



# Appendix B

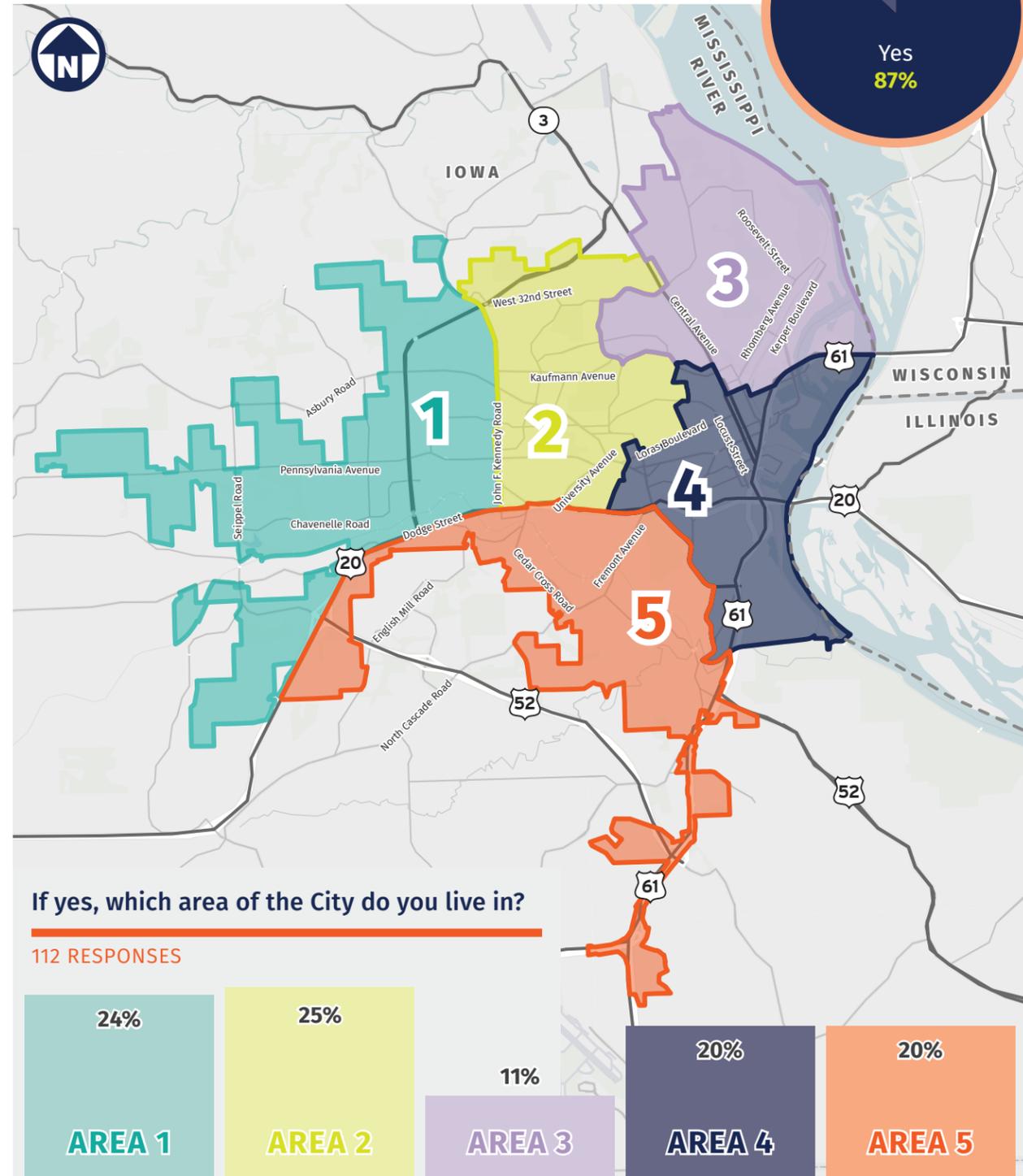
## Website Survey Results



Dubuque  
Parks and Recreation  
Comprehensive Plan

## Do you reside within the City of Dubuque?

127 RESPONSES

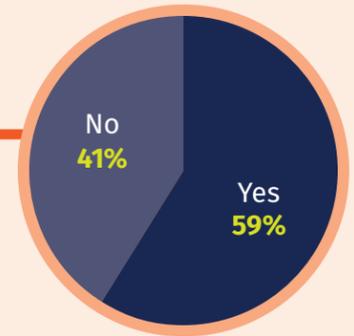
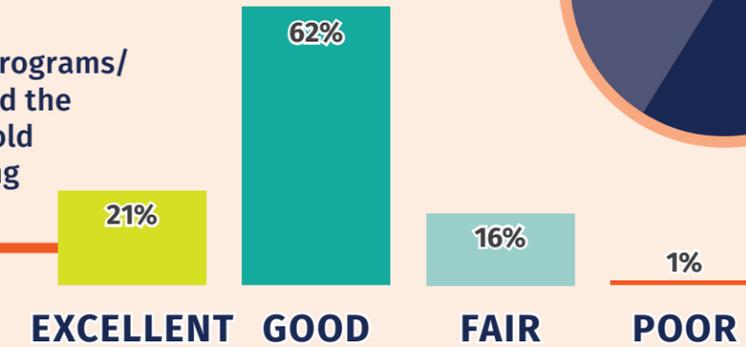


## Have you and/or members of your household participated in any programs/activities/services offered by City of Dubuque Parks and Recreation during the past year?

128 RESPONSES

How would you rate the programs/activities/services you and the members of your household have participated in during the past year?

84 RESPONSES



## What are the reasons you have not participated or have not participated more often in Dubuque Parks & Recreation programs/activities/services? (Multiple responses allowed)

123 RESPONSES

Other:

- Not enough classes for active elderly
- Too few options for adults, especially senior citizens
- Not needed/interested
- We do not have a full service aquatic center
- No indoor soccer
- Too busy even though we are interested
- The Rec Department used to do brochures listing programs, not every one uses digital
- Toddler times are during M-F work hours
- We need indoor Pickleball courts on Valentine park
- When our children were young they participated, to be honest, I'm not sure what might be available that would be of interest

I don't know what is offered	46%
Program times are not convenient	24%
Lack of recreation facilities	16%
Too busy/not interested	12%
Use programs of other agencies	11%
Program not offered	10%
Lack of quality programs	10%
Other (please specify)	10%
Age barriers	8%
None; there are no barriers	8%
Prefer individual activities	7%
Classes are full	7%
Fees are too high/lack financial assistance	5%
Safety concerns	3%
Lack of transportation	3%
Lack of quality instructors	2%
Too far from home	2%
Do not feel welcomed/accommodated	2%
Registration is difficult	2%
Parking issues	2%
Prefer virtual programming	1%
Language/Cultural barriers	0%

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements about Parks and Recreation.

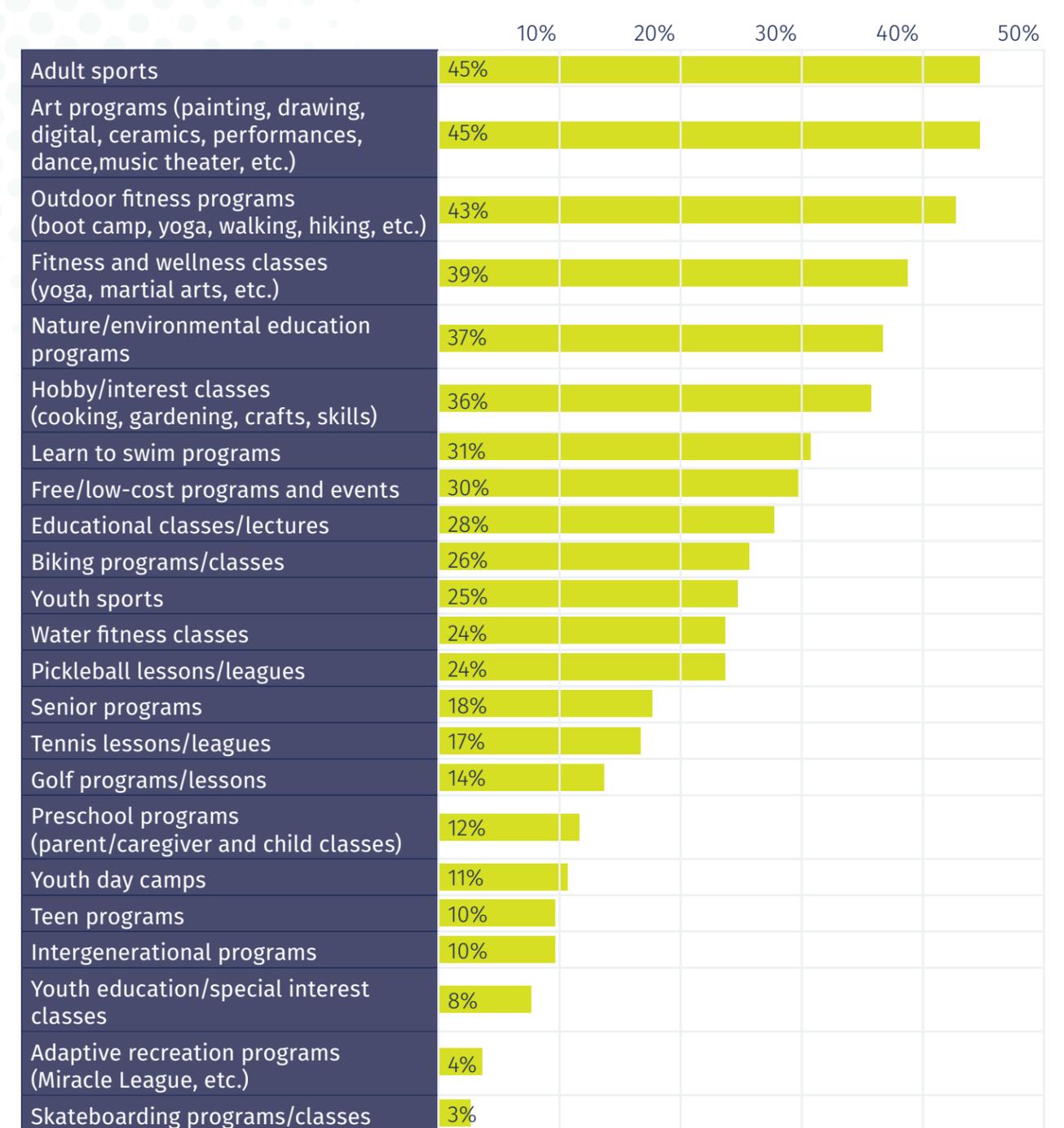
127 RESPONSES

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Provide access to greenspace and nature, or playgrounds	42%	46%	7%	5%	0%	1%
Preserve open space and protect the environment	27%	40%	21%	8%	2%	2%
Improve my (my household's) physical health and fitness	28%	38%	20%	10%	2%	2%
Are age-friendly and accessible to all age groups	28%	43%	13%	10%	3%	4%
Improve my (my household's) brain health and reduce stress	28%	35%	25%	6%	3%	2%
Positively impact economic/business development	25%	30%	27%	10%	3%	4%
Provide positive social interactions for me (my household/family)	33%	39%	20%	4%	1%	2%
Help to attract new residents and businesses	32%	25%	20%	16%	4%	3%
Help to attract tourists and seasonal visitors	28%	28%	19%	17%	6%	3%
Offer childhood education opportunities to develop the whole child	32%	32%	21%	5%	2%	7%
Provide jobs/professional development for youth	18%	39%	24%	7%	2%	9%
Help to reduce crime in my neighborhood and keep kids out of trouble	20%	31%	28%	11%	2%	7%

Percentage of Needs Met: <11% 11-15% 16-20% >20%

Please indicate if you or any household member have a need for the following programs, activities, or events.

114 RESPONSES



If you have indicated a need, please describe how well your need is currently being met for that program, event, or activity.

114 RESPONSES

	Fully	Somewhat	Barely	Not Met at All
Adaptive recreation programs (Miracle League, etc.)	25%	25%	25%	25%
Adult sports	11%	20%	39%	30%
Art programs (painting, drawing, digital, ceramics, performances, dance, music theater, etc.)	9%	42%	30%	19%
Biking programs/classes	0%	35%	22%	44%
Educational classes/lectures	0%	33%	29%	38%
Fitness and wellness classes (yoga, martial arts, etc.)	11%	22%	54%	14%
Free/low-cost programs and events	25%	50%	21%	4%
Golf programs/lessons	8%	33%	33%	25%
Hobby/interest classes (cooking, gardening, crafts, skills)	3%	36%	39%	21%
Intergenerational programs	0%	20%	40%	40%
Learn to swim programs	25%	56%	13%	6%
Nature/environmental education programs	6%	34%	41%	19%
Outdoor fitness programs (boot camp, yoga, walking, hiking, etc.)	10%	30%	48%	12%
Preschool programs (parent/caregiver and child classes)	33%	33%	33%	0%
Pickleball lessons/leagues	5%	23%	41%	32%
Senior programs	6%	6%	44%	44%
Skateboarding programs/classes	0%	33%	33%	33%
Teen programs	10%	30%	30%	30%
Tennis lessons/leagues	0%	17%	44%	39%
Water fitness classes	0%	13%	35%	52%
Youth day camps	9%	64%	27%	0%
Youth sports	12%	28%	40%	20%
Youth education/special interest classes	0%	44%	44%	11%

Percentage of Needs Met: <11% 11-15% 16-20% >20%

Which FOUR types of PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES/EVENTS are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

103 RESPONSES

Top 10	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
1 Fitness and wellness classes (yoga, martial arts, etc.)	9%	8%	11%	6%	32
2 Outdoor fitness programs (boot camp, yoga, walking, hiking, etc.)	7%	8%	10%	9%	32
3 Nature/environmental education programs	11%	8%	7%	6%	31
4 Adult sports	4%	14%	7%	5%	29
5 Free/low-cost programs and events	6%	6%	10%	9%	29
6 Youth sports	14%	5%	4%	0%	23
7 Art programs (painting, drawing, digital, ceramics, performances, dance, music theater, etc.)	7%	2%	7%	5%	20
8 Learn to swim programs	9%	5%	2%	5%	20
9 Pickleball lessons/leagues	5%	6%	4%	1%	16
10 Tennis lessons/leagues	8%	1%	1%	0%	10

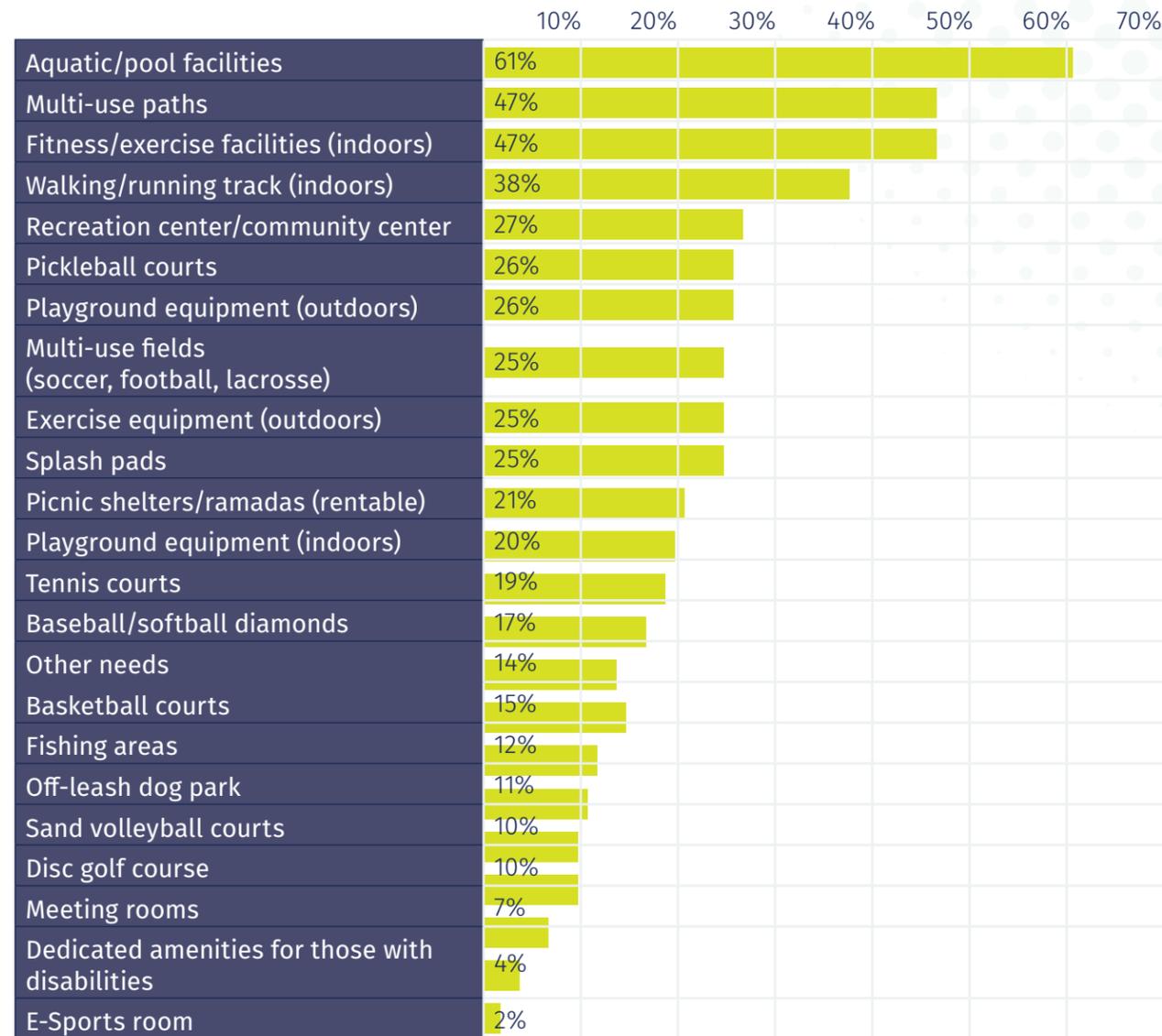
What is one new program or service that Dubuque Parks and Recreation does not currently have that you would love to see?

72 RESPONSES

Trails & Greenspaces  
 walking tracks  
 youth programs  
 Outdoor Activities  
 soccer lessons  
**INDOOR ACTIVITIES**  
 TENNIS CENTER  
 SUMMER HOCKEY  
 MULTI-GEN CLASSES

Please indicate if you or any household member have a need for the following amenities and facilities.

112 RESPONSES



If you have indicated a need, please describe how well your need is currently being met for that facility or amenity.

112 RESPONSES

	Fully	Somewhat	Barely	Not Met at All
Aquatic/pool facilities	22%	43%	30%	5%
Baseball/softball diamonds	13%	31%	44%	13%
Basketball courts	27%	47%	13%	13%
Disc golf course	18%	64%	9%	9%
E-Sports room	0%	0%	100%	0%
Exercise equipment (outdoors)	4%	4%	35%	57%
Meeting rooms	0%	14%	71%	14%
Multi-use fields (soccer, football, lacrosse)	4%	12%	52%	32%
Multi-use paths	13%	64%	22%	0%
Fishing areas	0%	64%	21%	14%
Fitness/exercise facilities (indoors)	12%	27%	27%	33%
Off-leash dog park	0%	11%	67%	22%
Pickleball courts	12%	35%	38%	15%
Picnic shelters/ramadas (rentable)	47%	47%	0%	6%
Playground equipment (indoors)	0%	5%	30%	65%
Playground equipment (outdoors)	48%	41%	11%	0%
Recreation center/community center	7%	11%	22%	59%
Splash pads	30%	41%	22%	7%
Sand volleyball courts	0%	0%	44%	56%
Tennis courts	5%	20%	50%	25%
Walking/running track (indoors)	3%	15%	15%	67%
Dedicated amenities for those with disabilities	0%	0%	67%	33%

Percentage of Needs Met: **<11%** **11-15%** **16-20%** **>20%**



Which FOUR types of FACILITIES/AMENITIES are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

101 RESPONSES

Top 10	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
1 Aquatic/pool facilities	25%	11%	5%	8%	45
2 Multi-use paths	16%	11%	14%	10%	45
3 Walking/running track (indoors)	6%	9%	12%	14%	34
4 Recreation center/community center	5%	13%	8%	6%	28
5 Multi-use fields (soccer, football, lacrosse)	13%	5%	6%	6%	27
6 Fitness/exercise facilities (indoors)	4%	4%	8%	7%	20
7 Pickleball courts	7%	4%	4%	4%	17
8 Playground equipment (outdoors)	6%	4%	6%	1%	16
9 Playground equipment (indoors)	0%	7%	4%	7%	15
10 Tennis courts	6%	2%	2%	3%	12

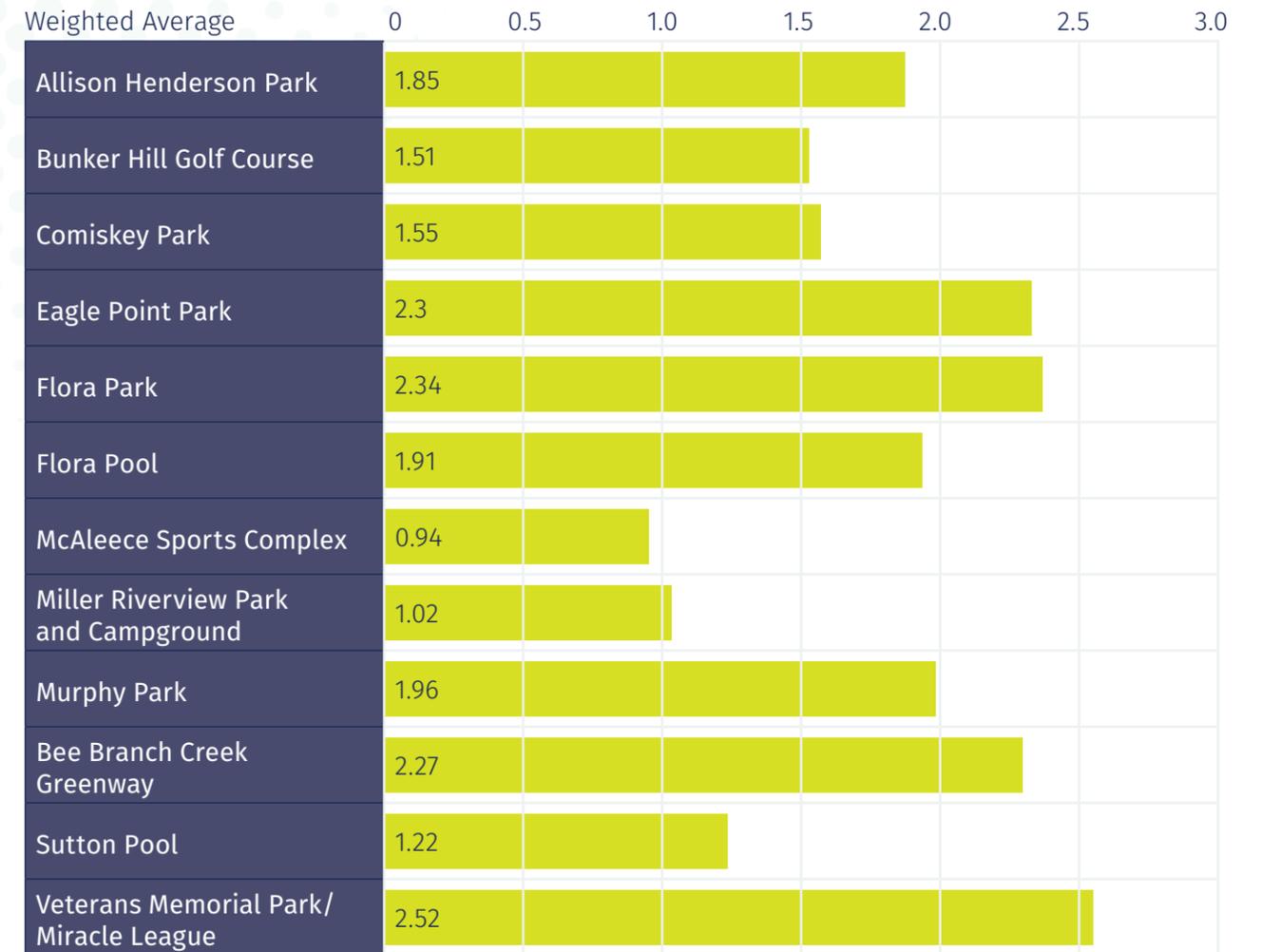
What is one new amenity or facility that Dubuque Parks and Recreation does not currently have that you would love to see?

70 RESPONSES

**COMPLEX OUTDOOR RECREATION**  
**TENNIS PICKLEBALL courts**  
**PARK INDOOR AQUATIC**  
**SOCCER COMMUNITY walking**  
**SPORTS**  
*playground*

Please rate the maintenance level and overall quality of each of the parks and recreation facilities you/your household have visited over the past year.

122 RESPONSES

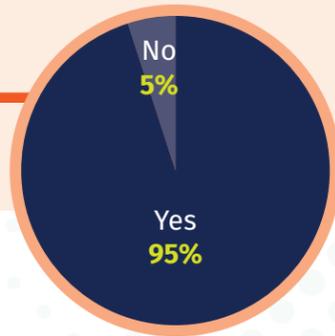


Other:

- Eagle Point Park is in disgraceful shape. That's a huge, "shame on you," City of Dubuque. For this treasure to have been neglected this long is unfathomable to me.
- Sister Cities International Park - Poor
- Please invest something in madison park! The playground is in shambles and is not elderly or disability friendly.
- Jackson park needs updates, repairs, rehabilitation.
- Valentine park is excellent
- I love the native plant areas you have added at Eagle Point, this is essential for nature to thrive
- Maus Lake Park - needs attention badly
- Jaycees Floodwall path--good; Bergfeld pond trail--good

**Have you and/or members of your household visited any City of Dubuque parks or recreation facilities during the past year?**

123 RESPONSES



**What are the reasons you have or have not visited the City parks/facilities more often?**  
(Multiple responses allowed)

81 RESPONSES

Other:

- We visit natural areas for hiking; are less interested in built structures and more interested in preserving native ecosystems for all to enjoy, including the and essential night
- Need more shade (parks in summer)
- Busy life
- No need
- We rented a pavilion at Flora and had to call dispatch because we had no power to heat crockpots. The breaker flipped from too much use. A couple of crockpots shouldn't cause that.
- Concerned at the lack of upkeep at Eagle Point Park
- Mobility issues
- I don't go to the dangerous parks
- No dogs allowed
- I do not have a park that is walking distance from my home
- Lack of lighted tennis courts
- Lots of trash along bee branch and routes to get there
- I realize there are budget constraints. I believe the arboretum is all volunteer, could we utilize volunteers to help maintain our park system?

Old and outdated facilities	37%
Lack of features we want to use	37%
Parks/Facilities are not well maintained	31%
Lack of restrooms	20%
Use other city, state, private or HOA facilities	17%
Lack of recreation programs	17%
Other (please specify)	16%
Too far from home	14%
Facility equipment doesn't meet my needs	14%
Do not feel safe using parks/facilities	12%
Not aware of park or facility locations	12%
Fees are too high/lack of financial assistance	5%
Health-related concerns	4%
Lack of ADA accessibility	4%
Do not feel welcomed/accommodated	4%
Lack of parking to access parks/facilities	1%
Lack of transportation	1%
Language/Cultural barriers/age barriers	1%

**The following is a list of actions the City of Dubuque could take to improve its parks and recreation system. Please indicate your support for each potential action by selecting very supportive, somewhat supportive, not sure, or not supportive.**

124 RESPONSES

	Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Sure	Not Supportive
Improve existing small neighborhood parks	50%	32%	13%	6%
Improve existing large community parks	70%	23%	6%	1%
Improve existing nature preserves	65%	26%	6%	3%
Improve existing youth sports fields	46%	36%	16%	3%
Improve existing paved walking and biking trails	64%	27%	8%	2%
Improve existing golf courses	18%	20%	33%	29%
Improve existing tennis court facilities	26%	27%	39%	7%
Improve existing adult sports fields	24%	35%	37%	4%
Improve existing swimming pools	55%	31%	12%	3%
Improve existing playgrounds	47%	39%	12%	2%
Acquire new park land	40%	18%	28%	13%
Replace aging outdoor swimming pools	53%	28%	14%	5%
Develop new indoor recreation areas	68%	13%	13%	5%
Develop new splash pads	22%	41%	27%	11%
Develop new outdoor swimming pools	33%	29%	25%	13%
Develop new youth sports fields	32%	28%	29%	11%
Develop multi-use outdoor sports fields	37%	35%	23%	6%
Develop new trails that connect to existing trails	62%	25%	10%	3%
Develop new dog park	15%	25%	28%	32%
Develop new indoor youth courts	28%	32%	29%	11%
Develop new pickleball facilities	23%	22%	30%	26%

Percentage of Support: **<15%** **16-30%** **31-45%** **>46%**

Other:

- Preserve natural areas; stop adding built structures that replace what we all are short of: wild natural places.
- Hockey rink
- Develop aquatic centers for year round use and readily available to elderly
- Valentine Park
- Develop prairie plots

Which THREE improvements would you be MOST WILLING to support with your tax dollars?

120 RESPONSES



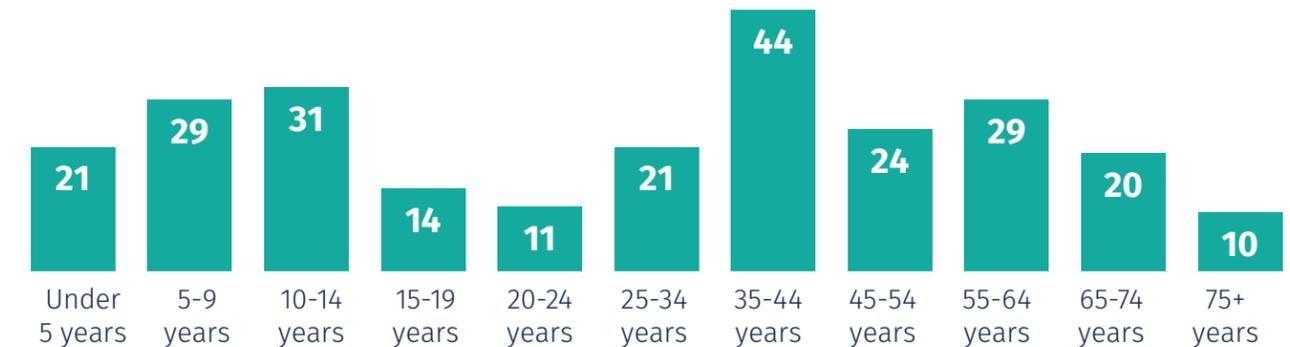
Which THREE methods of communication would you MOST PREFER the City to use to communicate with you about Parks and Recreation services?

109 RESPONSES



Counting yourself, what are the age ranges of people in your household? (Multiple responses allowed)

122 RESPONSES



What is your age?

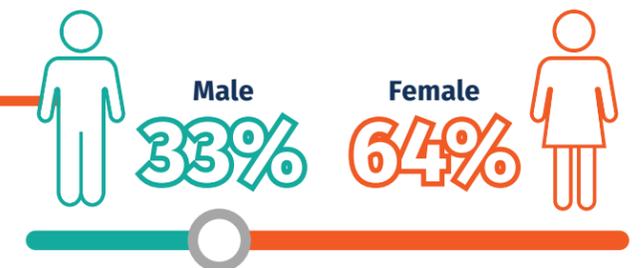
113 RESPONSES

Average age of **49**

Your gender:

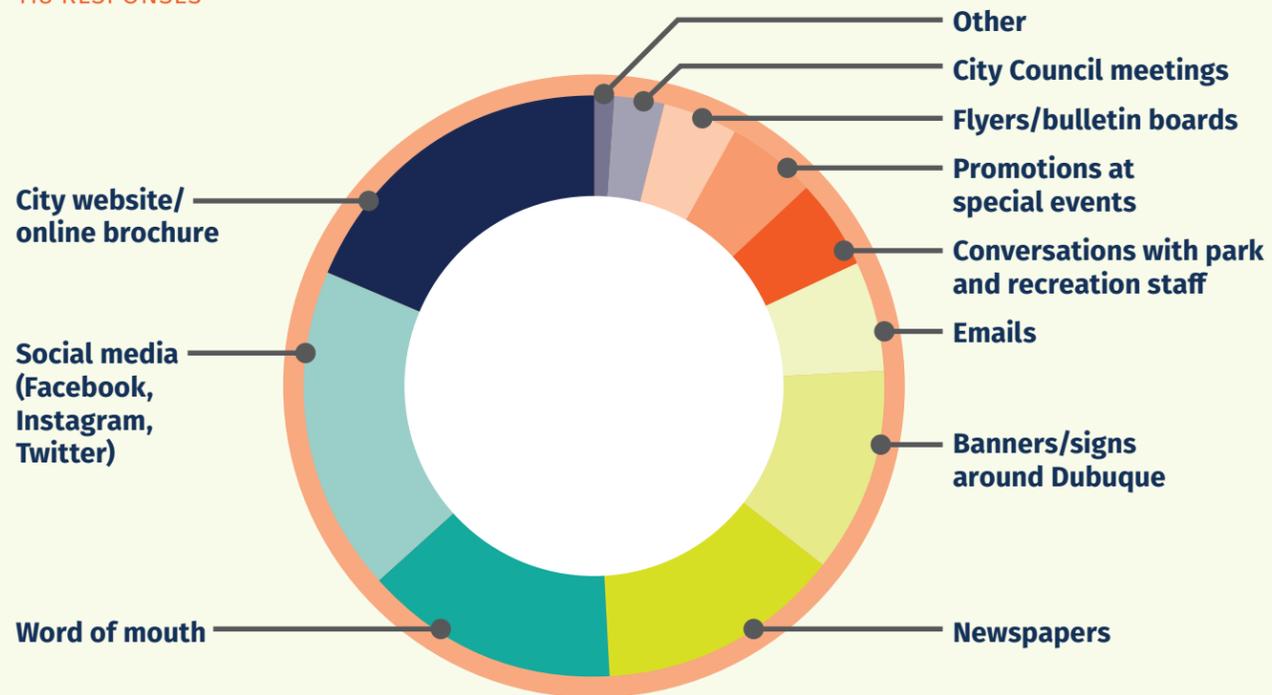
118 RESPONSES

3% prefer to self describe



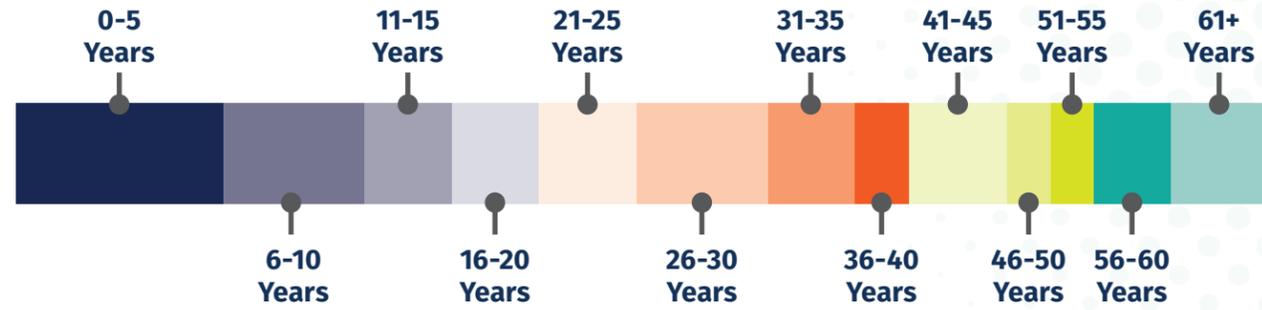
Please check all of the following ways you learn about Dubuque Parks and Recreation services.

118 RESPONSES



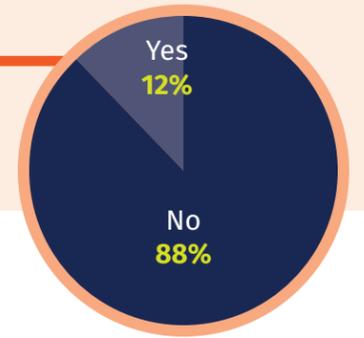
### How long have you lived in Dubuque?

118 RESPONSES



### Does anyone in your household have a disability?

120 RESPONSES



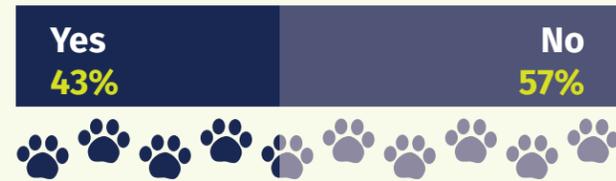
### What is your total annual household income?

111 RESPONSES



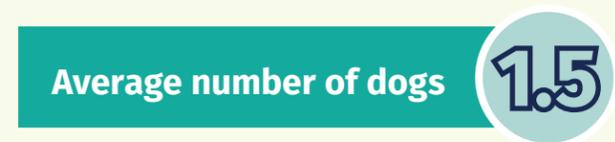
### Do you have any dogs in the house?

122 RESPONSES



### If yes, how many?

51 RESPONSES



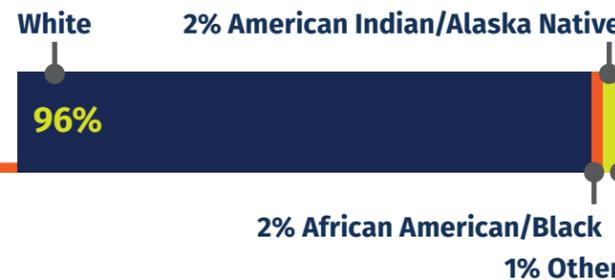
### Are you or other members of your household of Hispanic or Latino Ancestry?

118 RESPONSES



### Which of the following best describes your race/ethnicity?

120 RESPONSES



### Is English the primary language spoken in your home?

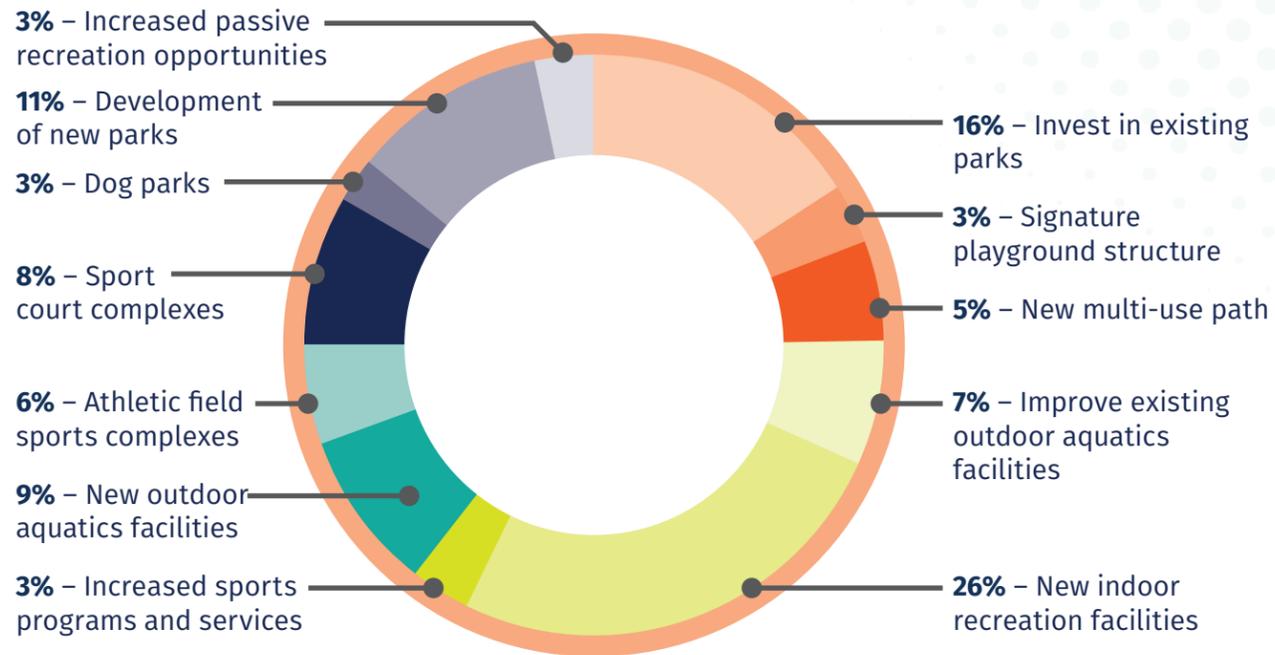
120 RESPONSES



## Fund It Tool

This tool identified park and programming priorities by utilizing a budgeting tool to help determine priorities utilizing budget constraints. Each category was given a weighted value identified below. Respondents were able to choose their priorities with a \$100 budget.

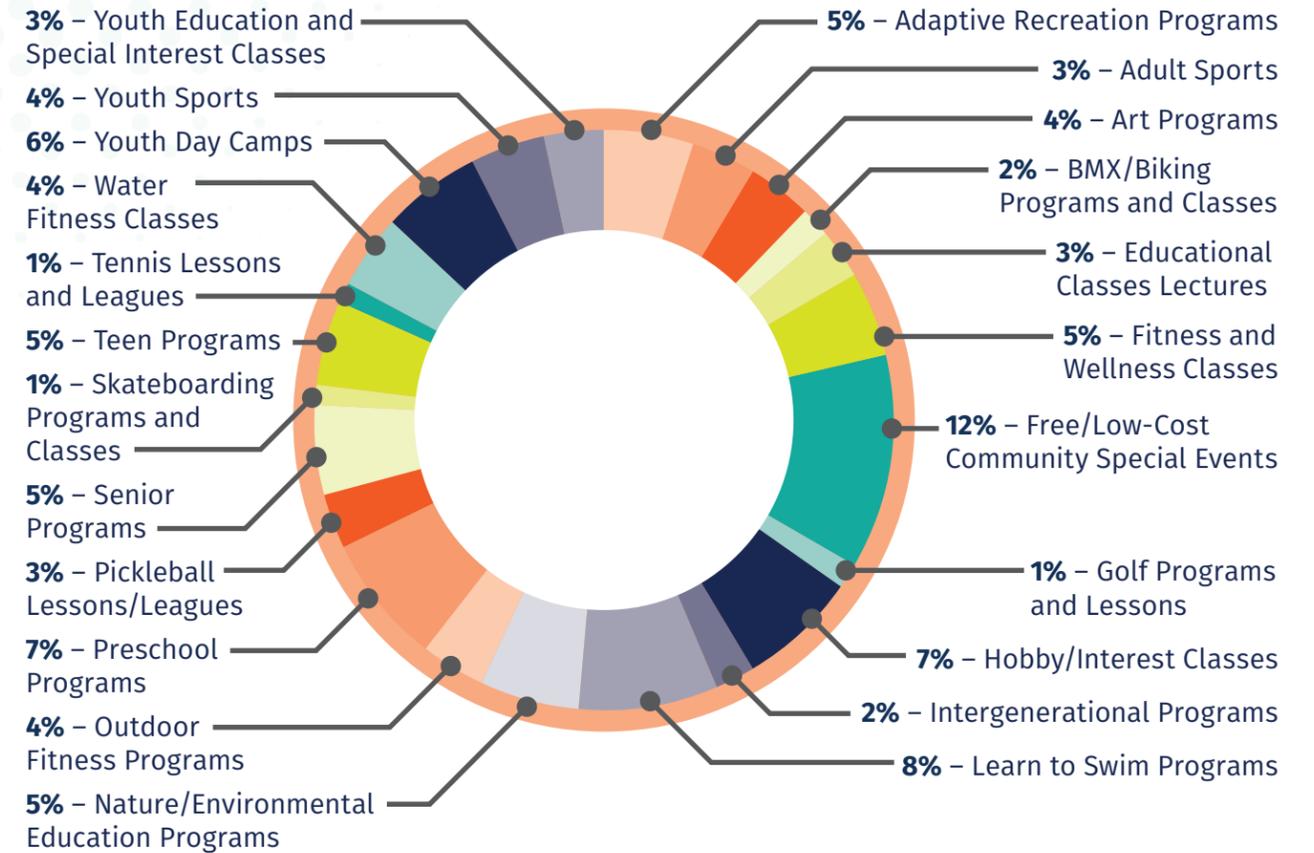
### Budgeting Exercise to Determine Park Priorities



The following categories were not chosen as priorities:

- Increase Connectivity to Places
- Increase connectivity to other trails and multi-use paths
- Provide comfort amenities
- Provide aesthetic amenities
- Provide parking opportunities
- Provide signage or markers to identify location
- Provide clear wayfinding signage and/or surface markings
- Install etiquette signage
- Publish online maps and guides

### Budgeting Exercise to Determine Programming Priorities



## Interactive Map

This tool allowed participants to comment and contribute on three categories including:



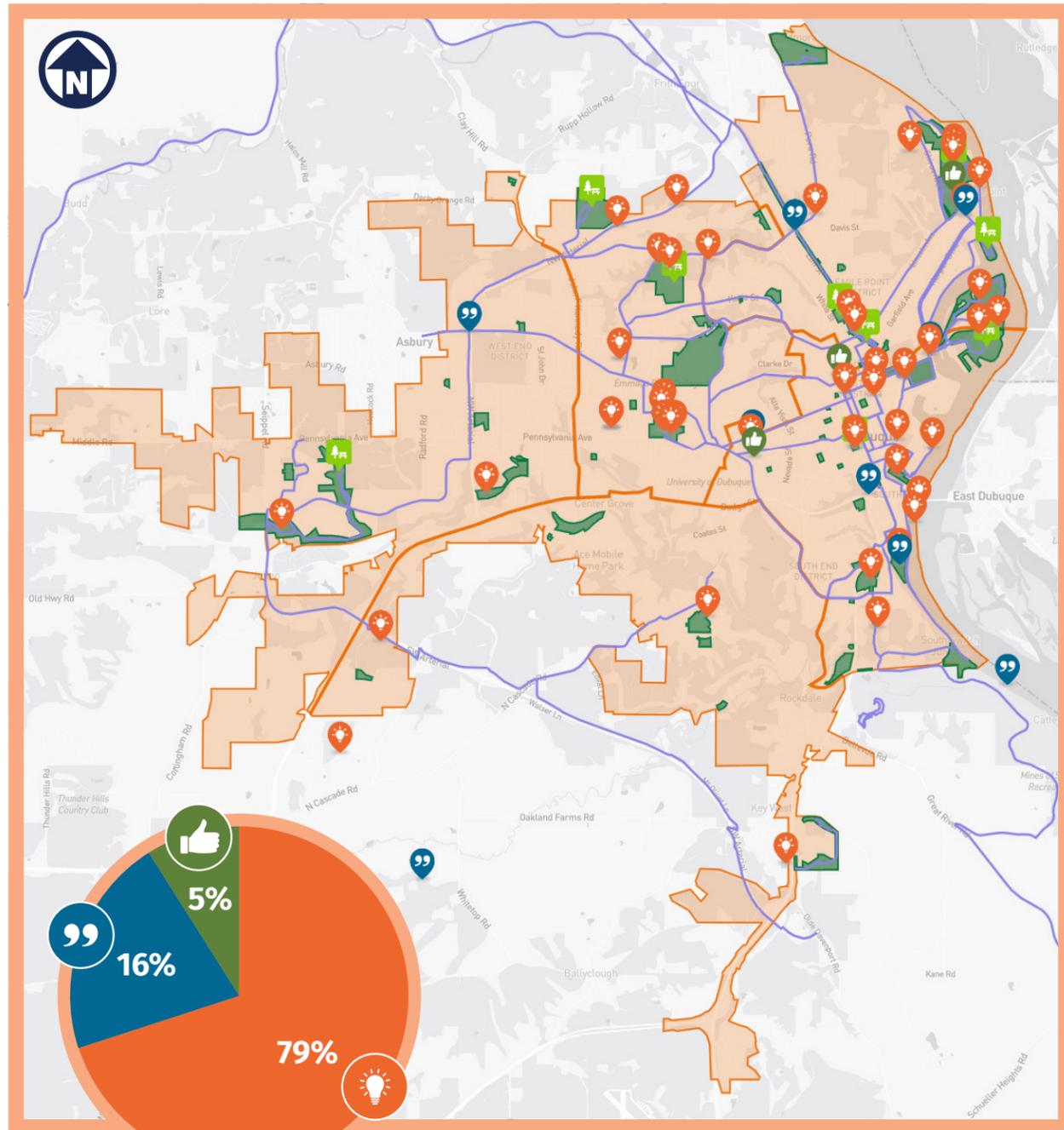
Ideas and Suggestions



Make a Comment



Something I like



The feedback is displayed on the following pages.



## Make a Comment

- Yes, create a loop path around the lake and then on to the Mines of Spain. Explore connecting with pedestrian bridge over the rail yard to southern levy trail.
- I don't understand why one tree was planted down in the flat space. Sports teams do use that flat area for practice. Trees should have been kept up on the slope closet to the street.
- Lots of concrete here but no sidewalk unless you're going to the pool. Walking on Hawthorne from Lincoln to Volunteer sucks a lot.
- Will this become a crosswalk anytime soon? If not, transitioning this trail into the road is dangerous because it is currently impossible to cross here.
- The transition/ramp could be improved. We also need traffic calming at this intersection.
- Build a walking/ bicycling overpass across the NW Arterial / Asbury Road intersection. Mark Asbury Road with a biking lane.
- Renovate Maus Park bike path, connect it to Ice Harbor, then build a bike trail connecting to Mines of Spain.
- Renovate Maus Park
- Many of us (Young and Old alike) LOVE Tennis. We grew up with the Flora Tennis Courts. We would still like to play there. But the courts are in shambles. The City absolutely should (not repair)-but completely replace these courts brand new. The health and socialization of Dubuque and especially our youth DESERVE this.
- Our current YM/ YWCA has served the community well for many years and we are grateful. I believe it is past time to expand these services to include an expanded and updated indoor aquatics center that serves our multi-generational community. One example: If you

have ever tried to attend swim meets here, you know how overcrowded and congested it is for day-long events. Additionally, more seniors and persons with disabilities would likely benefit from the health and wellness benefits of water exercise programs. A site with improved parking availability would be ideal and a safety improvement. An aquatics center could be combined with other sports activities that provide year-round benefits. Yes, this is a major fund commitment, but the health, wellness, and enjoyment for all ages would be a life continuum benefit for our community.



## Something I Like

- Love Madison park! Such a cool oasis
- I am absolutely in love with the relatively new management strategy for the open spaces of this park. Taking underutilized turf areas and transitioning them to nature savannah and prairie ecosystems is on of the most innovative beatification, storm water management, cost saving (less mowing, less ware on equipment, more time for existing staff to work on other projects), safety (there are some very steep hillsides that are dangerous to mow), and commitment to wildlife diversity in a Dubuque City Park. The only improvement to this process that I would like to see are walking trails through some of the new transition areas so that walkers, children and families can engage directing with the new plant communities directly and including small gathering spaces and pockets of nature play throughout these areas. Please replicate this across other public parks wherever reasonable.



## Ideas and Suggestions

- Figure out how to close down 7th in front of the art museum when they build the new campus. That will completely transform the space and connect that amazing new amenity to the park. This really shouldn't be hard to do for such a huge impact.
- We could use another sheet of ice!
- The city should work with private landowners in the south port to develop it. Start with a few buildings and create something really cool that will draw people. This should include riverfront park areas and kayak and paddleboard rentals in the ice harbor. As a community we need to provide more river access to people.
- Add multi-use trails to the unused wooded areas of Vets. Dirt single-track trails on steep areas below baseball fields and above 32nd Ave / Carter for hiking & MTB use; abandoned access road off Carter or existing access road off 32nd could serve as connection from Bee Branch 32nd Trail to Vets & return trail for single track trails. This could be done without impeding existing disc golf activities; planning, funding and maintenance could be done in conjunction with TMBR.
- I wish Dubuque had a minor league baseball team
- Could we get the walking trail at Valentine park repaved and add markings like a start and end point and maybe markings for distances so when you are walking you know how far you've gone
- Would love to see more canoe/kayaking rental opportunities in and around Dubuque
- Mow and maintain the edge of Bergfeld Pond to create easier access to fishing around the pond and the paved fishing piers. At a minimum, mow around the piers and mow a 10' wide path to the water every 100' around the pond.
- Add a trail/ bike lane on West 32nd that connects to the NW Arterial trail with the Bee Branch trail
- Add a dog park area to the open field area.
- Add lights to sections of NW Arterial so runners/ bikers can use the trail in early morning/ later at night
- Rebuild the bathhouse at Flora Pool. Right now, families must pass through the locker rooms to enter the pool area. Yet, the locker rooms provide very little privacy. There is no private changing space and no family space. It would also be helpful to have a family bathroom. Rebuilding the bathhouse could also provide the lifeguards with more space. The speaker system also needs to be updated. It is often very difficult to understand announcements, which could be dangerous in an emergency situation.
- Allow for the park to be more open year round to allow residents additional use. Add disc golf baskets to allow for more park usage.
- Revamp the playground and add stairs/ramp down to it. This is an amazing community park with a great view! It really could use some investment and love.
- Collaborate with the public schools to improve facilities and make them inclusive. The public school playgrounds are open to the public and used by many families outside of school hours. Relying on PTCs to fund these is difficult.
- Can the playground in the pool area be gated differently so it is accessible during the other 9 months of the year?
- Would love to see a dedicated multi use trail along flood wall in this area, separated from traffic.
- Add a grass or turf field for sports at any park with space. Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee, Lacrosse, Rugby, Football etc. The only options for pick up field sports are the schools or privately owned facilities, which all have rental fees.
- I would love a walking path along W 32nd that connects to the Bee Branch path.
- Develop trails around Maus Lake with viewing platforms to watch bird life in a wetland environment.
- Police need to be in the parks. Not to fill speed trap quotas but as public relations handing out stickers and not seen only as punitive.
- Flora park needs speed bumps on the skateboard road
- We need sidewalk on Peru. People need to be able to step out of their house on foot and get on the trail without having to use the road. I do not want to see a mom pushing a stroller on the road ever again.
- Finish the brownfield cleanup project and turn this area into an urban green space with benches.
- No smoking
- Let's take some of the huge parcel of land at Roosevelt Park and fence it for an off-leash dog area. There is already some parking and trails. No need to have grass to mow or benches. Just a place to walk with your dog in nature.
- Would it be possible to make a trail or off-leash dog area with some of this undeveloped land near Medical Associates?
- Public bathroom would be great here near the trail and parks where lots of kids play
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- Improve this crosswalk by reorienting the ramps, moving the ramps & curbs further into the street to shorten the distance of the crosswalk, and extend the median to become part of the crosswalk.
- Make the Bee Branch Greenway a pesticide/herbicide-free park.
- Bring back the Concrete Octopus to Flora Park! This is a staple of Dubuque history and its return in the form of a new sculpture closely resembling the old one would be a great homage!
- Neighborhood clean up program to get all the current trash picked up along this whole area and then encourage people to keep it clean. More trash cans and signs like they used to have about how bad littering is. There's just so much litter that it feels overwhelming to get ahead of it as it currently is.
- Improve Allison Henderson Play Structures
- There is a lot of lawn here that is underutilized. (Is it privately owned?) There should be large shade trees planted here so people can sit, picnic, stretch, and lounge around in the shade. Compare it to LaCrosse, WI — a similarly-sized riverside city with a very populated riverfront lawn area.
- Performances/events at the amphitheater
- Connect these sections of trail
- Plant trees along arterial trail to provide shade and improve experience
- A single track dirt biking/hiking trail added with the powerline trail.
- Partnership between City and property owner across street (Fifteenth Street Apts) to prevent chronic accumulation of fecal waste and damage of turf from dogs of residents in the southwest corner of Jackson Park.
- Replace existing water fountain feature with splash pad to help encourage more use of this park.

- Install Public Fishing Docks within the Ice Harbor on both north and south sides.
- Tennis courts are in disrepair!!! Cracked courts, old benches, lack of functional lights
- Expand the relationship with the Dubuque Community School District and work collaboratively to ensure the public are aware of these green spaces as public spaces with school is not in session and design them to not only aid in student instruction and recreation but also as community gathering spaces and are welcoming, comfortable and shaded during the summer months.
- Outdoor recreation economy! I would love to see infrastructure on this island that would serve as a birding base as part of a broader birding trail throughout the community and region and the main trail head for what could make Dubuque a national cycling destination. I would also love to see greater public access to the River/refuge for activities such as fishing and wildlife viewing.

- I work in the quad cities in Moline, IL. Along the walking and biking paths there are tire changing stations for bicyclists. A simple lighted pole with common tools and an air pump to perform a flat repair. The tools are nothing special and are wire cabled to the station. When I seen these I thought what a great idea! Making a simple convenience for a stranded bicyclist. As well as giving people and families a feeling of safety and security to ride further down the path.
- With all of the current and proposed investments being made on the island, I'd love for the existing skate park to be included in those plans. It could certainly use a major facelift or even complete rebuild/ expansion. The new skate park at Flora is constantly full with riders from multiple action sports disciplines as well as riders of all ages and backgrounds. Action sports is an often forgotten aspect of recreation within city parks, but is one that a massive group of users gravitate towards and use frequently.

- Remove the playground equipment that is very seldom used by the pickleball courts at Vet's and add more pickleball courts. The current courts are heavily used and there is usually a wait to get a court.
- Resurface the tennis courts and turn much of the tennis court area into pickleball courts.

## Tell Your Story

No great story was ever written without a big idea. Is there something you would love to see in Dubuque parks? Is there a new activity you'd love to participate in? Do you have a great Dubuque parks story to share? Information collected is displayed below.

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I have been waterwalking for over 25 years at Flora pool and have wished for an aquatic center to go to after summer. The health benefits are immense for all ages especially seniors. The social aspect is also wonderful.

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Veteran's Memorial Park has many acres of undeveloped woodlands. Add multi-use trails to the unused wooded areas of Vets. Dirt single-track trails on steep areas below baseball fields and above 32nd Ave / Carter for hiking and MTB use; abandoned access road off Carter or existing access road off 32nd could serve as connection from Bee Branch 32nd Trail to Vets and return trail for single track trails. This could be done without impeding existing disc golf activities; planning, funding and maintenance could be done in conjunction with TMBR.

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Dubuque needs more pickleball courts. During prime time mornings and evenings the courts at Vets and Flora are completely full. More courts could be added at both locations. The courts at Eagle Point Park really need to be resurfaced and could be changed to multi use like the ones at Flora.

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Create a new "Farmers Market Park" near a food desert as a permanent, all-weather, year-round home for Dubuque Farmers Market and its vendors, a la the good example of Olympia, Washington. <https://www.olympiafarmersmarket.com/>

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I would like to see more interest and effort put into Sister City International Park at 16th and Kerper Blvd. Several of Dubuque's founding families emigrated from our sister city of Dornbirn, Austria. Interpretive signage telling the story of Sister Cities and the impact of immigrants on Dubuque would make this space more attractive and culturally significant as intended. Since SCI Park is strategically placed to connect to several trails and the burgeoning Chaplain Schmitt Island, it deserves to be visually elevated to equal the status of the surrounding current and planned amenities. The Sister City Committee of Travel Dubuque is very willing to assist the parks and recreation department in any way it can.

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More toddler friendly programs and parks. Many city parks are pretty rusty and run down. Murphy park and eagle point park need new equipment

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Better maintenance and improvement of existing pavilions/buildings and grounds in Eagle Point Park ! We hosted a family reunion there in June 2019 at the large riverfront pavilion with almost 100 people from around the country ! I noticed a decline in the general appearance of such a beautiful historic asset to our city and now in 2025 it is apparent when going to the park,that it is not a priority ! Let us not let this happen !!!

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Enhancements, Updates and Corrections for Veterans Memorial Plaza In 2021, my wife and I attended the re-dedication ceremony of the Veterans Memorial Plaza and visit annually. The renovation is great. The ceremony was excellent. The speakers were poignant. The plaza is a moving tribute. We offer kudos to all those involved in the renovation and re-dedication. That being said, I offer the following suggestions: 1) Enhance the memorial by adding the Space Force seal and related imagery to the large wall that dominates the center of the plaza, or, perhaps recognize the Space Force's operational domain - space, by leveraging the granite globe. The wall has the service seals and imagery for the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. But, our newest armed service, the Space Force, is not included. Currently the Space Force is only acknowledged by a flag. The Space Force was established December 20, 2019 (<https://www.spaceforce.mil/About-Us/About-Space-Force/>). I only noted the absence of the Space Force because I'd served in units that have been absorbed into this new armed service. Also, I'd recently read about how a Space Force unit is deployed to Qatar supporting combat operations in Middle East (<https://www.spaceforce.mil/News/Article/2336178/auab-airmen-make-history-as-first-deployed-space-force-members/>). 2) Update the termination years and statistics for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom on the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) pillar as well as including additional and ongoing GWOT operations (e.g. Freedom's Sentinel, New Dawn, and Inherent Resolve). The GWOT pillar reflects the starting years for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Even though there are many troops still deployed, the listed operations have ended. Enduring Freedom ended in 2014. Iraqi Freedom ended in 2010. Freedom's Sentinel followed Enduring Freedom. Iraqi Freedom was succeeded by New Dawn and Inherent Resolve. Given the broad scope of the GWOT, there will undoubtedly be more named operations. For easy reference, a report from the Congressional Research Service titled, "US Periods of War and Dates of Recent Conflicts", is an authoritative source. It can be accessed at <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/RS21405>. 3) Correct the either KIA wording or the statistics for the pillars for the Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Gulf War. For each war, the memorial has pillars listing the number who served, were killed in action (KIA) and were prisoners of war (POW). On these pillars, the number listed for KIA is not actually those killed in action. The number is for "total deaths in the theater" (from both hostile and non-hostile causes) vice just those categorized as "killed in action". In general, "total deaths" are the sum of "battle deaths" (hostile) and those from "other" (non-hostile) causes. The principal components for "battle deaths" include persons killed in action (KIA) and those who died of wounds received in action (DOW). The category "other" covers deaths due to accidents, disease and those self-inflicted. Note that KIA is but one component of battle deaths, and that battle deaths are but one component of the total number of in-theater deaths during the war. Battle deaths and other deaths are also commonly called combat and non-combat deaths respectively. This is a significant distinction. For example, in World War II the US suffered 291,557 battle deaths (hostile). And there were 113,842 deaths in-theater due to other causes (non-hostile). The World War II pillar incorrectly lists the total in-theater deaths of 405,399 as solely KIA. The VA publishes an interactive fact sheet that summarizes the data from "America's Wars" accessible at <https://department.va.gov/americas-wars/>. Casualty data from recent military operations can be accessed from the Defense Casualty Analysis System, <https://dcas.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/main.xhtml>. The following section contrasts the KIA statistics on the memorial's pillars to those in the VA fact sheet. Civil War Pillar: Union KIA - 364,511; VA Fact Sheet: Union Battle Deaths - 140,414 Civil War Pillar: Confederate KIA - 133,821; VA Fact Sheet: Confederate Battle Deaths - 74,524 Indian Wars Pillar: KIA - 11,000; VA Fact Sheet: Battle Deaths - 1,000 Spanish American

War Pillar: KIA - 2,446;VA Fact Sheet: Battle Deaths - 385 World War I Pillar: KIA - 116,516;VA Fact Sheet: Battle Deaths - 53,402 World War II Pillar: KIA - 405,399;VA Fact Sheet: Battle Deaths - 291,557 Korean War Pillar: KIA - 36,574;VA Fact Sheet: Battle Deaths - 33,739 Vietnam War Pillar: KIA - 58,203;VA Fact Sheet: Battle Deaths - 47,434 Gulf War Pillar: KIA - 383;VA Fact Sheet: Battle Deaths - 148 It wasn't until WWII that battle deaths (291,557) generally exceed deaths due to non-hostile causes (113,842). But, this trend has started to reverse. For example, note that in the Gulf War there less battle deaths (148) than deaths due to causes other than battle (235). 4) I suggest our community should consider if/how to commemorate and memorialize service members that die outside of wartime combat operations. According to the Congressional Research Service Report, "Trends in Active-Duty Military Deaths Since 2006", <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/IF10899>, from 2006 to 2021 there have been 18,571 deaths of active-duty service members. About 25% of these occurred in designated military operations "in which members of the armed forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations, or hostilities against an enemy of the United States or against an opposing military force." This surprising statistic has been reported in stories like this CNN one - "More US troops die during training than in combat operations", <https://www.cnn.com/2019/06/06/politics/us-military-deadly-accidents/index.html>. A non-combat or non-theater death is no less tragic for the surviving families. Thanks in advance for considering this input. Major USAF (retired) Veterans of Foreign Wars - Life Member Air Force Association - Life Member Space Force Association - Member

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*Global War on Terrorism pillar*

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*Korean War, Vietnam War and Gulf War pillars*

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*Spanish American War, WW I an WW II pillars*

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*Wall and Gulf War pillar*

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A playground and unrelated dog run in the port of Dubuque and/or millwork district. I don't have children, but do have a dog. Of the two, a playground feels more important, especially in the port.

I would love to see a small park on W. 2nd St. if you close off the street to traffic on both side and extend the small park area people in the area and tourist could use it to eat, relax and play their. You could add sand box, play set, jungle gym, lights and a safety wall. We have a fair amount of tours for the Cathedral and 4 th. Street businesses but not much shade or places to sit and relax. The neighborhood also has more children who need a safe place to play. Closing off that street would increase the play area.

The police need a positive public position in the parks. Not there for quotas or speed traps. Provide non-punitive interactions with law enforcement.

The people of Dubuque have said over and over that we need the current parks cared for above all else. It appears the city doesn't care. They want to just keep building neighborhood parks so that is what they do. It is so irresponsible because we know the city has no money for upkeep. When the bare minimum is done is not only looks bad but it will cost you to replace eventually. We've seen it occur on the highway. Huge areas of mulch with no landscaping because everything died. If this were their own dollar they wouldn't spend it this way only to neglect the area. We were told the reason Eagle Point looks so awful is because it's filled with wild, native plants and people need to get used to seeing this as beautiful. People don't like it because it looks bad. Most people can't decipher a weed from a native plant so unless you hire individuals that can take care of the area it just becomes wild and unkept. There are several areas of the city that these native plants have developed into an overgrown mass of weeds because no one attends to them. Everything needs care, especially in the first few years. If everything else in the city was well kept people might actually believe that the well being of the planet is the reason for the native plantings but it's not and we all know these plantings are done so you can no longer maintain them. The people you hire to mow don't edge which creates overgrown sidewalks. They don't clean up so there is grass growing along sidewalk seems and in the street cracks. This lack of detail is also why your native plants look like weeds. What confuses me the most is that they spend money on something like this acting as if they care what our wishes are but they never change anything. I've lost faith that they really care what anyone thinks. People stop participating when they know their suggestions will be ignored. My guess is that the city will do nothing about upkeep and build 10 new parks in the next 5 years.

It would be nice if there was more public skating available at the I'm on arena. If the city would subsidize the cost that would be great. Before the pandemic, I used to pay about \$5 (for an adult) to skate for 2 hours; with the zamboni machine restoring the ice after one hour. Now its \$9 and the ice is not restored. Also, before the pandemic if you skated 10 times you would get the 11th time free. That is no longer available. I understand the arena changed hands, but it would be nice to have public skating offered more often in the weekly schedule, and at a reduced price; also making sure there is a limit to the amount of people on the ice. Also maybe separate by age group. There are too many people with different skill levels on the ice. I've counted close to 200 (estimate) once and that just does not work well...

Two nights ago my friends and I were unable to play tennis at the high schools because of meets. So we had to go to a Flora to play in the awful conditions there. There are crevices throughout that are one to one and a half inches wide with weeds starting to come up again. The surfaces have deteriorated significantly. Bounces are erratic. Lights are only good on one court. The courts are in unbelievable disrepair. I would never take my out of town friends there to play because I would be too ashamed of my City. A city of this size should have good, newer, playable courts that we can all be proud of. Then I would fully expect more dads and moms and kids to go out there to play together in the summer evenings, as I did with my kids when they were growing up.

*Great example of we want people to be active but only if someone else pays for it. How is this not a TOP priority?*

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Dubuque needs a Senior Enrichment Center with gymnasium space for exercise, senior appropriate programming (speakers, clinics, meals and activities. Of paramount importance in a growing, river city the size of Dubuque is a full-size Swimming Pool for lap swimming, deep water exercise, and a Therapy Pool (warm water) for aerobics and rehabilitation. Thank you for listening. Sincerely, Sue Lemon13454 N Cascade Rd. Dubuque, IA. 52003Sent from my iPhone

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My family would like more water access in town - for example, Maus Lake Park in the South End (behind Locust St HyVee). Unfortunately this lake and park is secluded and neglected. It attracts overnight campers. There are garbage piles left in the transient encampments. But there are also beautiful migratory birds, fish, and a fresh water spring. There is a large grassy field with nice shade trees and a flat, wide walking path. But it has become unsafe and poorly maintained. I think a good use of taxpayer money is to care for the parks we have, and Maus Lake is an opportunity for redevelopment in the riverfront area.

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As an example; one of the communities' largest employers ( John Deere) provides a service opportunity for their employees to volunteer their time to improving the community. The City of Dubuque employees approximately 700 people. Suggest developing a volunteer program to engage city employees to clean up and repair city parks ( primarily Eagle Point) Flowers can be planted, forestry debris removed, picnic tables built or repainted, pavilions cleaned. The areas and ideas are endless. Volunteer hours do not need to be completed on work hours. Employees can create teams for specific skills and areas of interest. "Openly Volunteering" should be an aspect to determine some level of merit increases. More hands make less work!!!!

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*Basic maintenance should not require volunteers when we are building new parks every year.*

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I am a life time Dubuquer and a river rat for 49 years. We have a amazing river and natural resource we need to optimize this prize and show it off and let it attract fishing tournaments, boating events and other special activities. Updating our boat ramps and parking facilities to accommodate the larger boats. Restrooms by the ramps so people can use. Years ago Dubuque host many national tournaments and large boating events that drew many people in town. Our boat ramps need work lots of work. The docks are so hot in the summer the burn dogs and kids feet. AY McDonald parking is terrible at best. And the ramp there is terrible. Schmitt harbor ramp is to short when the water is low.

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My parents built a house in 1955 at 1740 Bunker Hill, across from Flora Park. I was four at the time and watched the tennis courts be built. I played on them through my youth, high school, college, and adulthood. My neighborhood friend and I gathered a petition in the 60's to get the lights installed on the courts. Those same light polls remain today. I taught summer tennis for three years on those courts. My parents died in 93 and 94 and the house was sold to Interstate Power and later torn down, The courts were a major event site for the entire community. Now those tennis courts are an eye sore for the neighborhood and the thousands visiting Flora Park. The courts are a liability for the city as someone will hurt themselves tripping on a crack. Please return these courts to their glory and they will attract many visitors. Please do not turn them into single or dual use as pickleball courts, as that would produce too much noise for the neighborhood and interfere with tennis play. Pickleball is already available at Flora Park. I know that Murphy and Eagle Point courts also need work but based upon past and future use of Flora, they should be a priority for Dubuque. Thank you for asking for input.

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As a new resident to Dubuque, I have been struggling to find opportunities to meet other adults who play sports. I noticed that there are several tennis courts around the city but have been disappointed in their condition. Also, I noticed in the winter, there were a couple of locations where outdoor skating was available but I noticed in this past winter, there was only 1 location. It would be nice to be able to take advantage of existing facilities that just need upkeep or maintenance.

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*Exactly. Dubuque wants people to be fit. Where?*

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I would love to have paved hike/bike paths throughout the community. This would attract many residents, as well as encourage tourism, if one could loop around the entire area - from the downtown, out to the west end, industrial park, along the SW arterial, and back into town. I know it's not the City's purview, but I'm a huge proponent of paving Heritage Trail all the way to Dyersville. Again, that serves residents and tourists alike who are not comfortable biking on the streets.

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*Agree. Like to see more bike, walking trails connecting areas around city. Especially like to see Seippel Rd widen and trail run from Asbury Road down to old Fairground Rd or at least from Pennsylvania to Chavennelle connecting Westbrook subdivision to a road that leads to Heritage trail*

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Dubuque is such a beautiful place. I enjoy the parks with my family and friends. When I moved here, there was an indoor roller skating rink which was not only a place for children, but many adults also enjoyed it. Not everyone enjoys being cold at an ice arena or even feel confident on ice skates. This city could use a Recreation Center where we can have year round aquatics, space for recreational and indoor sports activities, and a roller rink floor. I'm sure we can find a location like 3400 Jackson that is close to Northwest Arterial / JD Rd, Central Ave, and neighboring towns.

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I would like to see public community garden plots that residents can lease annually to grow their own vegetables, fruits, and annuals.

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Investing in innovative public spaces has the power to enhance the beauty, vitality, and vibrancy of our city. Two key projects can help transform Dubuque into an even more compelling destination for residents and visitors alike. First, consider the creation of a playground that functions as both a play area and a work of art. Imagine a unique structure designed in collaboration with a company like Earthscape Play or a local artist, offering a safe and engaging space for children while also serving as a stunning artistic landmark. This would not only provide children with a place to play and foster creativity, but it would also attract visitors from across the region. A project like this would boost local tourism, support nearby businesses, and reinforce Dubuque's identity as a creative and community-focused city. A playground like this wouldn't just be an amenity—it would be a source of pride and a reason for people to visit and stay in Dubuque. Second, an outdoor lawn space dedicated to community movie nights would bring families and neighbors together under the stars for memorable experiences. Equipped with a projector and screen, such a space would provide family-friendly entertainment and low-cost activities for residents. This area could also serve as a venue for concerts, fitness classes, or community spaces, ensuring it remains a versatile and year-round asset. By encouraging people to enjoy the beauty of Dubuque's outdoors, it would foster stronger community bonds while making the city an even more attractive place to live and visit.

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Trying to vote on Park Priorities but because you have to allocate the entire \$100 I'm finding myself voting for things I don't find essential. For example, my top priority would be to invest in existing parks. The fact that we have so many unkept parks that we have already invested in yet we continue to build new parks makes no sense to me. I want to allocate the entire \$100 but instead I have to pick other projects that I don't find important just to get to \$100. At the end of this survey you could easily have votes for projects no one really cares about only to get to the budget amount. This is an extremely flawed way of getting public opinion. Hopefully this makes it to the city council for review.

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*I also agree. It was difficult to fund the things I wanted the most with the set designation of money already decided. I wanted to put the largest majority of my money into my favorite ideas but was unable to with the way this activity was designed.*

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*Spot on. The city has over extended themselves in land and parks to maintain. They do not have the resources or infrastructure to support new parks. Fix/update what we have. One of the city's cornerstone visions is for "Sustainability." Currently they are missing the mark at the main park areas, especially Eagle Point Park!*

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*You are exactly right. They have failed at their vision of sustainability.*

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*This!!!*

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*I agree - I would have dedicated funds to a smaller number of efforts in greater dollar amounts if the form had let me. I think the sports complex is crucial to attracting and retaining a younger population, young families. I would have put more money there than what the form allowed me.*

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I would love to see a bigger venue for the summer music program in the park. I believe you made a mistake by putting it down at Stone Cliff Winery. For one, the facility isn't very friendly to the elderly/disabled. There are stairs to get in and out of the bathrooms. The place is rather small to host outdoor events. Limited seating with limited extra seating. I believe the better place for this gathering would have been Eagle Point Park. They are set up perfectly for this type of program. They have the bandshell, handicap bathrooms, additional bathrooms, ample parking, seating and additional seating. Families could spread out blankets on the grass behind the seating of the bandshell. There is plenty of good parking. If you had an ambulance call, it could be taken care of with minimal effort. The best part is when the music is over, the cars can exit out the back entrance. When the majority of the traffic is out, the park patrol can lock it back up. Now for one other suggestion. The Lights in the Park event should also be held at Eagle Point Park. I'm sure with adequate sponsors and the legions of volunteers you have you would be able to move it. First of all, traffic blocking driveways would no longer be an issue like it is at Murphy Park because of the lengthy entrance going into Eagle Point Park. All the way from the pay station back down Shiras to the Ham House, there are no houses. Thus, there would be no driveways to block. All cars coming up Shiras could easily navigate around the line of cars going into the park because Shiras is plenty wide for that. I believe there is plenty of area to place the lights, maybe even add a few new ones. The only thing I'm unsure of is the electrical boxes setup, wiring, etc. in the park. Once the car has gone all the way through the park, they could exit out the back entrance. Plus, with the pay station they would have a warm place to stand and collect the money all evening. It is my belief they would raise more money because the whole process would be smoother and getting more cars through. It is hope you give these suggestions serious consideration. Thanks so much for the opportunity to add input.

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100% of Dubuque residents to have access to high quality green space within a 10 minute walk from their homes. 2. Low cost play structures that are nature based with replacement/maintenance costs that are also lower. 3. Explore how the Parks and Recreation Department can better connect residents with the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge and how Parks and Recreation can better elevate Dubuque's outdoor recreation economy and our place in the Driftless as one of the largest metros with the most amenities.

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**Top 10 Capital Needs Based on Website and Intercept Surveys**

**1 Aquatic/Pool Facilities**



**2 Multi-Use Paths and Trails**



**3 Splash Pads**



**4 Recreation/Community Center**



**5 Off-Leash Dog Parks**



**6 Campsites**



**7 Playground Equipment**



**8 Natural Areas and Wildlife Habitat**



**9 Multi-Use Fields**



**10 Walking/Running Tracks**



**Top 10 Program Needs Based on Website and Intercept Surveys**

**1** Free/Low-Cost Special Events



**2** Nature/Environmental Education



**3** Learn-to-Swim Programs



**4** Youth Sports



**5** Art Programs



**6** Outdoor Fitness Programs



**7** Pickleball Lessons/Leagues



**8** Youth Day Camps



**9** Adaptive Recreation Programs

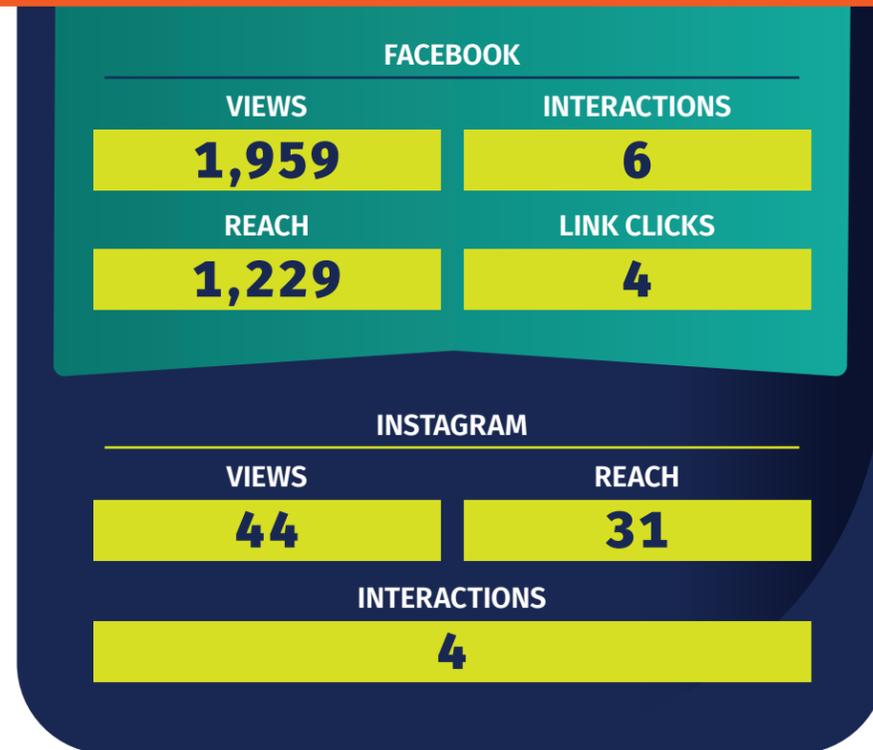


**10** Adult Sports

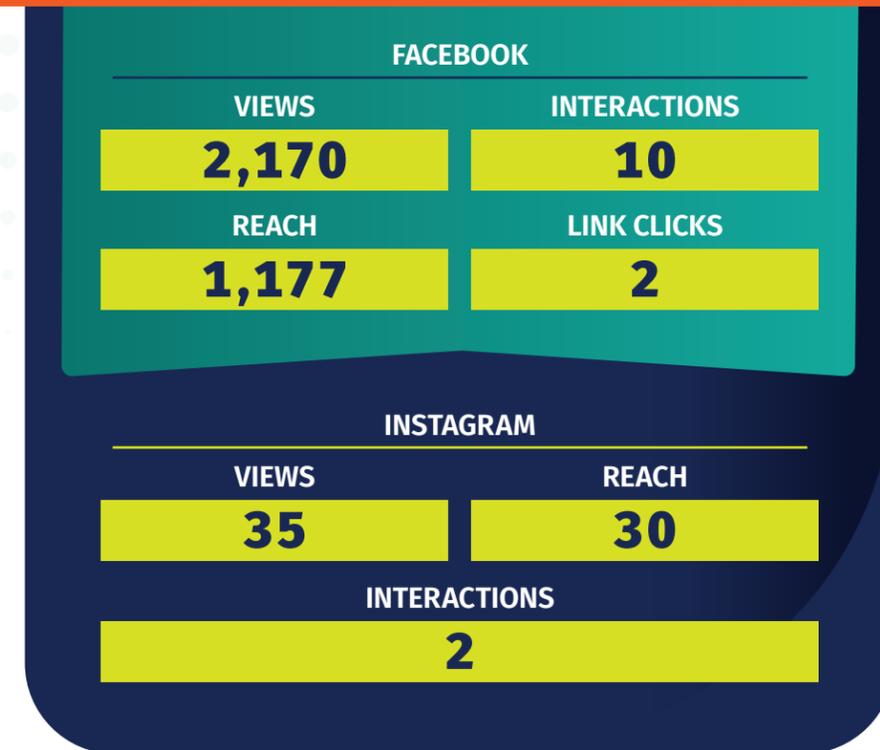


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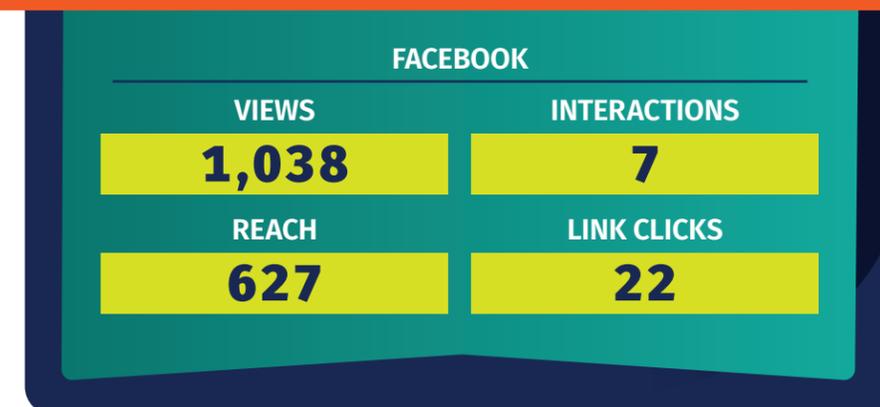
## Community Workshop Post April 1



## Community Workshop Post April 3



## Kite Tales Post May 15



### Interactive Map Post July 17

FACEBOOK	
VEWS	INTERACTIONS
<b>2,847</b>	<b>6</b>
REACH	LINK CLICKS
<b>1,565</b>	<b>18</b>

### Community Workshop Post August 4

FACEBOOK	
VEWS	INTERACTIONS
<b>1,471</b>	<b>12</b>
REACH	LINK CLICKS
<b>987</b>	<b>3</b>

INSTAGRAM	
VEWS	REACH
<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>
INTERACTIONS	
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### How Would You Spend \$100 Post July 26

FACEBOOK	
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### Workshop Tonight Post August 6

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# Draft Plan Feedback

## Are there any additional recommendations you would like to see included in the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

292 RESPONSES

Excellent plan let's get a second sheet!

1. Due to the wide range of recommendations and the high dollar price of all of these AND the current fiscal opinions of the local, state, and federal government I believe that a more detailed dive into financial recommendations must be included. Case studies for those funding mechanisms should be included too so council and city manager staff are not completely flying blind.
2. All of the recommendations will cost money they will also take people. I believe that we can use volunteers for some tasks, we have existing staff in the city but the city will have to hire additional staff. I would like to see some sort of staffing out line for some of the identified projects.
3. I would like to see the city maintain, in cooperation with the county a comprehensive map of sensitive natural resources on a GIS database. These would be a reference for future restoration work by state, county, city as well as private citizens. It could develop into a mitigation system where if sensitive areas are developed or destroyed the developer must avoid or offset the potential damages.

In the implementation section, Roosevelt (FDR) Park was omitted/overlooked. Consider this -- Collaborate with Dubuque County to master plan how to make this park more accessible to the general public (parking, upgrade the interior roads, clear signage and low-impact amenities). Repurpose land currently leased out for row-crop production. Consider food production/food farmer incubator opportunities.

1. The report notes how some other municipalities align or segregate responsibilities. Make a clear statement in the Master Plan Report whether or not primary responsibility for conservation of natural resources should reside with the Department of Parks and Recreation, regardless of whether the department's name is modified to reflect such responsibilities. If not, define which departments shall retain or assume such responsibilities and what those responsibilities are. In this context, explain how the report's references to "management" of natural resources does or does not mean that "conservation" of natural resources should be a priority.
2. Make a clear recommendation whether or not the department should ensure that all parks and recreation plans and projects are consistent with local, state and federal conservation goals, guidelines, standards and plans, whether or not the department is responsible for conservation.
3. Provide more extensive data on how other cities and counties have worked together (or not) on parks, recreation and conservation planning and implementation. Make a clear recommendation whether or not the City of Dubuque should engage in comprehensive and sustained collaboration and joint activity with Dubuque County and Dubuque County Conservation.
4. If the Parks and Recreation Department will not be responsible for all public open spaces under the control of the City of Dubuque, state whether or not other departments should be responsible for adopting and/or observing conservation principles in the development or use of such properties.
5. State whether or not it is advisable for the City to partner with Dubuque County, Dubuque County Soil and Water District and other local, state and federal entities to create and maintain

a comprehensive inventory and map of natural resources and ecological assets for the city and county, including the development of metrics defining the ecological services provided by these assets for policy and decision-making purposes.

6. Include a recommendation regarding how the City -- through its state and federal legislative priorities -- can articulate the conservation of natural resources as government policy priorities, such as by supporting the state's forest and fruit tree reserve program and other initiatives protecting wetlands, woodlands and grasslands.

7. Ensure that the recommendation for a comprehensive tree program that invests heavily in tree plantings and maintenance references the need for sufficient full-time City personnel and equipment to implement the program.

8. State a recommendation regarding whether or not City park property should be used for conventional row crop production or if City-owned property would be more suitable for open space, pollinator habitat and/or human food production, with conservation practices endorsed by the Dubuque County Soil and Water Conservation District.

9. Make recommendations regarding how the Master Plan relates to the City's unified development and zoning codes; in this context, discuss how local governments elsewhere have engaged in supporting and incentivizing private lands conservation.

10. Include reference to bond referendums as a financing option; discuss how other local jurisdictions in Iowa and other states have used this mechanism to invest in parks, recreation and natural resources.

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As part of the draft review, I again suggest the Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan include recommendations to Enhance, Update and Correct portions of the Veterans Memorial Plaza. (Reference my input on the Interactive Mapping Tool.) In addition to memorializing and commemorating service and sacrifice, I think it is as important for the Veterans Memorial Plaza (VMP) to educate. For example, a Harris poll from 2022, estimates that only 14% of Americans can name all six US military branches. I suspect many visitors to the VMP wouldn't do much better because the Space Force is only represented by a flag while there is significant imagery for the other branches.

1) Enhance the memorial by adding the Space Force seal and related imagery to the large wall that dominates the center of the plaza, or, perhaps recognize the Space Force's operational domain - space, by leveraging the granite globe.

2) Update the termination years and statistics for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom on the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) pillar as well as including additional and ongoing GWOT operations (e.g. Freedom's Sentinel, New Dawn, and Inherent Resolve). Some GWOT operations have been terminated and others have been initiated.

3) Correct the either KIA (killed in action) wording or the statistics themselves for the pillars for the Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Gulf War. Some of the pillars misstate the number of military personnel killed in action. For example, in World War II the US suffered 291,557 battle deaths due to hostile action. However, the WWII pillar lists KIA 405,399. Thank you for considering my input.

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A second ice rink - possibly practice rink for the numerous organizations that now use the I'm On Arena.

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I would have liked to see more adapted recreation opportunities for all ages of people with disabilities. Miracle League is a great organization but it mainly geared towards kids and

just one sport - baseball. There used to be an organization in Dubuque called Ark Advocates that did at least advertising in Park and Recreation brochure. They own a lot of equipment - adapted bikes, sport wheelchairs, etc that is still available and in storage that could be used by another organization. They used to offer adapted sports year round for all ages of people with disabilities - basketball, t-ball, soccer, tennis, biking, ice hockey, skiing. Other cities in Iowa also have adapted curling and pickleball. When they were active Ark Advocates would utilize volunteers from Clarke University Physical Therapy students. Adapted sports are important especially for kids who usually cannot participate in sports in a formal or even informal way otherwise. I would also like to see a trails master plan developed. We have a lot of great trails already but with a few connecting points so many of them could be interconnected.

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Thank you for inviting us to stakeholder meetings and contributing to the input process. Thank you for incorporating several of our conservation-oriented Recommendations for the Dubuque City Council and Parks and Recreation Master Plan document that we presented at a stakeholder meeting in the draft plan. As a conservation group, we would have liked the word "conservation" added to department: the Dubuque Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department. This creates a different mindset that we feel is needed. Parks should be more than playgrounds, picnic tables, and sports fields. Nature's restorative effects are not found walking downtown streets. Let's use the natural surroundings to promote conservation. We also believe a conservation focus in the department's title would make it easier for city staff to explain to opponents of prairie plots. We were impressed with the idea of park designations, so some parks can truly be considered more "wild" than others. Good idea. Of course, large "regional" parks, like Eagle Point Park, have enough acreage that it can serve in multiple facets. Prairie plots and woodland restoration can co-exist with stunning views and picnic grounds. In addition, the idea of a trail from Eagle Point to Four Mounds is a new feature that would encourage residents to visit Eagle Point again. Good to see that a nature center/interpretive center is a national trend. While we do have Swiss Valley Nature Center, the Mines of Spain Nature Center, and the future Wanderwood opening this spring, perhaps a nature center on the north/northeast side of town—taking advantage of woods, prairies, and the river—could be a larger future project. (Page 34/542 Masterplan Print). Glad to see that multi-use paths and trails rated high in the statistically valid survey and the website/intercept survey, ranking #2 in each list. Likewise, the natural areas and habitat ranked #2 and #8, respectively. We're sure several dozen ideas were presented, and both made the top ten. Over 18,600 residents believe that "natural areas and wildlife habitat" are very important (page 68/542). Further ITC data on pages 69-70 verify "natural areas and wildlife habitat" ranking high from other statistical perspectives. On the programming side, environmental education ranks consistently in the top third of choices. We like the conservation focus with conservation corridors (page 458/542). This needs to be played up more. We like the idea of hike/bike trail connectivity throughout the city and riverfront areas. Although this idea starts on county land, we would like to see a continuous trail from the John Deere Marsh all the way to the Mines of Spain. The County Conservation Masterplan also has a hiking trail leading from Massey Station to the Mines of Spain. One of DALWL's recommendations was to have city cropland be returned to a natural setting. Dianne Koch attended the December Parks and Rec Board meeting and learned from Stephen Fehsal that the cropland is under another department's jurisdiction. Please follow up on that, contacting them to encourage natural habitat instead of row crops. We want to see non-park city lands remain as natural as possible. We do like your recommendation for the city highway corridors to be more natural. We want to see Maus Park Lake revitalized and stocked

to be a “Heritage Pond South” and closer to south side residents. Why is Roosevelt Park left off of the park list? It should be after Rocco Buda Park (page 337/542), yet it is included in the Natural Resources Section on page 468 under the Natural Areas section. Even if it is not publicly open except to two groups, it is still within the city’s jurisdiction, correct? More shade trees are recommended in various parks. Collaborate with Trees Forever? Nice analysis of Natural Areas/Habitat pages 451-469. Make the recommendations more clear-cut visually on the page. Some recommendations are very general and general standards for parks nationwide. Could they be more specific before the plan gets approved? A clear guide or roadmap for the Parks and Rec Board and city staff is needed, so that they can prioritize. Matt Kalcevich mentioned at the December 10 Parks and Rec meeting that he may want to have the city be reviewed by a national organization that keep master plans on track by a ratings system. I applaud this type of accountability that will be the city moving forward!

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Our family is season ticket holders for the Dubuque Fighting Saints. I would like to see improvements to the parking at the Arena and I feel that the players need a parking spot of their own, that's closer to the arena door..

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Thanks for giving us a place at the focus group table twice to provide input. We appreciate it. We recognize the enormous time and effort of the city staff to share data, history, background, maps, and details to create a 540-page document. We appreciate the number of input sessions the consultants used to find diverse voices who may not regularly provide input to city staff. We appreciate the statistics that show that Multi-Use Trails and Paths are a #2 priority for high capital projects (p. 12 Executive Summary Print)! We agree and hope the Parks and Rec Board keeps this in mind as they make decisions. We observed that outdoor wellness/fitness and outdoor environmental education also rank in the mid to high ranges as Program Priorities (p. 13 Executive Summary Print). We believe this type of programming, if enacted, will increase trail usage as well. On Eagle Point Park and other parks with prairie, we suggest building grass, and where possible, accessible trails within the prairie plots to immerse visitors into the experience of native plantings, to continue good preservation and conservation practices, to develop an aesthetic mindset with the public, and to better utilize park employees’ time. Informational signage on types of plants and wildlife will further educate the public. We noted how beautiful the fully mature Mines of Spain prairie by the South Parking Lot is beautiful and a positive tourist draw. We like the “park classification” framework to provide a purpose and guide for various types of parks. We encourage the Parks Board and city staff to provide connectivity between existing trails and new ones as they are developed. On-road lanes or sharrows on lesser-used streets would save the city money. The riverfront developments with Envision 2030 will likely include more trail connectivity and perhaps enable further funding opportunities. We fully encourage the continued maintenance of parks as noted. If more city employees are needed for park amenities, forestry and conservation concerns, and cleanliness, please advise the city to hire the necessary staff. With pride in our well-maintained parks, this will benefit our tourism industry and our residents. We appreciate the Proposed Trails list (page 447/542 of the Masterplan Print). We encourage city staff to attend a Tri-State Trail Vision meeting (held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Bike Coop) to explore this further. We appreciate the written comments from residents advocating for a trail network in parks and between parks, enhanced overpasses, safety measures, and connectivity (page 123/542 and the appendix). More ideas may be implemented as projects progress. Great statistics for continued trail development and maintenance on page 420/542. Correction needed: Page 163/542 The Allison Henderson

Park map north indicator is really facing south. The hockey rink is in the northwest corner of the park. The roundabout is in the southwest corner. So it needs to be rotated 180 degrees. We would like to see: More specifics or a prioritization on the recommendations list (p 449/542 Masterplan Print). The implementation of some of these proposed trails. More sustainability measures in all parks. More natural playscapes in city parks. Wanderwood will likely cost money that some families don’t have. Since connectivity with trails is mentioned often, here is another idea that emerged: could we create trail routes between several city parks and/or school playgrounds into large loops? Not all parents can take kids to the Bee Branch or the bluff/hill from downtown may be too daunting for some riders, so could a loop be created between, say, Usha, Welu, Medical Associates Greenbelt, under the Northwest Arterial and up to Chavanelle and back to Usha. Another idea might be Avon, Jefferson, Bluff Side, Waller-Cooper, Hilltop over to Lincoln School, and back to Avon. A third idea could be Murphy, down the Powerline Trail, left to the Mines of Spain Riprow Valley picnic area, back up Julien Dubuque Drive or Powerline to Murphy Park. Mark sharrows on streets to alert drivers. Question: The Executive Summary presented at the City Council and Parks and Rec meetings included “What We Heard” and “Recommendations” for each of the study’s six areas. However, it seems that these pages (or information) moved and are not included in the current Executive Summary document on the website. Now, each park is shown with a short, mid, and long-range lists of projects. While good in its specificity and helpful to the board and city staff, this chart does not really recommend any improvement. It gives a sense of cost and timelines. The “Recommendations” listed in the earlier documents presented to the Council and Parks Board show the bigger picture. If these good recommendations are still in the document, they are blended in and not as noticeable. Again, thank you for your efforts with this massive project. We have some concrete suggestions to upgrade our parks, trails, and natural areas.

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Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

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A Second Sheet of Ice for our Youth, High School, Junior, and College Hockey Teams

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I would like to see the city develop a plan for a new entrance at Murphy park. Know that the city owns the land to the east of the entrance we have additional space to rework the entrance. I have spoken to my of the neighbors and they are in favor of a new entrance for safety reasons. Several of the neighbors were willing to donate money towards this cause. I have also spoken with the Hill and Dale’s and they are very interested in helping with a new entrance to the park. The other area that needs to be addressed is the signage in the park. Nowhere, does it tell you about who Senator Louis, Murphy was and why the part was named after him.

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I am particularly interested in Murphy Park - named after my grandfather United States Senator Richard "Louis" Murphy, though I have some general comments relating to the parks as a whole. 5 years ago I and another descendant of Senator Murphy met with the Leisure Services Director and expressed an interest in establishing a more formal memorial in Murphy Park for my grandfather and improving the entrance to the park and the sign outside the park on Grandview Avenue. We advised that our families would be willing to provide some financial assistance and seek such assistance from other sources. We were told a comprehensive plan would be forthcoming and it would be best to wait for that process to play out. We also surveyed neighbors in the area of the park entrance and found strong interest from them in seeing the park entrance improved and providing some financial assistance to improve the signage or perhaps other improvements. I attempted follow up with the director a few times in recent years with no response. I also participated in a budget hearing to request funds be allocated for the purposes suggested above. That did not happen. Earlier this year we contacted the Acting Director of Leisure Service and he rightly suggested we wait for the new Director to be appointed. We would like to meet with the new director at a convenient time. Now that the draft plan has been completed, I agree strongly with the general recommendation that signage be improved and made more consistent across the parks. However, I believe the larger parks - e.g. Eagle Point, Murphy, Flora, etc., should be identified with more significant monumental signage given their prominence in the city. This could include limestone block or base or some other material that is context sensitive to the neighborhoods in which those parks are located (perhaps similar to larger signage often seen marking the entrances to county or state parks). We'd be happy to help seek design help for such signage. We would also like to include a memorial (Perhaps granite with brass plaque or some other type) in the park explaining who our grandfather was and outlining some of his significant life accomplishments. By way of very brief background, my grandfather was a United States Senator, born and raised in Dubuque, elected in 1932. He died in a car accident in Wisconsin in 1936. The Senator's wife and friends Mr and Mrs Fred Woodward (Telegraph Herald owners) were in the car at the time of the accident. and survived. (The Senator was a good friend of President Roosevelt and VP Garner. Roosevelt came to Dubuque in 1936 to honor the Senator after his death and to visit Eagle Point Park to view WPA and CCC projects in the park (and to view recently constructed Lock and Dam 11) that were part of public works projects enacted by Roosevelt in 1933 and thereafter. Senator Murphy was a strong supporter of these public works programs and advocated for public works programs on the campaign trail to assist those out of work due to the great depression.) We would also like to see an improved entrance to Murphy Park. The city owns a lot adjacent to the current entrance that would allow for widened entrance with a separate sidewalk or trail. A widened entrance would also facilitate entry and egress (perhaps a temporary ticket booth) to accommodate the Hillcrest winter lights traffic. Murphy had previously served as Editor of the Telegraph Herald (succeeding his father who died in 1902 after serving as TH Editor for 20 years), Collector for the Internal Revenue (appointed by President Wilson), and a variety of other positions before his death. As to the parks generally, I'd suggest greater effort be made to recognize and memorialize those for who the parks are named. Allison Henderson Park has a worn metal plaque on a stone block but is not prominently displayed. The two men for who the park is named were prominent politicians - one having served as speaker of the US House. I am not aware of any marker explaining who Flora Wahlert was. She was the wife of Robert Wahlert - prominent family in Dubuque history. Bottom line - we would like to help improve Murphy Park and Memorialize Senator Murphy for the sake of history. We can provide some financial assistance and are willing to solicit other assistance - we would like to not have to

wait 5 more years. Dubuque has a rich history and it should be memorialized in the parks where appropriate. At a minimum, working with the Historical society, memorials could include QR codes throughout the parks with links to online reference pages that explain the history of the park and the person(s) for who they are named. This way, visitors can be informed of part of Dubuque history. I'd be interested in helping with such information for Senator Murphy.

ImOn Arena is in need of a second sheet of ice. This would greatly benefit all the programs in the Dubuque and surrounding area that use this facility including our men's and women's hockey teams here at The University of Dubuque.

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

A second sheet of ice at ImOn Arena

A second sheet of ice at the ImOn arena is needed for practice and youth games. It's been talked about for years but never implemented. Now is the time to make it happen. With the saints and UD plus all the youth teams ice time is tight. A 2nd sheet would double available ice time and allow events at the same time on 2 sheets.

Get more ice

Another sheet of ice for hockey and ice skating please!

It would be nice to expand the entertainment and recreational footprint in Dubuque with a second sheet of ice.

The second set of ice Schmidt Island is a sustainability decision for the Coty, County and Island! It is the winter event to offset the amphitheater I. The other seasons.

Dubuque needs a 2nd sheet of ice!

Second sheet of ice plus indoor softball/baseball fields to bring more tourism to Dubuque which brings more money to the town.

Indoor softball/baseball fields which would bring more tourism from travel sports which is more money for the town.

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

We need a second sheet of ice!

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We need a second sheet ice so the kids can practice earlier in the evening and I also play adult hockey and it would be good if we could have some more ice to have an actual league of sorts and play before 945 at night

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A second sheet of ice!

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I think we need to think about servicing needs and bringing more people to Dubuque to spend money. Right now, one rink does not even allow our kids to practice enough to meet baseline requirements. Next, we can't really host tournaments to bring people in if we only have one rink. Last, we may be able to simply resurrect five flags ice and add a mini rink onto the ImOn ice arena and be top notch. Last, if we can't do anything with five flags We may also be able to save cost if we added a big rink to the ImOn arena and then shut down the current arena in the summer.

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Please add another ice rink, it would give not only our figure skaters equal opportunity to have more time on the ice (instead of competing for time), but I think opening up more opportunities for events and bring in more revenue for our town.

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Expansion to the ice arena, to accommodate the many groups who use.

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We need a second sheet of ice. The Dubuque youth hockey program hD grown over the years in addition to the number of teams deserving of ice time and their own locker space.

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Please add a second sheet of ice. Thank you!

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SECOND SHEET OF ICE. Ice time is hard to come by, and this will be well used.

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Please add a second sheet of ice.

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Please add another sheet of ice!

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Yes. Dubuque could really use a second sheet of ice. Hockey is growing in Dubuque. With the junior hockey travel program, house league, figure skating, fossils, college teams etc. Everyone is competing for ice time. Dubuque cannot hold tournaments on one sheet of ice that would bring in a lot of revenue to the city. Please consider expanding the ice arena.

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Light the Town Clock. I understand this is under the Parks Dept. Repair/replace the "donor" wall at the Port of Dubuque

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TV screen inside the stadium to replay game highlights and do fun interactions with the audience

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I think Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice and more locker rooms even if it's just a practice sheet. This is because there is so little time available for practices to the point that we can't start until 10pm. Looking for game ice time is hard to we have had games go until nearly 1am before which is not ideal. We are also running out of locker room space with the addition of both UD teams and have to put a whole team into one small room. The high school team at the rink who i use to play for also has to share a locker room with USHL teams causing them to have to take their gear out at nights even when they have game or practice the next day.

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A second sheet of ice

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Another sheet of ice would be hugely beneficial to the hockey community in this area!

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1. Enhance road way, parking, and guest lighting throughout park.
  2. Assess and improve water/sewer infrastructure.
  3. Assess, improve, and expand road ways to include a walking/bike lane. Plus, to be wide enough for emergency vehicles.
  4. Secondary access/emergency access.
  5. Support of the shared DABG Master Plan.
  6. Work with DABG on adding additional restroom needs to the grounds/buildings.
  7. Assistance with water run off from NW Arterial and subdivisions and the impact on the waterways in the DABG woods, tearing out deer fences, etc.
  8. Improve communication between DABG and City Parks staff.
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A second ice rink in town to promote hockey and figure skating more to kids

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I noticed minor repairs to Flora Pool. I would love to see the pool revamped to be similar to the Cedar Falls pool. I would also love to see a minor league/Northwoods League baseball team. This would give the community something to do in the summer.

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Adding another ice surface to ImOn arena would greatly improve the offerings for the public. Currently ice times are extremely late for multiple hockey groups and if a second sheet was available things could be rescheduled for earlier times, more public skates, and possible introduction of other ice activities. For example a broom ball league or possibly increased capacity for youth, men's, women's, and local college hockey teams.

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A locker room for the Platteville Club hockey team and maybe asking the school to fund that locker room for the better of the Pioneer hockey program.

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Keeping my fingers crossed for an indoor pool and more adult centered activities!

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2nd sheet of ice

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Indoor recreational facility that focus on multiple sports like surrounding Communities offer for the youth

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A second sheet of ice.

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Adding an extra sheet of ice to the ImOn Ice Arena to support more youth hockey in the area.

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Please add a second sheet of ice at the arena.

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Lots of edible organic fruit trees (not grafted onto a different species. Also not hybrids. Not GMOs.) and edible berry bushes, for the public to eat for free.

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A second sheet of ice at the arena.

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Yes, second sheet of ice

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A second sheet of ice

Please add a 2nd sheet of ice for the youth hockey association. A 12 year old shouldn't have to practice until 10pm on a school night.

A second sheet of ice on Schmidt island for youth hockey. It's desperately needed.

Just would love twice the ice

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

Additional ice rink

Another ice rink would allow for more growth in what Dubuque is known for in the sports world.

Second ice arena!

Another rink and additional parking would provide our youth and young adult ice related sports and recreational activities so much room for growth and improvement!!

A second sheet of ice at ImOn Arena could potentially bring hundreds or more additional families to Dubuque every year through the addition of multiple hockey tournaments. Not only would this bring in more opportunities for the hockey community but it would bring money into all business throughout Dubuque and the surrounding area.

More opportunities for the public to be able to skate any time

Two sheets of ice. One that would be able up participate in and hold ice skating competitions.

Another ice rink is desperately needed

More ICE.

We need a second sheet of ice + locker rooms at the rink.

My son is done playing hockey now but it has been a struggle get ice time, would be great opportunity for more development if there were more ice to practice on and figure skate on.

A second sheet of ice

We need a second sheet of ice...

2nd sheet of ice at the rink

The kids need something to do. A reasonable arcade, indoor golf go carts etc.

2nd sheet of ice

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

An additional sheet of ice indoors

Would like to see a second sheet of ice.

Dubuque needs more public skating areas, also more importantly another covered rink on Chaplain Schmitt Island to meet the growing hockey community and need for additional space

A second sheet of ice

Second sheet of ice on Schmitt island

Second sheet of ice would be amazing for Dubuque

A second sheet of ice for: more weekend long hockey tournaments for all youth levels, more figure skating competitions, more availability for private parties and business gatherings, more available practice times for figure skating and youth hockey, and more open skate times for the community.

A second sheet of ice for the Om On arena is needed. The facility was built so a second sheet could be added to the west side of the arena. The arena is in high demand. The Saints, University of Dubuque, Youth hockey, figure skating, adult leagues all demand time on the ice. Many nights the ice is in use past 9:00 p.m.

2nd sheet of ice, sports facilities so we can stop leaving town every weekend, family attractions including for teens.

Second sheet of ice on Schmitt Island

We need more locker rooms too!! There are never enough, and UD has taken over TOO MANY locker rooms/showers/bathrooms. For the amount of money and work other teams have contributed; including the high school, and junior saints teams, there is no reason they should be put on the back burner in comparison.

Definitely need a second rink for all of the skating and hockey teams in the area.

No Additional Recommendations - just happy to see a 2nd sheet of ice.

Softball complex for tournaments

Please add another sheet of ice next to the ice arena. Ice is very limited now.

2 full sheets of ice would be a great start to our youth/ adult recreational parks. My main concern is good quality employees trained to maintain such a facility. With this we need to look further into athletics and pursue a larger scale complex to support indoor sports all year round. (Softball/ baseball/ basketball/ soccer - we have the size in our town to be able to host

tournaments locally but instead our youth is traveling hours for competitions.

A second sheet of ice on Schmitt Island. With the growing need between local colleges, USHL, and youth hockey, ice time and availability is limited. Children as young as 11/12 are having to practice from 8:30-9:30 PM on school nights due to availability which puts them well after 10 PM before they get to bed. A second sheet of ice would not only help meet local demand but also provide the capability for youth hockey to host tournaments thru the season brining increased economic/tourism to the area and business for our local hotels, restaurants, etc.

Need a second sheet of ice. Demand has always been greater than one sheet. With expansion of more teams we need more space

More ice for are Dubuque and surrounding area. My grandson's hockey tournament had to be cut short because an event was scheduled 30 minutes after the game was to finish. In sports everyone e knows there are mishaps that causes delays in a game.

An indoor walking track would be amazing for the community and it would be easy to implement. An indoor playground, also.

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice! Scheduling is hard proper ice time for the hockey teams is hard proper ice times for figure. Skaters is hard. We are being left behind our kids. Need a fair shot.

Second ice rink on Schmitt island so kids can get reasonable access !

Please do all of our skating families a favor and build a second sheet of ice

More ice options for hockey

A second sheet of ice. We have lot of hockey teams and figure skaters fighting for ice time resulting in early and late practice. This would also allow more Opportunities for kids to play games at home and host tournaments for other teams to come to the Dubuque area to spend money at other businesses.

We are in desperate need of another sheet of ice in our community . It would be nice for the city to be able to have youth hockey tournaments people travel long distances to attend these and spend a lot of money while in host towns.

A second sheet of ice. As many other arenas have this format, I feel this is a necessity to stay competitive in youth hockey and to be able to bring many level tournaments to Dubuque.

A second ice rink for kids hockey!

Ice rink outdoors

Second sheet of ice

2nd sheet of ice on Schmitt Island

Stop having us fill out surveys you know what we want. Either do it or don't.

Second sheet of ice!!

Additional ice rink

Training room. Fitness

We need a second sheet of ice.

Definitely need a 2nd sheet of ice.

A second sheet of ice for youth hockey!

A second sheet of ice for hockey

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

We need more locker rooms with UD being there it wrecked the original plan as they were not planned for

ImOn Arena needs the second sheet of ice, where expansion provisions were prepared during initial building plans. It doesn't need to be fancy, just a small facility with minimal bleachers and 4 locker rooms with a referee closet. Imagine if Dubuque only had one football field shared with soccer, one baseball diamond shared with softball, one basketball court shared with volleyball. Our single rink has the Fighting Saints as the primary user, then two new UD hockey teams were added, the High School team, then youth hockey and figure skating. After that there are two late nights for adult hockey and later at night the surrounding college club hockey programs. The only time for kids in Dubuque to play hockey without joining a travel team is Sunday morning from 7:30-9:00am, 8yrs to high school at the same time! The travel 6th-7th graders are practicing 8-9 pm, leaving by 9:30 then getting to bed late. Sports tourism, especially hockey tournaments, help local economy in the winter months. We canceled a whole tournament because the ice scheduling is backed up in August during the season setup. That's \$10,000s lost in hotel, restaurant, entertainment, and fuel purchases in one weekend. Adding the UD programs is what really put a squeeze on weekend and some weeknight ice time for Dubuque Youth. The UD players have been really supportive by volunteering at practices which the kids look up to them, many from Canada and other northern states. I think the UD programs are good for Dubuque, however they received dedicated locker rooms, where the youth again get squeezed into smaller spaces and an issue with visiting USHL teams. We want to grow the sports, but the building and current programs are holding that back. The figure skaters get one night a week and Saturday morning, where they also teach people to skate. Otherwise they find time before school at 6 am. I think an adult rec Curling league would catch on, basically bowling on ice or for rental sessions. The local colleges could have combined intramural broomball or curling, both offered at ISU in Ames and very popular! So much untapped potential beyond youth hockey. I'd play adult hockey if wasn't midnight by the time I got to sleep!

Second sheet of ice in Dubuque

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice

A second ice rink

As much support as can be offered for the sport of Hockey. Even to introduce it through hockey ball. (An off ice low cost, low impact, low risk option.

We need a second sheet of ice

Another rink

2nd sheet of ice for hockey. Bringing UD men's and women's hockey into the mix has forced our youth to have limited opportunities.

Second sheet of ice

I would love to see Dubuque get a second sheet of ice for hockey and figure skating. (Maybe even Curling).

Please prioritize the Schmidt Island Project to expand ImOn arena with another sheet of ice

We need a second sheet of ice.

2nd sheet of ice rink

2nd sheet of ice at ImOn Arena

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

We need a second sheet of ice.

New sheet of ice at our local hockey rink and more locker rooms and light for the high school baseball team

Expand the youth program, give them more ice time at appropriate times. More open skate, spring/summer programs

Another sheet of ice at ImOn Arena

We absolutely need another ice rink in Dubuque. My kids have to be at the rink until 9:30 or 10 o'clock at night right now in order to fit in their hockey practice, and that is way too late for a kid in middle school.

We need a 2nd sheet of ice

Get one competent person to run it. That guy running the rink is a crooked hack.

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

Extra sheet of ice

A second sheet of ice and more locker rooms. This could put us in a position to host revenue-generating hockey tournaments.

A second sheet of ice!!

A second sheet of ice and more locker rooms

Climbing facilities or opportunities

We need a 2nd sheet of ice!

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

Our youth hockey players need more ice time so they are not practicing so late and can have more options of times to practice.

Need a second sheet of ice please

More ice for sure!!!

The parking for Saints games is ridiculous

A second sheet of ice for sure!!!!

Another sheet of Ice. It's so needed.

To add additional locker rooms to make sure we have enough

Please make the second sheet of ice a priority.

A second ice rink. Young kids are practicing at 9 pm due to limited ice time.

I recommend and support a second sheet of ice at ImOn arena to be utilized by both adults and youth for the City of Dubuque.

We need a second sheet of ice. Kids should not be practicing until 9:30 at night, getting home after 10pm and getting up for school by 6am.

Dubuque needs second sheet of ice!

We need a 2nd sheet of ice for all of our hockey programs from youth to high school to USHL and college along with recreational leagues and figure skating and also public use.

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Second sheet of ice

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2nd sheet of ice and/or more locker rooms

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Add a second sheet of ice

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Add a sheet of ice to the Dubuque ice arena

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A second sheet of ice at I'm on arena

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We need a second sheet of ice and we NEED girls locker rooms for younger and older girls

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We need a second sheet of ice!

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Ice rink

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Most of our competitors have a second sheet of ice and this allows for additional time for our youth! We need more ice! As is we hardly ever have home games for our youth!

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Simple, 2nd sheet of ice.

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You need a second sheet of ice for youth hockey!

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More ice!

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I would like to see a 2nd ice arena

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A second sheet of ice - way too many programs and kids leaving town because of limited ice time here.

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2nd ice rink

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We would love to see another sheet of ice and more locker rooms. So many teams and figure skaters use this ice.

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A 2nd sheet of ice

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More ice!!

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Another sheet of ice for the hockey rink and more locker rooms.

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We need a second sheet of ice.

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1. We need another sheet of ice for youth sports.
2. We need more pickleball courts.
3. We need a large baseball/softball/ basketball complex. View the TBK complex and calculate how much money Dubuquers are spending in Bettendorf!

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We need a second sheet of ice

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2nd sheet of ice, maybe even a 3rd can use in summer as inline hockey if one isn't being used or indoor soccer

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Second sheet of ice

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More ice, community indoor pool

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We need a second sheet of ice.

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2nd sheet of ice for hockey/winter sports by the Ice Arena

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We need a second sheet of ice in Dubuque.

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We need a 2nd sheet of ice.

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Second sheet of ice connected to the ImOn arena

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2nd sheet of ice

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More ice for Dubuque

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Outdoor ice arena!

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We absolutely need a 2nd sheet of ice

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Our youth deserve a second sheet of ice. My eighth grader does not get home until after 10 PM on school nights due to limited ice time for hockey practice. He then has to shower and get ready for bed and is not getting to sleep until after 11 PM

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Please put in a second sheet of ice at the Ice Arena. It would benefit the community greatly

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We need a second sheet of ice at the ice rink. There are too many teams who are struggling to find ice time for practices and games. We also need more locker rooms. We've been down there several times where teams have long wait times to get into locker rooms, or they don't have enough locker rooms for girls to have their own room to change in.

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We need a second sheet of ice! The city of Dubuque new this when we built the New one.

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Another ice rink

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The island is not big enough for a amphitheater . A second sheet of ice is needed. University of Dubuque should be stepping up with donations

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Additional sheet of ice...with the UD men's & women's teams, limited space is even more limited

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We need a second sheet of ice

A large Multi-Plex event center

More ice rinks

2nd sheet of ice at ImOn Arena

Second sheet of ice for hockey!

A 2nd sheet of ice is NEEDED!!

We need a second sheet of ice!

Better parking. Ease of access, since there is basically one way on... One way off. You add more activities. Traffic is going to increase. Already awful after events especially traffic coming off/on highway. Need another sheet of ice for sure.

We need a second sheet of ice

We need a second sheet of ice. My son is in his second year of travel and this can benefit so many kiddos!

Ice Arena needs to expand. This would allow more usage for general public skating and our youth. With UD addition, just not enough space and locker rooms to host tournaments and keep locals happy. I would love to see an outdoor rink that doubles as an outdoor pavilion as a gathering space in summer and winter.

Add a second sheet of ice!

Second ice for Hockey

More ice for hockey. Too many players skating on that same sheet of ice.

We need a second sheet of ice and additional locker rooms. Since UD came in, Youth has 2 locker rooms and the HS team has to share there room. That room was built and donated to the HS team and now it's not truly theirs. And ice time is limited. A second sheet would help dramatically with ice time.

We need a second sheet of ice at the ImOn Arena.

A second sheet of ice at the Ice arena

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice.

2nd sheet of ice

We need a second sheet of ice, our youth get less practice time then other cities and we can't host the same amount of home games. We also need more locker rooms

An ice rink for our youth players. We have so many kids that we have children as young as 6th grade not able to start practice until 9pm. There is a huge need and it will absolutely be utilized.

We need a 2nd sheet of Ice at ImOn Arena Dubuque Fighting Saints UD men/women Dubuque Saints High School DYHA UWP Loras Learn to Skate Figure Skating Need increased Ice availability to help improve development and growth

A second sheet of ice at ImOn arena

Another sheet of ice

Added another sheet of ice at ImOn Arena!

We need another sheet of ice in Dubuque. We also need more dynamic, activated spaces, not just green squares.

We desperately need an additional sheet of ice!

A high quality baseball complex so we could have more tournaments in Dubuque

I'd like see the ice and whatever comes with it

Playground, drive in movie theater, outdoor ice rink.

Need a 2nd sheet of ice ASAP

We need that second sheet of ice.

A 2nd sheet of ice on Schmitt Island

Dubuque needs a 2nd sheet of ice on Chaplain Schmitt Island!!!

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice. This allow the rink to develop more youth hockey players along with holding tournaments that will bring revenue to the city through Hotels, Food, Restaurants and casino.

No - DBQ needs more ice for all its various programs

Need another sheet of ice, their cramming in all they can... some of the starting times are 10pm...as a lifelong hockey player in this city, their is just no logical times for adult hockey let alone hockey for kids

I feel that the Dubuque could really benefit from a 2nd ice rink. My kids would love to get more time ice skating and playing hockey. Thanks.

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Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice.

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Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

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Speaking money on ice rinks is ridiculous. There are more pressing issues that are relevant to a far greater number of people than the very small number of people who choose to ice skate. Deal with the homeless issue first, then our aging infrastructure, then our public spaces, and any number of other more pressing issues than ice skating. Geez does someone really need to write this out for you?

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A walkway connecting the north side of Schmitt island to Shiras ave ext, across the river.

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More ice!

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We need a second sheet of Ice at the ImOn ice arena.

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In the areas that tennis court resurfacing is being considered, the city might want to communicate with the three high schools as they had their's resurfaced just over a year ago. And Wahlert is likely going to build new courts. Might be worth looking into having the same group that surfaces Wahlert, could do one or more of the parks while in the area and perhaps save some money.

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A Pétanque Court. France, village squares and park pathways are often used as pétanque playing areas. In addition, many towns have recreational facilities (boulodromes) constructed specifically for playing pétanque. An area where a single pétanque game is played is called a terrain. 9 How to Play Petanque (Rules of Petanque) - French Your Way Pétanque (pronounced "pay-tank") is a popular French boules game where players toss hollow metal balls (boules) to get as close as possible to a small target ball (the cochonnet or jack), standing with both feet planted in a circle on dirt or gravel, similar to bocce but with different rules and style. It's a strategic, social sport enjoyed by all ages, focusing on skill in aiming, throwing (pointing), or hitting opponents' balls (shooting). Great social game.

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Quit wasting money on these studies.

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I truly believe that the \$390,000 could have been used more wisely. The city should have put this toward renovating one of our pools.

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It would've been nice to have that beautiful splash pad. That's at Comiskey Park at the West end of town as well.

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I recommend that the final plan include a section acknowledging the growing opportunity for film, digital media production, and creative economy development within Dubuque's parks, open spaces, civic facilities, and recreation programming. A film-friendly infrastructure would directly support the plan's guiding principles of Community Belonging, Viability and Innovation, Pride of Place, and the City's long-term goals for economic growth and partnerships. Recommended Additions to the Plan:

1. Establish a "Film-Friendly Parks & Facilities Initiative." Create a clear structure within

Parks & Recreation that supports the needs of film, TV, streaming, documentary, and video production teams. This could include: Simplified permitting and access processes Pre-approved filming zones within parks, trails, riverfront areas, and civic facilities Transparent fee schedules Coordination with City staff for safety, access, and maintenance Integration with the City's Marketing & Communications team. This is fully aligned with the plan's emphasis on partnerships and maximizing the use of existing facilities for economic development.

2. Use Parks & Recreation assets as catalysts for a regional film industry. The Master Plan highlights parks, natural spaces, and civic facilities as drivers of community identity and economic vitality. Dubuque's unique landscape — bluffs, riverfront, historic districts, and natural areas — is highly desirable for film production. Including this recommendation would strengthen the City's ability to: Attract outside productions Support local filmmakers Drive tourism (similar to the long-term economic impact of Field of Dreams) Increase hotel, restaurant, transportation, and vendor activity Parks and civic facilities already serve as multi-use community assets; film production becomes an extension of that value.

3. Integrate film and digital media into Recreation programming. Just as the plan expands youth, adaptive, and community programs, Parks & Recreation could also offer: Youth film-making camps Outdoor screenings in parks Documentary storytelling workshops "Film in the Park" festivals Partnerships with Clarke University (this type of thing could help save Clarke), Loras College, NICC, and local high schools This leverages the plan's goals around Lifelong Enjoyment & Discovery and Community Belonging.

4. Position Dubuque as a regional creative hub through Parks & Recreation partnerships. The plan highlights decades of successful collaborations. A new partnership category — Creative Economy & Film Production Partners — would fit naturally within the City's existing framework. Potential collaborators include: Torfoot Entertainment Clarke University's Communication Program Julien Dubuque International Film Festival Greater Dubuque Development Corporation GRFI - Great River Film Initiative Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque These partnerships would attract new investment, workforce development opportunities, and long-term cultural value.

5. Explore feasibility of a future multi-use Creative Production Facility. As the plan already evaluates sports complexes and recreation centers, Dubuque could eventually consider: A small-scale sound-stage or digital production studio A multi-use indoor facility adaptable for film, VR/AR, podcasting, and community storytelling Rental spaces for creators and production companies This aligns with the plan's long-term vision for sustainable, flexible recreation infrastructure.

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Although I think the Master Plan is great overall, including the Trails section, in that category I would also recommended designating Asbury Road as an east-west bike route, marked at least with Share-Rows. In that same vein, I'd like to see some safety improvement for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross the Northwest Arterial at Asbury and perhaps Pennsylvania. Overpasses would be ideal, but short of that, could anything be done differently with traffic lights? It is very difficult to cross safely.

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Bench swings at the river walk or AY McDonald parks facing towards the river.

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Dubuque needs swinging benches at the river walk or AY McDonald parks facing towards the river.

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Dubuque needs a rec center that has an indoor track, pickle ball courts, a gym and pool.

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We need a community recreation center that has an indoor walking track multipurpose sport courts locker rooms a gym and indoor outdoor pool.

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You guys should focus more on eagle point park instead of Comiskey, everyone is afraid of Comiskey because of all the shooting and crime down there

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New Aquatics Center - indoor or outdoor, must have a 50 meter pool (Olympic) or don't bother. Make it regionally attractive and draw major events into the area.

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DEFINITELY new swimming pools!! I as a senior love water walking and I know of many who would agree... THANK YOU for considering this and hopefully plans will be very soon!

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I don't see any new dog parks in the plan. The one on Grandview is overcrowded and not very sanitary. It gets muddy very easily and is very over-worn. Scatter dog parks throughout the city and include a section long enough for dogs to run and play ball. The Humane Society has a nice format but it's so expensive to go there that the average person cannot afford it. Cedar Rapids has a great dog park to use as a model. Do some research on dog parks because making Dubuque a dog friendly City will attract more tourism and when people know they can do things with their dogs they will enjoy it here a lot better. Also, has anyone done a study on boarding, or temporary boarding, or weekend boarding for dogs in conjunction with these ideas of dog parks. Dog parks should be fenced so dogs can run free. People who do not want to interact with dogs do not have to use these areas. These can be for dog owners only who understand training and obedience. People are going out of town for Dock Dogs, obstacle courses, training, and all kinds of things that people like to enjoy what their pets and families. We have parks in Dubuque but most of them are not even used by people. You can drive by any park in neighborhood areas and there won't be one person there. But if you had a dog park that is fenced the whole family will go up there to play with the dog and the kids can play on the swings and other equipment.

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We need to make the city a dog friendly place. As an Airbnb owner I'm asked all the time for information about dog parks and where to let dogs run Etc. I don't recommend the dog park on Grandview because the veterinarians in town have said to avoid it due to the large number of dogs and increasing illnesses being contracted from the parks. With the existing perks in town why not make smaller dog parks with water, seating arrangements, obstacle courses, which are very similar to what you might see at a Love's rest stop. There are many pieces of property that the city owns that are not being used which could be simply mowed with trails to walk our dogs.

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Enhancing parks is important, and they are clearly well-used in our city. However, when I visit, I often notice vandalism. If we continue investing in building better parks, we must also strengthen accountability for those who damage them. Without addressing this, improvements will not be sustainable.

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Would love to see a second sheet of ice added to I'M On Arena

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The improvements last year at Eagle point Park was a great start at bringing the park back to

its former glory. It would be great to see more perennial flower beds in Eagle Point Park and clearing the fencing of overgrowth blocking the River view. The old water sprinkler feature could be removed or replace with a splash pad. Perhaps the trees could be thinned out. There are so many trees that the grass doesn't grow because the lack of sunshine. It would be great if the tennis courts could be resurfaced and marked for pickle ball and tennis. Dubuque definitely could use a better location for the boys baseball league. The current location lacks in parking, half the fields need work and there is child safety risk with the creek. The hill to drive to get to the park is very narrow and risky. Lastly it would be great to get a quality miniature golf course in Dubuque. It is something everyone can enjoy regardless your age. A miniature course that would attract people from out of town. Thank you for asking for input from Dubuque residents.

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Outdoor Aquatic Center should be top priority, the pools are in bad shape - but in the meantime, upkeep -paint the ones we do have. Second priority is the upkeep of Eagle Point Park. Check and clean, repair - every pavilion in the park throughout the summer. Clear the brush from the fence line to preserve the view. Restore the beautiful grounds - instead of weeds and growth. PAINT the picnic tables - this could be done in winter/early spring prior to park opening.

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A better survey and analysis on Gay park is in order. We need the baseball diamond maintenance or the community will do it.

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There needs to be more focus and attention to indoor sports facilities. Our community is in dire need of indoor training and events especially with soccer. We are limiting our youth and local economy without it.

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Last night I heard they may want to have a 3 month aquatics center, sorry that will not pay for itself and I do not think citizens would like 3 months only.. I would like a year round Aquatics center with retractable roof. Open roof in summer and close roof in winter. You can use the same 2 locations at Sutton and flora but make it bigger and please have adult swim lanes. Also you can partner with the YWCA if needed

## Do you have any comments on the draft master plan?

167 RESPONSES

2nd sheet would be great

1. I would like to see reference to suggested funding sources. All of the recommendations will require a budget increase of some sort.
2. I agree that the city (and county) should partner to increase the amount of bike paths and trails through the city and adjacent county/state.
3. A north south "trans Dubuque" multi use path, much like heritage trail that ties together Mines of Spain all the way north to four mounds and Eagle point park
4. A comprehensive urban forestry plan must be developed. Facing the double barrels of climate change and invasive pests in a city as large as Dubuque must have a long term plan to deal with everything that will continue to come down the pipeline. This plan must deal with both the ins and outs individual trees but also treat the urban environment as a place where wildlife exist alongside of the built city. This plan must
5. Dubuque must have a dedicated city tree planting program. While the recent million dollar grant was a nice kick in the pants the urban tree canopy in the older parts of the city is abysmal. This tree planting program must be high volume potential trees and mesh well with the urban forestry management plan. Due to the complexity of such a program I believe a dedicated forestry department position must be created and funded to support community well being. Include bench marks such as 30% canopy cover across all census tracks within 10 years.
6. More time must be dedicated within the master plan to conservation full stop.
7. A more detailed invasive plant plan and program must be developed for city staff as well as for public usage.
8. I agree that mowed turf areas should be reduced. When considering easy options this is the first. The city needs to recognize that it must partner with NGO/volunteer groups to educate the public and portions of the public who view turf grass longer than 2" as "weeds"
9. A more easily readable or classified low, medium, high priorities based on public input as well as professional recommendations too.
10. Make it clear which department is responsible the "wild" parks such as FDR, Maus etc. Is it parks and rec or another?
11. In the conservation section make reference to the Iowa Forest Reserve act as a tool for private land conservation and potential habitat preservation.

Speaking as the Friends of the Mines of Spain board president. I looked at pages 295-296 that reference the park. The IDNR owns and maintains most of the Mines of Spain. Only certain areas are owned by the city but management and maintenance is by IDNR or by an agreement with Dubuque County Conservation. In the draft plan there is a photo of a prairie with a sign on it- we call this the south entrance. This area is NOT owned by the City nor has any management agreement with the City. There is a photo of Riprow valley adjacent to the Julien Dubuque Monument, once again, I am not sure that is City property or available for any City management. Not sure where the numbers came from for the details of what needs to be done. What should be included is the EB Lyons Center and close surrounding land. The area near the John and Alice Butler trail. Pine Chapel area and Julien Dubuque Monument Area. Would love to go over the area in which the master plan is taking into consideration for these notes of improvement. Also

interested in improving these areas with financial support from Friends of the Mines of Spain non-profit group

The plan does a great job of giving background and demographic data. It is also is a very comprehensive report of existing parks and what updates are needed. I was hoping there would have been more details about specific priorities, rankings, and projected time frames of new projects. There are overall main priorities exist but there is not the detail of such as term (long, short, mid), ranking showing overall impact compared to effort/cost, etc.

Keep a conservation and sustainability focus on all park decisions please.

I feel that, you don't need to include building apartments next to the arena. You need more parking spaces. Especially if you plan on adding to the ice arena. Also if you build a new sports complex, you will also need more space for parking. Especially if you have multiple events going on at the same time.

See above document

We need a second sheet of ice!

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

A second sheet of Ice would allow for greater use, and ease of use, of the ImOn Arena Complex and further development of our Hockey and Figure Skating Programs in Dubuque

I am glad to see that the city has decided to develop a comprehensive plan to improve our public parks. Murphy Park needs to be addressed from a safe issues someone is going to get hurt during the holiday lights season.

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

The plan is very thorough. The plan does not address the entrance to Murphy Park or note that the city own an adjacent lot which would be used to improve or add a separate trail or sidewalk for access separate from the roadway or to widen the road with a median. Would like to see greater emphasis to memorializing history for each park.

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

Dubuque is a hockey town. This gives the sports more room to grow. Hopefully this plan passes.

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After realizing the extensive use of the current ice arena I support adding a second sheet of ice.

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Dubuque needs a 2nd sheet of ice!

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Dubuque needs a second Sheet of Ice!

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Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

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We desperately need a second sheet of ice with adequate locker room space for male and female participants.

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Our population is aging. Priority for activities for seniors to try and keep healthy. Water aerobics and water activities are great for the joints. Both the outdoor pools and the Community Y need .major updates. It may be time to build a new aquatic facility. Additionally, a senior Rec Center is needed to keep citizens engaged. .Any small towns in Wisc and Illinois have these. Not sure why a city the size of Dubuque does not have one.

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Dubuque Needs a second sheet of ICE!

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Having fields and other such things outside of downtown will not reinvigorate our downtown. As such, the land in the port Would bring a ton of dollars into our downtown.

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Please add a second sheet of ice. Thank you!

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SECOND SHEET OF ICE. Ice time is hard to come by, and this will be well used.

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Please add a second sheet of ice

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Please add another sheet of ice!

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It is great that Dubuque is looking revitalize Chaplain Schmitt Island!

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Looks like a lot of "maintenance" items have been neglected.

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Make sure there are enough parking for special events

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I think Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice and more locker rooms even if it's just a practice sheet. This is because there is so little time available for practices to the point that we can't start until 10pm. Looking for game ice time is hard to we have had games go until nearly 1am before which is not ideal. We are also running out of locker room space with the addition of both UD teams and have to put a whole team into one small room. The high school team at the rink who i use to play for also has to share a locker room with USHL teams causing them to have to take their gear out at nights even when they have game or practice the next day.

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A second sheet of ice

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So glad this is being considered!

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Make the second sheet of ice happen. It is desperately needed. As we sit currently four night a week kids are not getting off the ice until 9:30. Some of these children as young as 11. The other issue their needs to be more locker rooms at the rink. There are not enough of them. An off ice training area is also needed.

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1. Add playground rules/safety signage - agree
  2. Improve wayfinding signage, especially on the Story Walk trail - completed
  3. Replace rusted BBQ grills and weathered/rusted benches and picnic tables that are becoming safety hazards - picnic tables have been replaced.
  - 4 -Add railing where needed at pedestrian bridge area at Japanese garden - more information needed
  5. Fix/repair leaning benches, statues, etc. that are no longer level - agree
  6. Install header curb around playgrounds and keep sand and fiber separate. Ensure ADA access into playgrounds - agree
  7. Ensure proper depth of wood fiber safety surfacing in playgrounds - agree
  8. Investigate/ensure safety of bridges, railings, and trellises that are settling/leaning - agree
  9. Integrate more ADA accessible seating and fix existing concrete/brick pads - agree
  10. Add sidewalk routes to all amenities and assets (ADA compliant wherever possible) including to buildings and add stairs/ramps where needed - we continue to assess and make improvements when possible and appropriate.
  11. Renew koi pond (new pumps, filters, etc.) - in progress
  12. Think through relationship with volunteers to handle larger issues such as roof leaks, etc. and trash pickup system - DABG staff and volunteers care for all garbage removal except for two areas. As for roof leaks, DABG volunteers are older and are not able to take on projects like roof leaks, this is something DABG would hire out if we had an issue, wish we don't.
  13. Add shade over playground areas - agree
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Please make resurfacing the tennis courts and new nets at Flora Park a priority. They have been in very poor condition for years.

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Love the idea of a recreation center and aquatic center.

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No everything looks excellent!!!

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This looks great! I love how thorough the plan is, and the plan to improve existing spaces is solid. I truly hope an indoor pool is part of the vision for a community recreation center.

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Doesn't mention 2nd sheet of ice.

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Support a second sheet of ice

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It would be great to see more of our community money supporting our youth activities in Dubuque

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Please add another sheet of ice.

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it should have an organic garden where people can have their own plots in it for free. to grow vegetables. [https://www.chabad.org/library/article\\_cdo/aid/62221/jewish/The-7-Noahide-Laws.htm](https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/62221/jewish/The-7-Noahide-Laws.htm) there is too much concrete in the plan picture. it should b more nature. thank you

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We need a second sheet of ice

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Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

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Hope you expand & development Campbell Island to it's full potential. The limited Ice resources limit our growth.

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Twice the ice- do it

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Need more ice and opportunity for players to work on skills.

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We need a second sheet of ice + locker rooms at the rink. I can't imagine my life without hockey, and all it has given me. It all started as a little girl accepted playing with the boys. A second sheet will provide opportunities for many like myself.

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Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice

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It's almost impossible to get ice time for public events anymore because it's so packed and the poor high school has to remove all their stuff after every game because the Colleges took over..

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We do not need any more parks or pools.

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Dubuque needs a second ice arena

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Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

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We need a second sheet of ice

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Would love to see another sheet of ice to house all University, Junior, High School, and Youth hockey as well as

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We need a second sheet of ice to house all university, junior, high school, and youth teams.

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The second sheet of ice does not have to have a lot of seating/bleachers.

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Start doing something! All of these surveys and no action.

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Like it

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An additional sheet of ice is needed.

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Add the second sheet of ice! Maintain the American Marine Marina by Catfish Charlie's and keep with the plan to boost baseball/softball complexes for increased options for tournament hosting.

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It would be nice to get a second sheet of ice.

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More ice and more locker rooms.

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Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice

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A second sheet of ice is a great idea; however, I question location on Schmitt Island and wonder if it would be a better use for Five Flags, driving visitorship and attendance to downtown. Perhaps that is where UD plays as it will be in close proximity to their new med school. Traffic on and off Schmitt Island is a struggle after games and concerts as it is. I cannot imagine putting more strain on the island at the level of large scale events. Additionally, in regards to safety at large events, it feels like a situation where visitors/attendees would be trapped on the island until enough traffic gets off. Or difficult for emergency personnel to get on the island during a large-scale event.

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Smaller communities have 2 sheets of ice. Why don't we? Please include that second sheet

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A second sheet of ice would also bring in extra Revenue for other businesses in the tri-state area.

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Just need to have 2 sheets of ice here

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Looks like a solid plan.

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I just think a second sheet of ice would be nice to avoid having little kids practicing so late at night. When my kids were little, they would get home late and it would be difficult to get them going the next day for school.

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Dubuque greatly needs a rec center and another sheet of ice. It will be 2100s before this happens if we keep filling out surveys.

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THERE SHOULD BE A SECOND SHEET OF ICE

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It's great to see hockey growing in Dubuque, but with UD's teams, and the fighting Saints having top priority, it continues to take away from the youth program which culminates in the high school team.

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Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

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We have 2 swimming pools for seasonal use that can't get staffed reliably, why build a new one? The added free splash pads took some of the user fees away from the pool revenue. My family got tired of the "swimmer checks" every 45 minutes with a 15min delay, then putting adult lane swimming in the middle of the day with open swim. Terrible scheduling, so they quit going. There's already many places to bike, how many people will really ride continuously from Heritage Pond to the West Side, down the South West Arterial and back up the floodwall loop? Not very many and they're already riding the county roads. There are plenty of bike trails, but painting some bike lanes on existing streets would be nice. Madison, WI is a great example bike friendly town for urban biking, not just paved trails. Dubuque needs a dome for soccer, lacrosse, rugby, football, baseball. I played lacrosse for ISU and we played in a couple multipurpose domes or field houses with turf while it was snowing outside. Again Sports tourism with winter tournament revenues.

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice.

Not at this time.

Have a good chiller cooling system put in the keep ice and building cold. Not just using ice coolness

Just to continue to vocalize this project for another sheet of ice at ImOn Arena to the community to help raise awareness.

2nd sheet of ice rink is really needed. I need to rent the ice rink for private practice every week, but couldn't find any opening during the hockey season due to games and team practice. Also conflict with figure skaters practice too.

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

We have kids as young as 6th grade starting practice at 9pm because there isn't enough available time for all of the kids. We are one of the only towns our size with only one ice rink.

We need a 2nd sheet of ice

We need a second sheet of ice like we need a hole in the head. The ice we have now is either empty or unprofitable

We need another ice rink!!!

We need a 2nd sheet of ice!

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

Like I said another sheet of ice is very needed for our youth hockey program to keep families and players engaged and having decent ice times.

Just to consider another sheet of ice.

Dubuque needs that second sheet of ice.

To continue to enhance Schmitt Island for future generations.

Everybody gets to practice here and we need more ice so kids aren't practicing until 9:30 at night

Second sheet of ice.

2 sheets and new locker rooms for the youth is so needed. This sport is well over due for an overhaul and it's time it gets the attention that baseball gets in this community. Too many fight for the ice to then have to share ice time which makes practices inefficient for the kids. Would be a nice addition for the community.

There are kids practicing at 9pm on school night.

MORE ICE!

Sharing 1 slab of ice is ridiculous. Young athletes that start practice at 8pm is not ok. We can not be competitive at all for any ages for ice hockey, or figure skating if we have to fight for ice time. Most of DYHA travel teams play at arenas with 2 sheets of ice.

We need a second sheet of ice

Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

A 2nd sheet of ice would allow more hockey tournaments, bringing more people into Dubuque, increasing revenue for downtown restaurants and businesses. Currently we travel 2-3hrs into WI to find available time.

We need a second sheet of ice.

We need better athletic facilities in Dubuque to help attract new families to the area and help create more economic growth from travel to Dubuque for athletic events.

We need a 2nd sheet of ice

Sooner vs later for ice!!

We're in support of a 2nd sheet of ice

We have been waiting for several years for a second sheet of ice and more lockers rooms. It was an issue throughout the past 8 years or so. Now that we have two University of Dubuque teams added to the list of teams needing ice, the problem continues to worsen. My son has been playing on teams at that ice rink since he was 4 years old. He's now a freshman in college and plays for UW-Platteville. His teams have struggled to reserve ice from the time he was a squirt aged kid, and now his college team still struggles to get ice to play games. UWP is the last to get ice time, so they literally have to play their games at 10:15 pm, when they are able to get ice. If we had a second sheet of ice, we could have better game times and maybe more people would come to their games.

We need a second sheet of ice

We need a second sheet of ice in the worst way in Dubuque right now. Between youth hockey, high school hockey, UD men and women, fighting saints, men's league, figure skating, UW-Platteville Club hockey we do not have enough ice time. There is so much more we could be doing with a second sheet of ice to bring in more money to the area- more tournaments, bigger jamborees, etc.

We need another hockey rink!

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There are a lot of kids that start way too late with only 1 ice arena. Our city is big enough to support another.

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Add another sheet of Ice, my husband would participate in adult league more often if the time wasn't so late due to no ice time.

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Need second sheet of ice

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Ice rink is essential!

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We have needed a second sheet of ice for a while.

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Added another sheet of ice at ImOn Arena!

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Looks like baseball and football were left out of the priorities.

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Need a 2nd sheet of ice ASAP

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Need that second sheet of ice.

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Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice!

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Get it done

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Dubuque needs a second sheet of ice

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Dubuque needs a second sheet of Ice

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We'd love to see a second sheet of ice!

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Very detailed and look forward to seeing future. Some great work has been completed thus far and appreciate the long term thinking

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We do not like what happened at Eagle Point Park. The benign neglect associated with the "return to original prairie" type of ground cover made the park look very tacky, unkept and mosquito and black fly infested. Please do not do this to any other of our beautiful parks. I no longer take out of town guests to Eagle Point because it looks abandoned.

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You have thrown too much money at Comiskey park. Eagle Point looks terrible

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Why is the new Stuff always being built in the hood. What about the rest of us?

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Overall, the Draft Master Plan is exceptionally well-organized, community-driven, and aligned with Dubuque's long-term goals for economic vitality, quality of life, and sustainability. The depth of community engagement — more than 35,000 touchpoints — is impressive, and it is clear that the values and recommendations reflect what residents genuinely want for Dubuque's future. I strongly support the plan's emphasis on: Strengthening partnerships Creating a sense of belonging Increasing accessibility Enhancing indoor and outdoor recreation options Preserving natural spaces Improving trails, connectivity, and year-round activation Developing long-term, fiscally responsible infrastructure. My primary comment is that the plan could be strengthened even further by acknowledging how creative industries — especially film and digital media — can integrate with parks, natural areas, and civic facilities to expand recreation opportunities and generate significant economic impact. Dubuque's landscapes, parks, and historic structures have already been featured in iconic productions (most notably Field of Dreams). As the City evaluates future capital projects, programming, and partnership frameworks, I encourage considering film as another mode of recreation, community storytelling, and cultural engagement. Film production aligns directly with the plan's core goals: Community Belonging & Connection: Storytelling connects people to shared identity. Active Stewardship: Productions highlight natural resources and promote conservation. Viability & Innovation: Film is a high-growth sector that brings new revenue streams. Pride of Place: Film elevates Dubuque's unique geography and history to national audiences. Partnerships: The city already excels at cross-sector collaboration, and film is a natural next partnership frontier. Additionally, film activity in parks and civic facilities would support: Tourism Economic development Workforce training Youth enrichment Local business growth Regional visibility Even a small reference in the plan acknowledging creative-industry potential would open the door for future collaboration without requiring immediate capital investment. In short: This is an excellent plan, and integrating film as a recreational and economic catalyst would amplify its impact and position Dubuque as a regional leader in the creative economy.

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I think the plan looks great! I'm particularly pleased with the inclusion of the Natural Areas section.

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Dubuque needs swinging benches at the river walk or AY McDonald parks facing towards the river.

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A city of our size should have a community rec center

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It's nice to see that you guys are doing upgrades on a lot of Parks, there are a lot of youth that are looking for service hours, eagle projects, to save money maybe talk to some leaders that are involved with these kids and see if they will help out

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On Street Trails - connection between Millwork-South and Port of Dubuque Route is unsafe due to hazardous path across train tracks, serious increase in train traffic, and truly dangerous traffic at White St off ramp at 5th St (in fact, White St is unsafe to cross below 9th since there are no traffic lights, insufficiently regulated intersections, and cars and semis continue to drive at speeds in real excess of speed limit).

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It's concerning that the findings include safety hazards, particularly at the public pool. Issues like repairing rusted equipment, replacing edging, and filling potholes seem like basic items that could have been identified by engaging employees in these areas for feedback. Given the high cost of this study, the value of these findings feels questionable. These funds could be allocated to more impactful improvements.

Direct the money to maintain the existing Parks. We have plenty Parks now. We don't need more.

It's nice to see the city focusing on the parks!

Less mowing by the city would increase unwanted critters and mosquitoes. City doesn't mow the detention pond along Stone Valley now. Numerous skunks in that area.

Same as my previous answer - we NEED an indoor soccer facility (these can be designed easily to accommodate many sports to utilize during winter months and inclement weather).

Last night I heard they may want to have a 3 month aquatics center, sorry that will not pay for itself and I do not think citizens would like 3 months only.. I would like a year round Aquatics center with retractable roof. Open roof in summer and close roof in winter. You can use the same 2 locations at Sutton and flora but make it bigger and please have adult swim lanes. Also you can partner with the YWCA if needed

### Have you previously provided feedback or participated in the Y(our) Story Dubuque Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan? (Check all that apply)

339 RESPONSES

