

City of Manitowoc Parks and Recreation Department

Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Plan

**PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY**

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The City of Manitowoc is in the process to updating its Recreation and Open Space Plan. The last revision took place in 1997. As part of the Manitowoc Parks and Recreation Committee's effort to provide recreational services that are compatible with your interests about our community's future needs, we would appreciate your participation in this survey!

We are surveying you, our residents, to obtain your views on park, recreation, open space and trail needs for the City of Manitowoc. Please complete this questionnaire and drop it off or mail it to the Parks and Recreation Department, 930 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Manitowoc or email it to [jmclafferty@manitowoc.org](mailto:jmclafferty@manitowoc.org). no later than February 14, 2003.

Input sessions will be held on:

- Monday, January 13, 2003, 7:00pm. City Hall Council Chambers
- Monday, January 27, 2003, 7:00pm. Manitowoc Senior Center Main Assembly
- Monday, February 10, 2003, 7:00pm. Jackson Elementary School
- Monday, February 24, 2003, 7:00pm. Madison Elementary School

**PLEASE TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.  
YOUR OPINION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US.**

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**About current services:**

1. Do you live within the City limits of Manitowoc?  Yes  No

If no, where do you live? Please identify: \_\_\_\_\_.

2. How do you learn about the City of Manitowoc's park facilities, classes, or programs that are being offered by the Parks and Recreation Department?  
Select any of the following options that apply:

- Parks and Recreation Seasonal Brochure
- Parks and Recreation Web Site
- Called the Parks and Recreation Office
- Posters or flyers
- Mailings from Department
- Other Please list: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you or members of your household been to a City of Manitowoc Park, or facility, taken a class, or participated in an activity sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department within the last year?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    \_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure

4. About how frequently do you or someone from your household visit one of the City's Parks facilities?

\_\_\_\_\_ Daily    \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly    \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly    \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly

5. In your opinion, how are Manitowoc Parks maintained as compared to other parks that you have been to in other cities?

\_\_\_\_\_ Better    \_\_\_\_\_ Same    \_\_\_\_\_ Worse    \_\_\_\_\_ No opinion

6. When a new park is designed and constructed or improvements/renovations are made to existing parks, which of the following features should be included in the park? Please check boxes for all facilities.

Facility/Area	Very Important	Important	Not Important At All
Restrooms			
Playgrounds			
Picnic Shelters			
Picnic Tables			
Skate Park			
Baseball/Softball Fields			
Soccer Fields			
Tennis Courts			
Natural Areas			
Trails			

7. Other: Please list any outdoor facilities that you would like to have provided that are not currently available through the Parks and Recreation Department.

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8. The Manitowoc Parks and Recreation Department offers the following programs or services. Please give us your opinion on these services.

<i>Name of Program Or Service</i>	<i>Very Satisfied</i>	<i>Satisfied</i>	<i>Not Satisfied At All</i>
<b>Youth Sports</b>			
<b>Youth Programs</b>			
<b>Day Camps</b>			
<b>Trips/Tours for Youth</b>			
<b>Teen Programs</b>			
<b>Special Populations</b>			
<b>Adult Sports</b>			
<b>Trips/Tours for Seniors</b>			
<b>Summer Concert Series</b>			
<b>Special Events</b>			

9. Please list any recreational programs or services you would like to see which are not currently available through the Parks and Recreation Department.

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**About future needs:**

10. Would you or members of your family be likely to use a continuous, inter-connected city- wide trail system in Manitowoc designed for pedestrians, runners, skate/rollerblades and bikers?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    \_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure

11. What type of trail, pathway, or non-motorized transportation corridor do you believe is most needed in the City of Manitowoc? Select any of the following options that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ Off-Street paved trails for walking or biking  
 \_\_\_\_\_ On-Street commuter bicycle lanes  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Unpaved trails for walking or hiking  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other trails, types of uses (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_).  
 \_\_\_\_\_ No additional trails are needed

12. What additional natural open space should the City of Manitowoc acquire in the future, if any? Please prioritize your choices.

- River corridors
- Wetland sites
- Wildlife habitat
- Open space buffer areas between developed areas
- No additional natural open space acquisitions are needed

**About possible future upgrades and improvements to Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails**

13. Listed below are some projects to which Manitowoc could allocate financial resources. For each amenity please tell us what you think:

Possible Upgrade	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
On-street bike lanes			
Off-street multi-use recreational paths			
Acquisition of open space lands			
Improved maintenance - management of open space lands			
Enhancement of habitat to critical wildlife areas			
Enhancement of fishing areas			
Acquire land and build large parks for general park use			
Acquire land and build large sports fields			
Acquire land and build small neighborhood parks			
Build a new Water Park			
Skateboard Park			
BMX bicycle course			
Dog Park			
Improve the quality of existing recreation programming			
Expand recreation programming and activities			
Increase/Improve level of day-to-day maintenance of existing facilities			

14. Of the amenities listed in Q.13 above, which do you consider the TOP FOUR priorities?

- First Priority
- Second Priority
- Third Priority
- Fourth Priority

**About you:**

15. Do you reside in a single family home, condominium or apartment? Choose one of the following options:

- Single family home
- Condominium
- Apartment
- Duplex/triplex

16. Do you own or rent your residence?

- Own  Rent  Staying with Friends or family

17. Which of the following best describes your household status?

- Un-related individuals/roommates
- Single, no children
- Single with children
- Single, children no longer at home (empty nester)
- Couple, no children
- Couple with children
- Couple, children no longer at home (empty nester)

18. What is your age? Choose one of the following options:

- 18-25  25-34  35-44  45-54  55-64  65+

19. Sex of respondent? Please choose one of the following options:

- Male  Female

20. Any final comments/observations regarding parks, recreation, open space, or trails?

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