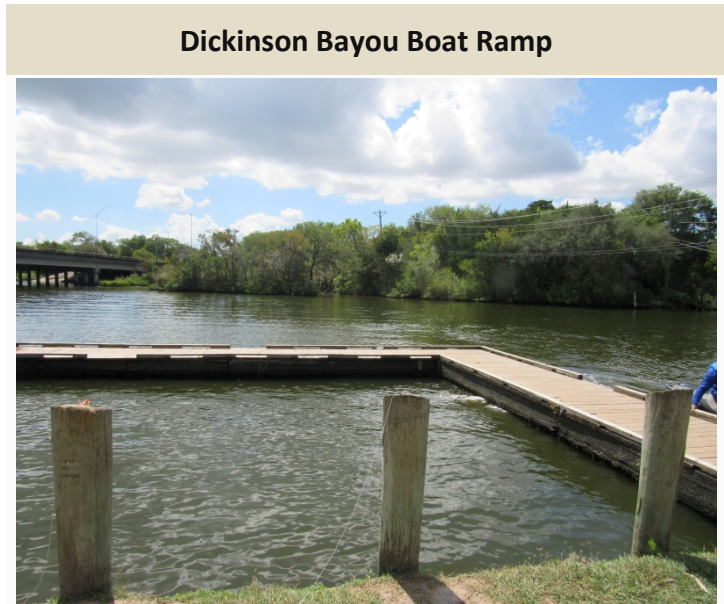
- **Objective 3g:** Determine the priority and potential location for facilities not currently provided by the City (e.g., playing fields, skate park, amphitheater, tennis courts, etc.).
- **Objective 3h:** Pursue targeted improvements and programming to increase visitation to the less utilized existing parks in the area.
- **Objective 3i:** Monitor opportunities to purchase additional land and expand existing County parks and boat ramps.
- **Objective 3j:** Explore opportunities for unique playscapes with a variety of activities for adults and teens including tunnels, sensory features, etc.
- **Objective 3k:** Improve off-site and on-site accessibility to each park, so that one can travel to the park from the neighborhood or around the park without coming to a dead end and having to return using the same pathway.
- **Objective 3l:** Improve off-site accessibility to each park by repairing, replacing or installing new sidewalks, crosswalks and curb cuts and removing other obstacles for safer pedestrian and bicyclist circulation near City / County parks and recreation sites.
- **Objective 3m:** Emphasize ongoing operation and maintenance costs in all park planning and design efforts given limited City resources and the range of desires and expectations reflected in this master plan.
- **Objective 3n:** Explore alternative and innovative ways to finance park improvements and activities through user fees, fundraising, grants, sponsorships, partnerships and cost-sharing, and other sound fiscal methods.

**GOAL 4:**

*An emphasis on **more public access** for water-oriented recreational activities along the **bayou**.*

**ACTIONABLE OBJECTIVES:**

- **Objective 4a:** Pursue opportunities for more public access to the bayou. Integrate the bayou and boat ramps with the pedestrian trails and linkages to nodes.
- **Objective 4b:** Explore opportunities to purchase the boat ramp at TX-3 and to expand for greater recreational use and beautification.
- **Objective 4c:** Provide pedestrian/bicycle bridges across the bayou at key and viable locations to connect both sides of the bayou with adequate vertical clearance for boats, kayaks, etc. The bridges should be aesthetically pleasing and well-designed to create interest as a destination point.



Intersection of State TX-3 and 48th Street

- **Objective 4d:** Explore partnership opportunities to allow an easement for trailheads or boardwalks on private properties for public use.
- **Objective 4e:** Incorporate water features into developments to shape city identity such as through the use of piers.

## GOAL 5:

An ongoing focus on **recreational and leisure programming**, to foster the broader health and wellness of Dickinson residents.

### ACTIONABLE OBJECTIVES:

- Objective 5a:** Pursue programming possibilities as resources allow and as suggested by residents through the master plan process and ongoing input (i.e., more events, farmer’s market, etc.). See the *APPENDIX A - Public Involvement Summary* for the entire list of recommendations and suggestions provided by the public.
- Objective 5b:** Take advantage of the City’s bayou and nature for recreational and leisure programming.
- Objective 5c:** Explore potential partnerships with area businesses that can support desired programming (e.g., kayak and paddle boat rentals, fitness/wellness classes, yoga in the park, etc.)

**Paul Hopkins Park**



1000 FM 517

## GOAL 6:

Use of **cooperative agreements and coordinated efforts** with other governmental jurisdictions, Dickinson Independent School District (DISD), and private sector and non-profit partners to advance the goals and priorities of this Master Plan.

### ACTIONABLE OBJECTIVES:

- Objective 6a:** Partner with local organizations, businesses, schools and churches to assist with maintaining and enhancing existing parks and recreation facilities, including through periodic community service workdays and ongoing “adopt-a-park/trail” volunteer efforts.
- Objective 6b:** Seek public-private partnerships to fund development and ongoing operation and maintenance of major facilities, especially in support of sports field maintenance and other highly-utilized parks and facilities.
- Objective 6c:** Explore the [Houston SPARK Park](#) model for Dickinson, in coordination with Dickinson ISD, to improve upon campus playgrounds for greater community use beyond school hours.
- Objective 6d:** Maintain steady communication with area drainage districts, municipal utility districts and homeowner associations given their unique roles, capabilities and financial resources for making regional trail connections to utilize for recreation.
- Objective 6e:** Coordinate with owners of area utility and pipeline easements for potential siting of public pathways and other low-impact improvements that would support the trail network connectivity goal, while also addressing ongoing maintenance needs cooperatively.
- Objective 6f:** Connect through all community networks such as schools, churches and civic organizations for disseminating event and programming announcements (e.g., social media, websites, email blasts, newsletters, message board signs, etc.).

### McAdams Junior High School Basketball Court



11415 Hughes Road

## ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

These goals and objectives are intended to be long range and subject to appropriate funding. As they are accomplished and new and different opportunities arise, they will require re-evaluation and amendment.

## CONCEPTS AND STANDARDS

Adopted July 11, 2023



This master plan considers the local area/facility standards that have been influenced by community preferences and available economic and natural resources as well as the goals and objectives established in the previous chapter. These local concepts and standards were considered when performing the needs assessment later in this plan and when determining the short-term priorities for implementation.

While the planning standards were derived locally, they also consider nationwide guidelines including those distributed by the [National Recreation and Park Association \(NRPA\)](#). Customization of the concepts and standards reflect the City of Dickinson, their local values and preferences from the community and stakeholder engagement.



Village Green, located just southeast of Dickinson City Hall along TX-3.

## LOCAL STANDARDS

Presented in **Table 3.1**, below, are statements that reflect local values and preferences for parks and recreation facilities. The second column itemizes siting and design considerations and potential improvements that might be pursued based on these local standards.

**TABLE 3.1: Local Standards and Their Potential Implications**

Local Standard	Potential Implications for Siting, Design and Improvements
<p><b>Provide a wide variety of outdoor recreation activities and facilities that will reach all residents.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ System components (e.g., parks, trails/trailheads, sports facilities, etc.) distributed geographically across the community.</li> <li>▪ Diversity of park and facility types and designs, for both active and passive recreation opportunities.</li> <li>▪ Multi-objective design approaches, especially for more effective use of storm water detention areas.</li> <li>▪ Wide-ranging recreational programming.</li> <li>▪ Age-appropriate and universal designs and features for different age levels and abilities of children and youth, adults, senior populations, etc.</li> <li>▪ Water-oriented features and play opportunities (e.g., splash pads, access to bayou, fishing, paddle boating, kayaking, etc.).</li> <li>▪ Open fields and green spaces for general purpose use and for events.</li> <li>▪ Trail linkages from adjacent neighborhoods, local streets and cul-de-sacs, and across physical barriers such as busy streets, creeks, etc.</li> <li>▪ Loop trails and other trail/sidewalk cross connections.</li> <li>▪ Potential co-location and joint use arrangements with school campuses, utility corridors and easements, and railroad corridors.</li> <li>▪ Potential off-street cross connections between adjacent City and County parks with varied features and facilities.</li> </ul>

**TABLE 3.1: Local Standards and Their Potential Implications**

Local Standard	Potential Implications for Siting, Design and Improvements
<p><b>Offer facilities and activities for special interest groups (e.g., trail users, bicyclists, sports associations, nature enthusiasts, etc.).</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sport-specific facilities (e.g., baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, pickleball, volleyball, etc.).</li> <li>▪ Stretching and exercise stations/equipment.</li> <li>▪ Bicycle repair stations.</li> <li>▪ Water-oriented features and play opportunities (e.g., splash pads, trails along water features, water features appropriate for canoes/kayaks/paddleboards, fishing spots/piers, etc.).</li> <li>▪ Skating/skateboarding.</li> <li>▪ Trailheads (appropriate locations, visibility and space for improvements).</li> <li>▪ Trail widths, surfacing, single- and shared-use designs.</li> <li>▪ Family-oriented improvements and programming.</li> <li>▪ Covered pavilions for group gatherings.</li> <li>▪ Dedicated space for small-scale concerts and performances.</li> <li>▪ Gardens for passive enjoyment and hands-on community gardening.</li> <li>▪ Interpretive/educational signage, along with designated wildlife viewing spots in parks and along trails.</li> <li>▪ Public art in parks and along trails.</li> <li>▪ Design themes based on local history, culture and environment.</li> <li>▪ Conservation design approaches and features (e.g., water management, native and drought-tolerant vegetation, mature tree preservation, solar lighting, receptacles for recyclables, etc.).</li> <li>▪ Coordination of road/bridge/underpass improvements with trail continuity and long-distance running/biking considerations.</li> </ul>

**TABLE 3.1: Local Standards and Their Potential Implications**

Local Standard	Potential Implications for Siting, Design and Improvements
<p><b>Provide handicapped accessibility to all park and trail facilities, both new and existing.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Accessible design of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- athletic field viewing/seating areas</li> <li>- concessions areas</li> <li>- dog park entries</li> <li>- drinking fountains</li> <li>- fishing piers</li> <li>- pavilions, picnic tables and grills</li> <li>- parking areas</li> <li>- playscapes ("all abilities" design)</li> <li>- restrooms</li> <li>- sidewalks and loop trails within parks</li> <li>- sidewalks, crosswalks and curb cuts in park vicinity</li> <li>- splash pads and other water recreation</li> <li>- sport courts</li> <li>- trail segments</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Improve neighborhood parks to where they are inviting, hospitable and safe venues for outdoor recreation.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Natural or installed shade features.</li> <li>▪ Landscaping.</li> <li>▪ Visibility and other Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.</li> <li>▪ Benches.</li> <li>▪ Picnic tables (open and sheltered) and grills.</li> <li>▪ Internal and perimeter walking/jogging paths.</li> <li>▪ Restrooms.</li> <li>▪ Drinking fountains.</li> <li>▪ Lighting.</li> <li>▪ Fencing where needed near or around certain activity areas (e.g., playgrounds, spray stations, basketball courts, etc.).</li> <li>▪ Sidewalks and crosswalks in park vicinities.</li> <li>▪ Bike racks.</li> <li>▪ Emergency call boxes.</li> <li>▪ Emergency vehicle access.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Modernize older parks by replacing unsafe, obsolete and damaged equipment.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fall zone size, design and materials.</li> <li>▪ Other injury prevention considerations and features.</li> <li>▪ Naturalistic playground designs.</li> <li>▪ Creative and sensory learning playground designs.</li> <li>▪ Durable and lower-maintenance equipment.</li> <li>▪ Standardization of certain features for cost-effectiveness (e.g., benches, lighting, water fountains, etc.).</li> </ul>

**TABLE 3.1: Local Standards and Their Potential Implications**

Local Standard	Potential Implications for Siting, Design and Improvements
<p><b>Modify underutilized parks with new facility types and programming that are not prevalent in Dickinson.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Age-appropriate facilities, improvements and programming/activities.</li> <li>▪ Device charging kiosks.</li> <li>▪ Wifi or public access.</li> <li>▪ Community gardens and other hands-on activities.</li> <li>▪ Evening programming/activities.</li> <li>▪ Arts and creativity elements and programming.</li> <li>▪ Incorporate local interests that may also attract visitors from outside the area such as kayaking and canoe rentals.</li> <li>▪ Low maintenance xeriscaped naturalized areas.</li> <li>▪ Community involvement in all stages of design, programming, operation and maintenance, including employment and volunteer opportunities.</li> </ul>

**Conceptual Layout and Features for a Community Park**



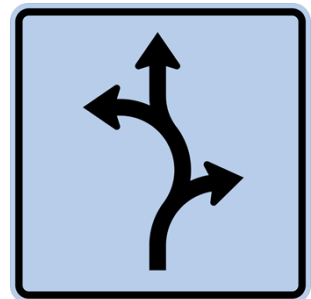
The conceptual park layout above illustrates a multi-objective design intended to accommodate a wide range of users and recreational interests, including accessibility for disabled persons from the parking area to various park features. This approach for a larger-scale “community” park (relative to smaller “neighborhood” and “mini/pocket” parks as discussed in the [Area and Facility Inventory](#) section of this plan) requires adequate parking for on-site activities with varying times of peak use. Drainage and storm water detention needs are also addressed on-site with features that enhance the park appearance and often attract birds and wildlife (and could be stocked for catch-and-release fishing where and when appropriate).

## SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

Various factors influence the siting of parks, trails and recreation areas. Among the criteria for site selection are the surrounding land use characteristics (e.g., type and scale of development, potential sensitivity to envisioned recreational activities, etc.), the size and anticipated use(s) of the proposed park/recreation area, site accessibility (e.g., street network and sidewalk and other non-vehicular access options), and potential physical development opportunities and constraints (e.g., water features, floodplain, sensitive habitat areas, historic or cultural resources, etc.). General site selection criteria and considerations for park and recreation facilities include the following factors:

### **Location and Access**

- All sites should be readily accessible to their envisioned users and convenient for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, as appropriate.
- Sites should generally be accessible from collector (secondary) streets rather than arterial (primary) roadways, except for high-intensity facilities with likely significant vehicular trip generation such as a sports complex.
- Sites should be close to a transit route, where available and appropriate, but away from designated truck routes.
- Parks should be located adjacent to trails, greenways and blueways, and vice versa, to provide linkages to neighborhoods, bayous and other areas of the community.
- Land of historic or cultural significance may be attractive for parks or trail development as a conservation tool.
- Joint use of sites for public recreation and school-related recreational and sports uses is highly desirable to maximize the public benefit and to be efficient in the expenditure of public resources.



### **Topography**

- The site should have an appropriate land surface configuration (relief) to accommodate its intended uses such as sports fields, open play areas or hike/bike trails.
- Some topographic variety, even if created through cut and fill, is desirable to create visual interest and to offer additional opportunities for more intensive recreational uses such as mountain biking and fitness hiking and running.
- The site should have sufficient slope to allow for adequate storm water drainage from sports fields and other developed areas.
- Sites with low areas that retain water or with undevelopable floodplain or wetland areas may still be attractive for passive recreation uses (e.g., bird watching, nature hikes and picnics, etc.).
- Desirable views into and away from the site should be preserved and protected.



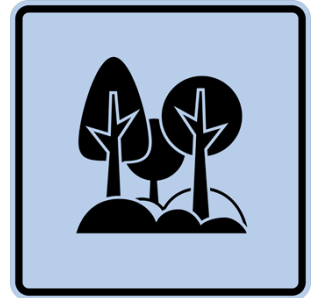
**Soils**

- Depending on the nature of the potential park/recreation use, topsoil on the site should be suitable for turf grasses and trees.
- The site should be conducive to minimal or cost-effective measures to minimize soil erosion during construction and designed to avoid erosion upon completion (e.g., through storm water best management practices, Low Impact Development design methods, retaining walls or other physical measures where necessary, etc.).



**Vegetation**

- The site should have natural vegetation or be conducive for planted vegetation that will include hardy, low-maintenance species, including xeriscaping approaches that will minimize required irrigation and maintenance in the context of the local climate.
- Significant individual specimens and unique wildlife habitats are desirable.
- Depending on the nature of the potential park/recreation use, the site should be conducive for irrigation systems for intensively used areas (e.g., sports fields) and landscaped areas that will require more frequent watering.
- The site should feature mature natural vegetation or appropriate conditions for plantings that will provide necessary shade, especially in proximity to areas envisioned for sports fields and courts, picnic areas, playgrounds, benches and seating areas, walking paths/trails, etc.



## AREA AND FACILITY INVENTORY

**Adopted July 11, 2023**



This Master Plan section documents the current availability of parks, trails and other recreation assets for the pleasure of Dickinson residents and visitors through an inventory of existing site locations, sizes and site-specific features and improvements (e.g., buildings, gazebos, pavilions, restrooms, playground equipment, athletic fields and courts, parking areas, etc.). The inventory focuses primarily on City- and County-owned and maintained sites and facilities as the foundation of a community parks and recreation system since the City does not currently own or maintain any sites and facilities alone. This is supplemented by summary information on other private and semi-private recreational opportunities in the area, especially those associated with and available to the public at Dickinson Independent School District (DISD) campuses. The inventory information is an essential input to the next Master Plan section, which focuses on the need for new, expanded or upgraded sites and facilities based, in part, on the condition and adequacy of the existing system assets.

**Paul Hopkins Park**



Covered picnic area

### Public Parks Inventory

Galveston County operates and maintains four locations within the local Dickinson public park system with a combined acreage of 46.33 acres. The locations are itemized in **Table 4.1, Inventory of City and County Parks**, and displayed on **Map 4.1, City and County Parks**. An aerial image and photo of each park are included later in this section. The City and County do not currently have or maintain any designated recreational trails beyond the pathways and loop trails within the local parks – although first steps toward a public trail network is a key aspiration within this Master Plan as backed by Dickinson residents.

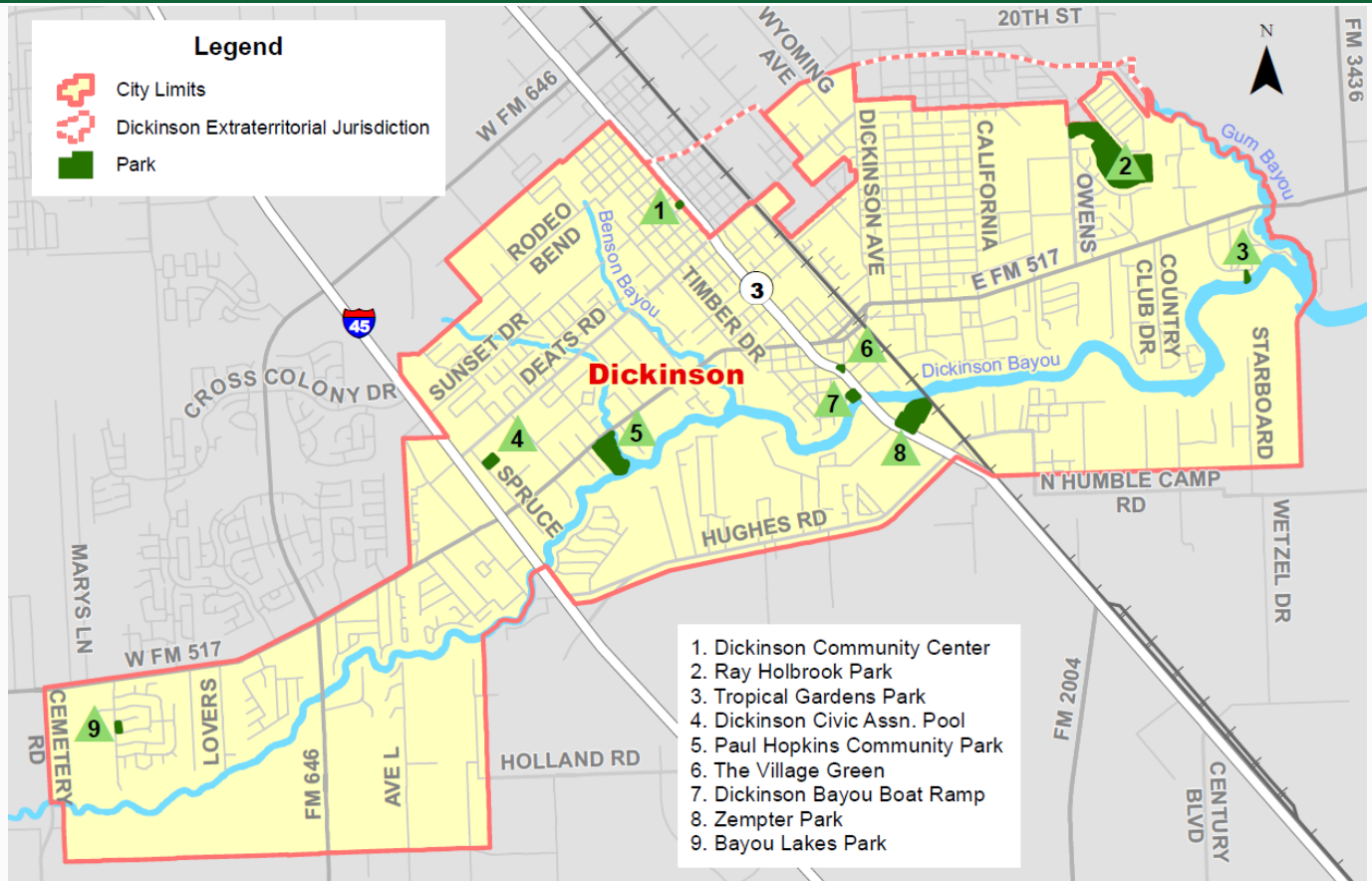
Explanations of the park classification categories of Mini/Pocket Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks and Special Use Facilities, which appear in Table 4.1, are provided in **Table 4.2, Park Classifications**. Classification of individual sites requires judgement as some have characteristics of multiple categories. But size is the basic determinant along with consideration of how far users come to reach and enjoy the facility, such as a site that has the acreage of a community park but is used mostly by residents of the immediate area.

**TABLE 4.1: Inventory of City and County Parks**

Type of Park	Name	Location	Size (Acres)	Map Number
<i>Mini/Pocket Parks</i>				
	<b>The Village Green</b>	4512 TX-3	0.85	6
	<b>Tropical Gardens</b>	Island Drive near Scenic Drive	Unknown	3
<i>Neighborhood Parks</i>				
	<b>Bayou Lakes Park</b>	4301 Shoreview Drive	0.62	9
<i>Community Parks</i>				
	<b>Paul Hopkins Park</b>	1000 FM 517	33.0	5
	<b>Ray Holbrook Park</b>	3000 Owens Drive	11.0	2
	<b>Dickinson Community Center</b>	2714 TX-3	1.05	1
<i>Special Use Facilities</i>				
	<b>Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp</b>	48th Street and TX-3	1.28	7
	<b>Zempter Park</b>	5150 TX-3	10.5	8
	<b>Dickinson Civic Association Pool</b>	3000 Spruce Drive	1.55	4
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE</b>			<b>59.85</b>	

*SOURCES: City of Dickinson, Galveston County, Kendig Keast Collaborative*

**MAP 4.1: City and County Parks**



*In the online version of this plan, click on the image above to open a larger map view.*

## PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

**TABLE 4.2: Park Classifications**

Mini/Pocket Parks		
Specialized facilities that address unique, limited or isolated recreational or public space needs (and/or the needs of a specific population group). Often found in higher-density areas or in conjunction with unique attractions/developments.	<p><b>Service Area</b> Development in close proximity</p> <p><b>Desirable Size</b> 1 acre (or less) minimum</p>	<p><b>Example Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sitting areas/benches</li> <li>▪ Landscaping</li> <li>▪ Pedestrian-level lighting</li> <li>▪ Bicycle racks</li> <li>▪ Educational signage/kiosks</li> <li>▪ Performance stage/area</li> <li>▪ Public art</li> <li>▪ Water fountain</li> </ul>
Neighborhood Parks		
Small parks that serve neighborhood residents within walking distance, with facilities for both active use (e.g., playgrounds, sports) and passive use (e.g., walking, picnicking, open space).	<p><b>Service Area</b> Primarily serve neighborhood residents within 1/4 to 1/2 mile</p> <p><b>Desirable Size</b> 5-10 acres minimum (varies based on nearby population and density, property availability, method and timing of acquisition, and intended use)</p>	<p><b>Example Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Centrally located within a residential neighborhood for convenient and safe access</li> <li>▪ Evenly distributed across city (one-mile separation ideally)</li> <li>▪ Sometimes joint school/City facilities (similar scale)</li> <li>▪ Active and passive facilities suitable to the neighborhood served</li> <li>▪ Facilities and activities to promote healthy living</li> </ul>

**Community Parks**

Larger parks that still serve nearby residents but also draw others from elsewhere in the community for a wider range of facilities and activities.

**Service Area**  
Primarily serve residents within 1-2 miles, but available to all residents

**Desirable Size**  
10-25 acres minimum

**Example Features**

- Located for visibility and convenient access by residents nearby and from farther distances (often near an arterial street)
- Evenly distributed across city (two-mile separation ideally)
- Large-scale athletic fields and court complexes for active recreation and sports leagues (plus swimming pools, walking/jogging paths, exercise stations, open play areas, playgrounds)
- Lighting for evening use
- Outdoor spaces and other facilities such as community centers for passive recreation and leisure activities (picnic areas, bird watching, strolling)
- Nature features
- Restrooms
- Adequate on- and off-street parking

**Regional Parks**

<p>Facilities designed to accommodate large numbers of visitors from across the city and the broader region, especially to provide access to natural amenities for fishing, boating, camping, nature observation, and conservation activities, etc.</p>	<p><b>Service Area</b> Citywide and surrounding region</p> <p><b>Desirable Size</b> Typically, 150-200 acres minimum, but varies by size of community and regional population</p>	<p><b>Example Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Located for visibility and convenient access by many visitors (often near a highway and/or major arterial street)</li> <li>▪ Often acquired and designed to preserve special natural or cultural resource areas (and, therefore, often buffered from nearby urban development)</li> <li>▪ Specific features and facilities vary widely based on location and region served, but typically include a wide range for active and passive recreation, including unique activities (e.g., model aircraft flying)</li> <li>▪ May include facilities for hosting regional special events (fairs, concerts, exhibitions)</li> </ul>
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**Special Use Facilities**

<p>Facilities that serve the entire community or broader area for specialized recreational or leisure activities (e.g., performance venue).</p>	<p><b>Service Area</b> Available to all persons (may draw visitation from long distances depending on nature and scale)</p> <p><b>Desirable Size</b> Varies by type</p>	<p><b>Example Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unique additions to a traditional parks and recreation system (e.g., civic center, amphitheater, water park, museum, arboretum, professional sports stadium or amateur tournament complex)</li> <li>▪ Typically emphasize one or two specific uses (e.g., golf) versus a mix of active and passive facilities</li> </ul>
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SOURCE: Kendig Keast Collaborative

## **PARK FEATURES AND IMPROVEMENTS**

### **THE VILLAGE GREEN | 4512 TX-3**



## Existing Inventory | The Village Green

Amenities	Availability	Quantity (if applicable)
<b>SIGNAGE</b>		
Entrance Sign/Facility Name	Yes	-
Owner/Manager	-	-
Hours	-	-
Contact Info	-	-
Kiosk	Yes	-
Sign Lighted	Yes	-
<b>GREENSPACE</b>		
Open Space	Yes	-
Landscape/Plantings	Yes	-
Natural Areas	Yes	-
Shade Trees	Yes	-
<b>PATHWAYS/TRAILS/SIDEWALKS</b>		
Concrete Path	Yes	-
Asphalt Path	-	-
Crushed Granite Path	-	-
Connections/Crosswalks	-	-
Accessible	Yes	-
<b>PARKING</b>		
On/Off Street	Yes	-
Paved	Yes	-
Striped	-	-
Designated ADA	-	-
Parking Lighted	-	-
Parking Landscaped	-	-
<b>FURNISHINGS AND AMENITIES</b>		
Benches	Yes	3
Bleachers - Small	-	-



Bleachers - Large	-	-
Drinking Fountains		-
Picnic Tables	-	-
BBQ Grills	-	-
Bicycle Racks	-	-
Trash Receptacles	Yes	1
Other	-	-

**EQUIPMENT**

Playground	-	-
Shade Structure	Yes	1
Splash Pad	-	-

**BUILDINGS AND SHELTERS**

Pavilion (Rentable) - Small	-	-
Pavilion (Rentable) - Large	-	-
Shelter	-	-
Public Restroom	-	-
Assembly and Event Space	-	-
Gazebo	Yes	1
Concession Stands	-	-

**SPORTS COURTS AND FIELDS**

Basketball	-	-
Tennis	-	-
Baseball	-	-
Softball	-	-
Soccer/Football	-	-
Pitching Cage	-	-
Volleyball	-	-

**ADDITIONAL AMENITIES**

Kayak/Canoe Launch	-	-
Boat Ramp	-	-

**FENCING**



Perimeter Fencing	-	-
Separation from Parking/Street	Yes	-

**LIGHTING**

Lighting	Yes	-
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**TROPICAL GARDENS PARK | Island Drive near Scenic Drive**



**Existing Inventory | Tropical Gardens Park**

<b>Amenities</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Quantity (if applicable)</b>
<b>SIGNAGE</b>		
Entrance Sign/Facility Name	Yes	-
Owner/Manager	-	-
Hours	-	-
Contact Info	-	-
Kiosk	-	-
Sign Lighted	-	-
<b>GREENSPACE</b>		
Open Space	Yes	-
Landscape/Plantings	Yes	-
Natural Areas	Yes	-
Shade Trees	-	-
<b>PATHWAYS/TRAILS/SIDEWALKS</b>		
Concrete Path	-	-
Asphalt Path	-	-
Crushed Granite Path	Yes	-
Connections/Crosswalks	-	-
Accessible	-	-
<b>PARKING</b>		
On/Off Street	-	-
Paved	-	-
Striped	-	-
Designated ADA	-	-
Parking Lighted	-	-
Parking Landscaped	-	-
<b>FURNISHINGS AND AMENITIES</b>		
Benches	-	-
Bleachers - Small	-	-



Bleachers - Large	-	-
Drinking Fountains	-	-
Picnic Tables	-	-
BBQ Grills	-	-
Bicycle Racks	-	-
Trash Receptacles	-	-
Other	-	-

**EQUIPMENT**

Playground	Yes	1
Shade Structure	-	-
Splash Pad	-	-

**BUILDINGS AND SHELTERS**

Pavilion (Rentable) - Small	-	-
Pavilion (Rentable) - Large	-	-
Shelter	-	-
Public Restroom	-	-
Assembly and Event Space	-	-
Gazebo	-	-
Concession Stands	-	-

**SPORTS COURTS AND FIELDS**

Basketball	-	-
Tennis	-	-
Baseball	-	-
Softball	-	-
Soccer/Football	-	-
Pitching Cage	-	-
Volleyball	-	-

**ADDITIONAL AMENITIES**

Kayak/Canoe Launch	-	-
Boat Ramp	-	-

**FENCING**



Perimeter Fencing	-	-
Separation from Parking/Street	Yes	-

**LIGHTING**

Lighting	-	-
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**BAYOU LAKES PARK | 4301 Shoreview Drive**



## Existing Inventory | Bayou Lakes Park

Amenities	Availability	Quantity (if applicable)
<b>SIGNAGE</b>		
Entrance Sign/Facility Name	-	-
Owner/Manager	-	-
Hours	-	-
Contact Info	-	-
Kiosk	-	-
Sign Lighted	-	-
<b>GREENSPACE</b>		
Open Space	-	-
Landscape/Plantings	Yes	-
Natural Areas	Yes	-
Shade Trees	Yes	-
<b>PATHWAYS/TRAILS/SIDEWALKS</b>		
Concrete Path	Yes	-
Asphalt Path	-	-
Crushed Granite Path	-	-
Connections/Crosswalks	Yes	-
Accessible	Yes	-
<b>PARKING</b>		
On/Off Street	Yes	-
Paved	Yes	-
Striped	Yes	12
Designated ADA	Yes	1
Parking Lighted	-	-
Parking Landscaped	-	-
<b>FURNISHINGS AND AMENITIES</b>		
Benches	Yes	1
Bleachers - Small	-	-
Bleachers - Large	-	-
Drinking Fountains	-	-
Picnic Tables	-	-
BBQ Grills	-	-
Bicycle Racks	Yes	1
Trash Receptacles	-	-

Other	-	-
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		
Playground	Yes	1
Shade Structure	Yes	1
Splash Pad	Yes	1
<b>BUILDINGS AND SHELTERS</b>		
Pavilion (Rentable) - Small	-	-
Pavilion (Rentable) - Large	-	-
Shelter	Yes	1
Public Restroom	Yes	2
Assembly and Event Space	-	-
Gazebo	-	-
Concession Stands	-	-
<b>SPORTS COURTS AND FIELDS</b>		
Basketball	-	-
Tennis	-	-
Baseball	-	-
Softball	-	-
Soccer/Football	-	-
Pitching Cage	-	-
Volleyball	-	-
<b>ADDITIONAL AMENITIES</b>		
Kayak/Conoe Launch	-	-
Boat Ramp	-	-
<b>FENCING</b>		
Perimeter Fencing	Yes	-
Separation from Parking/Street	Yes	-
<b>LIGHTING</b>		
Lighting	Yes	-

**PAUL HOPKINS PARK | 1000 A FM 517**



**Existing Inventory | Paul Hopkins Park**

<b>Amenities</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Quantity (if applicable)</b>
<b>SIGNAGE</b>		
Entrance Sign/Facility Name	Yes	-
Owner/Manager	Yes	-
Hours	Yes	-
Contact Info	-	-
Kiosk	Yes	10
Sign Lighted	-	-
<b>GREENSPACE</b>		
Open Space	Yes	-
Landscape/Plantings	Yes	-
Natural Areas	Yes	-
Shade Trees	Yes	-
<b>PATHWAYS/TRAILS/SIDEWALKS</b>		
Concrete Path	Yes	-
Asphalt Path	-	-
Crushed Granite Path	-	-
Connections/Crosswalks	Yes	-
Accessible	Yes	-
<b>PARKING</b>		
On/Off Street	Yes	-
Paved	Yes	-
Striped	-	-
Designated ADA	Yes	6
Parking Lighted	Yes	-
Parking Landscaped	Yes	-
<b>FURNISHINGS AND AMENITIES</b>		
Benches	Yes	19
Bleachers - Small	-	-
Bleachers - Large	-	-
Drinking Fountains	-	-
Picnic Tables	Yes	6
BBQ Grills	Yes	2
Bicycle Racks	-	-
Trash Receptacles	Yes	8

Other	-	-
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		
Playground	Yes	1
Shade Structure	-	-
Splash Pad	-	-
<b>BUILDINGS AND SHELTERS</b>		
Pavilion (Rentable) - Small	Yes	3
Pavilion (Rentable) - Large	Yes	1
Shelter	-	-
Public Restroom	Yes	2
Assembly and Event Space	Yes	1
Gazebo	-	-
Concession Stands	-	-
<b>SPORTS COURTS AND FIELDS</b>		
Basketball	-	-
Tennis	-	-
Baseball	-	-
Softball	-	-
Soccer/Football	-	-
Pitching Cage	-	-
Volleyball	-	-
<b>ADDITIONAL AMENITIES</b>		
Kayak/Conoe Launch	-	-
Boat Ramp	-	-
<b>FENCING</b>		
Perimeter Fencing	Yes	-
Separation from Parking/Street	Yes	-
<b>LIGHTING</b>		
Lighting	Yes	-

**RAY HOLBROOK PARK | 3000 Owens Drive**



## Existing Inventory | Ray Holbrook Park

Amenities	Availability	Quantity (if applicable)
<b>SIGNAGE</b>		
Entrance Sign/Facility Name	Yes	-
Owner/Manager	-	-
Hours	Yes	-
Contact Info	-	-
Kiosk	-	-
Sign Lighted	-	-
<b>GREENSPACE</b>		
Open Space	Yes	-
Landscape/Plantings	Yes	-
Natural Areas	Yes	-
Shade Trees	Yes	-
<b>PATHWAYS/TRAILS/SIDEWALKS</b>		
Concrete Path	Yes	-
Asphalt Path	-	-
Crushed Granite Path	-	-
Connections/Crosswalks	Yes	-
Accessible	Yes	-
<b>PARKING</b>		
On/Off Street	Yes	-
Paved	Yes	-
Striped	-	-
Designated ADA	Yes	3
Parking Lighted	-	-
Parking Landscaped	-	-
<b>FURNISHINGS AND AMENITIES</b>		
Benches	Yes	4
Bleachers - Small	Yes	8
Bleachers - Large	-	-
Drinking Fountains	-	-
Picnic Tables	Yes	11
BBQ Grills	Yes	5
Bicycle Racks	-	-
Trash Receptacles	Yes	11

Other	-	-
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		
Playground	-	-
Shade Structure	-	-
Splash Pad	-	-
<b>BUILDINGS AND SHELTERS</b>		
Pavilion (Rentable) - Small	-	-
Pavilion (Rentable) - Large	-	-
Shelter	Yes	1
Public Restroom	Yes	1
Assembly and Event Space	-	-
Gazebo	-	-
Concession Stands	Yes	1
<b>SPORTS COURTS AND FIELDS</b>		
Basketball	-	-
Tennis	-	-
Baseball	-	-
Softball	Yes	4
Soccer/Football	-	-
Pitching Cage	Yes	1
Volleyball	-	-
<b>ADDITIONAL AMENITIES</b>		
Kayak/Conoe Launch	-	-
Boat Ramp	-	-
<b>FENCING</b>		
Perimeter Fencing	Yes	-
Separation from Parking/Street	Yes	-
<b>LIGHTING</b>		
Lighting	-	-

**DICKINSON COMMUNITY CENTER | 2714 TX-3**



**Existing Inventory | Dickinson Community Center**

<b>Amenities</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Quantity (if applicable)</b>
<b>SIGNAGE</b>		
Entrance Sign/Facility Name	Yes	-
Owner/Manager	Yes	-
Hours	Yes	-
Contact Info	Yes	-
Kiosk	-	-
Sign Lighted	-	-
<b>GREENSPACE</b>		
Open Space	Yes	-
Landscape/Plantings	Yes	-
Natural Areas	Yes	-
Shade Trees	Yes	-
<b>PATHWAYS/TRAILS/SIDEWALKS</b>		
Concrete Path	-	-
Asphalt Path	-	-
Crushed Granite Path	-	-
Connections/Crosswalks	-	-
Accessible	-	-
<b>PARKING</b>		
On/Off Street	Yes	-
Paved	Yes	-
Striped	-	-
Designated ADA	Yes	4
Parking Lighted	-	-
Parking Landscaped	-	-
<b>FURNISHINGS AND AMENITIES</b>		
Benches	-	-
Bleachers - Small	-	-
Bleachers - Large	-	-
Drinking Fountains	-	-
Picnic Tables	Yes	4
BBQ Grills	-	-
Bicycle Racks	-	-
Trash Receptacles	-	-



Other	-	-
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		
Playground	-	-
Shade Structure	Yes	1
Splash Pad	-	-
<b>BUILDINGS AND SHELTERS</b>		
Pavilion (Rentable) - Small	-	-
Pavilion (Rentable) - Large	-	-
Shelter	Yes	1
Public Restroom	Yes	1
Assembly and Event Space	Yes	1
Gazebo	-	-
Concession Stands	-	-
<b>SPORTS COURTS AND FIELDS</b>		
Basketball	-	-
Tennis	-	-
Baseball	-	-
Softball	-	-
Soccer/Football	-	-
Pitching Cage	-	-
Volleyball	-	-
<b>ADDITIONAL AMENITIES</b>		
Kayak/Conoe Launch	-	-
Boat Ramp	-	-
<b>FENCING</b>		
Perimeter Fencing	-	-
Separation from Parking/Street	Yes	-
<b>LIGHTING</b>		
Lighting	Yes	-

**DICKINSON BAYOU BOAT RAMP | TX-3**



**Existing Inventory | Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp**

<b>Amenities</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Quantity (if applicable)</b>
<b>SIGNAGE</b>		
Entrance Sign/Facility Name	Yes	-
Owner/Manager	-	-
Hours	-	-
Contact Info	-	-
Kiosk	Yes	1
Sign Lighted	-	-
<b>GREENSPACE</b>		
Open Space	Yes	-
Landscape/Plantings	Yes	-
Natural Areas	Yes	-
Shade Trees	-	-
<b>PATHWAYS/TRAILS/SIDEWALKS</b>		
Concrete Path	-	-
Asphalt Path	-	-
Crushed Granite Path	-	-
Connections/Crosswalks	-	-
Accessible	Yes	-
<b>PARKING</b>		
On/Off Street	Yes	-
Paved	Yes	-
Striped	-	-
Designated ADA	-	-
Parking Lighted	-	-
Parking Landscaped	-	-
<b>FURNISHINGS AND AMENITIES</b>		
Benches	-	-
Bleachers - Small	-	-
Bleachers - Large	-	-
Drinking Fountains	-	-
Picnic Tables	Yes	2
BBQ Grills	-	-
Bicycle Racks	-	-
Trash Receptacles	Yes	3



Other	-	-
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		
Playground	-	-
Shade Structure	-	-
Splash Pad	-	-
<b>BUILDINGS AND SHELTERS</b>		
Pavilion (Rentable) - Small	-	-
Pavilion (Rentable) - Large	-	-
Shelter	-	-
Public Restroom	Yes	1
Assembly and Event Space	-	-
Gazebo	-	-
Concession Stands	-	-
<b>SPORTS COURTS AND FIELDS</b>		
Basketball	-	-
Tennis	-	-
Baseball	-	-
Softball	-	-
Soccer/Football	-	-
Pitching Cage	-	-
Volleyball	-	-
<b>ADDITIONAL AMENITIES</b>		
Kayak/Conoe Launch	-	-
Boat Ramp	Yes	1
<b>FENCING</b>		
Perimeter Fencing	-	-
Separation from Parking/Street	Yes	-
<b>LIGHTING</b>		
Lighting	Yes	-

**ZEMPTER PARK | 5150 TX-3**



## Existing Inventory | Zempter Park

Amenities	Availability	Quantity (if applicable)
<b>SIGNAGE</b>		
Entrance Sign/Facility Name	Yes	-
Owner/Manager	-	-
Hours	-	-
Contact Info	-	-
Kiosk	-	-
Sign Lighted	-	-
<b>GREENSPACE</b>		
Open Space	Yes	-
Landscape/Plantings	Yes	-
Natural Areas	Yes	-
Shade Trees	Yes	-
<b>PATHWAYS/TRAILS/SIDEWALKS</b>		
Concrete Path	Yes	-
Asphalt Path	Yes	-
Crushed Granite Path	Yes	-
Connections/Crosswalks	Yes	-
Accessible	-	-
<b>PARKING</b>		
On/Off Street	Yes	-
Paved	Yes	-
Striped	-	-
Designated ADA	-	-
Parking Lighted	Yes	-
Parking Landscaped	-	-
<b>FURNISHINGS AND AMENITIES</b>		
Benches	Yes	5
Bleachers - Small	Yes	13
Bleachers - Large	Yes	2
Drinking Fountains	-	-
Picnic Tables	Yes	9
BBQ Grills	Yes	1
Bicycle Racks	-	-
Trash Receptacles	Yes	11



Other	-	-
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>		
Playground	-	-
Shade Structure	-	-
Splash Pad	-	-
<b>BUILDINGS AND SHELTERS</b>		
Pavilion (Rentable) - Small	-	-
Pavilion (Rentable) - Large	-	-
Shelter	-	-
Public Restroom	Yes	1
Assembly and Event Space	-	-
Gazebo	-	-
Concession Stands	Yes	2
<b>SPORTS COURTS AND FIELDS</b>		
Basketball	-	-
Tennis	-	-
Baseball	Yes	7
Softball	-	-
Soccer/Football	-	-
Pitching Cage	-	-
Volleyball	-	-
<b>ADDITIONAL AMENITIES</b>		
Kayak/Conoe Launch	-	-
Boat Ramp	-	-
<b>FENCING</b>		
Perimeter Fencing	-	-
Separation from Parking/Street	-	-
<b>LIGHTING</b>		
Lighting	Yes	-

**DICKINSON CIVIC ASSOCIATION POOL | 3000 Spruce Drive**



**Existing Inventory | Dickinson Civic Association Pool**

<b>Amenities</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Quantity (if applicable)</b>
<b>SIGNAGE</b>		
Entrance Sign/Facility Name	Yes	-
Owner/Manager	-	-
Hours	-	-
Contact Info	-	-
Kiosk	-	-
Sign Lighted	-	-
<b>GREENSPACE</b>		
Open Space	Yes	-
Landscape/Plantings	Yes	-
Natural Areas	Yes	-
Shade Trees	Yes	-
<b>PATHWAYS/TRAILS/SIDEWALKS</b>		
Concrete Path	Yes	-
Asphalt Path	-	-
Crushed Granite Path	Yes	-
Connections/Crosswalks	-	-
Accessible	-	-
<b>PARKING</b>		
On/Off Street	Yes	-
Paved	-	-
Striped	-	-
Designated ADA	-	-
Parking Lighted	-	-
Parking Landscaped	-	-
<b>FURNISHINGS AND AMENITIES</b>		
Benches	-	-

Bleachers - Small	-	-
Bleachers - Large	-	-
Drinking Fountains	-	-
Picnic Tables	-	-
BBQ Grills	-	-
Bicycle Racks	-	-
Trash Receptacles	-	-
Other	-	-

**EQUIPMENT**

Playground	-	-
Shade Structure	Yes	1
Splash Pad	-	-

**BUILDINGS AND SHELTERS**

Pavilion (Rentable) - Small	-	-
Pavilion (Rentable) - Large	-	-
Shelter	Yes	1
Public Restroom	Yes	2
Assembly and Event Space	-	-
Gazebo	-	-
Concession Stands	-	-

**SPORTS COURTS AND FIELDS**

Basketball	-	-
Tennis	-	-
Baseball	-	-
Softball	-	-
Soccer/Football	-	-
Pitching Cage	-	-
Volleyball	Yes	1

**ADDITIONAL AMENITIES**

Kayak/Conoe Launch	-	-
Boat Ramp	-	-



**FENCING**

Perimeter Fencing	Yes	-
Separation from Parking/Street	Yes	-

**LIGHTING**

Lighting	-	-
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**Park Features and Improvements**

Summarized in **TABLE 4.3, Park Amenities and Improvements**, are typical park offerings found at multiple sites, as well as unique features only at particular sites within the Dickinson public park system.

**TABLE 4.3: Park Amenities and Improvements**

Type of Park	Mini/Pocket Parks		Neighborhood Parks	Community Parks			Special Use		
Park Name	The Village Green	Tropical Gardens	Bayou Lakes Park	Paul Hopkins	Ray Holbrook Park	Dickinson Community Center	Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp	Zempler Park	Dickinson Civic Association Pool
<b>Signage</b>									
Entrance Sign/Facility Name	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Owner/Manager	--	--	--	Yes	--	Yes	--	--	--
Hours	--	--	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	--	--
Contact Info	--	--	--	--	--	Yes	--	--	--
Kiosk	Yes	--	--	10	--	--	1	--	--
Sign Lighted?	Yes	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Greenspace</b>									
Open Space	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Landscaping/Plantings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Natural Areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shade Trees	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	Yes
<b>Pathways/Trails/Sidewalks</b>									
Concrete Path	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	--	Yes	Yes
Asphalt Path	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Yes	--
Crushed Granite Path	--	Yes	--	--	--	--	--	Yes	Yes
Connections/Crosswalks	--	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	--	Yes	--
Accessible	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	--	--
<b>Parking</b>									
On/Off Street	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Paved	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	--
Striped	--	--	Yes	--	--	--	--	--	--
Designated ADA	--	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	--	--
Parking Lighted?	--	--	--	Yes	--	--	--	Yes	--
Parking Landscaped?	--	--	--	Yes	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Furnishings and Amenities</b>									
Benches	Yes	--	Yes	19	4	--	--	5	--
Bleachers - Small	--	--	--	--	8	--	--	13	--
Bleachers - Large	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--
Drinking Fountain	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Picnic Tables	--	--	--	6	11	4	2	9	--
BBQ Grill	--	--	--	2	5	--	--	1	--
Bike Rack	--	--	Yes	--	--	--	--	--	--
Trash Receptacles	1	--	--	8	11	--	3	11	--
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Equipment</b>									
Playground	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	--	--	--	--
Shade Structure	Yes	--	Yes	--	--	Yes	--	--	Yes
Splash Pad	--	--	Yes	--	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Buildings and Shelters</b>									
Pavilion (Rentable) - Small	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--
Pavilion (Rentable) - Large	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--
Shelter	--	--	Yes	--	1	Yes	--	--	Yes

Type of Park	Mini/Pocket Parks		Neighborhood Parks	Community Parks			Special Use			
	Park Name	The Village Green	Tropical Gardens	Bayou Lakes Park	Paul Hopkins	Ray Holbrook Park	Dickinson Community Center	Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp	Zempler Park	Dickinson Civic Association Pool
Public Restroom	--	--	Yes	2	1	Yes	1	1	Yes	
Assembly and Event Space	--	--	--	1	--	Yes	--	--	--	
Gazebo	Yes	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Concession Stands	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	2	--	
<b>Sports Courts and Fields</b>										
Basketball	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Tennis	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Baseball	--	--	--	--	4	--	--	7	--	
Softball	--	--	--	--	Yes	--	--	--	--	
Soccer/Football	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Pitching Cage	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	
Volleyball	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Yes	
<b>Additional Amenities</b>										
Kayak/Canoe Launch	--	--	--	Yes	1	--	--	--	--	
Boat Ramp	--	--	--	Yes	1	--	Yes	--	--	
<b>Fencing</b>										
Perimeter Fencing	--	--	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	--	--	Yes	
Separation from Parking/Street	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	
<b>Lighting</b>										
Lighting	Yes	--	Yes	Yes	--	Yes	--	Yes	--	

*In the online version of this plan, click on the images above to open a larger view of the two table pages.*

## RECREATION PROGRAMS

While the City of Dickinson does not currently offer any recreational sports leagues, Galveston County provides a variety of programs, activities and classes held in the [Dickinson Community Center](#). Some of the programs, activities and classes that are offered include social time, table games, bingo, nickel bingo, Mt. Olive Bible study and exercise classes as well as health screenings and presentations.

While not an exhaustive list, youth sports leagues that serve Dickinson residents and surrounding areas include [Dickinson Little League](#) and [Dickinson Girls Softball](#).

**Dickinson Youth Sports Leagues**



Dickinson Little League



Dickinson Girls Softball

## OTHER COMMUNITY RECREATION ASSETS

For purposes of this Master Plan, it is important to document other area recreational assets that are available to residents and visitors, and to consider these when evaluating where the City and County should focus their resources in seeking to upgrade the City and County parks and recreation system. These other recreation options are available through other public entities, as well as non-profit organizations and private commercial operations as itemized below.

### Dickinson ISD

While the boundaries of Dickinson ISD extend well beyond the Dickinson city limits, only three school campuses are within the city. This includes Dickinson High School, Barber Middle School and the Dickinson Continuation Center.

- Dickinson High School: (3800 Baker Drive)
- Barber Middle School: (5651 FM 517 East)
- The Dickinson Continuation Center (2805 Oak Park Drive)

Currently, members of the public utilize the playgrounds at Dickinson ISD campuses with the exception of The Dickinson Continuation Center, as it does not have any amenities, when not in use for school purposes. This includes the weekends, during holidays and during the Summer.

Fields, gyms and facilities are available through facility usage agreements. Dickinson ISD Athletic Facilities include:

- Dickinson High School Field House: (3300 Baker Drive)
- Sam Vitanza Stadium (3800 Baker Drive)
- Dickinson High School Competition Gym (3800 Baker Drive)
- Dickinson High School Baseball and Softball Complex (3800 Baker Drive)

#### Dickinson High School



3800 Baker Drive

#### Barber Middle School



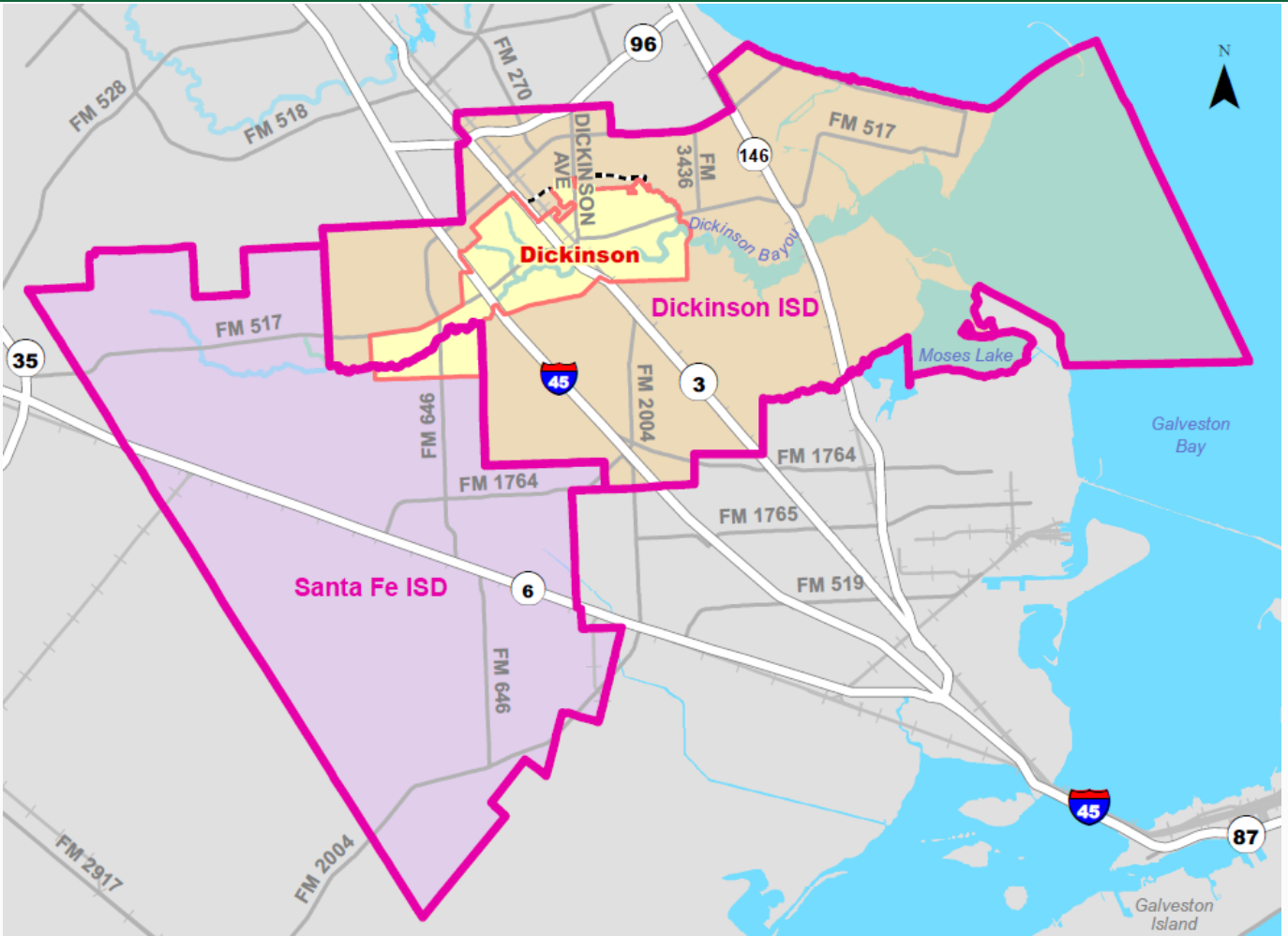
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#### Dickinson Continuation Center



2805 Oak Park Drive

**MAP 4.2: Dickinson ISD and Santa Fe ISD Boundaries**





## Private Recreation Assets

Multiple private fitness and sports facilities exist within the City of Dickinson, and many more are located in the greater Dickinson area outside of the city limits. While not an exhaustive list, all the facilities below were operational at the time of this Master Plan:

- **Bay Area Center: Wellness Center**  
(3009 FM 517 Road East)
- **Bossletics: Indoor and outdoor gym**  
(7915 FM 517)
- **CrossFit Kemah: CrossFit training gym**  
(1811 Dickinson Avenue)
- **Excellence Academy Child Care & Learning Center**  
(2801 FM 517 Road East)
- **Furia Training Center: Mixed martial arts, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Yoga**  
(1314 FM 646 Road West, Suite 19)
- **Hardball Baseball Academy**  
(4807 FM 646)
- **Iron Den Fitness: Indoor gym and weights**  
(211 FM 646)
- **Liga Azteca Dickinson**  
(2988 Avenue R)
- **Mickey's Fitness Connection: Fitness and instruction**  
(225 Harbor Bend Lane)
- **New Horizons Special Needs Preschool**  
(606 FM 517 Road West)
- **Pine Drive Baptist Church: Basketball Camp**  
(705 FM 517 Road East)
- **Pink Sweat Fitness: Indoor gym**  
(2813 45<sup>th</sup> Street)
- **Premier Martial Arts: Martial Arts**  
(3455 Gulf Fwy)
- **Professional Baseball Academy**  
(4501 Saint Goar Street)
- **Queen of Angels Academy**  
(4100 TX-3)

### Living Faith Outreach - Champions Park



Baseball Field

### True Cross Catholic School



Playground

### Liga Azteca Dickinson



Soccer Fields

- **Third Coast CrossFit:** *CrossFit training gym*  
(1314 FM 646 Road West, Suite 7)
- **True Cross Catholic School**  
(400 FM 517 Road East)

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## **PARK AND SITE CONDITION ASSESSMENT**

In conjunction with the inventory effort for this Plan section, the condition of Dickinson’s existing parks and their amenities were also assessed. Both types of information are needed for purposes of this Master Plan, and also to compare against the perceived quality of the community’s parks and recreation system based on public input to this Plan. The quality appearance and maintenance of a local park system contributes to community image and the perception of its livability. Therefore, it is essential for the City and County to maintain their facilities in good condition and provide diligent care of the grounds and improvements, especially as this is a consideration of grant agencies and organizations when they evaluate applications for funding.

While a City of Dickinson Parks and Recreation Department has not been formed yet and the County parks currently do not belong to the City, the City and County have had talks about the County transferring full ownership of Paul Hopkins Park, Ray Holbrook Park and TX-3 Boat Ramp to the City of Dickinson. The City has also stated that the future Parks and Recreation Department will work to address various recognized needs and issues within its system, as time and resources allow. A summary of key conditions noted for improvement (as observed during Fall 2022) are included below and apply to all parks unless otherwise noted.

- Needed drainage solutions to assist in slowing down storm water runoff directly to the bayou, especially in heavy rain or bayou overflow situations.
- Needed sidewalk and path repairs in some locations.
- Need improved signage at all parks including, but not limited to lighting and landscaping around signs.
- Need parking or improved parking areas including, but not limited to lighting, striping, designated handicap parking, landscaping and resurfacing.
- Need improved universal accessibility throughout all of the parks.
- Lack of bike- and pedestrian-accessible routes to all parks.
- Some paths do not have ADA-accessible connections to facilities such as playgrounds and pavilions.
- Needed upgrades to or refreshing/maintenance of some equipment and facilities (e.g., benches, trash receptacles, grills, bathrooms, play equipment).
- Need for consistency in bench quality across all parks, along with more seating in general.
- Need for adequate lighting throughout the parks.
- Needed turf replacement, and continued maintenance to keep grassy areas in good condition.

- Lack of shaded areas, especially near picnic tables (Ray Holbrook Park).

A summary of the park condition assessments and total composite scores can be found in **Table 4.4** below.

**TABLE 4.4: Park Condition Assessment Summary**

Type of Park	Mini/Pocket Parks		Neighborhood Parks	Community Parks			Special Use		
Park Name	The Village Green	Tropical Gardens	Bayou Lakes Park	Paul Hopkins	Ray Holbrook Park	Dickinson Community Center	Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp	Zempler Park	Dickinson Civic Association Pool
Turf	0	4	0	1	2	1	4	1	1
Plantings and Trees	0	3	1	1	1	1	-	2	1
Parking	3	-	0	1	2	2	3	2	4
Parks, Sidewalks and Trails	2	-	0	1	1	-	3	2	1
Basketball Nets and Playing Surfaces	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tennis Courts, Fencing and Nets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Park Accessibility	2	3	0	1	3	3	4	2	3
Park Amenities	1	4	0	2	1	1	3	1	1
Buildings, Shelters, Pavilions	1	-	0	1	1	1	-	1	3
Playing Fields and Equipment	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1
Signage	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	2
Fencing	-	-	0	2	3	-	-	1	2
Lighting	0	-	0	2	-	0	-	2	-
<b>Total Composite Score</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.11</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>1.82</b>

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The more detailed individual park condition assessments can be found in **Appendix B - Park Condition Assessments**.

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

**Adopted July 11, 2023**



This Master Plan section provides an assessment of current and future needs in Dickinson related to parks, trails, recreation areas and related facilities. This assessment is essential input for the next step of defining specific potential projects and improvements to address the identified needs, as well as for prioritizing candidate projects based on factors such as cost/benefit, complexity, availability of partners, and potential infusions of grant dollars or other external funding.

The needs assessment in this section combines two approaches. The first method compares the local conditions documented in the [Area and Facility Inventory](#) section of this plan with national metrics – published by the [National Recreation and Park Association \(NRPA\)](#) – and with localized standards found in the [Concepts and Standards](#) section. Secondly, this section considers community interest in and demand for specific facility types, from community input during the master plan process. Combining these two assessment methods creates a resource-based approach to determine the potential kinds of amenities that should be added or re-purposed to enhance Dickinson's overall parks system, create new recreation choices and avoid unnecessary duplication.

The assessment focuses first on public park sites and facilities in Dickinson provided and maintained by Galveston County. Then the assessment also takes into account recreation offerings in the area provided by other public agencies (e.g., Dickinson ISD, area drainage districts, etc.) and non-government entities (e.g., neighborhood pools, playgrounds and other recreation facilities maintained by homeowner associations; commercial fitness and sports facilities; etc.).

The needs assessment results can be used by City officials and staff to identify potential areas for future property acquisition or dedications, influence the design and features of new recreation areas, guide redevelopment and sometimes re-purposing of existing parks, and point toward possible partnerships to provide the greatest benefits to Dickinson's residents. Ensuring equitable opportunity and access to parks, trails and recreation facilities is a key objective of the needs assessment.

### Paul Hopkins Park



Interactive Sign along Trail

## **Benefits and Use of National Metrics Data**



The [National Recreation and Park Association \(NRPA\)](#) publishes an annual *NRPA Agency Performance Review* that includes [Park Metrics](#) across a variety of topics and categorized by population size of the communities served by local park and recreation systems. The newest 2023 edition presents data from more than 1,000 unique park and recreation agencies across the nation as reported between 2020 and 2022.

This NRPA publication is an essential reference guide, serving as "the benchmarking resource that assists park and recreation professionals in the effective management and planning of their operating resources and capital facilities."

Taken together, the 2023 NRPA Agency Performance Review and NRPA Park Metrics feature the most comprehensive collection of park and recreation-related benchmarks and insights that apprise professionals, key stakeholders and the public about the state of the park and recreation industry.

However, NRPA emphasizes these key points:

- Data is a powerful tool, but does not, by itself, provide final answers to the question of what is best for your individual park and recreation agency. The combination of insights from the *NRPA Agency Performance Review*, along with information about your community's specific needs and experiences, will help you craft the optimal mix of facilities and programming your agency should deliver.
- The 2023 *NRPA Agency Performance Review* does not present park and recreation "standards," nor do the benchmarks represent any standards against which every individual park and recreation agency should measure itself. The reason for this is simple: there is not one single set of standards for parks and recreation because different agencies serve different communities that have unique needs, desires and challenges.

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## QUANTITY OF PARKLAND

Needs assessment begins with consideration of benchmarks for park quantity and acreage relative to population. Within the [Introduction, Context and Overview](#) section of this plan, the [Demographics](#) portion highlights that Dickinson had reached a population of 20,870 persons as of Census 2020. The latest interim estimate from the **U.S. Census Bureau shows Dickinson surpassing the 21,000 population threshold by mid-2021** with an estimated 21,697 residents within the city limits at that point.

The [NRPA Agency Performance Review](#) presents national metrics data in various community population ranges, with Dickinson falling within the 20,000-49,999 population category. This is important to keep in mind when reviewing the metrics in this section as each data point is recorded using the lower quartile information for this category from among the surveyed communities due to Dickinson's population of approximately 22,000 residents.

### Residents per Park in Dickinson

**2,444**

A first NRPA Park Metric considers the number of parks in a community relative to its population. For 2023, NRPA reported a **national metric of 1,203 residents per park** within the lower quartile of the 20,000-49,999 population category. With 9 current park sites in Dickinson and a population of approximately 22,000, the Dickinson figure is 2,444 residents per park.

The first metrics comparison above indicates that Dickinson needs twice the number of parks than it currently has and must plan for the future as the number of residents is projected to increase.

### Parkland Acres per 1,000 Dickinson Residents

**2.69**

This NRPA Park Metric considers the amount of developed and actively-used acreage in the current park system for every 1,000 residents in the city's population. For 2023, the NRPA reported a **national metric of 5.9 parkland acres per 1,000 residents** within the lower quartile of the 20,000-49,999 population category. With a total of 59.85 acres across its 9 current and active park sites, Dickinson has 2.69 acres per 1,000 residents in its estimated 22,000 population in 2021.

The fact that Dickinson is low on this metrics comparison may reflect the history of having other nearby City and County parks in the area that helped meet the local population's recreation needs.

## Population Implications for Park Acreage Needs

As this Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan was prepared concurrently with a new Comprehensive Plan for Dickinson, the Comprehensive Plan process included consideration of population growth scenarios for Dickinson through 2045. The midpoint of the multiple scenarios considered showed Dickinson potentially growing to just over 28,747 residents within its city limits by 2045. (More detail on the population projections prepared for the Comprehensive Plan are available online [here](#).) For purposes of **Table 5.1** below, a round number of 30,000 was assumed as a future population to illustrate the implications of a higher number of residents leading to a larger number of parkland acreage needed.

**TABLE 5.1: Park Acreage Need Based on Varying Population-Based Standard**

Dickinson Population	Developed Acres in 2022	5.9 Acres per 1,000 Residents	11.3 Acres per 1,000	17.9 Acres per 1,000
22,000 (2021)	<b>59.85 acres</b>	<b>129.8 acres</b>	248.6 acres	393.8 acres
30,000 (2045)	--	177 acres	<b>339 acres</b>	537 acres

The numbers in Table 5.1 show that, for a population of 22,000 persons, Dickinson should have 129.8 acres of developed parkland for public use to meet the national metric of 5.9 acres per 1,000 residents. The other columns show the parkland acreage that should be available if a higher standard were used. Then, for a potential future population of 30,000 residents, 339 acres would be needed to stay in line with the metric of 11.3 acres per 1,000 residents. The discussion above noted that Dickinson has approximately 59.85 acres of parkland. An additional 69.95 acres of parkland are needed for Dickinson to meet the lower quartile metric of 5.9 acres per 1,000 residents.

Finally, if Dickinson were to reach a population of 30,000 residents within its city limits, it would also need approximately 25 parks in its inventory to satisfy the current 2023 NRPA metric of 1,203 residents per park in communities in the lower quartile of the 20,000-49,999 population range. The City currently does not manage any parks, but is planning to acquire Paul Hopkins Park, Ray Holbrook Park and the Bayou Boat Ramp from Galveston County.

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## **PARK LOCATIONS AND GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE**

Along with the number of parks and parkland acreage considerations in the previous section, a geographic evaluation is also essential to determine how well the existing and future park system will serve the community's residents. Park sites should be distributed across the City's jurisdiction and located strategically so they are conveniently accessible to all populated areas. While a City's park inventory may have plenty of land from an acreage standpoint, a service area evaluation illustrates whether there is sufficient geographic coverage and where new or enlarged parks are needed to address any under-served areas.

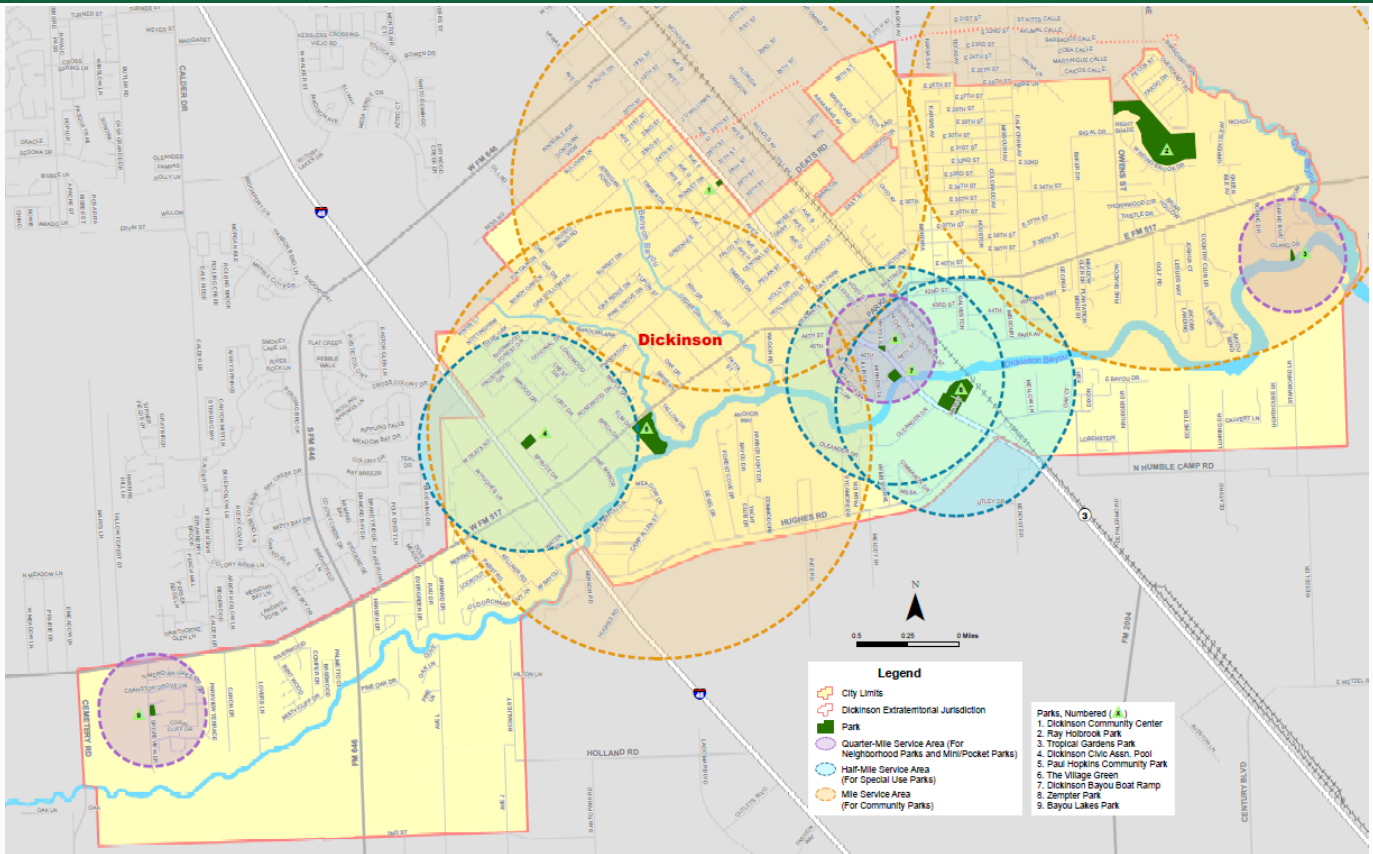
The service area evaluation involves drawing a service area buffer around each Mini/Pocket, Neighborhood and Community park site. The City's 9 existing parks were categorized this way in **Table 4.1** in the [Area and Facility Inventory](#) section of this plan. The larger the park, the larger the associated service area. A 1/4-mile primary service area is applied to each Mini/Pocket park. Each Neighborhood park has a 1/4-mile primary service area, and each Community park a one-mile primary service area.

Taken together, the one-mile service areas of all Community parks should encompass nearly all existing neighborhoods and areas planned for future residential development. Neighborhood parks usually have more targeted locations to serve particular residential developments and other population concentrations. However, they should still have a relatively even distribution across the community to ensure that most all residents can enjoy basic park amenities in fairly close proximity to home. In areas where population is more dispersed, a well-located Community park also helps fulfill the Neighborhood park function.

### **Findings from Service Area Evaluation**

Displayed on **Map 5.1, Existing Park Service Areas**, is the geographic coverage provided by the City's current inventory of public and private parks.

**MAP 5.1: Existing Park Service Areas**



*In the online version of this plan, click on the image above to open a larger map view.*

Observations regarding Map 5.1 include:

- Much of the core city is covered by the one-mile Community park service areas for the Dickinson Community Center, Paul Hopkins Park and Ray Holbrook Park.
- There are only three Mini/Pocket and Neighborhoods parks and they are scattered throughout the city: one on the west, one near City Hall and one on the far east.
- Other areas of the city have neighborhood parks, playgrounds, pools/splash pads and other recreation assets maintained by homeowner associations (e.g., Bayou Lakes Park and Tropical Gardens Park).
- Along with the non-city/non-county recreation amenities above, Dickinson ISD campuses also supplement the public park sites and facilities maintained by the County.
- The anticipated addition of City-maintained public trails in Dickinson will add connectivity to the system and enable residents to walk or bike longer distances to parks and other community destinations without the need for a car or truck.

Although much of the Dickinson city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) already have existing or pending development, any future annexation activity by the City, or significant residential development beyond current populated areas, will require further consideration of the existing service area coverages to plan for appropriate geographic adjustments in the City’s provision of parks and recreation services.

## Quantity of Facilities and Improvements

As part of its national surveys, NRPA compiles information from communities on the quantity of various recreation facility types they provide. Presented in **Table 5.2** are several ways of considering this information for the facility types listed in the first column. The second column shows, for communities in the 20,000-49,999 population range, the median number of people per one unit of the facility type (e.g., a median of 3,111 persons for every one playground in a community). Then the third and fourth columns estimate the quantity of each facility type to satisfy the needs in a community of approximately 22,000 persons (2021 Dickinson population estimate) and one with 30,000 residents (if Dickinson were to reach that population level within its city limits). Finally, the rightmost column confirms the facility amounts currently provided by Galveston County and supplemented in some cases by facilities operated and maintained by other area entities (e.g., Dickinson ISD, etc.), which helps to overcome some local deficits relative to the NRPA benchmarks. Items in black text in the last column meet the NRPA metric, green text means it exceeds the metric, and red text indicates items that are currently below the metric. It is also important to note that DISD fields/facilities must be reserved and are therefore in red even though they may meet the estimated facilities needed.

**TABLE 5.2: Median Population per Facility Type**

Facility Type	Median Population per Facility (20,000-49,999 population)	Estimated Facilities Needed based on Population of 22,000 (Dickinson 2021 estimate)	Estimated Facilities Needed based on Population of 30,000 (Dickinson projection)	Existing Dickinson Inventory
Playgrounds	3,028	7	10	2 + DISD
Basketball courts	7,117	3	4	DISD
Diamond fields: baseball - youth	5,033	4	6	7
Tennis courts	5,815	4	5	DISD
Rectangular fields: multi-purpose	7,674	3	4	0
Dog parks	28,000	1	1	0
Diamond fields: softball - adult	11,802	2	3	0

**TABLE 5.2: Median Population per Facility Type**

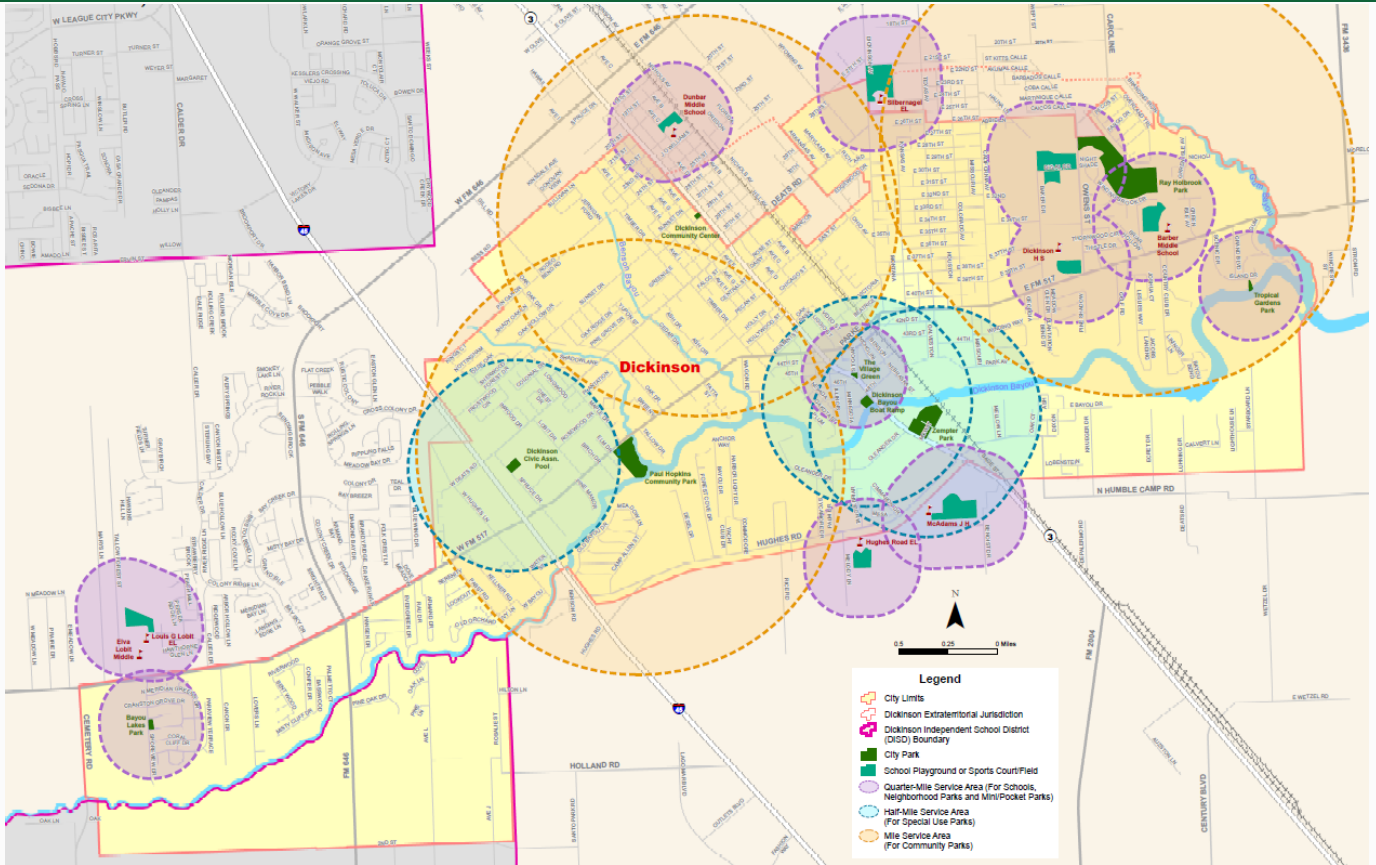
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Diamond fields: softball - youth	9,060	2	3	4
Diamond fields: baseball - youth	19,556	1	2	0
Swimming pools	25,191	1	1	1
Community gardens	26,741	1	1	0
Rectangular fields: soccer - youth	4,947	4	6	0
Multi-use courts: basketball, volleyball	14,800	2	2	0
Tot lots	11,195	2	3	0
Rectangular fields: soccer - adult	10,775	2	3	0
Skate parks	32,000	1	1	0
Rectangular fields: football	18,785	1	2	DISD
Pickleball (outdoor)	9,257	2	3	0
Regulation 18-hole golf courses	32,990	1	1	0
Multi-use courts - tennis, pickleball (outdoor)	9,667	2	3	0
Multi-purpose synthetic fields	25,330	1	1	0
Pickleball courts	8,143	3	4	0
Ice rinks	13,247	2	2	0
Rectangular fields: cricket field	34,706	1	1	0
Rectangular fields: lacrosse field	16,584	1	2	0

**TABLE 5.2: Median Population per Facility Type**

Facility Type	Median Population per Facility (20,000-49,999 population)	Estimated Facilities Needed based on Population of 22,000 (Dickinson 2021 estimate)	Estimated Facilities Needed based on Population of 30,000 (Dickinson projection)	Existing Dickinson Inventory
Overlay fields	9,468	2	3	0
Rectangular fields: field hockey field	17,292	1	2	0
Recreation centers (including gyms)	24,380	1	1	0
Community centers	26,696	1	1	1
Senior centers	31,199	1	1	1
Performance amphitheaters	30,283	1	1	0
Nature centers	32,000	1	1	0
Aquatics centers	31,645	1	1	0
Stadiums	31,000	1	1	DISD
Teen centers	31,645	1	1	0
Indoor ice rinks	24,838	1	1	0
Arenas	24,413	1	1	DISD

While benchmarks such as these are useful, it is important to establish local standards and priorities for park and recreation system improvements that are based on unique local considerations, such as area demographics and user characteristics, participation trends, natural environment, climate and other factors. **Map 5.2** shows the existing park and Dickinson Independent School District service areas.

**MAP 5.2: Existing Park and Dickinson Independent School District Service Areas**



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## TRAIL NETWORK NEEDS

Standards and benchmarks for municipal park systems are more prevalent than for public trails. Generally, trails can put another form of recreational asset within reach of populations that may not have a park nearby. Trails are most accessible for convenient and frequent use when they are within one-quarter to one-half mile of neighborhoods (and other population concentrations), and depending on their route and design, can serve a linear park function for those in close proximity.

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#### Miles of Trail Managed

This NRPA Park Metric considers miles of public trail (beyond paths internal to parks) managed by local parks and recreation agencies. For 2023, the NRPA reported a **national metric of 5 miles of trail managed** among communities within the lower quartile of the 20,000-49,999 population category. Although the City of Dickinson is starting from the ground up, it clearly has set public trail development as a top priority.

Along with the universal need to improve accessibility to trails and other recreational sites for all ages, typical areas of focus specifically related to trail system development include:

- Potential trailhead locations (from a few parking spaces to possible amenities such as drinking fountains, restrooms, lighting, emergency notification, etc., depending on the site size and conditions).
- Trail continuity and opportunities for extensions.
- Trail enhancements (e.g., mileage markers, benches, interpretive/educational signage, stretching/exercise stations, etc.).
- Trail loop opportunities accessible from and to main trails, especially near neighborhoods.
- Trails designed for multi-use, with adequate width (typically 10-15 feet) to separate bicyclists from those walking, jogging, pushing strollers, in wheelchairs, etc.
- Trails left in a more natural state versus those in more developed areas and/or with amenities.

### Approach to Trail System Planning for Dickinson

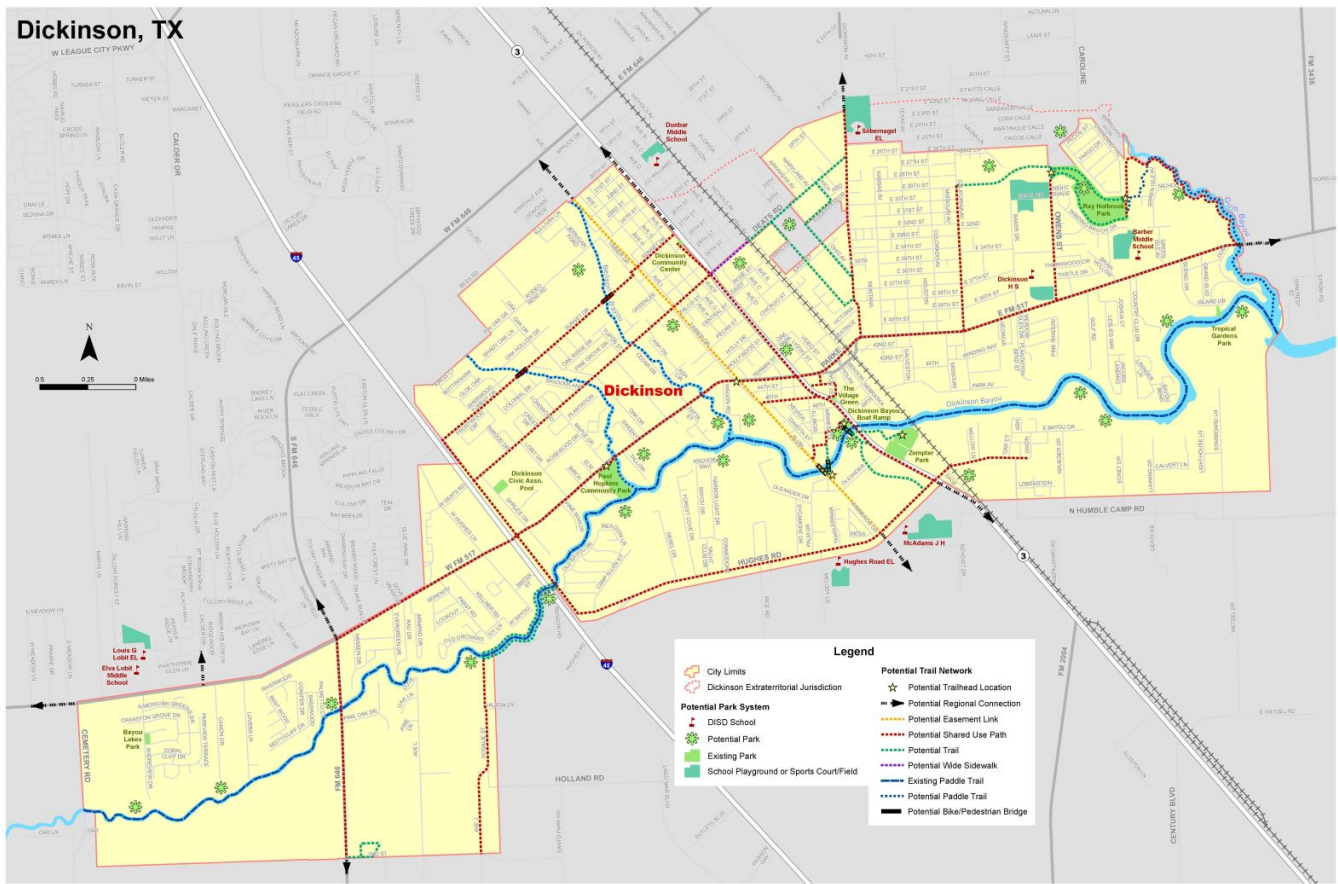
Displayed on **Map 5.3, Connectivity Possibilities**, are numerous potential alignments across the Dickinson city limits and ETJ that would open up more opportunities to move about the community on foot or by bike, involving both long-distance possibilities and shorter routes and loops appropriate to all ages and capabilities. The map was developed with the following considerations and priorities in mind, some of which are reflected by the features called out in the map legend:

- A. Focus first on a trail network "spine" along the transmission line on Timber Drive and coordinating with Houston-Galveston Area Council, H-GAC, and other entities to align the trail with the Emancipation Trail from downtown Houston to Galveston.



- B. Then link to local parks and other community destinations from this green corridor including access to the bayous and tributaries (e.g., Downtown, Dickinson ISD campuses and facilities, Dickinson Community Center, Home Owner's Association, HOA, and private recreation sites, Bayou Lakes Park and WaterStreet, etc.).
- C. Aim for both continuity and loop possibilities, along with potential regional connections beyond Dickinson, recognizing that this conceptual map goes beyond just what the City of Dickinson might be able to do or maintain on its own.
- D. Look for other ways to establish continuity and fill gaps beyond what the public or local officials may think of as "trails," using existing sidewalks, paths through parks and HOA paths to make connections, along with local streets that may be conducive for on-street bike lanes with markings and signage. (This also relates to the Transportation element of the City's new Comprehensive Plan and Mobility Plan regarding bicycle/pedestrian circulation needs beyond recreation purposes.)
- E. Consider locations where bicycle/pedestrian bridges may be needed over bayous and drainage channels. This also relates to factors affecting the potential routing of a trail segment along a certain side of a water feature based on land/easement ownership, physical constraints, location of nearby population and development, other path/sidewalk connections, nearby destinations, etc.
- F. Explore potential links using utility corridors and easements, recognizing that the owners of these areas may not welcome public access for safety or other reasons, or may allow only a minimal level of improvements.
- G. Look for opportunities to route trails under busy roadways such as at Interstate 45 and along Dickinson Bayou at TX-3. Also emphasize that if there are any future road and bridge upgrades in the area, they should factor trail system connections and continuity into their design (e.g., intersection and roundabout design, enhanced crosswalks, vertical clearance under bridges, etc.).

**MAP 5.3: Connectivity Possibilities**



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The conceptual map above depicts a long-term vision for how an interconnected network of sidewalks, paths and trails could develop in and around Dickinson over time, recognizing that it can only happen over many decades as resources and viability allow – but always with an opportunistic mindset. As indicated by the first step above, the place to start is a first signature trail project that will demonstrate follow-through and build support, momentum and commitment to do more. To the extent that the City takes the lead on certain pieces of this system, a prime consideration must be ongoing maintenance cost beyond initial design and construction. Another key factor involves the cost/benefit of projected trail use per mile of trail in less densely developed areas. In such locations, sidewalk installation may make more financial sense to enhance connectivity and walkability relative to the cost and ongoing maintenance of a full trail cross section.

## COMMUNITY INPUT TO NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This component of the needs assessment incorporates the perspectives and opinions of Dickinson residents and visitors who are users of local parks, trails and other recreational facilities and programming. Even if not frequent users, due to age or other factors, most citizens generally value this aspect of municipal services and have certain expectations for what types and levels of parks and recreation service should be available to residents, as well as for visitors to the community.

### Needs and Wants

According to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, a “need” is defined as “something that a person must have; something that is needed in order to live or succeed or be happy.” Meanwhile, a “want” is defined as “something that is desired or needed.” Clearly, there is some overlap between these definitions, but the “must have” aspect of a need is one way to distinguish from the “wish list” nature of a want.

A principal responsibility of local government is to promote public health, safety and welfare. To the extent that park sites and recreational facilities are maintained in good condition, then examples of public safety issues that may arise include when a piece of playground equipment needs repair, when a trail segment needs shoring up after a flooding episode to prevent any erosion-related hazards to trail users, or when the police department is made aware of and takes steps to alleviate a security concern at a particular public location.

With regard to public health, a core function of local parks and recreation systems is to promote physical fitness, enable residents of all ages to play and enjoy leisure time outdoors, and provide opportunities for both youth and adults to participate in sports and other “active” recreational activities. Access to public parks and preserved natural areas within cities has always had a mental health component as well, especially in providing “passive” recreation options as a respite from hectic lives, busy streets and other characteristics of an urban environment.

Public welfare is a broader concept that builds on health and safety to include the general livability and attractiveness of a community. This is also where



Mobile Meeting #1 at the Christmas Market and Parade at City Hall on December 8, 2022



Baby Reading Time at the Dickinson Public Library

local parks, trails and sports facilities can contribute to the economic success of a city, as appealing “quality of life” elements and as another driver of tourism and visitation.

## Gauging Public Sentiment

The appendix to this plan, titled **APPENDIX A - Public Involvement Summary**, documents wide-ranging input to this master plan obtained through:

- A series of presentations to and discussions between the master plan consultant and City staff.
- Two rounds of informal listening sessions attended by City officials and staff, engineers, residents, representatives of local partner agencies and organizations, members of the area business community, and others.
- Emails and conversations with Galveston County, Dickinson ISD, Dickinson Historical Society and Keep Dickinson Beautiful.
- Conversations with residents and visitors at the Christmas Market and at the Festival of Lights during a brief visit there by City staff and consultant personnel to promote the online survey.
- An online community survey conducted throughout December 2022 that drew 466 responses.
- Two formal public open houses conducted in April 2023 at City Hall and one informal public open house held at the library for a week in between the two formal public open houses.
- Baby Reading Time at the Dickinson Public Library attended by City staff.



The Public Involvement Summary captures various requests and ideas from Dickinson residents about what is needed to enhance the City’s parks and recreation system, along with compilations of other desires and expectations for the future. Some of this input would translate to the City doing entirely new things (e.g., providing and maintaining public trails within the community, beyond those internal to City parks, recreational programming and popular community events), less of other things (e.g., recreation activities that are already available at local Galveston County parks, etc.). One can locate such hopes and desires through quick word searches of the appendix section, such as:

- Wish (as in "I Wish Dickinson Could Have" and "Wish List").
- What Would You Like to See.
- Ideas for Improvements.
- Priority Improvements.



Mobile Meeting #2 at the Festival of Lights at Paul Hopkins Park on December 17, 2022

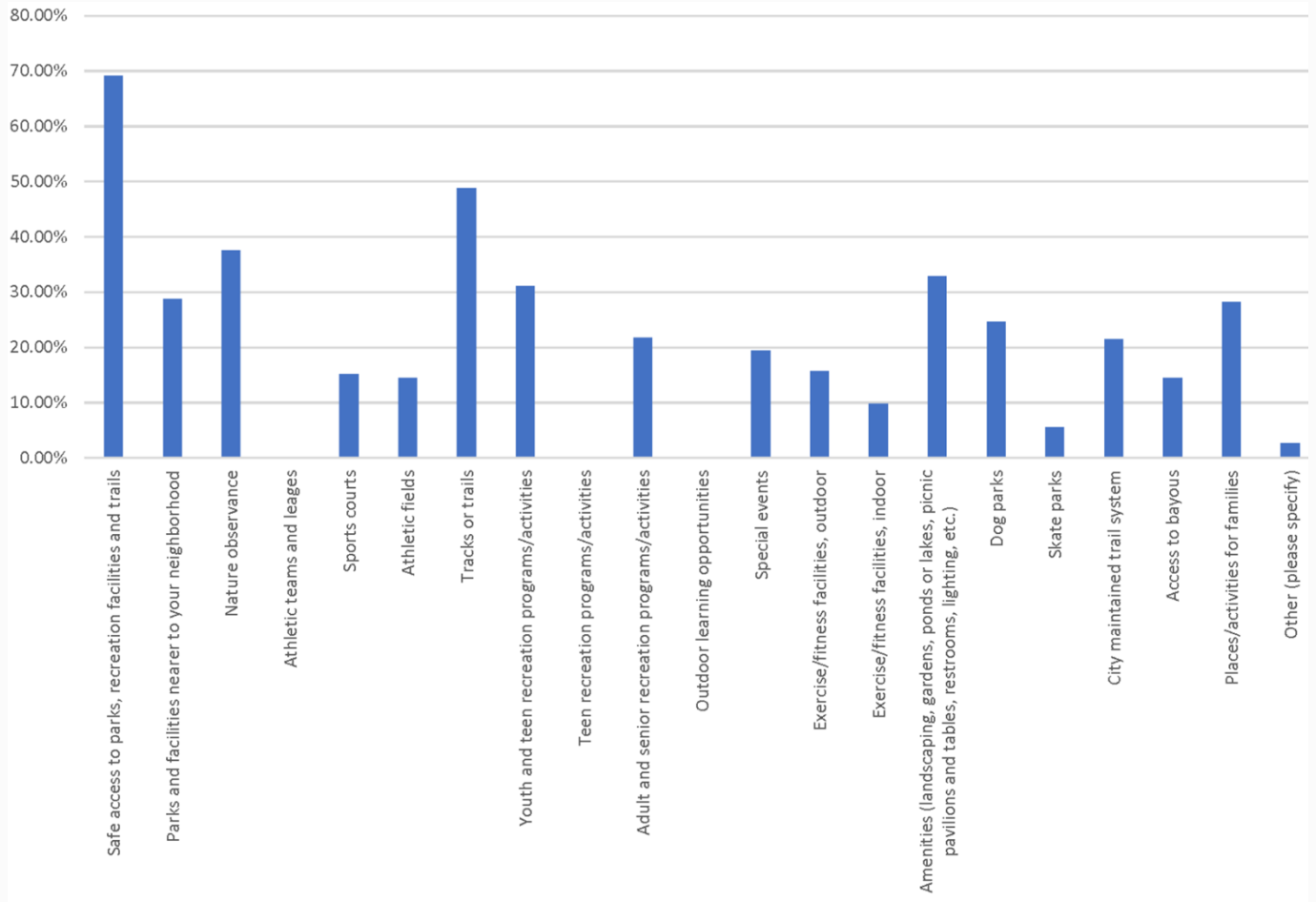
Many of the most commonly heard themes and items are also reflected in the responses to a key question from the online community survey:

**Question 14: Please select your top five priorities for improving parks and programming in Dickinson.**

As shown in the chart below, the top five priorities selected from among 20 options were:

- A. Safe access to parks, recreation facilities and trails (69.2%)
- B. Tracks or trails (48.8%)
- C. Nature observance (37.5%)
- D. Amenities (landscaping, gardens, ponds or lakes, picnic pavilions and tables, restrooms, lighting, etc.) (32.9%)
- E. Youth and teen recreation programs/activities (31.1%)

**Top Five Priorities?**





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Safe access to parks, recreation facilities and trails	69.19%	238
Parks and facilities nearer to your neighborhood	28.78%	99
Nature observance	37.50%	129
Athletic teams and leagues	0.00%	0
Sports courts	15.12%	52
Athletic fields	14.53%	50
Tracks or trails	48.84%	168
Youth and teen recreation programs/activities	31.10%	107
Teen recreation programs/activities	0.00%	0
Adult and senior recreation programs/activities	21.80%	75
Outdoor learning opportunities	0.00%	0
Special events	19.48%	67
Exercise/fitness facilities, outdoor	15.70%	54
Exercise/fitness facilities, indoor	9.88%	34
Amenities (landscaping, gardens, ponds or lakes, picnic pavilions and tables, restrooms, lighting, etc.)	32.85%	113
Dog parks	24.71%	85
Skate parks	5.52%	19
City maintained trail system	21.51%	74
Access to bayous	14.53%	50
Places/activities for families	28.20%	97
Other (please specify)	2.62%	9
Total Respondents: 344		

A final open-ended survey question (#19) yielded a long list of ideas for amenities that could be added to Dickinson parks and trails:

- More nature trails.
- Better softball fields.
- Improvement of park maintenance, proper restroom facilities, and more playground locations.
- Sidewalks.
- Better lighting.

- Sportsplex.
- Parks that connect to bayou for fishing.
- Splash pad.
- Dog parks.

For a complete list of ideas, see [Public Involvement Summary: Online Community Survey](#) in the appendix.

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**Question 17** also asked survey respondents to provide suggestions for how Dickinson parks and recreation services could achieve an "A" grade if they had not already rated it that high:

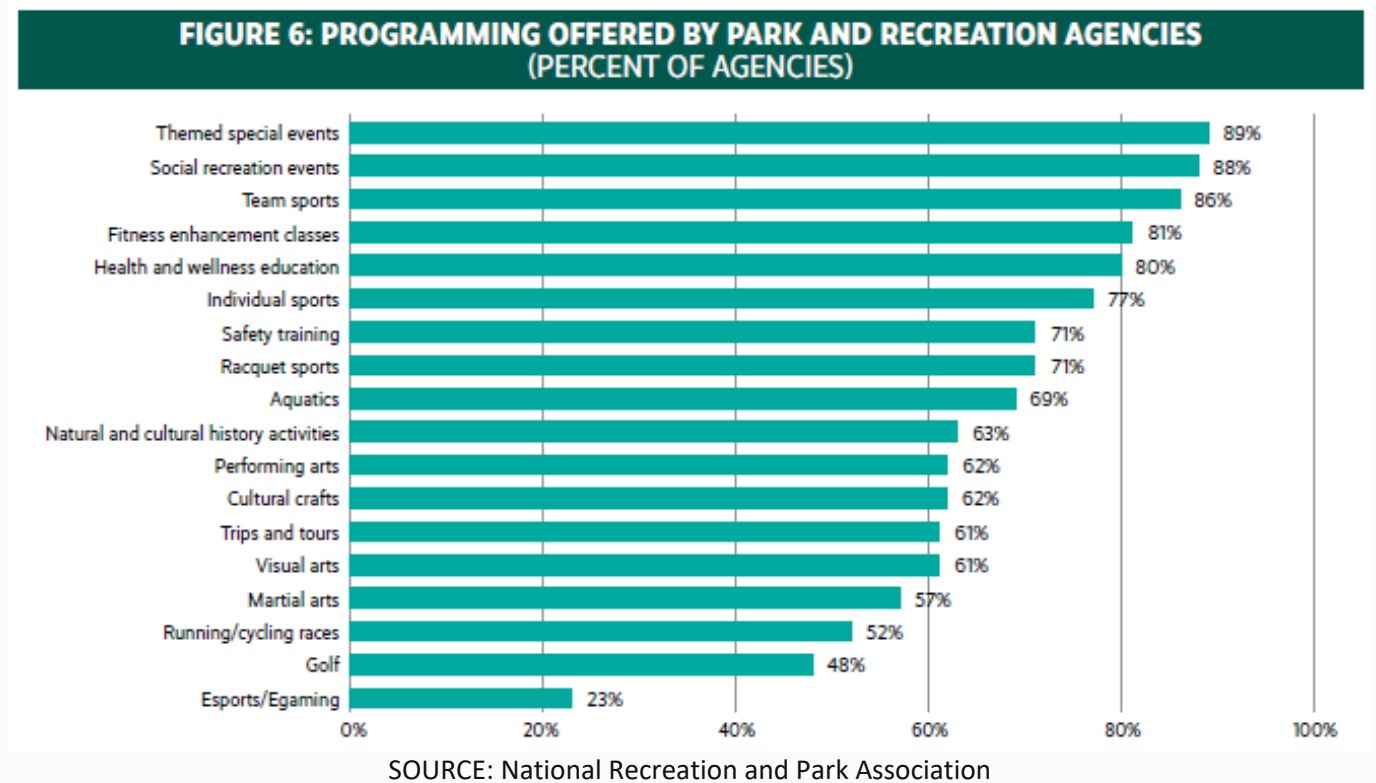
- More walking trails.
- Cleaner bathrooms with necessary supplies.
- Safer, cleaner.
- More family areas, playgrounds, safe areas and nature trails.
- Better softball fields.
- More amenities.
- Having more choices for water activity on the bayou.
- Bigger parks.
- More maintenance and upkeep with the parks, proper restroom facilities and more park and playground locations.
- Parks could use upgrades and more community events (e.g., fun run).
- Trails along the water, maybe with facilities across from Hopkins Park via a bridge.
- Not enough trails or other activities to do.
- More green spaces and trails.
- More family parks.
- Recreation/athletic programs for the youth.
- Upgrade of existing fields.
- Soccer fields and basketball courts.
- Safety and accessibility.
- Accessible playground.
- Sidewalk, walking trails.
- New playgrounds / water fountains.
- Dog park.
- More visibility.
- Better ground maintenance.

- Update all around.
- More trails closer to home.
- More parking.
- Splash pad.
- Covered pavilion.
- Athletic programs.

For a complete list of ideas, see [Public Involvement Summary: Online Community Survey](#) in the appendix.

## Recreational Programming

With the City of Dickinson interested in building recreational programming offerings, and with residents providing their suggestions, it is helpful to consider NRPA survey findings regarding programming. The chart below from the 2023 *NRPA Agency Performance Review* shows the percentage of local agencies, across communities of all population sizes, that provide various types of programming.



The next table from NRPA shows the percentage of local agencies that provide specific programming types for target populations, with the column highlighted for communities in the 20,000-49,000 population range.

**FIGURE 7: TARGETED PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN, OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES  
(PERCENT OF AGENCIES BY JURISDICTION POPULATION)**

	Percent of Agencies	Less Than 20,000	20,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 250,000	More Than 250,000
Summer camp	82%	60%	86%	93%	86%	90%
Specific senior programs	77	61	77	87	84	77
Specific teen programs	65	43	61	77	77	78
Programs for people with disabilities	63	34	55	80	78	81
Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs	58	42	49	68	64	71
After-school programs	53	45	47	53	57	69
Preschool	33	24	32	44	34	33
Before-school programs	19	16	19	21	17	18
Full daycare	7	5	6	11	4	12

SOURCE: National Recreation and Park Association

It is notable that the City does not currently provide the top items in both the chart above (themed special events) and the table above (summer camps).

## **PRIORITIES AND IMPLEMENTATION**



**Adopted July 11, 2023**

This final Master Plan section lays out an action agenda for expanding, improving and diversifying the City's system of parks and recreation sites, trails and other facilities. This agenda follows from all the previous sections of this plan that considered the local characteristics and context of Dickinson, its demographic trends and population growth outlook, local goals and standards for provision of public parks and recreation opportunities, the current inventory of available sites and facilities, and needs identified for the system based on both planning analysis and consideration of national benchmarks, as well as input from the community and City leadership.

Establishing an implementation strategy is the most essential step of the planning process. Even after the plan is adopted, it will remain a "working" document that should be reviewed regularly and updated periodically to ensure decisions and actions continue to meet evolving community needs and priorities. Also of paramount importance is ongoing consistency between this Master Plan and other City of Dickinson plans and policies (e.g., Comprehensive Plan, utility infrastructure and street improvement plans, storm drainage plans, land development regulations, etc.).



Paul Hopkins Park picnic table with view of Dickinson Bayou

## IMPORTANCE OF THIS PLAN

This plan is designed to enable the City to provide quality parks and recreation amenities to its constituents at a sustainable level of service within the City's budget and staff resources.

### Implementation Success Factors

Several key factors will be integral to the successful implementation of this plan, including the dedication of the City's leadership and staff, continued public involvement, integration of this plan's priorities into other capital projects, and ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

#### Dedication of the City's Leadership

Members of the City Council, City staff and the community must assume ownership of the plan for its vision and priorities to become reality. Of particular importance is an annual review process to update and amend the plan, as warranted, and to keep current its project and programming recommendations.

The City's annual and ongoing capital projects planning should reflect completed park and recreation system improvements and next priorities and initiatives for upcoming years.

#### Ongoing Public and Stakeholder Engagement

The City solicited the community's input and ideas during the preparation of this plan to help prioritize facility and programming needs. This input should continue by way of regular listening sessions, periodic online surveys, social media updates and posted responses to "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQs), social media polls for feedback on improvements made, and continued interaction with local volunteer groups, such as the Dickinson Festival of Lights Society, Keep Dickinson Beautiful and the Dickinson Historical Society, as well as parents of school-age children and representatives of the Dickinson Independent School District.

**Paul Hopkins Park**



Fishing pier bridge

## Internal Coordination

Along with the City's future Parks and Recreation Department, other City departments have roles in implementing this plan. This may include, among others:

- Communications and Special Events Department for promoting Dickinson's recreational assets and welcoming visitors to the community.
- Community Development Department for ongoing coordination with overall city planning and guidance of land development activity, which may involve potential land dedications to the City and/or private provision of recreation facilities and open space.
- Dickinson Public Library for fostering a dynamic community hub and providing programming and information for all.
- Finance Department for annual budgeting and fee-based programming.
- Fire Marshal's Office for capital projects planning and pertinent street and utility infrastructure considerations.
- Police Department for general public safety, especially for those walking, jogging and biking for recreation, and for security at the City's park sites and facilities.
- Public Works for implementation of City capital projects, maintenance support, and utility and drainage considerations.
- Volunteer Fire Department for general public safety and emergency medical services response.

## Public and Stakeholder Engagement



Public Open House at the Library

## Collaboration with Key Partners

Collaboration with local and regional partners is increasingly important given fiscal constraints and considering shared missions and objectives across public, private and non-profit organizations. This plan advises the City to actively promote strong partnerships through intergovernmental and/or cooperative agreements for the provision and maintenance of park and trail facilities, public and semi-public open space, and recreation programs. Working with various partners will enable the City to build on past successes and lessons learned by others involved in parks and recreation. Such collaboration can lead to leveraging of limited resources, gaining efficiencies and ultimately achieving a multi-faceted park, trails and recreation system. The City's key partners include:

- Galveston County.
- Dickinson Art Guild.
- Dickinson Independent School District.
- Area drainage districts and municipal utility districts.
- Houston-Galveston Area Council.

- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- Texas Department of Transportation.
- Dickinson Downtown Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, TIRZ.
- Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Dickinson Economic Development Council.
- Keep Dickinson Beautiful.
- Dickinson Historical Society.
- Dickinson Festival of Lights Society.
- Dickinson Bayou Watershed Committee.
- Area homeowner and community associations.
- Local employers and business community.

The opportunity to build partnerships should be an ongoing process during the initial five-year Master Plan horizon and beyond.



### **Role of the City**

The City's role will be to increase its commitment of financial and human resources concurrent with the changing dynamics of the parks and recreation system. The addition of new or re-purposed amenities and programming may also warrant additional staffing, equipment and operations-and-maintenance budget to manage and maintain City properties and facility assets effectively if acquired from Galveston County. Undoubtedly, the City will face challenges in implementing this plan, including escalating maintenance costs, potential land acquisitions, permission to use rights-of-way controlled by other public or private entities, and increased fees commensurate with rising costs, among others. As noted above, one way to lessen these challenges is through partnerships with other providers and supporters. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will likely be a key funding source and technical assistance provider given its lead role at the state level. It is advisable to make maximum use of these financial assistance programs to leverage funding, especially for the most significant projects. A list of this and other potential [Funding Sources](#) and programs is included later in this section.

## Evaluation

As with any plan, this Master Plan must be kept up to date on a regular basis. Although this plan considers community needs over the next 10 to 20 years, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recommends a five-year plan focus. Therefore, City staff should look ahead to a full update of this plan by 2028-29, at the latest. During the interim, staff and the City Council should annually review and periodically amend the plan to reflect any changes in near-term priorities, funding availability and the community's evolving needs and attitudes. Annual reviews will ensure that the recommended actions are viable, realistic and reconciled with the City's capital and operating budgets. These reviews will also help Dickinson officials gauge progress made in meeting the plan's [Goals and Objectives](#).

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## MASTER PLAN ACTION AGENDA

The action agenda is presented in **Table 6.1, Project Priorities and Implementation Considerations**, which includes the following information:

- **What is the relative priority of each project?** In accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department guidance for local master plans, the six highest-priority initiatives to pursue in the near term (Years 1-5) are listed in Table 6.1 and ranked in priority order, although it is anticipated that the City will take some level of action on all of these items starting in Year 1 and then continuing over multiple annual budget cycles. Once detailed project planning proceeds, each of these can be broken down into smaller chronological steps and phases, including potential interim investments and tangible "early win" outcomes.
- **What type of project is it?** The Master Plan process has resulted in identification of mostly outdoor recreation needs and priorities, which is the first type of project categorization (Outdoor/Indoor). Then, projects are classified as involving entirely new improvements, some form of enhancement of existing sites, or more significant renovation or redevelopment of current facilities. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department defines "renovation" as "work on existing facilities to completely renew, update, or modernize such facilities so the finished product will meet present-day standards and be comparable with newly constructed similar facilities." Projects classified as "redevelopment" go even further as they involve "the removal of obsolete facilities and construction of new ones."
- **What are key considerations for each project?** Such considerations involve reasons a project is needed, potential benefits that justify its relative ranking, and other factors that may make implementation easier or more difficult compared to other projects.
- **What are potential resources for accomplishing the project, both financial and otherwise?** This column in Table 6.1 identifies typical funding sources as highlighted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, including City resources, in-kind labor and other forms of non-monetary support (e.g., land donations, easement access, etc.), grant opportunities (whether from state and federal agencies, foundations or other non-profit entities), and sponsorships and donations (whether from large or small businesses, partner organizations or individual philanthropic donations of land and/or cash).

- **Who are potential partners to lead, cost-share or otherwise assist the City in advancing a specific project?** Partnership possibilities can come in all forms, so the ones listed in Table 6.1 are often the most obvious but should be only a starting point for project implementation efforts.
- **What is the potential magnitude of cost, and what cost factors are involved?** Table 6.1 indicates a relative cost-range level of High (\$\$\$), Medium (\$\$) or Low (\$) at this early stage, pending more details on project design, level of amenities and other specific cost factors.

The year cited for each initiative in Table 6.1 indicates when activity would potentially begin, recognizing that some of these items are already progressing. Steps that start a project in motion can include preliminary planning and conceptual design, budgeting, grant applications and other fundraising, new and renewed partnerships, etc. Some relatively inexpensive and “low hanging fruit” projects can be completed relatively quickly while others will require multiple years of determined effort before a ribbon cutting can be scheduled.

Table 6.1 is also broken down into two categories of priorities: Project Priorities and Administration Priorities. The Project Priorities are dependent on some of the Administration Priorities getting accomplished first. For example, in the event that the City is not able to secure ownership of the Galveston County parks located in Dickinson, it is highly recommended that the City consider an Interlocal Agreement to allow the City to assist in the maintenance and security of the County parks. If Galveston County does transfer ownership to the City of Dickinson, it is advised that the projects identified at each park are grouped together when applying for grants even though the park projects may be spread out among several priorities. This method will help the City address each of its top six priorities with just one park project.

**TABLE 6.1: Project Priorities and Implementation Considerations**



Implementation Step Number	Implementation Step Description	Time Frame <sup>1</sup> (by fiscal year)	Cost Level <sup>2</sup>					Potential Funding Sources <sup>3</sup>
<b>PROJECT PRIORITIES</b>								
<b>Priority 1. Upgrade park security and add lights in and around parks and trails.</b>								
1A.	Create a line item(s) in the City's CIP to fund safety features such as lights, security lights, park security, etc.	FY 2024					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City funds               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual budget</li> <li>• Capital projects budget</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Potential grant funding</li> <li>• Potential partnerships to leverage funds</li> <li>• Potential sponsors / donors</li> <li>• Potential in-kind volunteer labor</li> </ul>	
1B.	Identify park(s) each budget year to install safety improvements based on frequency of use, existing crime rate and unique park considerations.	FY 2024						
1C.	Design and install safety improvements at Ray Holbrook Park.	FY 2024-2026						
1D.	Design and install safety improvements at Paul Hopkins Park.	FY 2024-2025						
1E.	Design and install safety improvements at the Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp.	FY 2026-2028						
<b>Priority 2. Create a network of hiking, biking and walking trails to provide recreational activities within the parks and to link parks, HOAs, DISD campuses and residential neighborhoods.</b>								
2A.	Ensure that the City's parkland dedication requirements and parkland fee-in lieu of dedication requirements and subsequent parkland improvements, occur during the first phase of subdivision development and during all other development processes where the demand for additional parkland may be generated, which is primarily the site plan review process.	FY 2024-ongoing					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City funds               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual budget</li> <li>• Capital projects budget</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Potential grant funding</li> <li>• Potential partnerships to leverage funds</li> <li>• Potential sponsors / donors</li> <li>• Potential in-kind volunteer labor</li> <li>• Texas Parks and Wildlife Recreational Trails Grants</li> </ul>	
2B.	Ensure the parkland dedication requirements establish the legal authority to allow the City the ability to devote more funding, and funding priority to develop community scale parks so that the City has the opportunity to develop larger parks that benefit a larger service area.	FY 2024-ongoing						
2C.	Include provisions and some degree of surety that will require an implementation timetable for the installation of parks to ensure that developers follow-through in their construction in a timely matter.	FY 2024-ongoing						
2D.	Identify unimproved land, electric, and pipeline easements that may be appropriate for trails or other open space.	FY 2024-2025						
2E.	Develop an Adopt-a-Park program for parks within neighborhoods.	FY 2025						
2F.	Design and construct walking trails within Ray Holbrook Park.	FY 2024-2029						

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*In the online version of this plan, click on the image above to open a larger view of the five-page table.*

## OTHER POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Needs Assessment section of this plan included a longer “needs and wants” list. Some are ambitious “big ticket” items that will remain for longer-term consideration after more immediate priorities are satisfied through the action agenda above, or until some change in circumstances (e.g., emergence of a willing and eager partner/financier) that causes a reassessment of priorities through a later Master Plan update. Example items that fit this description include:

- Hills with slides and tunnels built into them.
- New Community Center.
- Outdoor restrooms.
- Pickleball courts (stand-alone, not by re-striping existing tennis courts, etc.).
- Public swimming pool.
- Skate park with bowls and ramps.
- Splash pad, with coverings for summer.
- Sportsplex.

Other items on the “needs and wants” list are smaller-scale ideas or special interest features that might be incorporated as a component of larger projects or pursued on their own when certain factors are in place (e.g., a definitive funding vehicle, a willing and eager partner, a targeted donation, etc.). Example items that fit this description include:

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant equipment.
- Dog parks.
- Frisbee golf.
- Kayak launch.
- Multi-purpose open space.
- Public art.
- Safety / security upgrades.
- Sidewalks.
- Swings.
- Trees.
- Walking trails.

### Paul Hopkins Park



Nature signage along Dickinson Bayou and trail

## Site-Specific Improvements

The Public Involvement Summary Appendix to this plan includes items and ideas that were identified for specific park sites, including the:

- Park-Specific Comments noted during Listening Sessions Round 1 of 2;
- Park-Specific Comments noted during Listening Sessions Round 2 of 2 (Public Open Houses);
- Park-Specific Comments noted during Online Survey;
- Park-Specific Comments noted during Mobile Meetings at the Christmas Market at City Hall and the Festival of Lights at Paul Hopkins Park; and
- Other comments scattered throughout the Appendix where particular park names are called out.

Many of these observations and requests would amount to “repairs and maintenance” that are not eligible for grant assistance through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, although other partners, sponsors or donors may take interest in assisting with particular items.

Also, important not to overlook through this Master Plan are “the basics” of park design, site amenities and recreational programming that should be incorporated across the parks and recreation system where most needed, appropriate and affordable. Example features, which may involve upgrades to or renovation of existing features, include:

- Accessibility improvements to parks, trails and areas around sports fields for better accommodation of disabled residents and visitors.
- Beautification plantings (flowers, shrubs, trees), and use of low-maintenance landscape options, including safe edibles.
- Drinking fountains.
- Family-oriented activities and programming, including low-cost options.
- Fencing where needed near or around certain activity areas (e.g., playgrounds, sports courts, etc.).
- Informal fields (for sports practice with backstops, sports play, events, random use).
- Lighting, as appropriate.
- Parking.
- Pavilions.
- School play/field areas (greater informal public use beyond school hours).
- Seating.
- Shade features (trees/vegetation or structural).
- Trail enhancements (e.g., mileage markers, benches, interpretive/educational signage, stretching/exercise stations, etc.).
- Trail loops.
- Trash and recycling receptacles.

## Potential Priorities for Next Master Plan Update

Considerations for the next Master Plan update, which were beyond the scope and available budget for this first-time parks master plan for Dickinson, include:

- **Staffing Assessment.** Complete an analysis of future City parks and recreation staffing relative to overall departmental responsibilities and operations and maintenance demands, with comparison to staffing arrangements at comparable cities with similar parkland, facility and recreational programming scenarios. This is another area where metrics and comparison data are available from the annual *NRPA Agency Performance Review* published by the National Recreation and Park Association.
- **Recreational Programming Assessment.** After the City and County expand on their current recreational programming, conduct an in-depth assessment, especially as this may help clarify additional partnership opportunities and grant possibilities to pursue through the Indoor Recreation portion of the Local Parks Grant Program administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

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## FUNDING SOURCES

This final portion of the plan highlights funding sources, besides the City's financing tools and revenue streams, that may be relevant to implementing this Master Plan. The following list highlights the most pertinent, along with additional opportunities. Much of this information is drawn from the **Parks and Natural Areas Funding Opportunities webpage** maintained by the Houston-Galveston Area Council, which the City can readily monitor for new additions and updates, at: <https://www.h-gac.com/parks-and-natural-areas/funding-opportunities>.

### Federal and State Funding Sources

#### Challenge Cost Share Program

The Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Challenge Cost Share program is intended to support specific National Park Service mission-related projects that align with the goals of project partners, including local governments. Challenge Cost Share projects must support one or more of the following funding themes:

- Addressing the climate crisis;
- Conservation projects (lands and waters);
- Advancing equity for youth from underserved communities; and
- Outdoor recreation.

The maximum allotment per project is \$25,000. The partner organization is required to match the amount of the Challenge Cost Share program funding received with an equal share from the partner(s). Any combination of dollars and in-kind services can be counted toward the partner's cost share requirement, as long as the match comes from non-federal sources. More information is available at: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1837/index.htm>.

### Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Funding

While this Master Plan was nearing completion, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) had begun its next annual application round for its Local Parks Grants Program. This program is highly popular with – and very competitive among – cities and other local units of government statewide that provide public recreation services (e.g., counties, river authorities, municipal utility districts, and other special districts).

The six sub-programs provide a range of matching grants on a reimbursement basis to eligible applicants. All grant-assisted sites must be dedicated as parkland in perpetuity, properly maintained and open to the public. Program funding comes from a portion of the state sales tax on sporting goods, supplemented by federal offshore gas royalties through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Dickinson is eligible for these programs as they are designated for political subdivisions of the State of Texas legally responsible for providing public recreation services to their citizens.

The application process is handled entirely online at <https://tpwd-recgrants.intelligrants.com/login2.aspx>. TPWD evaluates submitted applications using its Priority Scoring System, and funding recommendations are presented to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission for final grant award decisions. All related program information and contacts for assistance are available at:

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/#outdoor>

### Local Park Grant Program: Non-Urban Indoor/Outdoor Recreation

Assists eligible entities from non-urban communities with a population of 500,000 or less with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities throughout Texas.

<b>Offered By</b>	<b>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</b>
<b>Eligible Entities</b>	Local governments, river authorities, municipal utility districts (MUDs), other special districts
<b>Max/Min Award per Project</b>	\$1 million maximum for Indoor \$750,000 maximum for Outdoor
<b>Match Required</b>	50%
<b>Applications Due</b>	TBD for Indoor application round August 1 for Outdoor application round
<b>Website for Details</b>	<a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/about-local-parks-grants">https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/about-local-parks-grants</a>

### Community Outdoor Outreach Program (Co-Op)

Provides reimbursement grants for programming that introduces under-served populations to environmental and conservation programs. Eligible expenses can include personnel, food, travel expenses, participant liability insurance, entrance fees, outdoor recreation equipment and environmental education supplies.

Offered By	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Eligible Entities	Non-traditional constituents to TPWD related outdoor recreation, conservation, and environmental education programs; local governments; tax exempt organizations
Max/Min Award per Project	\$70,000 maximum
Match Required	N/A
Applications Due	November 1
Website for Details	<a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/community-outdoor-outreach-program-co-op-grants">https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/community-outdoor-outreach-program-co-op-grants</a>

### Recreational Trails Fund

Provides funding for motorized and non-motorized recreational trail projects such as the construction of new recreational trails, to improve existing trails, to develop trailheads or trailside facilities, and to acquire trail corridors. Funding is provided on a cost reimbursement basis.

Offered By	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Eligible Entities	Local governments, river authorities, municipal utility districts (MUDs), other special districts, federal land managers, nonprofits
Max/Min Award per Project	\$300,000 maximum for non-motorized trails \$600,000 maximum for motorized trails
Match Required	Reimbursement grants up to 80%
Applications Due	February 1
Website for Details	<a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants">https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/recreational-trails-grants</a>



### Boating Access Grants

Provides reimbursement grants for the development of boat launching facilities, including land acquisition, ramps, boat lifts, signage, restrooms, parking areas, etc.

<b>Offered By</b>	<b>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department</b>
<b>Eligible Entities</b>	Local, state and federal governments
<b>Max/Min Award per Project</b>	\$500,000 maximum
<b>Match Required</b>	25%
<b>Applications Due</b>	February 1
<b>Website for Details</b>	<a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/boating-access">https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/grants/recreation-grants/boating-access</a>

### Conservation Grant Funding (Birding)

Provides conservation funding for nature tourism and avian habitat restoration, enhancement and acquisition projects.

<b>Offered By</b>	<b>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - Great Texas Birding Classic</b>
<b>Eligible Entities</b>	Local, state and federal governments, nonprofits, tribes, community groups
<b>Max/Min Award per Project</b>	\$1,000 - \$10,000
<b>Match Required</b>	Not required, but encouraged
<b>Applications Due</b>	May 1
<b>Website for Details</b>	<a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/events/great-texas-birding-classic/prizes">https://tpwd.texas.gov/events/great-texas-birding-classic/prizes</a>

## Private Programs

### Stronger Region

Supports capital improvement, research, public policy, public engagement, general operating support and capacity-building projects that strengthen the capacity and resiliency of greater Houston.

Offered By	Houston Endowment
Eligible Entities	Harris County and its contiguous counties (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller counties), nonprofits
Max/Min Award per Project	N/A
Match Required	None
Applications Due	Rolling
Website for Details	<a href="https://www.houstonendowment.org/grantmaking/applicants/">https://www.houstonendowment.org/grantmaking/applicants/</a>

### Kaboom! Grants Program

Promotes development of outdoor playgrounds.

Offered By	Kaboom!
Eligible Entities	City and county governments, schools, child-serving nonprofits, particularly in the Houston area
Max/Min Award per Project	Varies by program
Match Required	Varies by program
Applications Due	Varies by program
Website for Details	<a href="https://kaboom.org/grants">https://kaboom.org/grants</a>

### Shade Structure Grant Program

Funds the installation of permanent shade structures to cover outdoor areas not protected from the sun, such as playgrounds, pools or recreation spaces.

<b>Offered By</b>	<b>American Academy of Dermatology</b>
<b>Eligible Entities</b>	Public schools, nonprofits
<b>Max/Min Award per Project</b>	\$8,000 maximum
<b>Match Required</b>	None
<b>Applications Due</b>	December
<b>Website for Details</b>	<a href="https://www.aad.org/public/public-health/shade-structure-grants">https://www.aad.org/public/public-health/shade-structure-grants</a>

### Skatepark Grants

Promotes building new, high quality, public skateparks in low-income areas throughout the United States.

<b>Offered By</b>	<b>Skate Park Project</b>
<b>Eligible Entities</b>	State and local agencies, nonprofits
<b>Max/Min Award per Project</b>	\$1,000 - \$25,000
<b>Match Required</b>	None
<b>Applications Due</b>	January and August
<b>Website for Details</b>	<a href="https://skatepark.org/the-skatepark-project-grants/">https://skatepark.org/the-skatepark-project-grants/</a>

## Technical Assistance

### National Park Service (NPS) - River, Trails, and Conservation Assistance

The NPS's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program (NPS-RTCA) supports locally-led conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the nation. NPS-RTCA assists communities and public land managers in developing or restoring parks, conservation areas, rivers and wildlife habitats, as well as creating outdoor recreation opportunities and programs that engage future generations in the outdoors.

NPS-RTCA does not provide financial assistance or monetary grants. As a collaborative partner, NPS provides professional services to help achieve local conservation and outdoor recreation project objectives. Through an application process, local governments are among those eligible for the technical assistance program, along with community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, national parks, and state and federal agencies. Details are available at: <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm>.

# APPENDIX A: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY



**Adopted July 11, 2023**

This appendix section documents and provides highlights from the various leadership, stakeholder and community engagement activities that were completed in support of the master plan process. These activities occurred from October 2022 through March 2023, after which a final proposed plan was the subject of a City Council public hearing in June 2023 and then considered by Council for adoption as an official Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan of the City July 11, 2023.

## Public Involvement Summary: City Staff Meeting 1

Personnel with master plan consultant, Kendig Keast Collaborative (KKC), attended the Staff meeting on October 3, 2022, to provide an overview of the project scope and timeline and facilitate discussion on initial issues, needs and priorities. Below is a summary of the accomplishments, priorities and challenges that were discussed.

**Listening Session Informal Discussion: City Staff**



## Accomplishments

- Paul Hopkins Park
  - The park was built and maintained by Galveston County. It is currently the main park and attraction in Dickinson. The Dickinson Festival of Lights is held there every year.
- City Hall and Dickinson Library Open Space
  - The open field area just east of the City Hall and Dickinson Library is used for community events.

## Priorities

- Purchase or obtain Paul Hopkins Park, Ray Holbrook Park and Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp from Galveston County.
- Form a Parks and Recreation Department.
- Maintain and upgrade existing parks.
- Develop a trail system including trails, bikeways and sidewalks to and within the parks to increase connectivity.
- Develop interlocal agreements with Homeowner Associations (HOAs) and Dickinson Independent School District (DISD) to be able to tie into their trails and utilize their facilities.

## Challenges

- The City does not own any parks.
- Dickinson does not have many pocket parks.
- Neighborhoods haven't been required to put parks in.
- Dickinson does not have any parks on the south side of the bayou and accessibility south of the bayou is a challenge.
- There isn't any connectivity. Biking opportunities are needed.
- The streets are unsafe for pedestrians or bicyclists. There are limited sidewalks.
- Some of the biggest challenges are creating a paddle / kayak trail and requiring an easement or setback for a trail, which will be difficult because the properties along the bayou are mostly privately owned and are built up already.
- The City needs a larger open space for outside events.
- The city and parks have limited lighting and are, therefore, dangerous for pedestrians.
- Right-of-Way are limited and, thus, bike lanes and sidewalks or large sidewalks are limited.
- Bayou and tributaries are too shallow in certain areas.

## **Public Involvement Summary: Listening Sessions Round 1 of 2**

KKC personnel facilitated a series of four informal listening sessions at City Hall on October 3-4, 2022. Approximately 20 individuals were engaged throughout this activity. Participants ranged from individuals who work in the community but live elsewhere to individuals who were born and raised in Dickinson alongside their families. Groups represented included, local businesses, residents, employees, City officials and staff. Sessions were organized into four categories: City staff (Planning Department, Economic Development, Code Enforcement, Fire Marshall, Permitting Department, Assistant Building Official and Chief Building Official), realtors, external staff (Engineering Consultant and Water District #1) and developers, builders and architects. Some attendees attended multiple sessions.

Session attendees were asked questions ranging from strengths and opportunities for Dickinson parks, "I wish Dickinson could have" items and other non-City recreational facilities used. Attendees were also invited to place stickers on the map of Dickinson to show potential locations of where they believe a park should be located.

The same general list of questions framed each session and certain topics were expanded upon. Individuals did not have answers to some of the questions, so the questions that received little to no response are not included below. The overall listening session results are summarized below.

### **Listening Session Informal Discussion: Round 1 of 2**





**When you're traveling or people ask where you're from, what do you tell them about Dickinson?  
How do you describe this community?**

- Dickinson Bayou is the anchor of Dickinson and is attractive.
- The residents love the trees and the nature.
- The people are friendly.
- In the past, Dickinson has been referred to as a bedroom community.
- Others feel that Dickinson is a pass-through community.
- Pastoral community.
- Dickinson has a lot of opportunity.

**Is parks and recreation a strength of the community and a great part of living here – or an area that may need more attention and resources?**

**Positives**

- Residents like the historical nature of Paul Hopkins Park and that the park is a reflection park where you can see wildlife.

**Ideas for Improvements**

- Dickinson is in dire need of parks. The City does not own any parks, the County does and neighborhoods have not been required to provide a park. The few neighborhood parks that have been built are private parks.
- If possible, brand County parks within Dickinson.
- Parks need better maintenance.
- Not enough parking at Paul Hopkins Park.
- Paul Hopkins Park is not a kid-friendly park and needs more amenities.
- Signalized intersections are needed.
- Recreation center with swimming pool, skatepark, dog park and a variety of courts / playing fields is desired.
- Multi-purpose green space using federal funding for park/drainage projects are preferred.

**Which parks or other recreation sites have you visited in Dickinson? What draws you to certain locations more than others?**

**Positives**

- One resident enjoys the water, bridge and walking trail at Paul Hopkins Park. Also, likes that it is central in the community.

### **Ideas for Improvements**

- Paul Hopkins Park needs better lighting, better security, better and more sidewalks within it and to it, more areas to sit and variety, updated playground, a variety of types of play equipment (sensory with sand, digging areas, swings, lighted sports areas, water stations and make the park dog friendly).
- Enhancing Ray Holbrook Park to have additional amenities (e.g., playground equipment, covered patio, lighting, BBQ grills, dredging it and creating a swimming area) and enlarging the softball field to have tournaments and draw people into Dickinson. Park could also include a dog park at the end of the baseball field.
- One resident visited a park elsewhere where the City managed to do all of the amenities in one location.
  - The park had old looking buildings, bottom retail and professional space, second story lofts, parking in front of that, open green area, large screen to watch football, tiny football field, area above it for parents to watch and small conference space called Butler's Court (similar to Pittsburg, California).

**Tell us more about the “wish list” items you added. Are there park/trail/recreation features you’ve seen in other places you’ve lived or visited that you wish were in Dickinson?**

- Most people travel outside of Dickinson for parks, trails and recreation features.
- Variety of types of play:
  - Sensory with sand
  - Digging
  - Swings
  - Lighted sports areas
  - Water stations
- Fitness equipment along trail.
- Bike repair stations.
- Dog waste stations.
- Need football fields, baseball fields, basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts, racquetball courts, pickleball courts and soccer fields.
- Need batting cages, mini golf, skatepark and a pool.

### **Which draws you to parks outside of Dickinson?**

- One resident likes Resoft Brazoria County Park in Alvin where they have picnic tables, playsets, hills, tunnels, courts, fields and restrooms all at one park.
- Kerrville Park has a 6-mile walking trail.
- Some parks that the residents have visited managed to provide all of the amenities in one location.

### **Other comments:**

- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is planning sidewalks potentially at Hughes Road, FM 517, TX-3 and California Street, but the sidewalks may be taken out due to budget.

- Huitt Zollars (another City of Dickinson consultant) stated that they have been working with DISD to create a trails and network to the middle school, high school and their surrounding neighborhoods.
- California Street is a huge opportunity for connectivity.
- On Deats Road, drainage and sidewalk improvements are currently underway.
- On the west side of Nichols, a sidewalk improvement project is underway.
- Recommend continuing trail on Gum Bayou and connecting parks and destinations.
- Right-of-way are limited.
- On the west side of TX-3 between FM 517 and FM 646, a wide sidewalk is planned that could potentially act as a trail and tie into the trail system.
- The TX-3 boat ramp might be a good area to connect the trails.
- Opportunity for 45th Street to be known as the Green Corridor.
- South of bayou will have kayak launch and bridge and will connect to Hughes Road. There is an opportunity to connect a walking bridge to Hopkins Park.
- Proposed marina near Zempter Park can have a splash pad.
- League City has funding to do improvements on bayou but not much room for trails.
- Bayou Lakes is going to have storm water detention with a trail around the pond. City could potentially have an interlocal agreement with the HOA.
- City does not require a HOA.
- Biking is big on TX- 3 and FM 517.
- Signalized intersections are needed.
- Lighting is terrible within Dickinson and the parks. There are no security lights or emergency call stations.
- Dickinson does not have any YMCAs.
- Events are posted on social media, but there are not a lot of events in Dickinson.
- Parks can be used as a flex park but needs sufficient power sources.
- Most people have to play sports in League City.
- Quality of park area required.
  - Lack of criteria with common space.
  - Qualify what would engage visitor.
  - Require detention to be an amenity.
  - Potentially require all of the housing to face inward looking at a park.
- Galveston is a good example. Galveston was redeveloped. They prioritized one section and then branched out.

## Public Involvement Summary: Listening Sessions Round 2 of 2 (Open Houses)

KKC personnel facilitated a series of two Open Houses at City Hall on March 21 and March 28, 2023. Approximately 30 individuals were engaged throughout this activity. Participants ranged from individuals who work in the community but live elsewhere to individuals who were born and raised in Dickinson alongside their families. Groups represented included local businesses, residents, employees, City officials and staff. Participants were asked to complete the following activities/stations:

- **Goals Station**, with goals posted on the wall and a place for attendees to add comments on other goals that they would like to see added and sticker dots to rank the goals.
- **Park Inventory Input Table**, with information on existing features at each park site and a place for attendees to add comments on upgrades they would like to see, “missing pieces” that would enhance the particular park, and other site-specific feedback.
- **Project Priorities Station**, with project priorities posted on the wall and a place for attendees to provide comments on any additional projects that they would like to see added and sticker dots to rank the projects.
- **Administration Priorities Station**, with administration priorities posted on the wall and a place for attendees to add comments on any other administration priorities that they would like to see added and sticker dots to rank the priorities.
- **Connectivity Opportunities Table**, with a map of the city, area parks and other key landmarks and destinations, for attendees to mark potential trail alignments, gaps to fill in the sidewalk network, and other opportunities to make connections between individual parks, neighborhoods and other places in the city.

### Listening Session Open House: Round 2 of 2



Below are the results:

Draft Goals Station							
PRELIMINARY Priority Ranking	Respondent Rankings (# of votes per priority ranking)						Overall Ranking
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<b>Priority #1:</b> A blueway and greenway system of parks, trails and recreation that enhances the assets of the bayou and connects residents and visitors with major destinations including, but not limited to parks, schools, workplaces and shopping areas.	12	7	13	7	6	0	<b>2.73</b>
<b>Priority #2:</b> A collection of safe and modernized parks with a variety of playground equipment and other inviting and inclusive park amenities that are both cost-effective and durable.	4	8	2	12	6	2	<b>3.41</b>
<b>Priority #3:</b> An emphasis on more public access for water-oriented recreational activities along the bayou.	3	8	7	6	3	6	<b>3.48</b>
<b>Priority #4:</b> Responsiveness to the needs of youth and adult sports for play and practice fields, balanced with overall park and recreation system priorities, including quiet places for passive enjoyment of nature and more spaces to host community gatherings.	24	7	3	2	1	2	<b>1.85</b>
<b>Priority #5:</b> An ongoing focus on recreational and leisure programming, to foster the broader health and wellness of Dickinson residents.	2	5	10	2	8	8	<b>3.94</b>
<b>Priority #6:</b> Use of cooperative agreements and coordinated efforts with other governmental jurisdictions, Dickinson Independent School District (DISD), and private sector and non-profit partners to advance the goals and priorities of this Master Plan.	1	6	2	6	8	17	<b>4.63</b>
<b>Additional Public Comments:</b>							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dickinson should consider youth athletics as a competitive marketplace both against neighborhood communities and to capitalize on sports tourism, which is a \$550 billion industry.</li> <li>▪ Per #2, add more shading as well as swings for infants / parent and baby swings.</li> </ul>							

## Park Inventory Station

### Park or Community Center

### Public Comments

#### Dickinson Community Center

- Public access child care
- Senior activities
- Large signage for community involvement
- Citizen communications - ongoing
- Neighborhood playground
- Park on vacant lot - walking trail around border, trees and benches
- Acquire property next door
- Rental space for community members
- Rebuild Community Center
- Created for adult/senior activities
- Sand volleyball courts
- Pickleball courts
- Implement the beautification efforts at entrances to the city centers with artistic signage
- Needs pressure washing
- Landscaping
- Clean it/paint it. Make some use of it or tear it down!
- Lighting
- Outdoor restrooms
- Restripe parking lot
- Tear down and start over! Our seniors deserve better!
- Playground

**The Village Green**

- Walkway from Library
- Look at other City functions with such a small space to gain some insight
- Music venues utilizing the gazebo as a stage
- Tree surround to quiet for weddings, music and gatherings
- Seasonal "photo op" set-up
- Sidewalk access from Library with speedbumps and lighting on St. Goar
- Art!
- Public art
- Relocate monuments/historical plaques/gazebo – use location for event parking
- Large chess/checkers
- Large Jenga Blocks
- Pedestrian protection

**Ray Holbrook Park**

- Walking trail
- Complete refit/rebuild/upgrade
- Trail along drainage with ISD
- Broader, thoughtful plan incorporation of broader set of outdoor "court" activities in addition to "field" activities
- Basketball (half) court - YES!!\*
- Treelined walking trails
- Playground \* -> with shade equipment so equipment is not hot
- Tennis court?
- Dog park
- Frisbee golf
- More shaded areas
- Better parking
- Fenced-in dog park area
- Add lights!! Hire someone to maintain it!
- LIGHTS \*\*\* (could host adult sports, tournaments, etc. at night)

**Paul Hopkins Park**

- Updated playground
- Frisbee golf
- Better parking and pavilions
- Pickle ball courts
- Activities to enable senior citizens to enjoy outdoor activities
- Basketball court (half) - YES
- Kayak launch - YES!! YES!!
- Lights - YES! - > I used my head lights for night swings
- More swings!
- Add to national kayak routes
- Want to make sure whatever is added we have adequate parking to allow for more usage
- Add something for teenagers / adults to do - more benches - clean it up!
- Playground for special needs children
- Frisbee golf
- Public art
- Replant trees

**Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp**

- Complete reconstruction (construction should begin by June 2023)
- "Waiting" slips created
- Bulkheads and boardwalk/walkways/fishing access
- Better ramp angle
- A thoughtful plan for redevelopment which includes a tie-in with Downtown development
- Concession stand
- Additional deck, fishing and boat parking
- Bathroom/showers
- Covering/pavilion
- Make it prettier - add a park - public restrooms
- Revamp ramp
- Picnic spots
- Even out and smooth the gravel/sand ground and fill in holes
- Wider dock/ramp with railing
- Bait shop near by
- Longer ramp
- Spruce it up with lights, benches, rails on pier (add dirt/rocks)
- Kayak launches
- Permanent restrooms
- Gas for boats
- Parking lot striping
- Raise it / it is a muddy mess after rain
- Fishing spot for non-boaters

**Notes:**

1. Some participants put a star next to items above. \* is representative of the star meaning that others strongly agreed with or had the same comment.

## Draft Project Priorities Station

PRELIMINARY Priority Ranking	Respondent Rankings (# of votes per priority ranking)						Overall Ranking
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
<b>Priority #1:</b> Upgrade park security and add lights in and around parks and trails.	15	3	2	1	2	6	<b>2.66</b>
<b>Priority #2:</b> Add accessible external sidewalk connections, crosswalks and internal sidewalks to all parks.	1	3	6	7	7	4	<b>4.00</b>
<b>Priority #3:</b> Reprogram and redesign existing parks to provide greater variety of amenities and increase utilization of current park sites.	3	12	8	3	3	1	<b>2.80</b>
<b>Priority #4:</b> Create a network of hiking, biking and walking trails to provide recreational activities within the parks and to link parks, HOA paths, DISD campuses and residential neighborhoods.	9	9	5	5	3	2	<b>2.70</b>
<b>Priority #5:</b> Provide more canoe, kayak and boat access to Dickinson Bayou.	3	2	6	4	5	9	<b>4.14</b>
<b>Priority #6:</b> Provide more courts and fields for recreational use.	3	2	3	7	7	3	<b>3.88</b>

### Additional Public Comments:

- Priority #6 should be a top priority for both youth-driven activities and for younger resident attraction. Young parents from all walks of life demand quality activities and facilities prior to making a residence determination when choosing where to locate or relocate.
- Youth sports in Dickinson constantly lose quality athletes to surrounding cities, but not all youth in Dickinson have the privilege to go to surrounding cities for sports. Being close to parks here is important.
- Priority #6 can include SPARK parks, schools and city share.

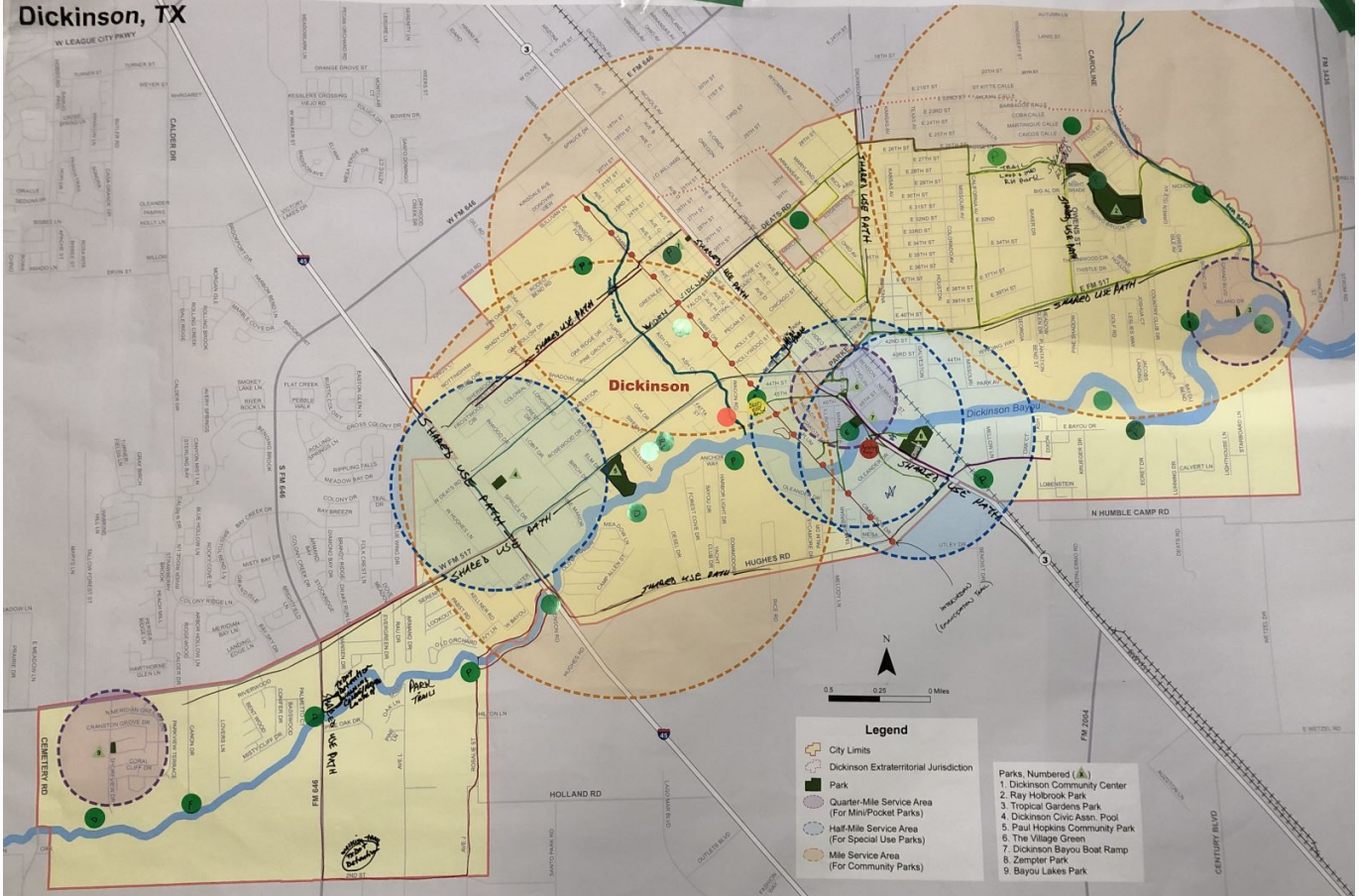
## Draft Administration Priorities Station

PRELIMINARY Priority Ranking	Respondent Rankings (# of votes per priority ranking)					Overall Ranking
	1	2	3	4	5	
<b>Priority #1:</b> Establish a Parks, Trails and Recreation Board.	15	8	4	1	1	<b>1.79</b>
<b>Priority #2:</b> Develop a joint use agreement with Dickinson Independent School District (DISD) for after-house public use of their facilities.	10	6	4	3	7	<b>2.70</b>
<b>Priority #3:</b> Acquire Paul Hopkins Park, Ray Holbrook Park and Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp from Galveston County.	4	8	6	3	3	<b>2.71</b>
<b>Priority #4:</b> Coordinate with entities to establish Emancipation Trail Alignment down transmission easement through Dickinson.	1	1	3	10	12	<b>4.15</b>
<b>Priority #5:</b> Assess and update this master plan on an annual basis to determine revised areas of need based on recent developments and modify the Capital Improvement Plan according to changing circumstances and priorities.	2	4	6	7	10	<b>3.66</b>

**Additional Public Comments:**

- Priority #3: Additional maintenance cost.
- Schools do not need extra wear and tear.
- Priority #6: Establish a City Parks and Recreation Department.

**Draft Connectivity Opportunities Table**



*In the online version of this plan, click on the image above to open a larger map view.*

## Draft Connectivity Opportunities Table

### Additional Public Comments:

- Pine Cove? Small dedicated parkland on bayou
- Ave L property, bayou frontage, boat/canoe/kayak launch
- Add nature walking path and wildlife viewing towers in land trust east of Paul Hopkins Park
- Do not clear Vacek property (north side of FM 517 across from land trust). Use as Parks Dept. office. Use property for nature trail and bird/wildlife watching.
- Shared Use Paths: 2045 Goal
  - Hill St.
  - Nichols St.
  - Hughes Rd.
  - Deats Rd.
  - Sunset Dr.
  - Owens/Caroline
  - FM 1266, 517 to city limit
  - Hwy 3, city limit to city limit
  - FM 646, 517 to 2nd Street
  - FM 517, city limit to city limit
- Walking Trails
  - City right-of-way (ROW) along the Interurban
  - Texas Department of Transportation, TxDOT, detention pond FM 646
  - TxDOT detention pond 2nd Street
  - Property behind Dickinson Independent School District Education Support Center
  - Ray Holbrook Park
- Parks
  - Property behind Dickinson Independent School District Education Support Center
  - Walgreens (remove fencing, plant trees, add benches)
  - Vacant lot owned by neighboring church on Deats and Avenue G
  - The Galveston County Water Control and Improvement District #1, WCID #1, Ecret property

## Public Involvement Summary: Online Community Survey

As another means of community input to the Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan, a survey was made available online during the entire month of December 2022, then disseminated and promoted in various ways by City officials and staff. The survey was designed for relatively quick completion to boost participation, with 19 multiple choice questions plus several write-in response questions. The survey received more than 460 responses. The survey was not limited to Dickinson residents as others outside the city visit and enjoy local park sites.



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### **QUESTION 1: Do you live within the City of Dickinson or in the Dickinson area?**

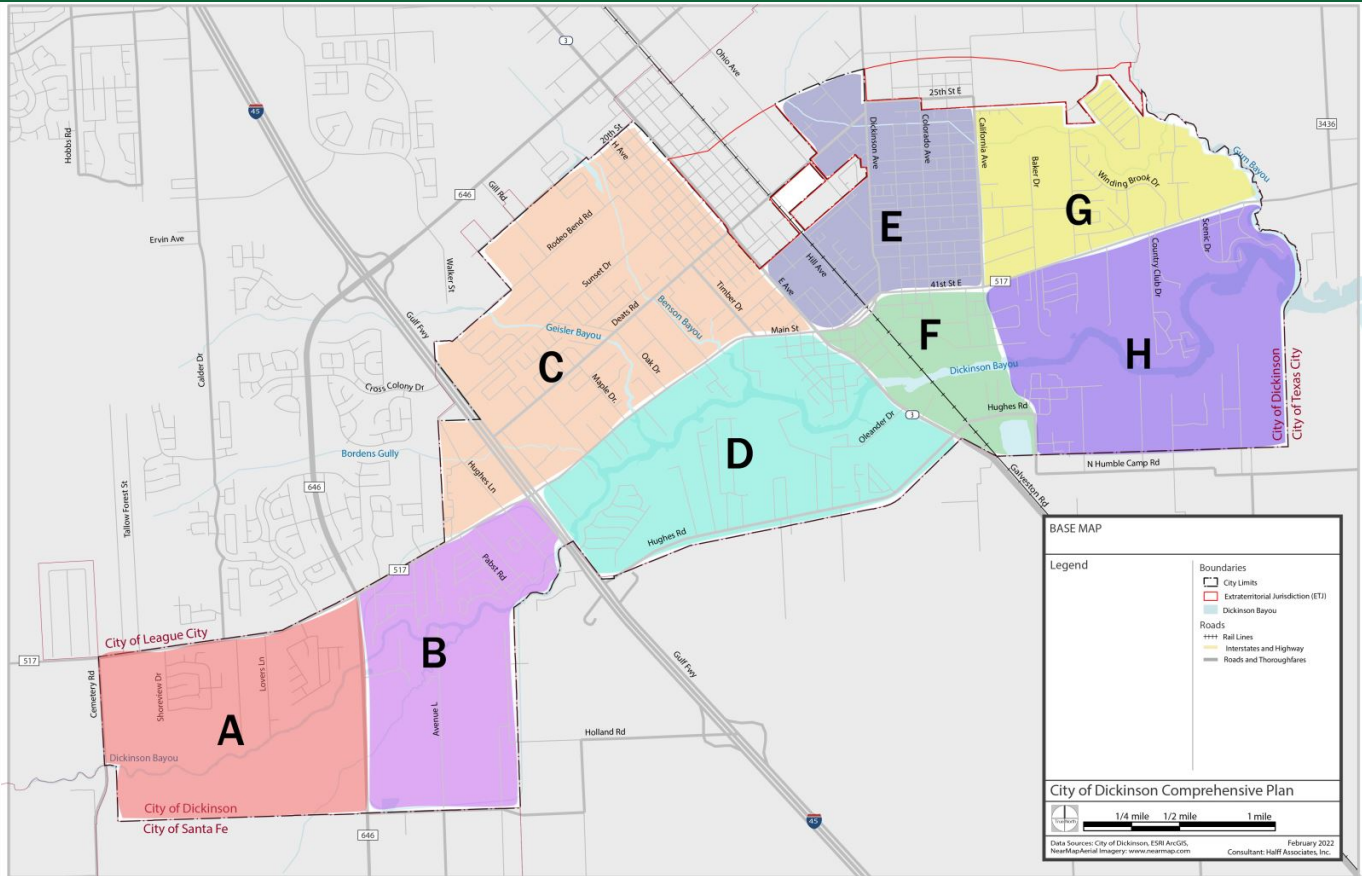
All 466 survey participants responded to the first question, with 79.8% of participants saying they live in Dickinson, 19.7% said they do not live in Dickinson and 0.4% were not sure whether they live in the city.

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### **QUESTION 2: Please select which of the following areas you live within the City of Dickinson. Refer to the map for the areas described.**

This question was intended to obtain some indication of respondent location without asking for specific addresses, which tends to diminish survey responses due to privacy concerns. [319 of the 466 participants answered this question, but it is important to note that of the respondents who answered this question 86% stated that they live in Dickinson.]

**Map of Dickinson**

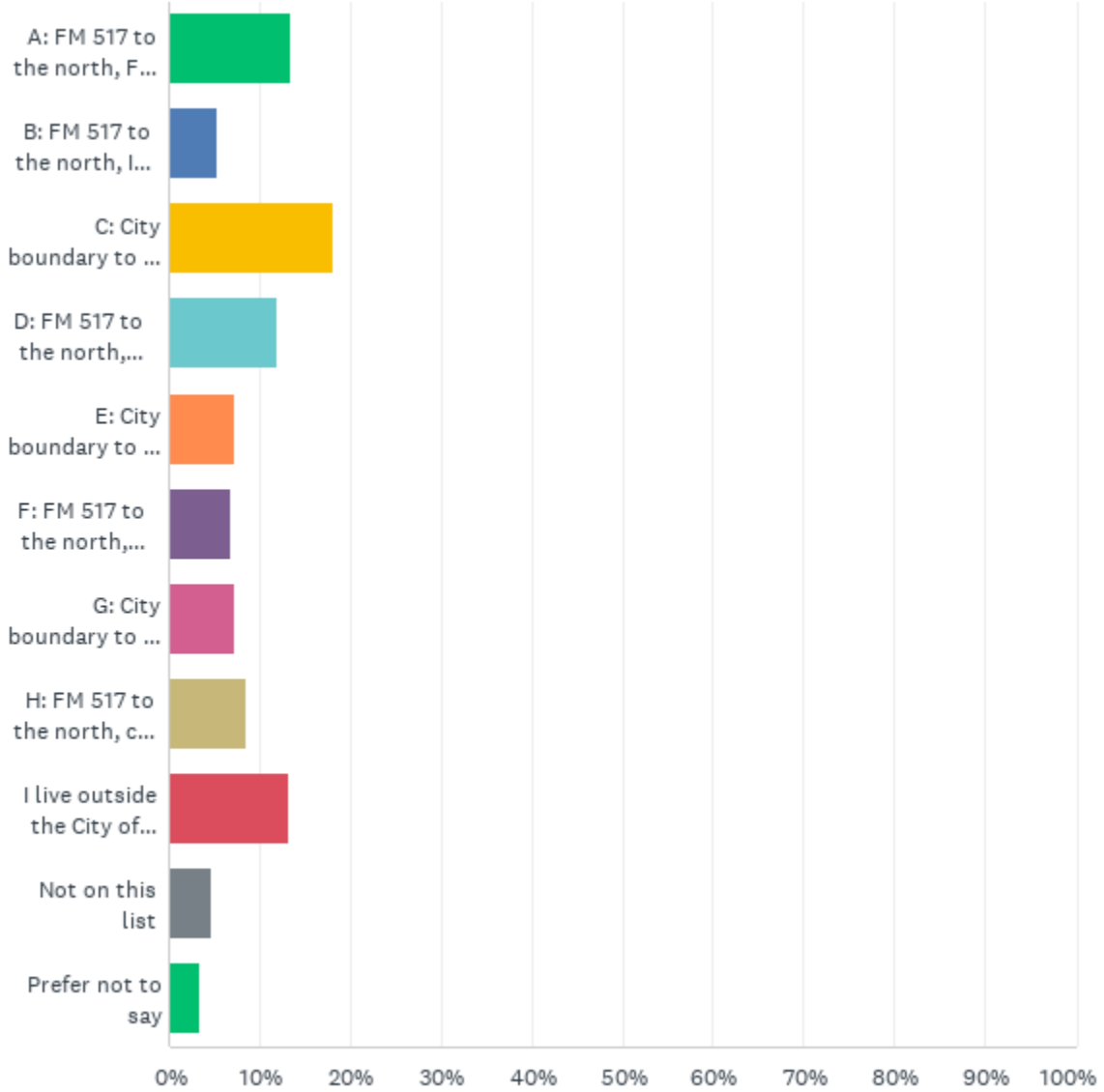


Out of 466 survey participants, 319 participants responded with the following:

- A: FM 517 to the north, FM 646 Road N to the east, City boundaries to the south and west (13.5%)
- B: FM 517 to the north, I-45 and city boundary to the east, city boundary to the south, FM 646 Road N to the west (5.3%)
- C: City boundary to the north, city boundary and State Highway 3 to the east, FM 517 to the south, city boundary to the west (18.2%)
- D: FM 517 to the north, State Highway 3 to the east, city boundary to the south, city boundary and I-45 to the west (11.9%)
- E: City boundary to the north, California Avenue to the east, FM 517 to the south, State Highway 3 to the west (7.2%)
- F: FM 517 to the north, California Avenue to the east, city boundary to the south, State Highway 3 to the west (6.9%)
- G: City boundary to the north and east, FM 517 to the south, California Avenue to the west (7.2%)
- H: FM 517 to the north, city boundary to the east and south, California Ave to the west (8.5%)
- I: I live outside the City of Dickinson city limits, in the Dickinson area (13.2%)

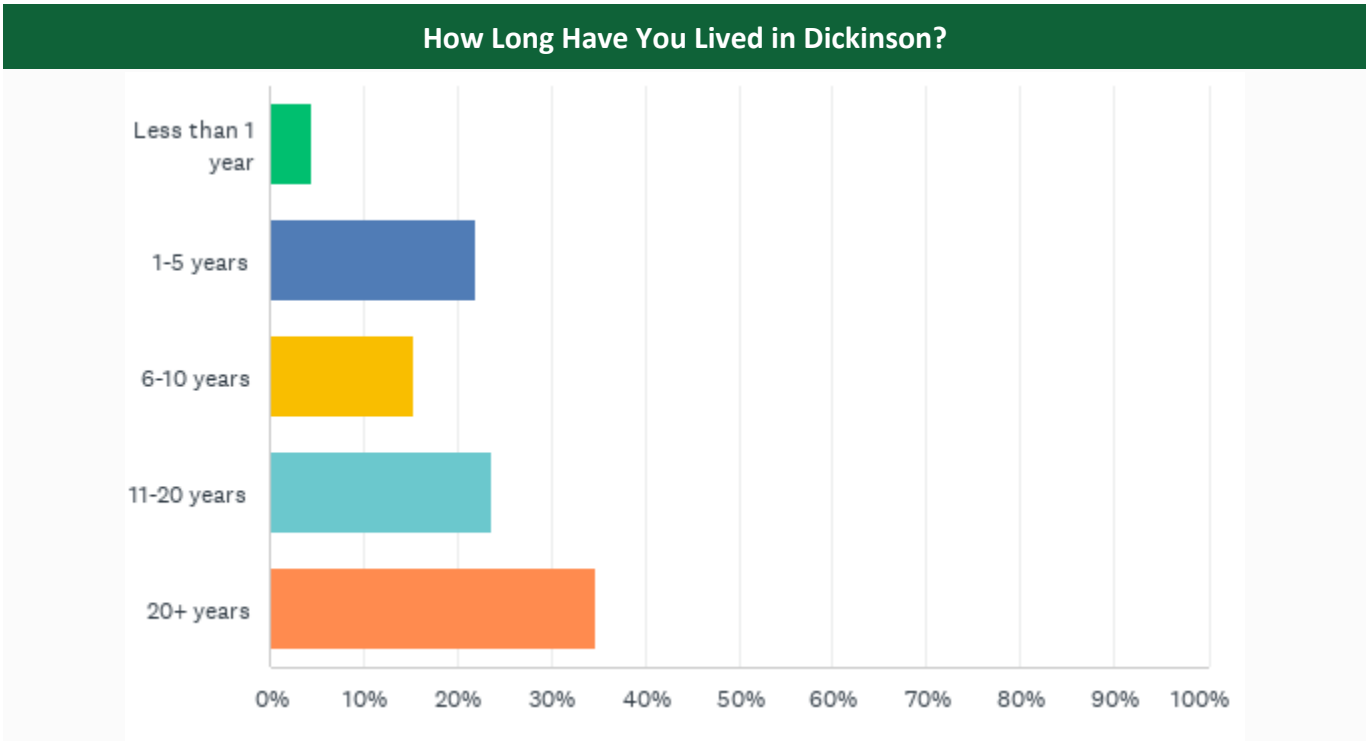
- Not on this list (4.7%)
- Prefer not to say (3.5%)

**Where Do You Live?**



**QUESTION 3: How long have you lived in Dickinson?**

Almost 58% of survey participants who answered this question have lived in Dickinson for more than 10 years as shown in the chart below. In addition to long-time Dickinson residents, approximately 37% of survey participants have lived in Dickinson between one and nine years. [320 of the 466 participants answered this question.]



**QUESTION 4: Do you currently or have you previously lived anywhere other than Dickinson, and if so, where?**

Among the survey participants, approximately 63% have lived outside of Dickinson in other communities in Texas, throughout the country and internationally. [334 of the 466 participants answered this question.]

- ***Other Texas Communities include:***

Abilene, Alvin, Angleton, Austin, Bacliff, Bayou Vista, Baytown, Beaumont, Big Bend, Big Spring, Canyon Lake, Cisco, Clear Lake, College Station, Corpus Christi, Cypress, Dallas, Dayton, Deer Park, Friendswood, Galveston, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Hitchcock, Houston, Humble, Huntsville, Jamaica Beach, Jersey Village, Katy, Killeen, La Marque, La Porte, League City, Lufkin, Lumberton, Mathis, Mercedes, Midland, Missouri City, Mont Belvieu, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, New Braunfels, Odessa, Palestine, Pasadena, Pearland, Plano, Port Arthur, Port Neches, Refugio, Richmond, Rio Grande City, Rosenberg, Rosharon, Roxton, San Angelo, San Antonio, San Leon, Santa Fe, San Marcos, Seabrook, Silsbee, South Houston, Spring, Stafford, Sugar Land, Taft, Taylor Lake Village, Texas City, Tomball, Uvalde, Village Mills, Waco, Webster and West Columbia.

- ***Other States in the United States include:***

Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin.

- ***Other countries include:***

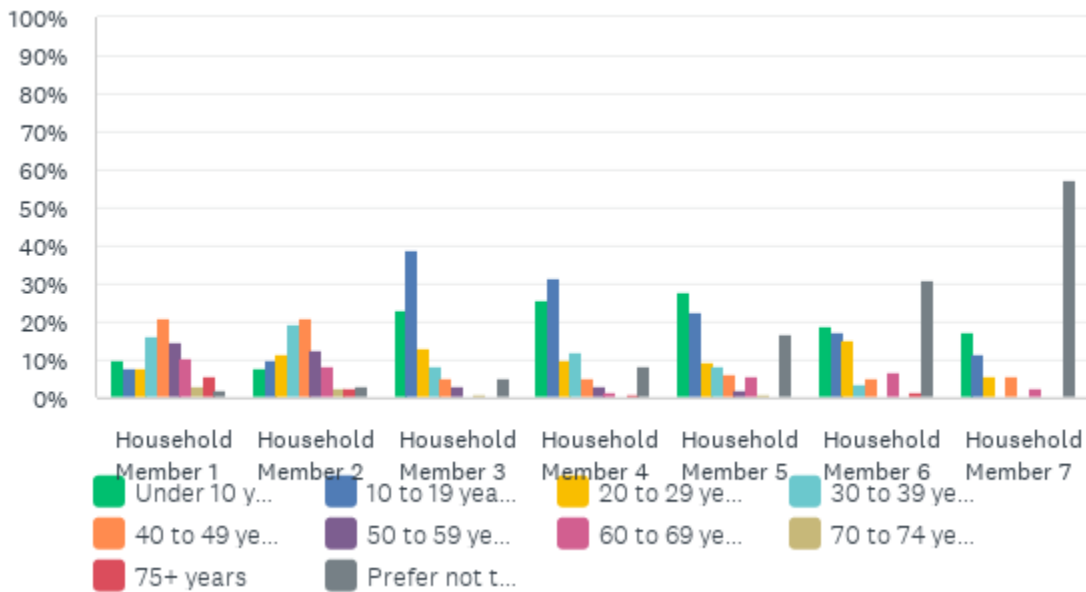
Canada, Mexico, Malaysia and Spain.

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**QUESTION 5: Which of the following best represents the ages in your household?**

As shown in the chart below, survey participants represented a wide range of ages in each of the available categories from under 10 years old to 75+. Of the survey respondents, 69% said that they had a household member between the ages of 10 to 19 years old followed by approximately 58% who said that they had a household member under the age of 10 years old. [394 of the 466 participants answered this question.]

**Which of the Following Best Represents Your Age?**

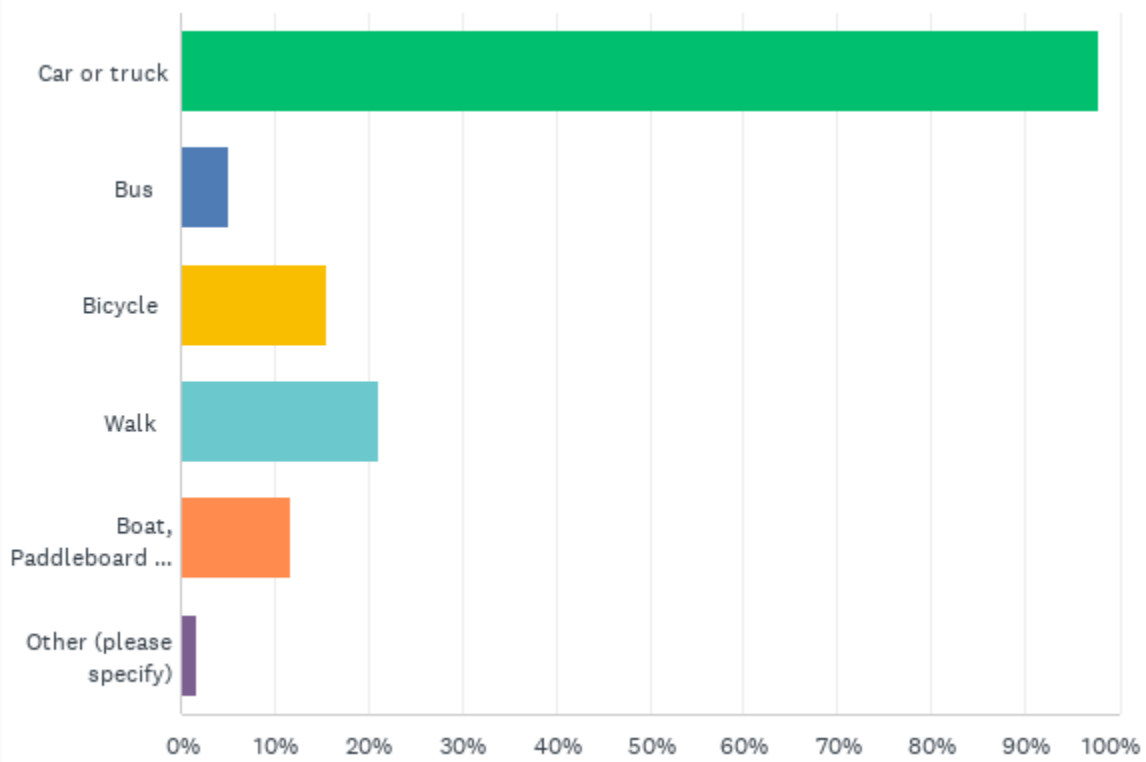


	UNDER 10 YEARS	10 TO 19 YEARS	20 TO 29 YEARS	30 TO 39 YEARS	40 TO 49 YEARS	50 TO 59 YEARS	60 TO 69 YEARS	70 TO 74 YEARS	75+ YEARS	PREFER NOT TO ANSWER	TOTAL
Household Member 1	10.18% 40	8.14% 32	7.89% 31	16.54% 65	20.87% 82	14.76% 58	10.43% 41	3.31% 13	5.60% 22	2.29% 9	393
Household Member 2	7.84% 28	10.08% 36	11.48% 41	19.33% 69	21.01% 75	12.89% 46	8.68% 31	2.80% 10	2.80% 10	3.08% 11	357
Household Member 3	23.36% 64	38.69% 106	13.14% 36	8.39% 23	5.11% 14	3.28% 9	0.73% 2	1.09% 3	0.73% 2	5.47% 15	274
Household Member 4	25.67% 48	31.55% 59	10.16% 19	12.30% 23	5.35% 10	3.21% 6	1.60% 3	0.53% 1	1.07% 2	8.56% 16	187
Household Member 5	28.04% 30	22.43% 24	9.35% 10	8.41% 9	6.54% 7	1.87% 2	5.61% 6	0.93% 1	0.00% 0	16.82% 18	107
Household Member 6	18.97% 11	17.24% 10	15.52% 9	3.45% 2	5.17% 3	0.00% 0	6.90% 4	0.00% 0	1.72% 1	31.03% 18	58
Household Member 7	17.14% 6	11.43% 4	5.71% 2	0.00% 0	5.71% 2	0.00% 0	2.86% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	57.14% 20	35

**QUESTION 6: Which of the following modes of transportation that you currently use or wish to use in the future to get to your destinations? (Please select all that apply.)**

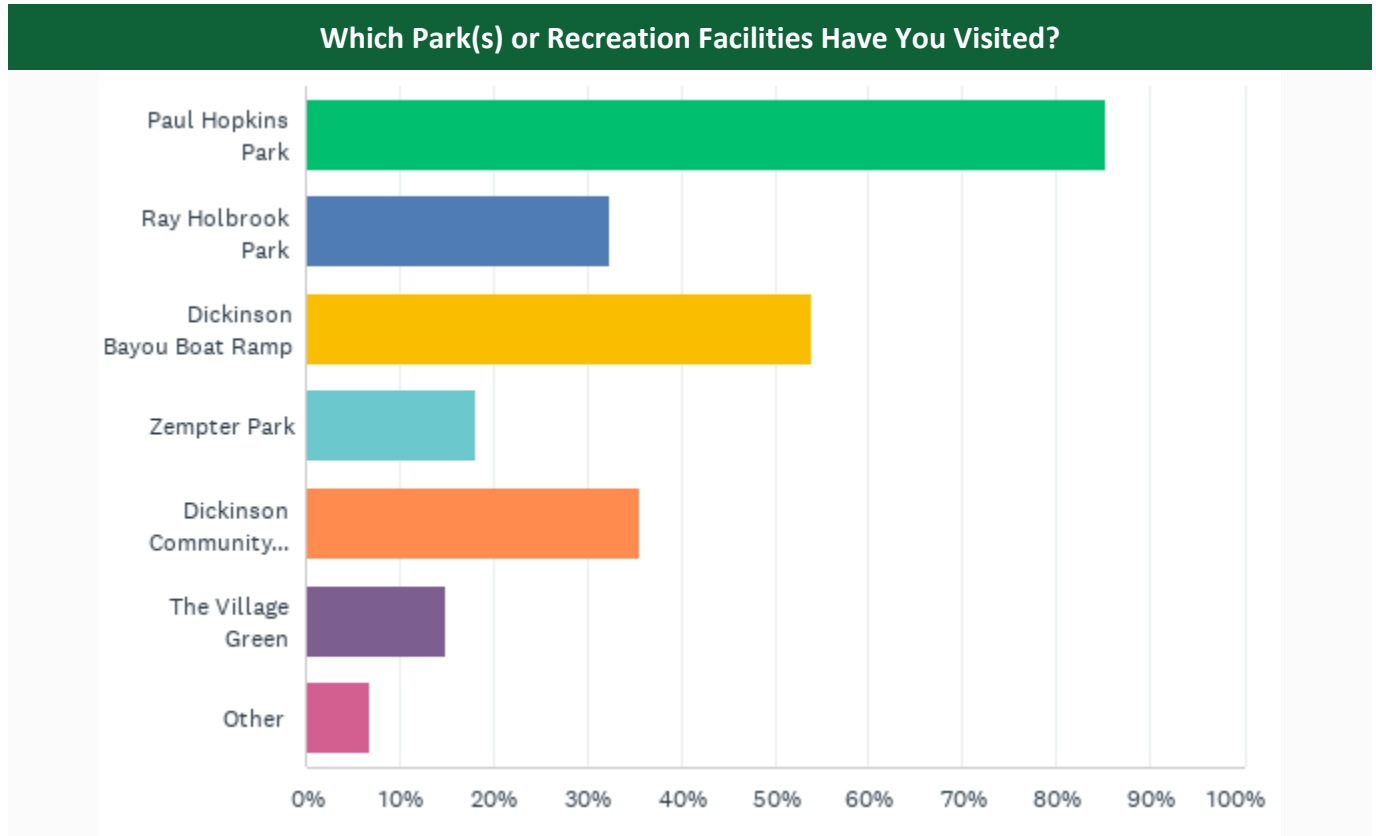
As shown in the chart below, nearly all survey participants currently use or wish to use their own personal vehicle to get to their destinations (98%). 21.1% either currently walk or would like to walk, 15.5% either use a bicycle and 11.7% either use a boat, paddleboard or kayak or would like to use a boat, paddleboard or kayak in the future. [393 of the 466 participants answered this question.]

**Current and Future Modes of Transportation**



**QUESTION 7: Which park(s) or recreation facilities located within the City of Dickinson have you visited? (Please select all that apply.)**

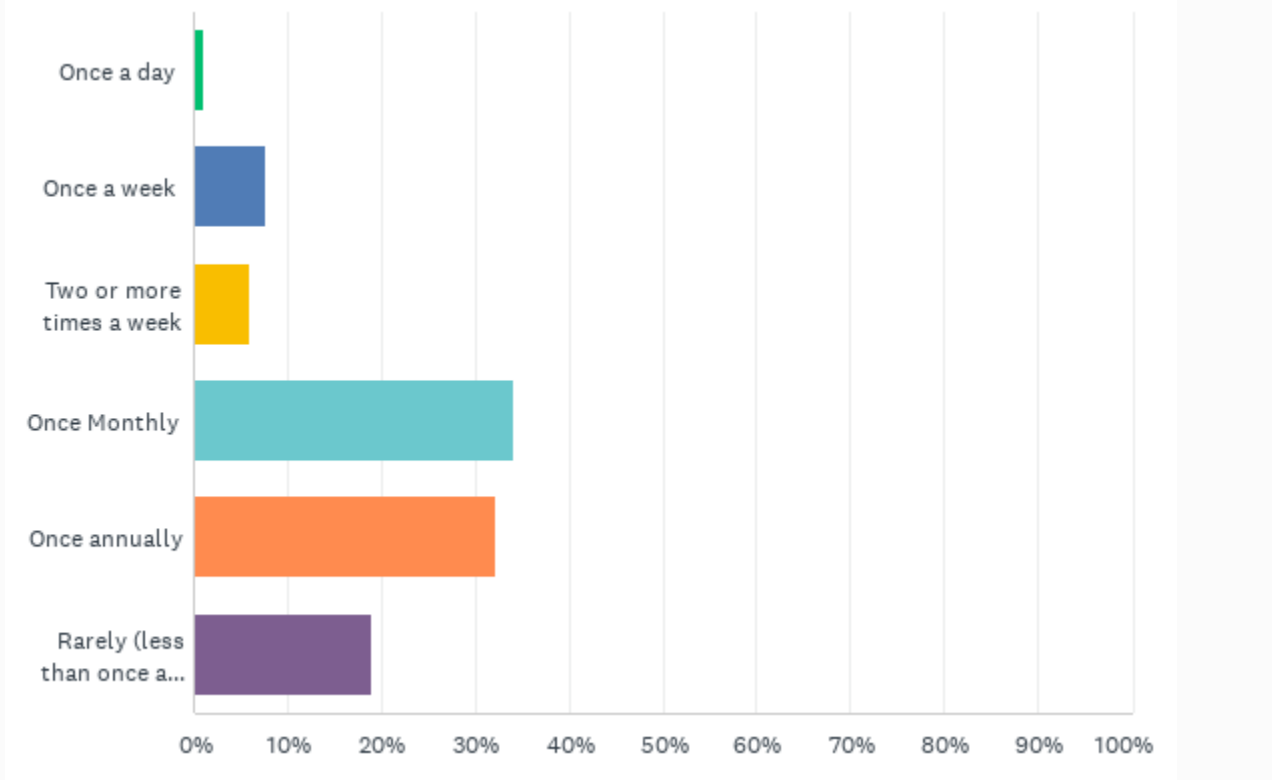
As shown in the chart below, all survey respondents have visited at least one of the parks listed, with the most frequented park being Paul Hopkins Park (85.3%) followed by the Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp (54%). [380 of the 466 participants answered this question.]



**QUESTION 8: On average, how often do you visit the above parks and facilities?**

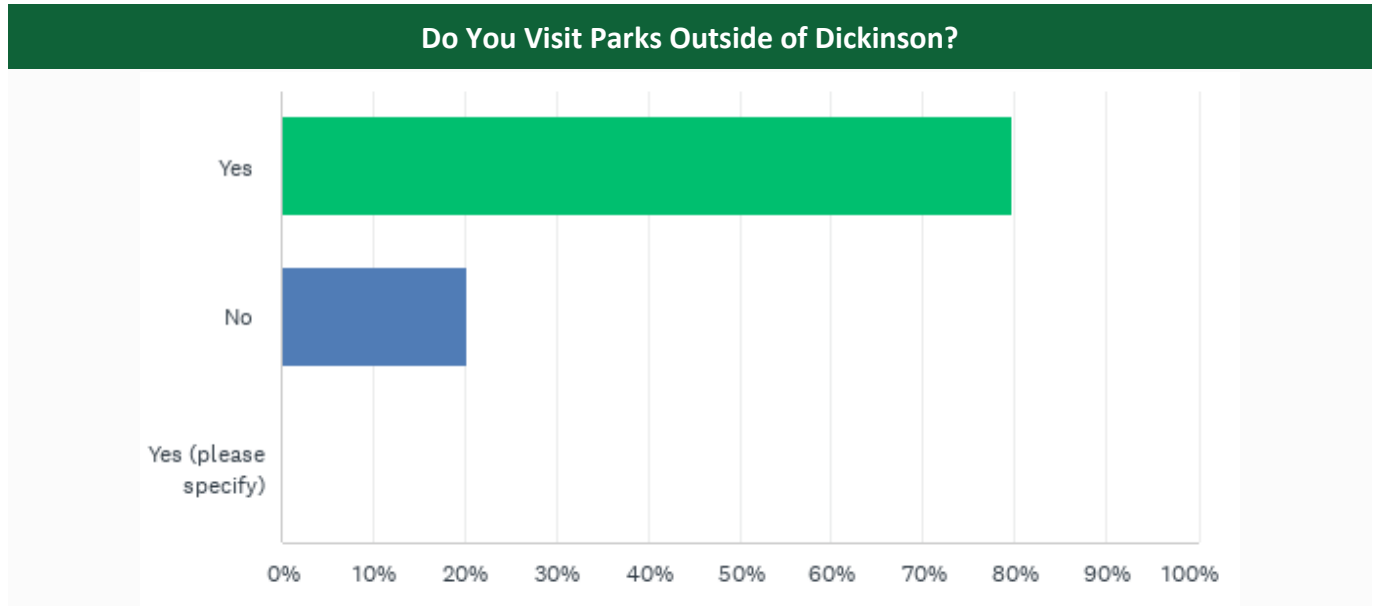
As shown in the chart below, 34.2% of survey participants visit the Dickinson parks and facilities mentioned in Question 7 once a month on average followed by 32.1% that visit once annually. [389 of the 466 participants answered this question.]

**How Often Do You Visit the Parks in Dickinson?**



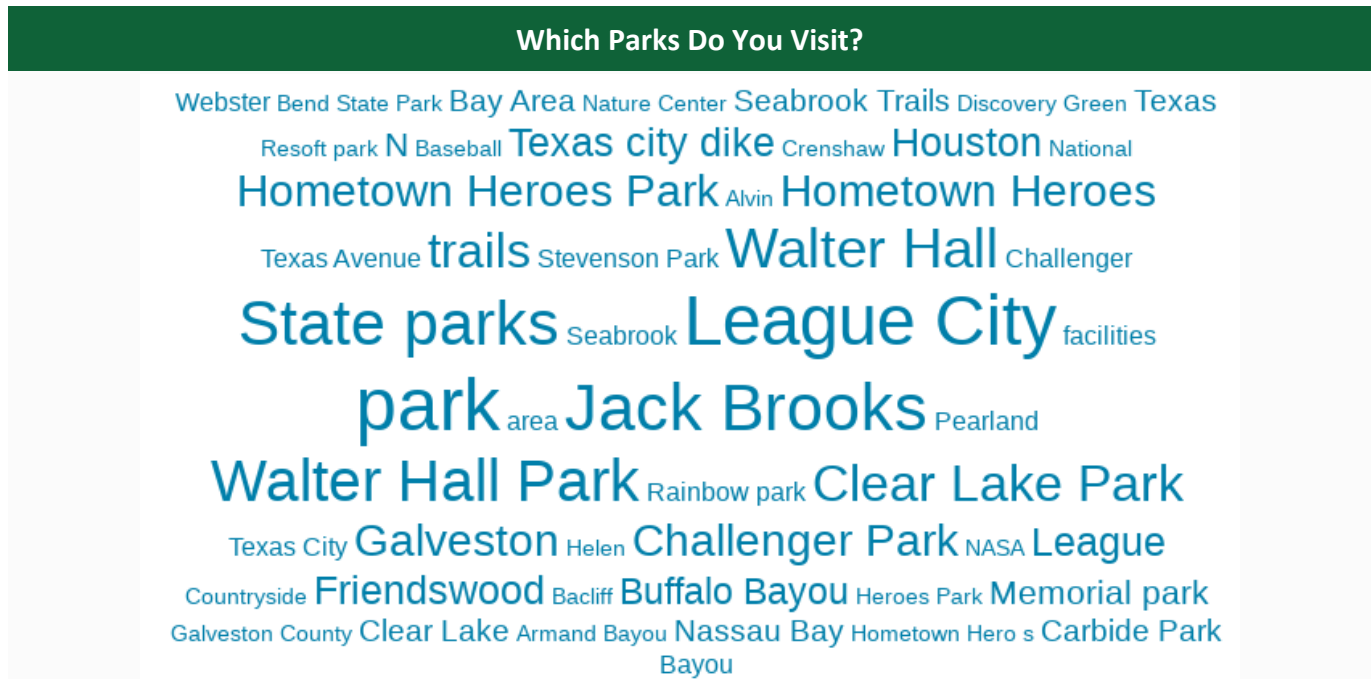
**QUESTION 9: Do you visit parks outside of Dickinson?**

As shown in the chart below, the majority of survey participants (80%) visit parks outside of Dickinson. [395 of the 466 participants answered this question.]



**QUESTION 10: Which parks, trails or recreation facilities do you use outside of Dickinson?**

The word cloud below lists all locations visited outside of Dickinson, with larger word sizes indicating those mentioned most.



***Parks and facilities that are frequented by survey participants included:***

1776, Alvin Girls Softball Fields, Anahuac, Armand Bayou, Atascocita Neighborhood Parks, Audubon Sanctuaries, Bay Area Park, Bayshore, Bay Street Park, Baytown Nature Center, Beaver Bend State Park, Big League Dreams, Brazos Bend State Park, Buffalo Bayou Park, Cannon Lake, Carbide Park Trails, Challenger Park, Clear Lake Park, Countryside Park, Crenshaw Park, Delores Fenwick Nature Trails, Discovery Green, Dogwood Trails, Dow Park, Dudney Nature Center, Exploration Green, Frankie Carter Randolph, Friendswood Parks, Galveston Beach Pocket Parks, Ghirardi Oak, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, Helen's Garden, Heritage Park, Hermann Park, Highland Bayou Park, Hometown Heroes, Jack Brooks Park, Kemah Trails, Lake Jackson Baseball Fields, La Porte Trails, League City Train Park, League Park, Lobit, Lost Creek, Louise Hays Park, Lynn Gripon, Matagorda County Park, Meador, Meadow Bend, Memorial Park, NASA Park, Nassau Bay Peninsula, National Parks, Nessler Center, Oak Park, Pasadena Trails, Pine Gully, Rainbow Park, Resoft Park, Robinson Park, Rocket Park, Runge Park, Seabrook Trails, Seawolf Park, South Llano State Park, Stevenson Park, Sugar Land, Sylvan Rodriguez, Texas Avenue Park, Texas City Dike, Texas State Parks, The Spillway Park, Tom Bass, Walter Hall Park and Wildlife Refuges Exploration Green.

[260 of the 466 participants answered this question.]

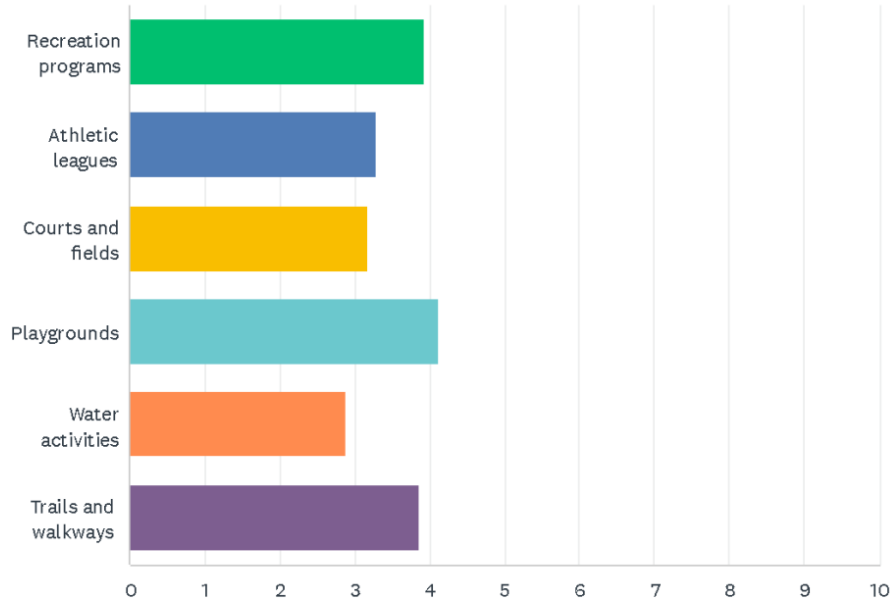
**QUESTION 11: On a scale of 1-6, with 1 being most important, how important are the following program options to you in the parks, trails and recreation facilities outside of Dickinson?**

It is important to note that trails and walkways ranked number four overall but had the highest percentage response as the number one priority with 32.4% of participants ranking it as their highest priority.

- Water Activities [*Composite Score 2.88*]
- Courts and Fields [*Composite Score 3.18*]
- Athletic Fields [*Composite Score 3.28*]
- Trails and Walkways [*Composite Score 3.86*]
- Recreation Programs [*Composite Score 3.92*]
- Playgrounds [*Composite Score 4.11*]

A further breakdown of the selections and scores can be found below.

**Program Options Ranking**

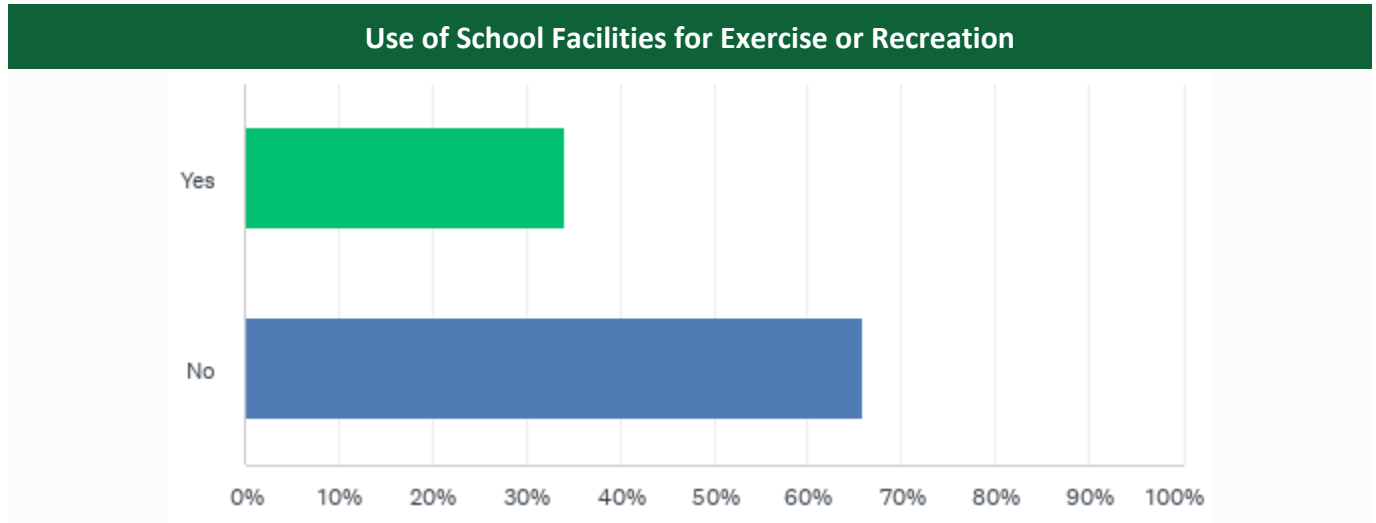


	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Recreation programs	22.57% 58	17.51% 45	20.23% 52	17.51% 45	13.62% 35	8.56% 22	257	3.92
Athletic leagues	12.64% 34	17.84% 48	16.73% 45	14.13% 38	15.24% 41	23.42% 63	269	3.28
Courts and fields	6.02% 16	11.28% 30	23.31% 62	25.94% 69	21.43% 57	12.03% 32	266	3.18
Playgrounds	23.62% 64	22.51% 61	19.19% 52	17.34% 47	10.70% 29	6.64% 18	271	4.11
Water activities	7.33% 20	16.12% 44	11.72% 32	13.92% 38	23.81% 65	27.11% 74	273	2.88
Trails and walkways	32.39% 92	16.20% 46	9.15% 26	9.86% 28	11.97% 34	20.42% 58	284	3.86

[302 of the 466 participants answered this question.]

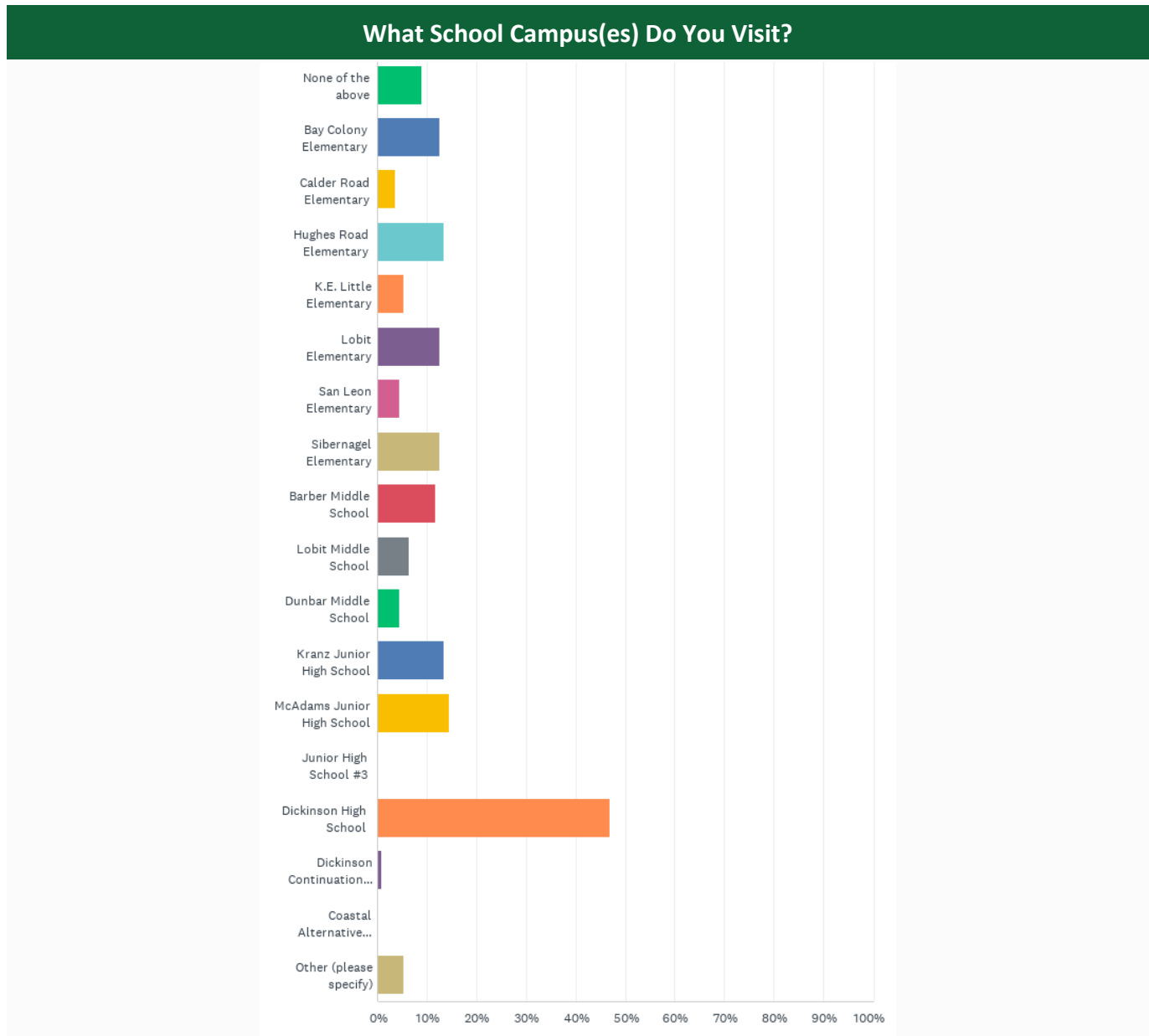
**QUESTION 12: Do you use school facilities for exercise or recreation?**

As shown in the chart below, nearly two-thirds of survey participants (65.9%) do not currently use the school facilities for exercise or recreation. [381 of the 466 participants answered this question.]



**QUESTION 13: What school campus(es) do you visit more often? (Please select all that apply.)**

As shown in the chart below, of those survey participants who do visit area school campuses for exercise or recreation, the largest percentage (46.9%) visit Dickinson High School the most often.



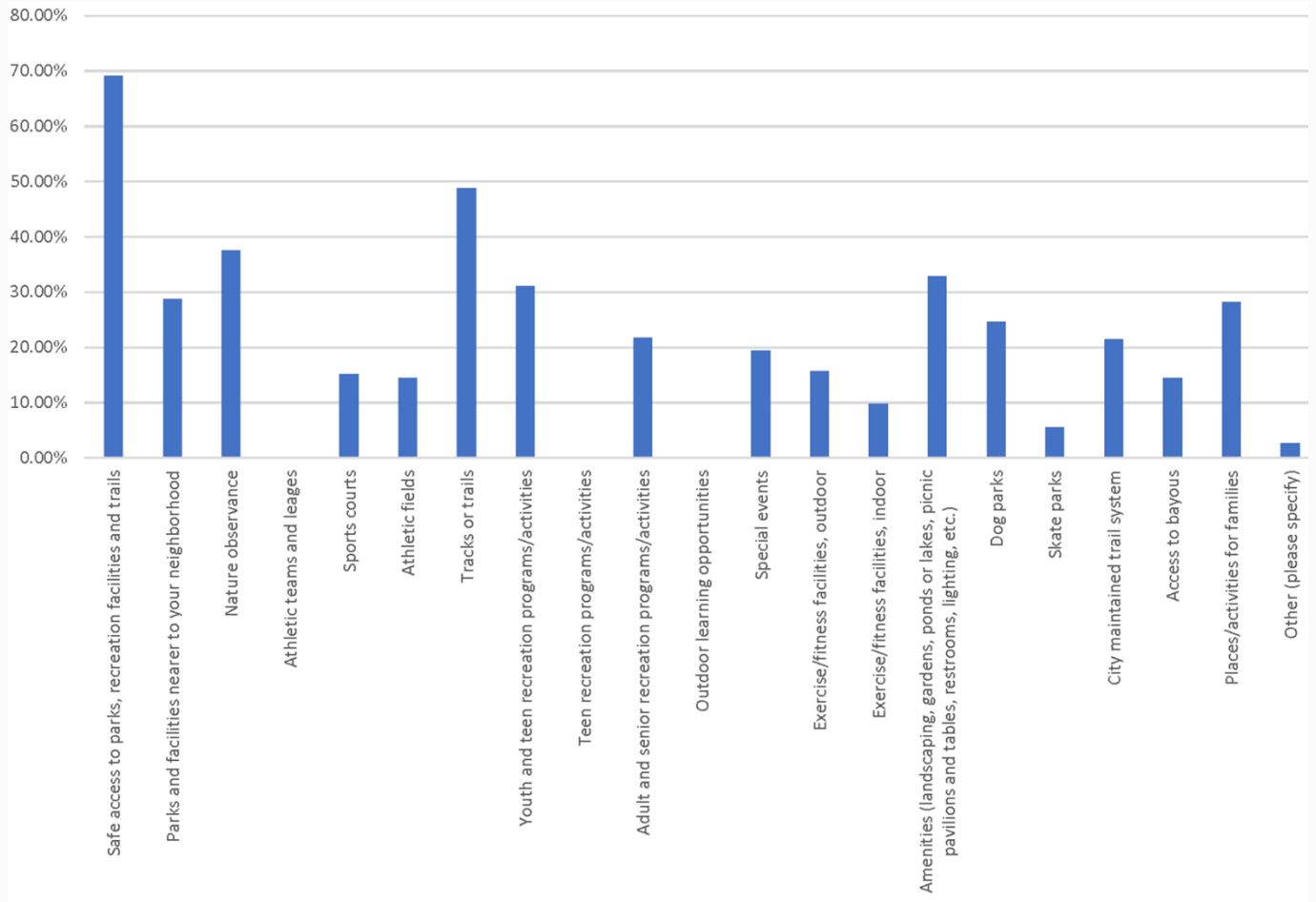
Other responses included: Galveston, Dobie, Ross, Clear Creek High School for bleachers and track, and Clear Springs. [111 of the 466 participants answered this question.]

**QUESTION 14: Please select your top five priorities for improving parks and programming in Dickinson.**

As shown in the chart below, more than two-thirds of participants (69.2%) said that their number one priority is safe access to parks, recreation facilities and trails. The top five priorities were ranked as follows:

1. Safe access to parks, recreation facilities and trails (69.2%)
2. Tracks or trails (48.9%)
3. Nature observance (37.5%)
4. Amenities (landscaping, gardens, ponds or lakes, picnic pavilions and tables, restrooms, lighting, etc.) (32.9%)
5. Youth and teen recreation programs/activities (31.1%)

**Top Five Priorities?**



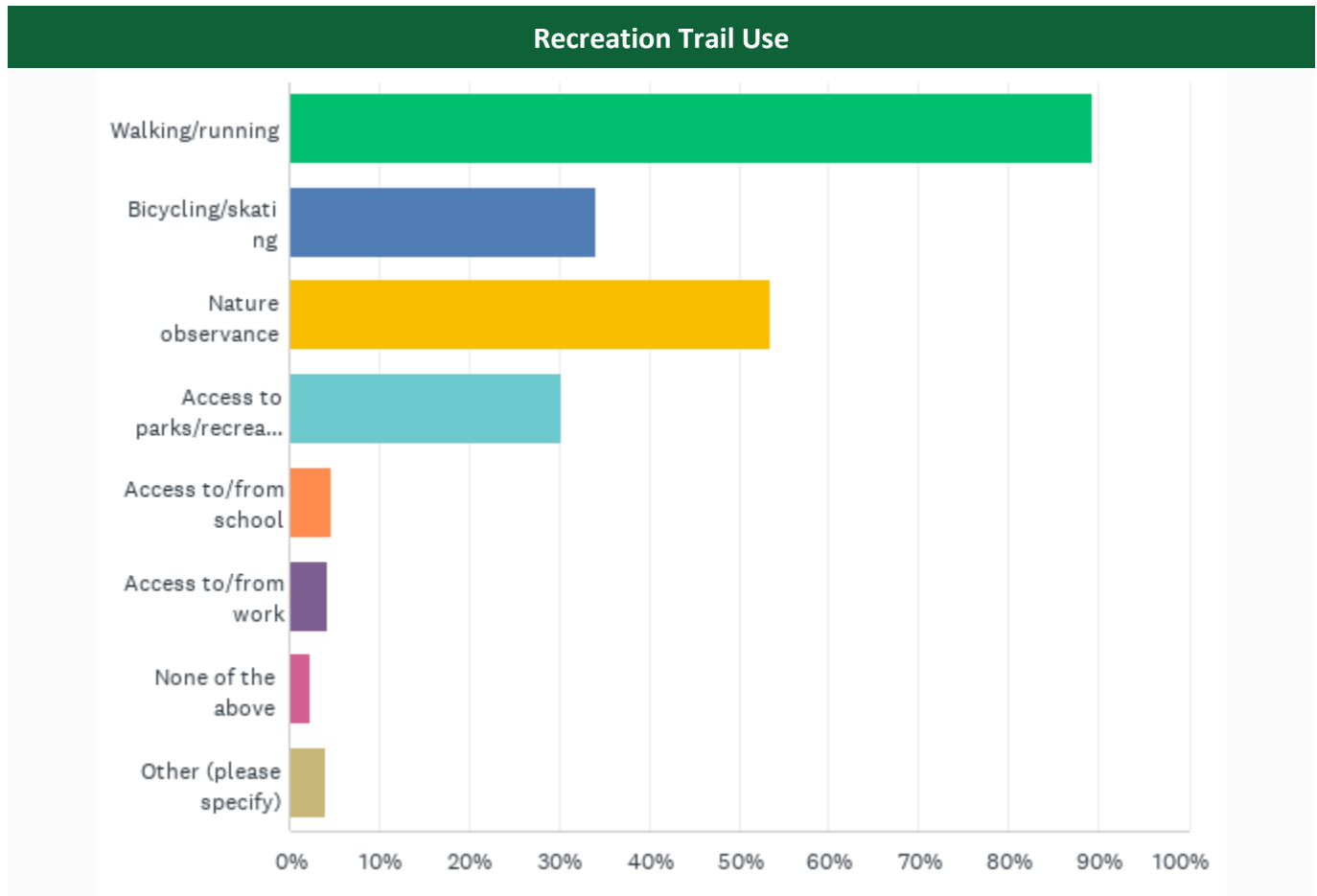


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Safe access to parks, recreation facilities and trails	69.19%	238
Parks and facilities nearer to your neighborhood	28.78%	99
Nature observance	37.50%	129
Athletic teams and leagues	0.00%	0
Sports courts	15.12%	52
Athletic fields	14.53%	50
Tracks or trails	48.84%	168
Youth and teen recreation programs/activities	31.10%	107
Teen recreation programs/activities	0.00%	0
Adult and senior recreation programs/activities	21.80%	75
Outdoor learning opportunities	0.00%	0
Special events	19.48%	67
Exercise/fitness facilities, outdoor	15.70%	54
Exercise/fitness facilities, indoor	9.88%	34
Amenities (landscaping, gardens, ponds or lakes, picnic pavilions and tables, restrooms, lighting, etc.)	32.85%	113
Dog parks	24.71%	85
Skate parks	5.52%	19
City maintained trail system	21.51%	74
Access to bayous	14.53%	50
Places/activities for families	28.20%	97
Other (please specify)	2.62%	9
Total Respondents: 344		

[344 of the 466 participants answered this question.]

**QUESTION 15: For what purpose(s) would you use recreation trails? (Please select all that apply.)**

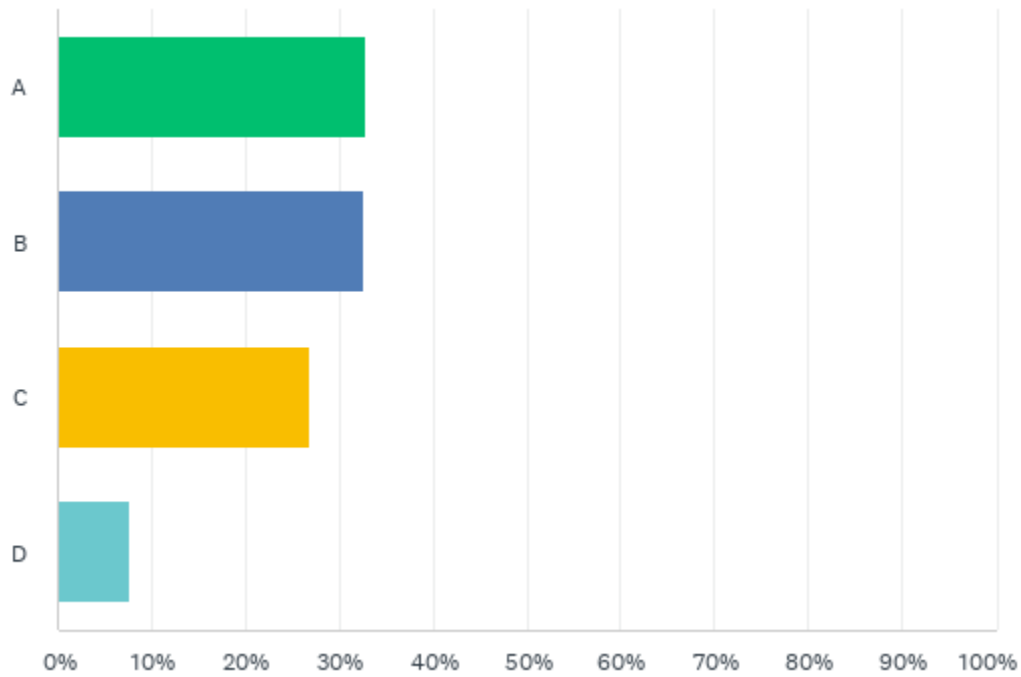
As shown in the chart below, an overwhelming majority of survey participants (89.2%) would use the recreation trails for walking / running followed by 53.5% that said they would use the trails for nature observance. [344 of the 466 participants answered this question.]



**QUESTION 16: What grade do you give the parks and recreation facilities in Dickinson?**

As shown in the chart below, 32.8% of survey participants stated they would give the parks and recreation facilities in Dickinson an A, while basically the same percentage (32.5%) said they would give them a B. [335 of the 466 participants answered this question.]

**Overall Grade for Dickinson Parks and Recreation**



**QUESTION 17: If you ranked Dickinson parks and recreation offerings lower than "A", what would it take to achieve an "A"?**

37% of the total survey participants answered this question. The responses included:

- "My biggest concern is that the Ray Holbrook doesn't offer lights for the softball fields. Also maybe a playground for children to use."
- "More parks in Dickinson would be nice but this is a land locked area and there is not much land left to purchase. Make new neighborhoods have parks open to all."
- "Maintenance — new look and current old ideas replaced with new landscaping designs."
- "Parks are important. Dickinson currently has no municipally supported youth or family activities or spaces, especially youth athletic facilities."
- "Set aside more green space and build and maintain it."
- "More events."
- "Better playground equipment for older/bigger children tweens."
- "More trails, ability to ride bikes with no car traffic. Lighted pathways. Safety."
- "More trails."
- "More parks! Flowers/flowering trees, skate parks, just more of them. Even small ones."
- "Better access."
- "Need more advertising, host markets and make it friendly."
- "More room."
- "More bike trails."
- "Safe and lighted parks and a fitness center."
- "Clean playgrounds. Maintained parks (no rotting wood, no overgrown weeds, landscaping kept up with)"
- "Promote more shared space and better parking options."
- "Lights at Ray Holbrook Park for the girls softball!"
- "Mulch is too thin on playground areas, tree roots should not be present in children play areas."
- "Maintenance, keeping it clean, offering more amenities."
- "Drug use issues. Profanity on equipment."
- "Disc golf."
- "More walking trails and better published facility offerings."
- "To put more things to do like baseball, football and basketball."
- "Activities not just space."
- "Picnic areas. Splash pads."
- "Utilize this master plan as a true guide as the city grows to continue to match the services with the community."
- "Sports complex for baseball, girls softball, soccer."



- "Shaded walking/running trails."
- "Accommodating to people with disabilities, more maintained and landscaped trails. Better advertising on recreational programming."
- "Redo bayou ramp so it's not a mud hole when it rains, needs restrooms."
- "Create parks with walking trails. Add canoe/kayak launch sites along Dickinson Bayou. Make sure parks are safe. Keep homeless people from living in parks, as may be happening at Paul Hopkins Park."
- "Need indoor and outdoor exercise programs for adults."
- "More parks in neighborhoods."
- "Mixed use park: large open, treed green spaces with 0.5 — 2-mile hike and bike trails, playgrounds, dog parks and picnic areas."
- "Offer more community sports and recreation."
- "More attention. Can you imagine grabbing the area south of the community pool (1967) and developing it into a city park."
- "These are County owned and operated facilities with minimal regard to our youth."
- "Clean up Dickinson."
- "Better playground equipment, more parks and trails."
- "More walking trails, playgrounds, nature trails."
- "Better security and maintenance — indoor gym."
- "Wheelchair accessibility."
- "More trees, less trash, better signs, not for leagues."
- "Cleaner, easier access."
- "Bigger parks."
- "More walking trails."
- "Cleaner bathrooms with necessary supplies."
- "Safer, cleaner."
- "More family areas, playgrounds, safe areas and nature trails."
- "Better softball fields."
- "More amenities."
- "Having more choices for water activity on the bayou."
- "Bigger parks."
- "More safe walking/jogging trails and a dog park."
- "Clearer access, resources and information on what parks are where with what options at each location."
- "More access to the bayou."
- "More swings and playground equipment."
- "More opportunities and safer playgrounds."

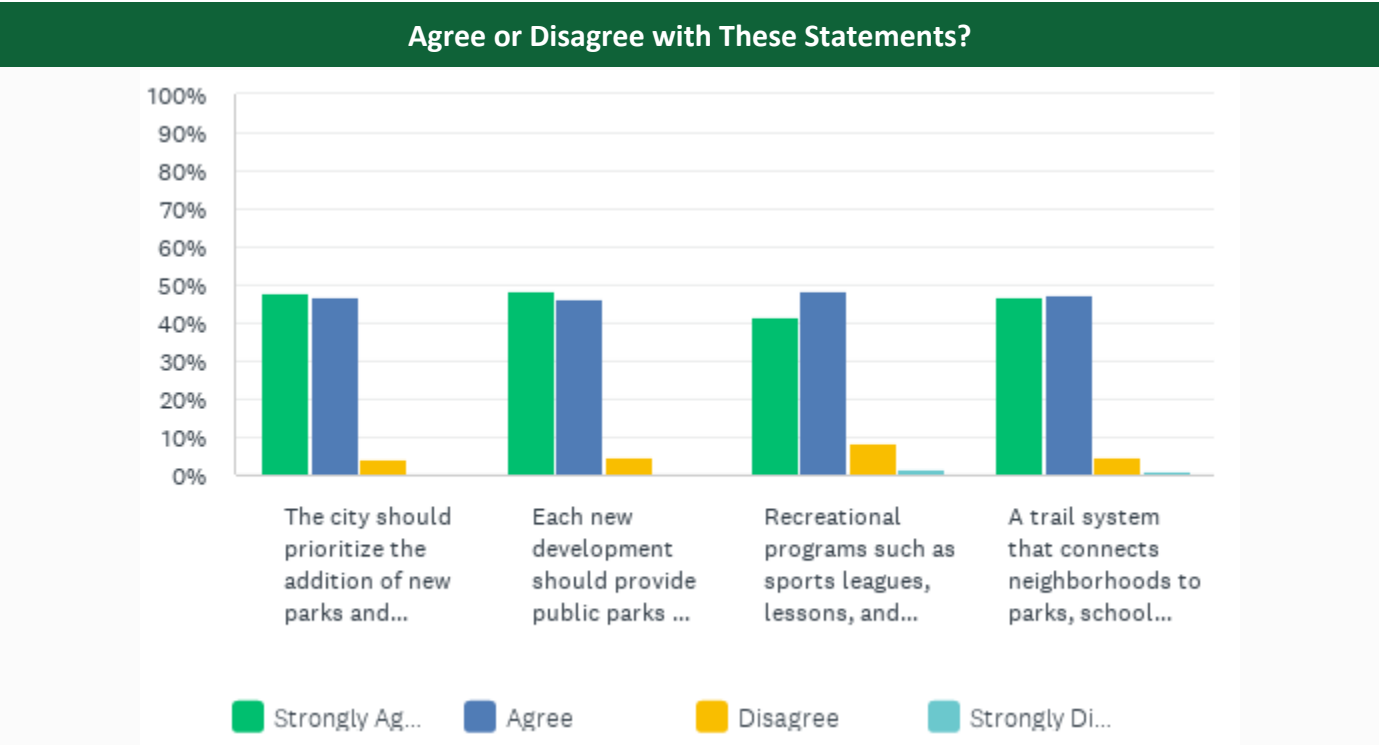
- "Expansion of park systems, integration of park systems with sidewalks, use of pipeline / utility easements and major drainage ditches as trail systems."
- "More facilities, well lit, pavilion centers."
- "Better walking trails, newer playgrounds, place to have outdoor concerts."
- "More maintenance and upkeep with the parks, proper restroom facilities and more park and playground locations."
- "Parks could use upgrades and more community events (e.g., fun run)."
- "Trails along the water, maybe with facilities across from Hopkins Park via a bridge."
- "Not enough trails or other activities to do."
- "More green spaces and trails."
- "More family parks."
- "Recreation/athletic programs for the youth."
- "Upgrade of existing fields."
- "Soccer fields and basketball courts."
- "Safety and accessibility."
- "Accessible playground."
- "Sidewalk, walking trails."
- "New playgrounds / water fountains."
- "Dog park."
- "More visibility."
- "Better ground maintenance."
- "Update all around."
- "More trails closer to home."
- "More parking."
- "Splash pad."
- "Covered pavilion."
- "Athletic programs."

[171 of the 466 participants answered this question.]

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**QUESTION 18: Please choose the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.**

As shown in the chart below, nearly all survey participants agreed with all four statements (90%-95%). [344 of the 466 participants answered this question.]



	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL
The city should prioritize the addition of new parks and recreation facilities that are conveniently accessible to neighborhoods.	48.08% 163	46.90% 159	4.42% 15	0.59% 2	339
Each new development should provide public parks and recreation facilities or contribute to a park improvement fund.	48.53% 165	46.18% 157	5.00% 17	0.29% 1	340
Recreational programs such as sports leagues, lessons, and cultural activities should be a high priority in the community.	41.42% 140	48.22% 163	8.58% 29	1.78% 6	338
A trail system that connects neighborhoods to parks, schools and natural amenities should be developed across the city.	46.88% 158	47.48% 160	4.75% 16	0.89% 3	337

**QUESTION 19: Do you have any additional comments you would like to provide on parks, trails and recreation facilities in Dickinson?**

21.2% of survey participants responded to this open-ended question and provided ideas for improvements to Dickinson's parks, trails and recreation facilities.

The input included:

- "Make what you have better. Taking up Paul Hopkins Park for 1/3 of the year for a holiday light show which is funded by tax dollars is not fair."
- "I ride bikes, safety is priority. Knowing I can ride without someone trying to scare me, honking, or safely move about with someone trying to run me over."
- "Take an example from Seabrook trails."
- "As an artist, I'd love to help decorate/create a mural or other public artwork to go along with our Herons!"
- "Bus stops should include parks with pick up and drop off times. Start a senior facility near the park or in the park."
- "Would love to see a picnic ... Food truck area. A farmers market."
- "Need more disc golf courses."
- "I would love a good baseball park and more sports related things."
- "As a Parks and Recreation professional, I am extremely interested in seeing the master plan develop and see the city grow smart."
- "Keep working it is improving."
- "Every city in the county and surrounding counties have nice facilities for the youth."
- "Safety is a priority."
- "Please consider providing accommodations to disabled children/people and creating recreational offices similar to hometown heroes park. I would love to be a part of a committee to implement changes."
- "Dickinson boat ramp is a disgrace for Dickinson and the county."
- "Glad to see interest in this endeavor."
- "I'm not sure the City can afford to provide P&R facilities that are 'conveniently accessible' to all neighborhoods. Those neighborhoods with schools that are in safe walking distance, should be used in a shared partnership with the City (City sharing staffing, maintenance and security, with the understanding hours would be when students are not in school), giving the public access to fields, courts and gyms that their taxes already pay for. The City is small, any location of a true Parks & Rec facility (community center, courts, aquatics, etc.) would be convenient to those living here. My vision of Hike and Bike trails should be in more natural, park like settings, not sidewalks connecting one side of town to the other, although THIS is extremely important as well for connectivity."
- "Dickinson needs a city owned swimming pool for its citizens."
- "Drop it. This is a town if 22,000. Spend money on drainage and streets."

- "Keep the green space we own across from City Hall for public space, (a park, walking track, plant large trees and gardens, water fountain). All green ..."
- "Number one should be a city sports facility for all sports ... A complex with space for everything ..."
- "Dickinson is a great city to live in but preservation of land for parks has not been a priority and is badly needed for the city to continue to compete with the surrounding area for added quality of life."
- "I'd like to see development and activities for the existing parks, rather than numerous lesser maintained parks and activities."
- "A park should be a place to go where one can feel happy and relaxed in nature without the fear of being a victim. Safety is a priority."
- "I spent 35 years coaching and serving on youth boards, 10+ years on the Galveston City Parks board — you need experienced grant writers full time and co-op with schools for use of facilities and use their parking lots and build close to those areas wherever possible."
- "Not everyone lives on the Bayou. A majority of taxpayers don't live on the Bayou. Neighborhood parks and trails should be prioritized especially if they include ways for golf carts."
- "Some of the facilities listed we've never heard of. Advertise what makes the city attractive. Offer more details in social media on how to participate in events. Those I've seen in the past year are an improvement, but still lack completeness. Assume you are conveying information to an outsider who knows nothing about your city or event. Details are important."
- "More access for kid friendly fishing places."
- "Please do more youth recreation, karate, baseball, art programs, etc. The library is amazing!!!"
- "Would love to see current parks revamped prior to starting new projects."
- "More nature trails."
- "Better softball fields."
- "Improvement of park maintenance, proper restroom facilities, and more playground locations."
- "Sidewalks."
- "Better lighting."
- "Sportsplex."
- "Parks that connect to bayou for fishing."
- "Splash pad."
- "Dog parks."

[99 of the 466 participants answered this question.]

## **APPENDIX B: PARK CONDITION ASSESSMENTS**

**Adopted July 11, 2023**



In conjunction with the inventory effort for this Plan, the condition of Dickinson's existing parks and their amenities were also assessed and were scored on a scale of zero to four with four being in very poor condition. The composite scores closest to zero meant little improvement was needed at the time of observation. These observations were made during Fall 2022.

Detailed condition assessments follow while a summary of the assessment can be found in the [Area and Facility Inventory](#) Section of this Plan, under [Park and Site Condition Assessment](#).

**Paul Hopkins Park**



Example of repair/maintenance needed at the fishing pier: warped roof and loose roof nails.

## Condition Assessment: The Village Green

### The Village Green

#### TURF

- 0 Great condition, no problem areas or need for significant maintenance
- 1 Good condition, few problem areas
- 2 Moderate condition, maintenance needed, (aeration, over-seeding, re-establishment)
- 3 Poor condition, need reconditioning
- 4 Very poor condition, requires re-seeding, re-grading and replacement

**Comments:**

#### PLANTINGS AND TREES

- 0 Great condition, good coverage and healthy with no significant maintenance needs
- 1 Good condition, additional coverage needed with minor maintenance required
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage and moderate maintenance needed
- 3 Poor condition, additional coverage needed as well as replacement, pruning, etc.
- 4 Very poor condition, dangerous conditions exist
- Limited or no vegetation exists

**Comments:**

#### PARKING

- 0 Great condition, good ingress/egress, striped and surface in good condition
- 1 Good condition, faded striping and surface beginning to require routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, striping is faint and moderate surface maintenance is routinely needed
- 3 Poor condition, no striping, poor surface and needs reconstruction or an overlay
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No off-street parking available

**Comments:**

**PARKS, SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and is ADA accessible
- 1 Good condition, surface beginning to crack and heave with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface requires moderate maintenance with visible safety concerns
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface that requires replacement or reconstruction
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No sidewalks/trails/paths exist

**Comments:** Some of the sidewalks have raised a little and may be considered a tripping hazard.

**BASKETBALL NETS AND PLAYING SURFACES**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and nets are stable, level and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface and nets beginning to require maintenance with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface and nets require moderate maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface and nets that require replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No nets/playing surfaces exist

**Comments:**

**TENNIS COURTS, FENCING AND NETS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition, fencing and nets are in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface, fencing and nets beginning to require minor repairs
- 2 Moderate condition, surface, fencing and nets require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface, fencing and nets requires replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No courts, fencing and nets exist

**Comments:**

**PARK ACCESSIBILITY**

- 0 Great accessibility, perimeter sidewalks are in place with striped and signed crosswalks
- 1 Good accessibility, an acceptable walking surface exists and street crossing signs exist
- 2 Moderate accessibility, improved walking surfaces are needed as are crosswalks and signs
- 3 Poor condition, no walking surfaces, crosswalks or street crossing signs
- 4 Very poor condition, unsafe conditions for children or disabled persons

**Comments:** Portions of the sidewalks are raised and may be a safety concern. Currently, there isn't any handicapped parking, and the parking is not level. Recommend having additional access from the "Welcome Wagon."

**PARK AMENITIES (BENCHES, GRILLS, SHELTERED/UNSHELTERED PICNIC TABLES, PLAY EQUIPMENT)**

- 0 Great condition, all equipment and amenities are new and well maintained
- 1 Good condition, equipment is generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, equipment and amenities require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, equipment and amenities require replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, equipment and amenities are unfit for use and require replacement

**Comments:** Minor paint touchups recommended.

**BUILDINGS, SHELTERS, PAVILIONS**

- 0 Great condition, structures are attractive, well-maintained and structurally sound
- 1 Good condition, structures are generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, structures require routine repair with moderate maintenance required
- 3 Poor condition, structures are in disrepair and require significant improvements or replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, structures are unfit for use and require reconstruction or replacement
- No buildings or shelters

**Comments:** Minor paint touchups recommended.

**PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 0 Great condition, turf is in great condition, fields are crowned and are well-drained
- 1 Good condition, turf is in acceptable condition with some minor grading required
- 2 Moderate condition, moderate maintenance is needed to re-establish turf and re-grade
- 3 Poor condition, poor turf, standing water and significant reconditioning/re-grading is required
- 4 Very poor condition, fields and areas require complete refurbishment of the turf and grade
- No playing fields

**Comments:**

**SIGNAGE**

- 0 Great condition, adequate in number, appropriately placed and well landscaped
- 1 Good condition, sign facing is weathered, landscaping is generally healthy
- 2 Moderate condition, facing requires maintenance, landscaping needs replaced and more signs are needed
- 3 Poor condition, lettering is not legible, additional signs needed and landscaping in poor condition
- 4 Very poor condition, new signage is required
- No signage

**Comments:**

**FENCING**

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, no rusting and adequately meets its need
- 1 Good condition, starting to require minimal maintenance, repair or replacement
- 2 Moderate condition, rusting/rotting, requires repair or replacement and more needed
- 3 Poor condition, unsound condition, undesirable appearance and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No fencing

**Comments:**

**LIGHTING**

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, good coverage and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, adequate coverage, requires routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage is needed, requires repair or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, inadequate surface coverage, unsound condition and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No lighting exists

**Comments:**

**Name: The Village Green**

**Score 1.0**

**Date: 8/17/22**

## Condition Assessment: Tropical Gardens Park

### Tropical Gardens

#### TURF

- 0 Great condition, no problem areas or need for significant maintenance
- 1 Good condition, few problem areas
- 2 Moderate condition, maintenance needed, (aeration, over-seeding, re-establishment)
- 3 Poor condition, need reconditioning
- 4 Very poor condition, requires re-seeding, re-grading and replacement

**Comments:** Turf consists of crushed granite. Recommend replacing turf and regrade to have a flat walkable surface.

#### PLANTINGS AND TREES

- 0 Great condition, good coverage and healthy with no significant maintenance needs
- 1 Good condition, additional coverage needed with minor maintenance required
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage and moderate maintenance needed
- 3 Poor condition, additional coverage needed as well as replacement, pruning, etc.
- 4 Very poor condition, dangerous conditions exist
- Limited or no vegetation exists

**Comments:** Very limited planting along edge of bayou and two large trees. Recommend additional coverage to provide shade.

#### PARKING

- 0 Great condition, good ingress/egress, striped and surface in good condition
- 1 Good condition, faded striping and surface beginning to require routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, striping is faint and moderate surface maintenance is routinely needed
- 3 Poor condition, no striping, poor surface and needs reconstruction or an overlay
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No off-street parking available

**Comments:**

**PARKS, SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and is ADA accessible
- 1 Good condition, surface beginning to crack and heave with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface requires moderate maintenance with visible safety concerns
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface that requires replacement or reconstruction
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No sidewalks/trails/paths exist

**Comments:**

**BASKETBALL NETS AND PLAYING SURFACES**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and nets are stable, level and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface and nets beginning to require maintenance with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface and nets require moderate maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface and nets that require replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No nets/playing surfaces exist

**Comments:**

**TENNIS COURTS, FENCING AND NETS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition, fencing and nets are in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface, fencing and nets beginning to require minor repairs
- 2 Moderate condition, surface, fencing and nets require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface, fencing and nets requires replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No courts, fencing and nets exist

**Comments:**

**PARK ACCESSIBILITY**

- 0 Great accessibility, perimeter sidewalks are in place with striped and signed crosswalks
- 1 Good accessibility, an acceptable walking surface exists and street crossing signs exist
- 2 Moderate accessibility, improved walking surfaces are needed as are crosswalks and signs
- 3 Poor condition, no walking surfaces, crosswalks or street crossing signs
- 4 Very poor condition, unsafe conditions for children or disabled persons

**Comments:** No sidewalks or crossing signs. Walking surface is crushed granite or sod.

**PARK AMENITIES (BENCHES, GRILLS, SHELTERED/UNSHELTERED PICNIC TABLES, PLAY EQUIPMENT)**

- 0 Great condition, all equipment and amenities are new and well maintained
- 1 Good condition, equipment is generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, equipment and amenities require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, equipment and amenities require replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, equipment and amenities are unfit for use and require replacement

**Comments:** Only appears to be a swing set and the swings appear to be missing.

**BUILDINGS, SHELTERS, PAVILIONS**

- 0 Great condition, structures are attractive, well-maintained and structurally sound
- 1 Good condition, structures are generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, structures require routine repair with moderate maintenance required
- 3 Poor condition, structures are in disrepair and require significant improvements or replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, structures are unfit for use and require reconstruction or replacement
- No buildings or shelters

**Comments:**

**PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 0 Great condition, turf is in great condition, fields are crowned and are well-drained
- 1 Good condition, turf is in acceptable condition with some minor grading required
- 2 Moderate condition, moderate maintenance is needed to re-establish turf and re-grade
- 3 Poor condition, poor turf, standing water and significant reconditioning/re-grading is required
- 4 Very poor condition, fields and areas require complete refurbishment of the turf and grade
- No playing fields

**Comments:**

**SIGNAGE**

- 0 Great condition, adequate in number, appropriately placed and well landscaped
- 1 Good condition, sign facing is weathered, landscaping is generally healthy
- 2 Moderate condition, facing requires maintenance, landscaping needs replaced and more signs are needed
- 3 Poor condition, lettering is not legible, additional signs needed and landscaping in poor condition
- 4 Very poor condition, new signage is required
- No signage

**Comments:** Signage is not visible, and the letters are fading.

**FENCING**

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, no rusting and adequately meets its need
- 1 Good condition, starting to require minimal maintenance, repair or replacement
- 2 Moderate condition, rusting/rotting, requires repair or replacement and more needed
- 3 Poor condition, unsound condition, undesirable appearance and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No fencing

**Comments:**

**LIGHTING**

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, good coverage and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, adequate coverage, requires routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage is needed, requires repair or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, inadequate surface coverage, unsound condition and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No lighting exists

**Comments:**

**Name: Tropical Gardens**

**Score 3.60**

**Date: 8/17/22**

## Condition Assessment: Bayou Lakes Park

### Bayou Lakes Park

#### TURF

- 0 Great condition, no problem areas or need for significant maintenance
- 1 Good condition, few problem areas
- 2 Moderate condition, maintenance needed, (aeration, over-seeding, re-establishment)
- 3 Poor condition, need reconditioning
- 4 Very poor condition, requires re-seeding, re-grading and replacement

**Comments:**

#### PLANTINGS AND TREES

- 0 Great condition, good coverage and healthy with no significant maintenance needs
- 1 Good condition, additional coverage needed with minor maintenance required
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage and moderate maintenance needed
- 3 Poor condition, additional coverage needed as well as replacement, pruning, etc.
- 4 Very poor condition, dangerous conditions exist
- Limited or no vegetation exists

**Comments:** Some areas need weeding; some trees need to be pruned and shrubs need a little more water.

#### PARKING

- 0 Great condition, good ingress/egress, striped and surface in good condition
- 1 Good condition, faded striping and surface beginning to require routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, striping is faint and moderate surface maintenance is routinely needed
- 3 Poor condition, no striping, poor surface and needs reconstruction or an overlay
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No off-street parking available

**Comments:**

**PARKS, SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and is ADA accessible
- 1 Good condition, surface beginning to crack and heave with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface requires moderate maintenance with visible safety concerns
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface that requires replacement or reconstruction
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No sidewalks/trails/paths exist

**Comments:**

**BASKETBALL NETS AND PLAYING SURFACES**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and nets are stable, level and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface and nets beginning to require maintenance with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface and nets require moderate maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface and nets that require replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No nets/playing surfaces exist

**Comments:**

**TENNIS COURTS, FENCING AND NETS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition, fencing and nets are in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface, fencing and nets beginning to require minor repairs
- 2 Moderate condition, surface, fencing and nets require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface, fencing and nets requires replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No courts, fencing and nets exist

**Comments:**

**PARK ACCESSIBILITY**

- 0 Great accessibility, perimeter sidewalks are in place with striped and signed crosswalks
- 1 Good accessibility, an acceptable walking surface exists and street crossing signs exist
- 2 Moderate accessibility, improved walking surfaces are needed as are crosswalks and signs
- 3 Poor condition, no walking surfaces, crosswalks or street crossing signs
- 4 Very poor condition, unsafe conditions for children or disabled persons

**Comments:**

**PARK AMENITIES (BENCHES, GRILLS, SHELTERED/UNSHELTERED PICNIC TABLES, PLAY EQUIPMENT)**

- 0 Great condition, all equipment and amenities are new and well maintained
- 1 Good condition, equipment is generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, equipment and amenities require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, equipment and amenities require replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, equipment and amenities are unfit for use and require replacement

**Comments:**

**BUILDINGS, SHELTERS, PAVILIONS**

- 0 Great condition, structures are attractive, well-maintained and structurally sound
- 1 Good condition, structures are generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, structures require routine repair with moderate maintenance required
- 3 Poor condition, structures are in disrepair and require significant improvements or replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, structures are unfit for use and require reconstruction or replacement
- No buildings or shelters

**Comments:**

**PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 0 Great condition, turf is in great condition, fields are crowned and are well-drained
- 1 Good condition, turf is in acceptable condition with some minor grading required
- 2 Moderate condition, moderate maintenance is needed to re-establish turf and re-grade
- 3 Poor condition, poor turf, standing water and significant reconditioning/re-grading is required
- 4 Very poor condition, fields and areas require complete refurbishment of the turf and grade
- No playing fields

**Comments:**

**SIGNAGE**

- 0 Great condition, adequate in number, appropriately placed and well landscaped
- 1 Good condition, sign facing is weathered, landscaping is generally healthy
- 2 Moderate condition, facing requires maintenance, landscaping needs replaced and more signs are needed
- 3 Poor condition, lettering is not legible, additional signs needed and landscaping in poor condition
- 4 Very poor condition, new signage is required
- No signage

**Comments:**

**FENCING**

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, no rusting and adequately meets its need
- 1 Good condition, starting to require minimal maintenance, repair or replacement
- 2 Moderate condition, rusting/rotting, requires repair or replacement and more needed
- 3 Poor condition, unsound condition, undesirable appearance and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No fencing

**Comments:**



**LIGHTING**

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, good coverage and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, adequate coverage, requires routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage is needed, requires repair or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, inadequate surface coverage, unsound condition and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No lighting exists

**Comments:**

**Name: Bayou Lakes Park**

**Score 0.10**

**Date: 8/17/22**

## Condition Assessment: Paul Hopkins Park

### Paul Hopkins Park

#### TURF

- 0 Great condition, no problem areas or need for significant maintenance
- 1 Good condition, few problem areas
- 2 Moderate condition, maintenance needed, (aeration, over-seeding, re-establishment)
- 3 Poor condition, need reconditioning
- 4 Very poor condition, requires re-seeding, re-grading and replacement

**Comments:**

#### PLANTINGS AND TREES

- 0 Great condition, good coverage and healthy with no significant maintenance needs
- 1 Good condition, additional coverage needed with minor maintenance required
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage and moderate maintenance needed
- 3 Poor condition, additional coverage needed as well as replacement, pruning, etc.
- 4 Very poor condition, dangerous conditions exist
- Limited or no vegetation exists

**Comments:** Recommend additional trees in the parking lot with parking islands and shade trees by all picnic tables.

#### PARKING

- 0 Great condition, good ingress/egress, striped and surface in good condition
- 1 Good condition, faded striping and surface beginning to require routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, striping is faint and moderate surface maintenance is routinely needed
- 3 Poor condition, no striping, poor surface and needs reconstruction or an overlay
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No off-street parking available

**Comments:** Asphalt is in good condition but recommend restriping and straightening out the wheel stops.

### PARKS, SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and is ADA accessible
- 1 Good condition, surface beginning to crack and heave with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface requires moderate maintenance with visible safety concerns
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface that requires replacement or reconstruction
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No sidewalks/trails/paths exist

**Comments:** Mostly in good condition, but there were some areas where the concrete was cracking. There were also some areas with uneven concrete that could be a tripping hazard and are not accessible. The pier also had some wooden planks where the nails were exposed and the wood was rotting, which is also a safety hazard.

### BASKETBALL NETS AND PLAYING SURFACES

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and nets are stable, level and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface and nets beginning to require maintenance with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface and nets require moderate maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface and nets that require replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No nets/playing surfaces exist

**Comments:**

### TENNIS COURTS, FENCING AND NETS

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition, fencing and nets are in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface, fencing and nets beginning to require minor repairs
- 2 Moderate condition, surface, fencing and nets require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface, fencing and nets requires replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No courts, fencing and nets exist

**Comments:**

### PARK ACCESSIBILITY

- 0 Great accessibility, perimeter sidewalks are in place with striped and signed crosswalks

- 1 Good accessibility, an acceptable walking surface exists and street crossing signs exist
- 2 Moderate accessibility, improved walking surfaces are needed as are crosswalks and signs
- 3 Poor condition, no walking surfaces, crosswalks or street crossing signs
- 4 Very poor condition, unsafe conditions for children or disabled persons

**Comments:** Minor repairs needed in a few areas where the concrete may have shifted and the concrete surface is uneven or raised. Ramp at bridge appeared to be a little steep and may require a gentler slope to meet ADA requirements.

#### **PARK AMENITIES (BENCHES, GRILLS, SHELTERED/UNSHELTERED PICNIC TABLES, PLAY EQUIPMENT)**

- 0 Great condition, all equipment and amenities are new and well maintained
- 1 Good condition, equipment is generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, equipment and amenities require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, equipment and amenities require replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, equipment and amenities are unfit for use and require replacement

**Comments:** Some of the benches and picnic tables need to be sealed and repainted. Some hardware also needs to be reattached. One of the trash cans had graffiti on it.

#### **BUILDINGS, SHELTERS, PAVILIONS**

- 0 Great condition, structures are attractive, well-maintained and structurally sound
- 1 Good condition, structures are generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, structures require routine repair with moderate maintenance required
- 3 Poor condition, structures are in disrepair and require significant improvements or replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, structures are unfit for use and require reconstruction or replacement
- No buildings or shelters

**Comments:** Repairs needed on fishing pier. Some of the nails are loose especially on the roof. Some wooden planks are warped as well.

#### **PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 0 Great condition, turf is in great condition, fields are crowned and are well-drained
- 1 Good condition, turf is in acceptable condition with some minor grading required
- 2 Moderate condition, moderate maintenance is needed to re-establish turf and re-grade
- 3 Poor condition, poor turf, standing water and significant reconditioning/re-grading is required
- 4 Very poor condition, fields and areas require complete refurbishment of the turf and grade

- No playing fields

**Comments:**

### SIGNAGE

- 0 Great condition, adequate in number, appropriately placed and well landscaped
- 1 Good condition, sign facing is weathered, landscaping is generally healthy
- 2 Moderate condition, facing requires maintenance, landscaping needs replaced and more signs are needed
- 3 Poor condition, lettering is not legible, additional signs needed and landscaping in poor condition
- 4 Very poor condition, new signage is required
- No signage

**Comments:** Although the signage is not landscaped, it is in great condition. Recommend possibly lighting the sign at the entrance.

### FENCING

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, no rusting and adequately meets its need
- 1 Good condition, starting to require minimal maintenance, repair or replacement
- 2 Moderate condition, rusting/rotting, requires repair or replacement and more needed
- 3 Poor condition, unsound condition, undesirable appearance and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No fencing

**Comments:** Fence between Paul Hopkins East and residential property needs some maintenance. There was also a broken wood fence, but it is unclear what the fence was used for.

### LIGHTING

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, good coverage and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, adequate coverage, requires routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage is needed, requires repair or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, inadequate surface coverage, unsound condition and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No lighting exists

**Comments:** Recommend some additional lighting in the parking lot. It appears as though foundations were poured, but the poles were never installed.



**Name: Paul Hopkins Park**

**Score 1.2**

**Date: 8/17/22**

## Condition Assessment: Ray Holbrook Park

### Ray Holbrook Park

#### TURF

- 0 Great condition, no problem areas or need for significant maintenance
- 1 Good condition, few problem areas
- 2 Moderate condition, maintenance needed, (aeration, over-seeding, re-establishment)
- 3 Poor condition, need reconditioning
- 4 Very poor condition, requires re-seeding, re-grading and replacement

**Comments:**

#### PLANTINGS AND TREES

- 0 Great condition, good coverage and healthy with no significant maintenance needs
- 1 Good condition, additional coverage needed with minor maintenance required
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage and moderate maintenance needed
- 3 Poor condition, additional coverage needed as well as replacement, pruning, etc.
- 4 Very poor condition, dangerous conditions exist
- Limited or no vegetation exists

**Comments:** Recommend additional trees by picnic tables, especially at entrance. Grass needs to be mowed.

#### PARKING

- 0 Great condition, good ingress/egress, striped and surface in good condition
- 1 Good condition, faded striping and surface beginning to require routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, striping is faint and moderate surface maintenance is routinely needed
- 3 Poor condition, no striping, poor surface and needs reconstruction or an overlay
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No off-street parking available

**Comments:** Recommend restriping and repainting of accessible parking including the ADA clearance spaces and accessible route to the sidewalk. Also, recommend installing wheel stops at all parking spaces adjacent to the sidewalk.

**PARKS, SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and is ADA accessible
- 1 Good condition, surface beginning to crack and heave with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface requires moderate maintenance with visible safety concerns
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface that requires replacement or reconstruction
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No sidewalks/trails/paths exist

**Comments:** Sidewalks do not connect to all areas of the park (bleachers, picnic tables and benches) and are, therefore, not accessible. Sidewalks also appear to be narrow in certain segments and may not meet Texas Accessibility Standards.

**BASKETBALL NETS AND PLAYING SURFACES**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and nets are stable, level and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface and nets beginning to require maintenance with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface and nets require moderate maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface and nets that require replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No nets/playing surfaces exist

**Comments:**

**TENNIS COURTS, FENCING AND NETS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition, fencing and nets are in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface, fencing and nets beginning to require minor repairs
- 2 Moderate condition, surface, fencing and nets require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface, fencing and nets requires replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No courts, fencing and nets exist

**Comments:**

**PARK ACCESSIBILITY**

- 0 Great accessibility, perimeter sidewalks are in place with striped and signed crosswalks
- 1 Good accessibility, an acceptable walking surface exists and street crossing signs exist
- 2 Moderate accessibility, improved walking surfaces are needed as are crosswalks and signs
- 3 Poor condition, no walking surfaces, crosswalks or street crossing signs
- 4 Very poor condition, unsafe conditions for children or disabled persons

**Comments:** No routes demarcated from parking to sidewalk. Sidewalks also dead end and do not provide accessible routes to picnic tables, bleachers nor benches.

**PARK AMENITIES (BENCHES, GRILLS, SHELTERED/UNSHELTERED PICNIC TABLES, PLAY EQUIPMENT)**

- 0 Great condition, all equipment and amenities are new and well maintained
- 1 Good condition, equipment is generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, equipment and amenities require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, equipment and amenities require replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, equipment and amenities are unfit for use and require replacement

**Comments:** Recommend repainting.

**BUILDINGS, SHELTERS, PAVILIONS**

- 0 Great condition, structures are attractive, well-maintained and structurally sound
- 1 Good condition, structures are generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, structures require routine repair with moderate maintenance required
- 3 Poor condition, structures are in disrepair and require significant improvements or replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, structures are unfit for use and require reconstruction or replacement
- No buildings or shelters

**Comments:** Recommend repainting.

**PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 0 Great condition, turf is in great condition, fields are crowned and are well-drained
- 1 Good condition, turf is in acceptable condition with some minor grading required
- 2 Moderate condition, moderate maintenance is needed to re-establish turf and re-grade
- 3 Poor condition, poor turf, standing water and significant reconditioning/re-grading is required
- 4 Very poor condition, fields and areas require complete refurbishment of the turf and grade
- No playing fields

**Comments:** It appears as though there were construction crews on the property so they may be in the middle of maintenance.

### SIGNAGE

- 0 Great condition, adequate in number, appropriately placed and well landscaped
- 1 Good condition, sign facing is weathered, landscaping is generally healthy
- 2 Moderate condition, facing requires maintenance, landscaping needs replaced and more signs are needed
- 3 Poor condition, lettering is not legible, additional signs needed and landscaping in poor condition
- 4 Very poor condition, new signage is required
- No signage

**Comments:** Recommend lighting the sign and making the hours more visible.

### FENCING

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, no rusting and adequately meets its need
- 1 Good condition, starting to require minimal maintenance, repair or replacement
- 2 Moderate condition, rusting/rotting, requires repair or replacement and more needed
- 3 Poor condition, unsound condition, undesirable appearance and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No fencing

**Comments:** Fencing at one of the fields requires replacement. Fence is damaged. Recommend fencing or enclosure to screen dumpster.

### LIGHTING

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, good coverage and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, adequate coverage, requires routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage is needed, requires repair or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, inadequate surface coverage, unsound condition and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No lighting exists

**Comments:** Only saw lighting at the batting cage.



**Name: Ray Holbrook Park**

**Score 1.6**

**Date: 8/17/22**

## Condition Assessment: Dickinson Community Center

### Dickinson Community Center

#### TURF

- 0 Great condition, no problem areas or need for significant maintenance
- 1 Good condition, few problem areas
- 2 Moderate condition, maintenance needed, (aeration, over-seeding, re-establishment)
- 3 Poor condition, need reconditioning
- 4 Very poor condition, requires re-seeding, re-grading and replacement

**Comments:** Appears a few spots need to be re-sodded and/or needs to be watered.

#### PLANTINGS AND TREES

- 0 Great condition, good coverage and healthy with no significant maintenance needs
- 1 Good condition, additional coverage needed with minor maintenance required
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage and moderate maintenance needed
- 3 Poor condition, additional coverage needed as well as replacement, pruning, etc.
- 4 Very poor condition, dangerous conditions exist
- Limited or no vegetation exists

**Comments:** Additional coverage recommended.

#### PARKING

- 0 Great condition, good ingress/egress, striped and surface in good condition
- 1 Good condition, faded striping and surface beginning to require routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, striping is faint and moderate surface maintenance is routinely needed
- 3 Poor condition, no striping, poor surface and needs reconstruction or an overlay
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No off-street parking available

**Comments:** Additional asphalt overlay recommended at driveway into parking lot.

**PARKS, SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and is ADA accessible
- 1 Good condition, surface beginning to crack and heave with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface requires moderate maintenance with visible safety concerns
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface that requires replacement or reconstruction
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No sidewalks/trails/paths exist

**Comments:** Recommend installing a sidewalk around the perimeter, which can be used as both a walking trail for the Community Center and a sidewalk by the neighborhood residents to get to their destination.

**BASKETBALL NETS AND PLAYING SURFACES**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and nets are stable, level and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface and nets beginning to require maintenance with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface and nets require moderate maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface and nets that require replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No nets/playing surfaces exist

**Comments:**

**TENNIS COURTS, FENCING AND NETS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition, fencing and nets are in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface, fencing and nets beginning to require minor repairs
- 2 Moderate condition, surface, fencing and nets require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface, fencing and nets requires replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No courts, fencing and nets exist

**Comments:**

**PARK ACCESSIBILITY**

- 0 Great accessibility, perimeter sidewalks are in place with striped and signed crosswalks
- 1 Good accessibility, an acceptable walking surface exists and street crossing signs exist
- 2 Moderate accessibility, improved walking surfaces are needed as are crosswalks and signs
- 3 Poor condition, no walking surfaces, crosswalks or street crossing signs
- 4 Very poor condition, unsafe conditions for children or disabled persons

**Comments:**

**PARK AMENITIES (BENCHES, GRILLS, SHELTERED/UNSHELTERED PICNIC TABLES, PLAY EQUIPMENT)**

- 0 Great condition, all equipment and amenities are new and well maintained
- 1 Good condition, equipment is generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, equipment and amenities require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, equipment and amenities require replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, equipment and amenities are unfit for use and require replacement

**Comments:**

**BUILDINGS, SHELTERS, PAVILIONS**

- 0 Great condition, structures are attractive, well-maintained and structurally sound
- 1 Good condition, structures are generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, structures require routine repair with moderate maintenance required
- 3 Poor condition, structures are in disrepair and require significant improvements or replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, structures are unfit for use and require reconstruction or replacement
- No buildings or shelters

**Comments:** Recommend pressure washing building or repainting.

### PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT

- 0 Great condition, turf is in great condition, fields are crowned and are well-drained
- 1 Good condition, turf is in acceptable condition with some minor grading required
- 2 Moderate condition, moderate maintenance is needed to re-establish turf and re-grade
- 3 Poor condition, poor turf, standing water and significant reconditioning/re-grading is required
- 4 Very poor condition, fields and areas require complete refurbishment of the turf and grade
- No playing fields

**Comments:** The field is currently open space and can be used for a variety of sports, activities or events.

### SIGNAGE

- 0 Great condition, adequate in number, appropriately placed and well landscaped
- 1 Good condition, sign facing is weathered, landscaping is generally healthy
- 2 Moderate condition, facing requires maintenance, landscaping needs replaced and more signs are needed
- 3 Poor condition, lettering is not legible, additional signs needed and landscaping in poor condition
- 4 Very poor condition, new signage is required
- No signage

**Comments:** Building signage is large and easy to read.

### FENCING

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, no rusting and adequately meets its need
- 1 Good condition, starting to require minimal maintenance, repair or replacement
- 2 Moderate condition, rusting/rotting, requires repair or replacement and more needed
- 3 Poor condition, unsound condition, undesirable appearance and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No fencing

**Comments:**

**LIGHTING**

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, good coverage and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, adequate coverage, requires routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage is needed, requires repair or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, inadequate surface coverage, unsound condition and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No lighting exists

**Comments:**

**Name: Dickinson Community Center**

**Score 1.11**

**Date: 8/17/22**

## Condition Assessment: Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp (TX 3)

### Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp (TX-3)

#### TURF

- 0 Great condition, no problem areas or need for significant maintenance
- 1 Good condition, few problem areas
- 2 Moderate condition, maintenance needed, (aeration, over-seeding, re-establishment)
- 3 Poor condition, need reconditioning
- 4 Very poor condition, requires re-seeding, re-grading and replacement

**Comments:** If sod is not desired, recommend compacting dirt and filling holes.

#### PLANTINGS AND TREES

- 0 Great condition, good coverage and healthy with no significant maintenance needs
- 1 Good condition, additional coverage needed with minor maintenance required
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage and moderate maintenance needed
- 3 Poor condition, additional coverage needed as well as replacement, pruning, etc.
- 4 Very poor condition, dangerous conditions exist
- Limited or no vegetation exists

**Comments:** Recommend some shade trees or a shading structure for picnic tables.

#### PARKING

- 0 Great condition, good ingress/egress, striped and surface in good condition
- 1 Good condition, faded striping and surface beginning to require routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, striping is faint and moderate surface maintenance is routinely needed
- 3 Poor condition, no striping, poor surface and needs reconstruction or an overlay
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No off-street parking available

**Comments:**

### **PARKS, SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and is ADA accessible
- 1 Good condition, surface beginning to crack and heave with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface requires moderate maintenance with visible safety concerns
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface that requires replacement or reconstruction
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No sidewalks/trails/paths exist

**Comments:** No defined sidewalks or paths except to pier. Path to pier has some erosion and may be a hazard.

### **BASKETBALL NETS AND PLAYING SURFACES**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and nets are stable, level and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface and nets beginning to require maintenance with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface and nets require moderate maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface and nets that require replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No nets/playing surfaces exist

**Comments:**

### **TENNIS COURTS, FENCING AND NETS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition, fencing and nets are in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface, fencing and nets beginning to require minor repairs
- 2 Moderate condition, surface, fencing and nets require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface, fencing and nets requires replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No courts, fencing and nets exist

**Comments:**

**PARK ACCESSIBILITY**

- 0 Great accessibility, perimeter sidewalks are in place with striped and signed crosswalks
- 1 Good accessibility, an acceptable walking surface exists and street crossing signs exist
- 2 Moderate accessibility, improved walking surfaces are needed as are crosswalks and signs
- 3 Poor condition, no walking surfaces, crosswalks or street crossing signs
- 4 Very poor condition, unsafe conditions for children or disabled persons

**Comments:** Lots of holes, mud and surfaces are uneven. Recommend resurfacing or regrading and building sidewalks to picnic tables.

**PARK AMENITIES (BENCHES, GRILLS, SHELTERED/UNSHELTERED PICNIC TABLES, PLAY EQUIPMENT)**

- 0 Great condition, all equipment and amenities are new and well maintained
- 1 Good condition, equipment is generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, equipment and amenities require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, equipment and amenities require replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, equipment and amenities are unfit for use and require replacement

**Comments:** Picnic tables are warped and require replacement. Recommend amenities that are more durable.

**BUILDINGS, SHELTERS, PAVILIONS**

- 0 Great condition, structures are attractive, well-maintained and structurally sound
- 1 Good condition, structures are generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, structures require routine repair with moderate maintenance required
- 3 Poor condition, structures are in disrepair and require significant improvements or replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, structures are unfit for use and require reconstruction or replacement
- No buildings or shelters

**Comments:**

**PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 0 Great condition, turf is in great condition, fields are crowned and are well-drained
- 1 Good condition, turf is in acceptable condition with some minor grading required
- 2 Moderate condition, moderate maintenance is needed to re-establish turf and re-grade
- 3 Poor condition, poor turf, standing water and significant reconditioning/re-grading is required
- 4 Very poor condition, fields and areas require complete refurbishment of the turf and grade
- No playing fields

**Comments:**

**SIGNAGE**

- 0 Great condition, adequate in number, appropriately placed and well landscaped
- 1 Good condition, sign facing is weathered, landscaping is generally healthy
- 2 Moderate condition, facing requires maintenance, landscaping needs replaced and more signs are needed
- 3 Poor condition, lettering is not legible, additional signs needed and landscaping in poor condition
- 4 Very poor condition, new signage is required
- No signage

**Comments:** Recommend lighting the sign and landscaping.

**FENCING**

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, no rusting and adequately meets its need
- 1 Good condition, starting to require minimal maintenance, repair or replacement
- 2 Moderate condition, rusting/rotting, requires repair or replacement and more needed
- 3 Poor condition, unsound condition, undesirable appearance and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No fencing

**Comments:**

**LIGHTING**

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, good coverage and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, adequate coverage, requires routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage is needed, requires repair or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, inadequate surface coverage, unsound condition and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No lighting exists

**Comments:** Recommend lighting the parking lot.

**Name: Dickinson Bayou Boat Ramp  
(TX-3)**

**Score 3.0**

**Date: 8/17/22**

## Condition Assessment: Zempter Park

### Zempter Park

#### TURF

- 0 Great condition, no problem areas or need for significant maintenance
- 1 Good condition, few problem areas
- 2 Moderate condition, maintenance needed, (aeration, over-seeding, re-establishment)
- 3 Poor condition, need reconditioning
- 4 Very poor condition, requires re-seeding, re-grading and replacement

**Comments:**

#### PLANTINGS AND TREES

- 0 Great condition, good coverage and healthy with no significant maintenance needs
- 1 Good condition, additional coverage needed with minor maintenance required
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage and moderate maintenance needed
- 3 Poor condition, additional coverage needed as well as replacement, pruning, etc.
- 4 Very poor condition, dangerous conditions exist
- Limited or no vegetation exists

**Comments:** Recommend additional trees and pruning at the secondary Zempter Memorial Park sign so that the sign is visible.

#### PARKING

- 0 Great condition, good ingress/egress, striped and surface in good condition
- 1 Good condition, faded striping and surface beginning to require routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, striping is faint and moderate surface maintenance is routinely needed
- 3 Poor condition, no striping, poor surface and needs reconstruction or an overlay
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No off-street parking available

**Comments:**

**PARKS, SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and is ADA accessible
- 1 Good condition, surface beginning to crack and heave with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface requires moderate maintenance with visible safety concerns
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface that requires replacement or reconstruction
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No sidewalks/trails/paths exist

**Comments:** Recommend replacing crushed granite with concrete for a more accessible surface.

**BASKETBALL NETS AND PLAYING SURFACES**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and nets are stable, level and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface and nets beginning to require maintenance with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface and nets require moderate maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface and nets that require replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No nets/playing surfaces exist

**Comments:**

**TENNIS COURTS, FENCING AND NETS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition, fencing and nets are in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface, fencing and nets beginning to require minor repairs
- 2 Moderate condition, surface, fencing and nets require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface, fencing and nets requires replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No courts, fencing and nets exist

**Comments:**

**PARK ACCESSIBILITY**

- 0 Great accessibility, perimeter sidewalks are in place with striped and signed crosswalks
- 1 Good accessibility, an acceptable walking surface exists and street crossing signs exist
- 2 Moderate accessibility, improved walking surfaces are needed as are crosswalks and signs
- 3 Poor condition, no walking surfaces, crosswalks or street crossing signs
- 4 Very poor condition, unsafe conditions for children or disabled persons

**Comments:** Bleachers are on a raised concrete platform. Stairs to score tower protrude into sidewalk area. No places for wheelchair users to watch the game without blocking the sidewalk or having to wheel into the grass. Also, recommend replacing crushed granite with a concrete surface.

**PARK AMENITIES (BENCHES, GRILLS, SHELTERED/UNSHELTERED PICNIC TABLES, PLAY EQUIPMENT)**

- 0 Great condition, all equipment and amenities are new and well maintained
- 1 Good condition, equipment is generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, equipment and amenities require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, equipment and amenities require replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, equipment and amenities are unfit for use and require replacement

**Comments:** Some bleachers are made of wood and others are made of metal. Recommend painting the wood bleachers and replacing the boards that are warping.

**BUILDINGS, SHELTERS, PAVILIONS**

- 0 Great condition, structures are attractive, well-maintained and structurally sound
- 1 Good condition, structures are generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, structures require routine repair with moderate maintenance required
- 3 Poor condition, structures are in disrepair and require significant improvements or replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, structures are unfit for use and require reconstruction or replacement
- No buildings or shelters

**Comments:** Wood deteriorating in a few places.

### PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT

- 0 Great condition, turf is in great condition, fields are crowned and are well-drained
- 1 Good condition, turf is in acceptable condition with some minor grading required
- 2 Moderate condition, moderate maintenance is needed to re-establish turf and re-grade
- 3 Poor condition, poor turf, standing water and significant reconditioning/re-grading is required
- 4 Very poor condition, fields and areas require complete refurbishment of the turf and grade
- No playing fields

**Comments:** Maintenance crew appeared to be regrading and maintaining the fields.

### SIGNAGE

- 0 Great condition, adequate in number, appropriately placed and well landscaped
- 1 Good condition, sign facing is weathered, landscaping is generally healthy
- 2 Moderate condition, facing requires maintenance, landscaping needs replaced and more signs are needed
- 3 Poor condition, lettering is not legible, additional signs needed and landscaping in poor condition
- 4 Very poor condition, new signage is required
- No signage

**Comments:** Need to prune at secondary sign. Primary sign is slightly hidden.

### FENCING

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, no rusting and adequately meets its need
- 1 Good condition, starting to require minimal maintenance, repair or replacement
- 2 Moderate condition, rusting/rotting, requires repair or replacement and more needed
- 3 Poor condition, unsound condition, undesirable appearance and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No fencing

**Comments:** Some of the fencing and posts need to be straightened out.

**LIGHTING**

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, good coverage and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, adequate coverage, requires routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage is needed, requires repair or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, inadequate surface coverage, unsound condition and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No lighting exists

**Comments:** Observed lighting at the two larger fields, but not at the fields across the street at the back.

**Name: Zempter Park**

**Score 1.45**

**Date: 8/17/22**

## Condition Assessment: Dickinson Civic Association Pool

### Dickinson Civic Association Pool

#### TURF

- 0 Great condition, no problem areas or need for significant maintenance
- 1 Good condition, few problem areas
- 2 Moderate condition, maintenance needed, (aeration, over-seeding, re-establishment)
- 3 Poor condition, need reconditioning
- 4 Very poor condition, requires re-seeding, re-grading and replacement

**Comments:**

#### PLANTINGS AND TREES

- 0 Great condition, good coverage and healthy with no significant maintenance needs
- 1 Good condition, additional coverage needed with minor maintenance required
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage and moderate maintenance needed
- 3 Poor condition, additional coverage needed as well as replacement, pruning, etc.
- 4 Very poor condition, dangerous conditions exist
- Limited or no vegetation exists

**Comments:** Recommend adding some trees to the parking lot area.

#### PARKING

- 0 Great condition, good ingress/egress, striped and surface in good condition
- 1 Good condition, faded striping and surface beginning to require routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, striping is faint and moderate surface maintenance is routinely needed
- 3 Poor condition, no striping, poor surface and needs reconstruction or an overlay
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No off-street parking available

**Comments:** Parking surface is not smooth. Recommend complete reconstruction or asphalt overlay.

**PARKS, SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and is ADA accessible
- 1 Good condition, surface beginning to crack and heave with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface requires moderate maintenance with visible safety concerns
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface that requires replacement or reconstruction
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No sidewalks/trails/paths exist

**Comments:** Sidewalk into facility is in good condition, but recommend extending sidewalk to parking lot, along fence line and by the street.

**BASKETBALL NETS AND PLAYING SURFACES**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition and nets are stable, level and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface and nets beginning to require maintenance with minor repairs needed
- 2 Moderate condition, surface and nets require moderate maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface and nets that require replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete reconstruction needed
- No nets/playing surfaces exist

**Comments:** Appears to be a playing surface within gate. However, it appears to be lacking a basketball goal.

**TENNIS COURTS, FENCING AND NETS**

- 0 Great condition, surface is in good condition, fencing and nets are in good repair
- 1 Good condition, surface, fencing and nets beginning to require minor repairs
- 2 Moderate condition, surface, fencing and nets require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, unsafe surface, fencing and nets requires replacement/resurfacing
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No courts, fencing and nets exist

**Comments:**

**PARK ACCESSIBILITY**

- 0 Great accessibility, perimeter sidewalks are in place with striped and signed crosswalks
- 1 Good accessibility, an acceptable walking surface exists and street crossing signs exist
- 2 Moderate accessibility, improved walking surfaces are needed as are crosswalks and signs
- 3 Poor condition, no walking surfaces, crosswalks or street crossing signs
- 4 Very poor condition, unsafe conditions for children or disabled persons

**Comments:** Inside the pool area appears to be accessible for the most part. Recommend installing a sidewalk to playing surface and connecting parking lot to existing sidewalk.

**PARK AMENITIES (BENCHES, GRILLS, SHELTERED/UNSHELTERED PICNIC TABLES, PLAY EQUIPMENT)**

- 0 Great condition, all equipment and amenities are new and well maintained
- 1 Good condition, equipment is generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, equipment and amenities require routine maintenance or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, equipment and amenities require replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, equipment and amenities are unfit for use and require replacement

**Comments:** The gate was closed, but from what you are able to see at the gate, it appeared to be in good condition.

**BUILDINGS, SHELTERS, PAVILIONS**

- 0 Great condition, structures are attractive, well-maintained and structurally sound
- 1 Good condition, structures are generally in good repair with some minor improvements needed
- 2 Moderate condition, structures require routine repair with moderate maintenance required
- 3 Poor condition, structures are in disrepair and require significant improvements or replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, structures are unfit for use and require reconstruction or replacement
- No buildings or shelters

**Comments:** Roof appears to be worn past its useful life. Building along the foundation appears to be rotting and may require new siding. Doors also do not appear to close.

### PLAYING FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT

- 0 Great condition, turf is in great condition, fields are crowned and are well-drained
- 1 Good condition, turf is in acceptable condition with some minor grading required
- 2 Moderate condition, moderate maintenance is needed to re-establish turf and re-grade
- 3 Poor condition, poor turf, standing water and significant reconditioning/re-grading is required
- 4 Very poor condition, fields and areas require complete refurbishment of the turf and grade
- No playing fields

**Comments:** Some minor grading and maintenance is needed by the volleyball net.

### SIGNAGE

- 0 Great condition, adequate in number, appropriately placed and well landscaped
- 1 Good condition, sign facing is weathered, landscaping is generally healthy
- 2 Moderate condition, facing requires maintenance, landscaping needs replaced and more signs are needed
- 3 Poor condition, lettering is not legible, additional signs needed and landscaping in poor condition
- 4 Very poor condition, new signage is required
- No signage

**Comments:** Recommend consistency with address number, landscaping and lighting.

### FENCING

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, no rusting and adequately meets its need
- 1 Good condition, starting to require minimal maintenance, repair or replacement
- 2 Moderate condition, rusting/rotting, requires repair or replacement and more needed
- 3 Poor condition, unsound condition, undesirable appearance and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No fencing

**Comments:** Fence is rusting in several places. Paint is also peeling.

**LIGHTING**

- 0 Great condition, structurally sound, good coverage and in good repair
- 1 Good condition, adequate coverage, requires routine maintenance
- 2 Moderate condition, additional coverage is needed, requires repair or replacement
- 3 Poor condition, inadequate surface coverage, unsound condition and requires replacement
- 4 Very poor condition, complete replacement needed
- No lighting exists

**Comments:**

**Name: Dickinson Civic Association Pool**

**Score 1.82**

**Date: 8/17/22**