





APPENDIX #1

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT #1

JUNE 2025 – COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE RECAP

On June 26, 2025 at 5:30 pm at La Grange City Hall, the planning team hosted its first public engagement event for the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails (PROST) Master Plan. The event was organized by the City of La Grange and facilitated by Freese and Nichols, the consultant team. The meeting featured a community open house format and was attended by residents from across La Grange and Fayette County. Advertisements were shared in both English and Spanish through the City’s website and social media.

The purpose of this event was to introduce the PROST Master Plan process, hear from the community on current park usage and needs, and gather feedback on what improvements or additions residents would like to see. Attendees explored interactive stations, used sticker dots to vote on priorities, and left written input on sticky notes. Feedback gathered from this event will help shape the vision, recommendations, and priorities of the plan.

The event included the following boards and activities:

Boards:

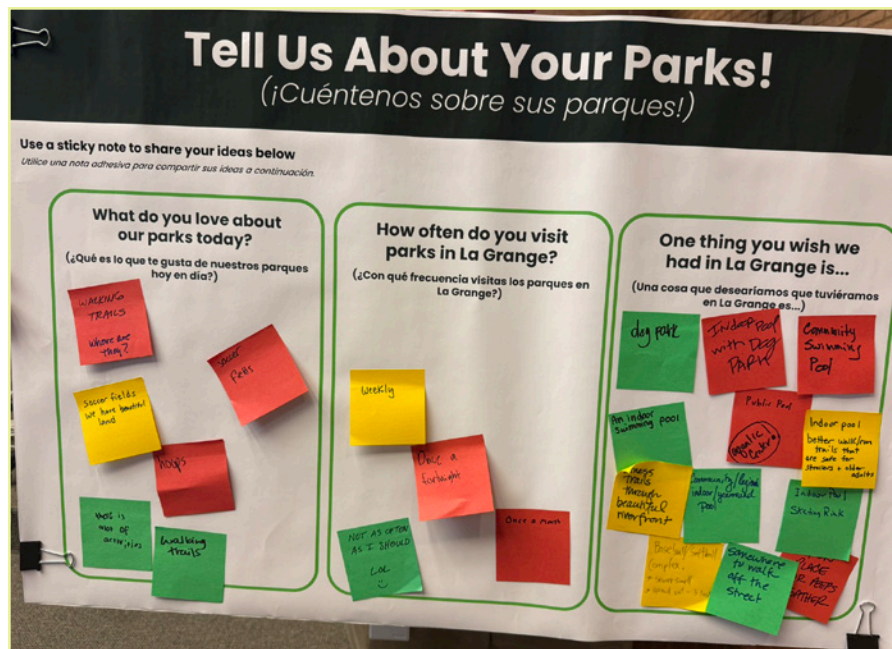
- Welcome & Project Introduction
- Project Schedule and Timeline
- What is a Parks Plan?
- Parks Snapshot: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats
- La Grange Parks & Recreation Survey Highlights

Interactive Stations:

- Tell Us About Your Parks (Sticky note input on park use and wishes)
- Help Us Prioritize Improvements (Dot voting on top capital needs)
- Where Should We Improve Access? (Map-based comments on trails and connections)
- What is Missing in Your Parks? (Dot voting on amenities and features)
- Help Us Imagine a Great Park (Sticky notes on dream park ideas and community benefits)
- Help Us Plan a Future Aquatic Center (Sticky notes on aquatics needs and importance)
- Aquatics: What Would You Use? (Dot voting on pool features and water play options)
- Park Types: What’s Missing? (Dot voting on types of parks most needed – nature, neighborhood, regional, etc.)

City staff and consultant team members were available throughout the event to answer questions, listen to feedback, and support residents in providing input.





What We Heard

At the open house, participants shared what they love about La Grange parks, most often citing walking trails, soccer fields, green space and the variety of activities. Some noted, “we have beautiful land”.

Visitation habits ranged from weekly to once a month, with some admitting, “not as often as I should”.

Top wishes included an indoor pool, a dog park, a public or community swimming pool, a splash pad, a skate park, better trail access especially for strollers and more spaces for teens and youth.



What We Heard

Participants envisioned their dream park filled with pools, splash pads, trails, fishing areas, lots of soccer fields and space for activities like basketball and game nights.

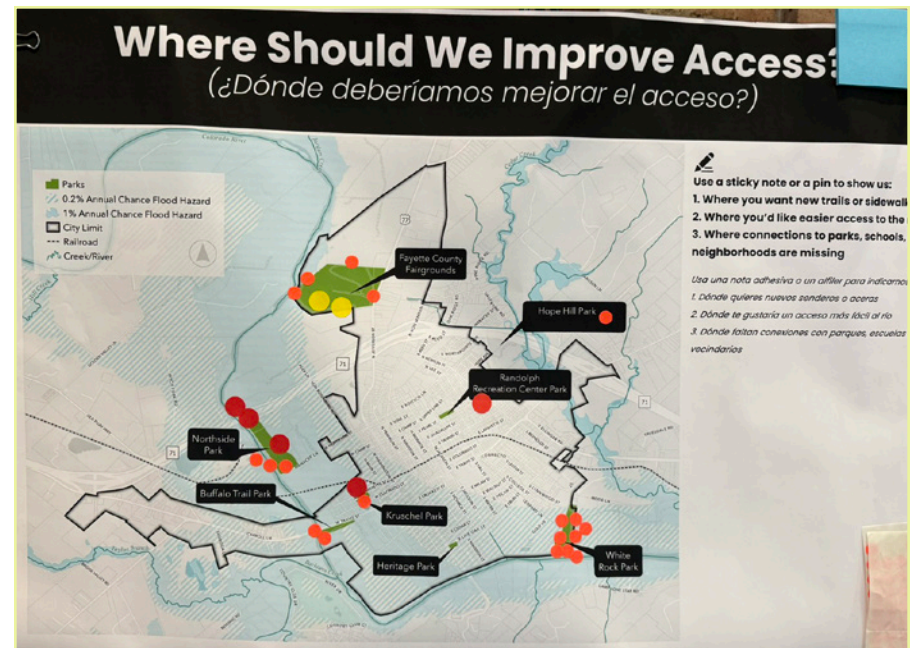
When asked what a great park provides to the community, responses included safety, physical and mental wellness, a place for connection, and resources for underserved groups. One resident summed it up simply: “Community”.



Top Priorities from Residents

Community members placed dots to show which park amenities are most needed in La Grange. The top choices were dog off-leash areas, restrooms, athletic fields and walking/biking trails.

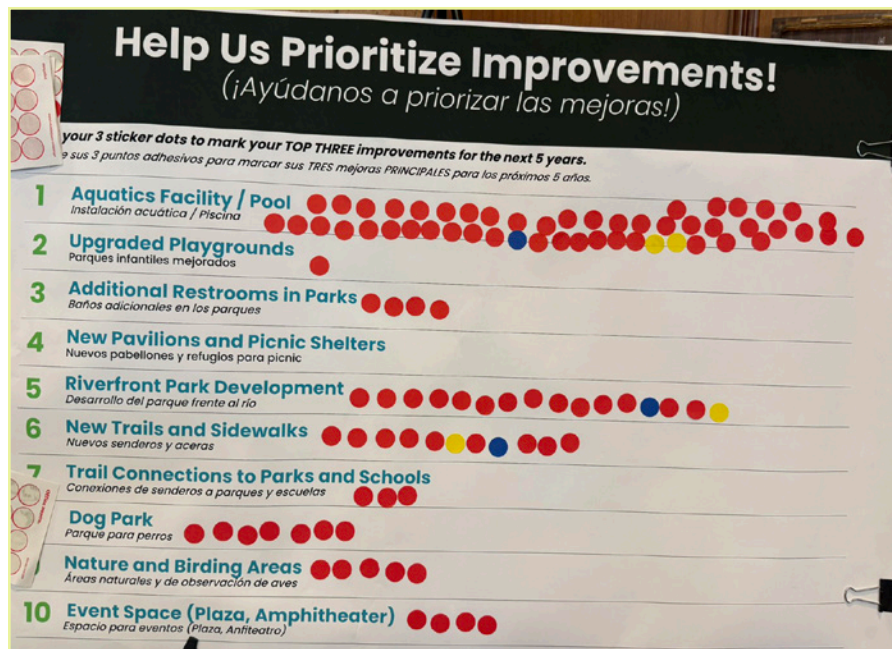
Other popular picks included picnic pavilions, sports courts, shade, and traditional playgrounds, highlighting a strong interest in both active recreation and comfort-focused upgrades.



What We Heard

Participants used colored dots and pins to identify priority locations for improved access. Key areas of concern included White Rock Park, Buffalo Trail Park, Heritage Park, and Northside Park, where residents want better trail connections, safer sidewalks and easier access to the river.

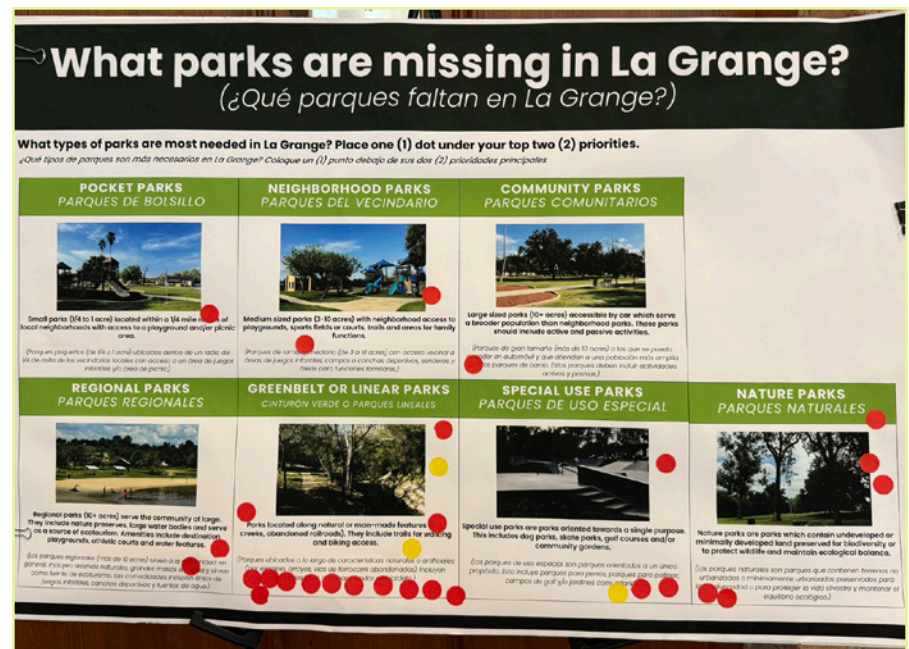
Notable feedback also highlighted missing connections around Hope Hill Park and the Randolph Recreation Center, as well as near the Fayette County Fairgrounds.



Top Priorities from Residents

Attendees used sticker dots to vote on their top priorities for park improvements over the next five years. The highest priority by far was an Aquatics Facility / Pool, followed by Upgraded Playgrounds, Additional Restrooms and New Trails and Sidewalks.

Other frequently selected items included Riverfront Park Development, Picnic Shelters, and Trail Connections to Parks and Schools, showing strong support for both recreation and basic infrastructure upgrades.



Top Priorities from Residents

Participants were asked to select the types of parks most needed in the community. Greenbelt or Linear Parks and Neighborhood Parks received the most support, followed by Nature Parks and Special Use Parks (e.g., skate parks or dog parks).

These responses show a strong interest in walkable, connected green spaces and park types that serve both everyday recreation and specific community needs.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT #2

AUGUST 2025 – FAYETTE COUNTY STATE FAIR TABLING RECAP

On August 28, 2025, the planning team hosted its second round of community engagement for the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Master Plan. Activities were held at the Senior Lunch and at the Fayette County Fairgrounds, reaching a wide mix of residents in La Grange and Fayette County.

The purpose of these events was to gather further input on priorities for the future of La Grange’s parks and recreation system. This included requests for attendees to evaluate the location of future trails, preferred investments for riverfront parks, and ideal water-recreation features. Attendees provided feedback through interactive stations.

Boards:

- Riverfront & Water-Recreation Vision
- Trail Connections
- Future Park Investments

Interactive Stations:

- Draw the Trails You Want
Attendees drew on a large map to show where new trail connections are most needed, focusing on linking schools, parks, neighborhoods and the Colorado Riverfront.
- Parks Improvement Budget Game
Participants were given “La Grange Bucks” to invest in priority categories such as trails, aquatics, riverfront parks, restrooms, shade, playgrounds and a dog park.
- Your Vision for the Riverfront & Water Recreation
Attendees voted on desired riverfront features (e.g., nature trails, amphitheater, picnic groves, splash area) and aquatics features (e.g., indoor pool, splash pad, shaded seating, lap lanes). They also provided additional suggestions for riverfront and water recreation features, such as a tube float or a lazy river.

City staff and consultant team members were available throughout the event to answer questions, listen to feedback, and support residents in providing input.





What We Heard

At this station, every participant was given three coins to “invest” in their top priorities for park improvements. While there was strong support across multiple categories, the single highest-funded category was an aquatics facility, particularly a traditional pool, which received more coins than any other item. Trails and Connections and Riverfront Parks also emerged as leading priorities, showing that residents want to see both everyday connectivity and signature destination spaces. Steady investment also went towards a Dog Park, Restrooms and Infrastructure, Shade, Playgrounds, and Specialty Events, demonstrating that people value a mix of large transformational projects and smaller basic upgrades that improve daily park experiences.

Your Vision for the Riverfront & Water Recreation

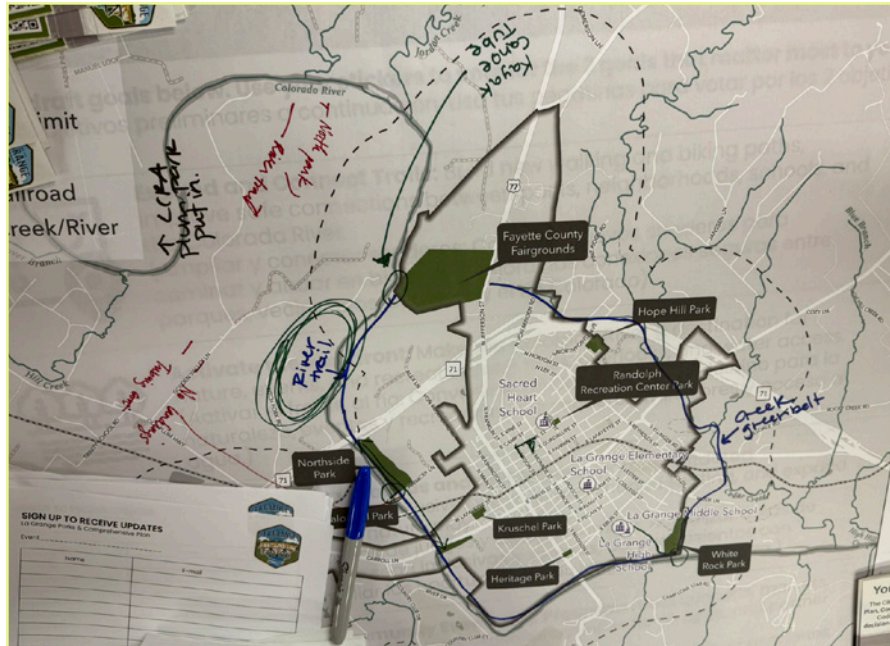
(Su visión para la ribera del río y la recreación acuática)

Place 2 stickers on the riverfront features you want most and 2 on the water recreation features you want most.
(Coloque 2 calcomanías en las características del frente al río que más quiere y 2 en las características acuáticas que más quiere.)

Riverfront Ideas (Ideas frente al río)		Water Recreation Features (Características de recreación acuática)	
What should be included in La Grange riverfront parks? (¿Qué debería incluirse en los parques de la ribera de La Grange?)		Besides a traditional pool, what other water amenities do you want? (Además de una piscina tradicional, ¿qué otros servicios acuáticos desea?)	
1 Nature Trails (Senderos naturales)	4 dots	1 Indoor Pool (Piscina cubierta)	4 dots
2 Amphitheater/Event Space (Anfiteatro/Espacio para eventos)	2 dots	2 Splash Pad (Chapoteadero)	2 dots
3 Fishing Pier (Muelle de pesca)	2 dots	3 Shaded Seating (Asientos con sombra)	3 dots
4 Splash Area/Water Play (Área de juegos acuáticos)	1 dot	4 Swim Lessons (Clases de natación)	3 dots
5 Picnic Groves (Áreas de picnic)	2 dots	5 Slides (Toboganes)	1 dot
6 Boat Launch (Rampa para botes)	2 dots	6 Lap Lanes (Carriles de natación)	2 dots
Other (Otras) Tube Float	1 dot	Other (Otras) Lazy River	1 dot

What We Heard

Attendees were asked to place four dots to indicate their priority features for riverfront parks and future water-recreation amenities. The most popular riverfront feature was the establishment of nature trails. This, along with feedback from the trails connection board, indicated a strong level of interest in linking the riverfront and parks through trail connections. Additional interest from attendees was noted for the placement of picnic groves, fishing piers and boat launches along riverfront parks. For future water-recreation features within the La Grange parks system, attendee feedback suggested overall support for an indoor pool with amenities such as swim lessons and designated lap lanes.



What We Heard

Residents used a large map of La Grange to draw where they want new trails and connections. The strongest feedback focused on linking parks, schools, and neighborhoods into a connected network. Participants emphasized the importance of connecting the riverfront to nearby parks, especially North Park and the Fayette County Fairgrounds, and circled Pilot Knoll as a priority area for future trails. Notes also suggested kayak and tubing access along the river and pointed out places where there are currently no safe crossings. This input highlights a strong community desire for a trail system that improves safety, access, and recreation along the Colorado River and throughout La Grange.

Community Conversations

- Safety concerns were raised, including vandalism, drug activity and the need for better lighting and patrols in parks.
- White Rock Park was frequently mentioned for cleanup, improved maintenance and upgrades.
- A skate park was identified as a priority, with Smithville's facility cited as a model; some suggested combining it with a dog park.
- Interest in aquatics remains strong, with calls for year-round access and opportunities for lap swimming, despite concerns about costs.
- Residents want expanded river access for tubing, canoeing, and kayaking, along with both active and passive (picnic, shaded seating) riverfront spaces.
- Trail connectivity was highlighted as essential, especially linking the Fayette County Fairgrounds, Pilot Knoll, White Rock Park and nearby schools.
- More programming and events were requested, particularly music and cultural activities that can bring the community together.
- Providing activities for teens and young adults was identified as a major gap to address.
- Downtown vitality was tied to parks, with requests for more restaurants, variety of eateries, later business hours and monthly events.
- Participants encouraged the City to balance new investments with maintenance and upgrades of existing facilities.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT #3

OCTOBER 2025 – COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE RECAP

On October 16, 2025 at 5:30 pm at Casino Hall, the planning team hosted its third round of public engagement for the Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Master (PROST) Plan. This event was hosted in unison with the Vision La Grange Comprehensive Plan. The event was organized by the City of La Grange and facilitated by Freese and Nichols, the consultant team. The meeting featured a community open house format and was attended by residents from across La Grange and Fayette County. Advertisements were shared in both English and Spanish through the City's website and social media.

The purpose of this event was to gather feedback on priorities for the future of La Grange's parks system, including which parks need improvements or new amenities. In addition, general feedback was collected to inform the development of the recommendations chapter of the PROST Plan. Attendees explored interactive stations, used sticker dots to vote on priorities and left written input on sticky notes.

The event included the following boards and activities:

Boards:

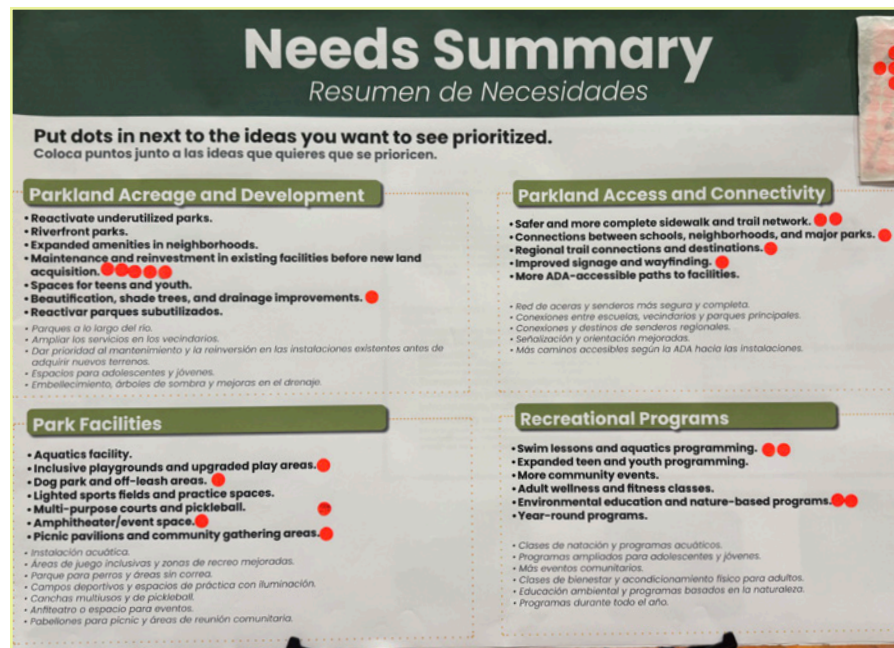
- Project Schedule and Timeline
- Park Priorities
- Park Experience
- Needs Summary

Interactive Stations:

- Needs Summary
Attendees were asked to place a red dot on the parks system priorities they most closely aligned with, as identified in the Needs Assessment Chapter.
- Parks Experience
Participants placed dots on parks within La Grange where they felt improvements or new amenities were needed. Blue dots indicated a need for improvements, while green dots signaled a need for new amenities.
- Parks Priorities
Attendees used yellow dots to vote on which ideas the City should prioritize. Some participants also provided written notes for each idea.

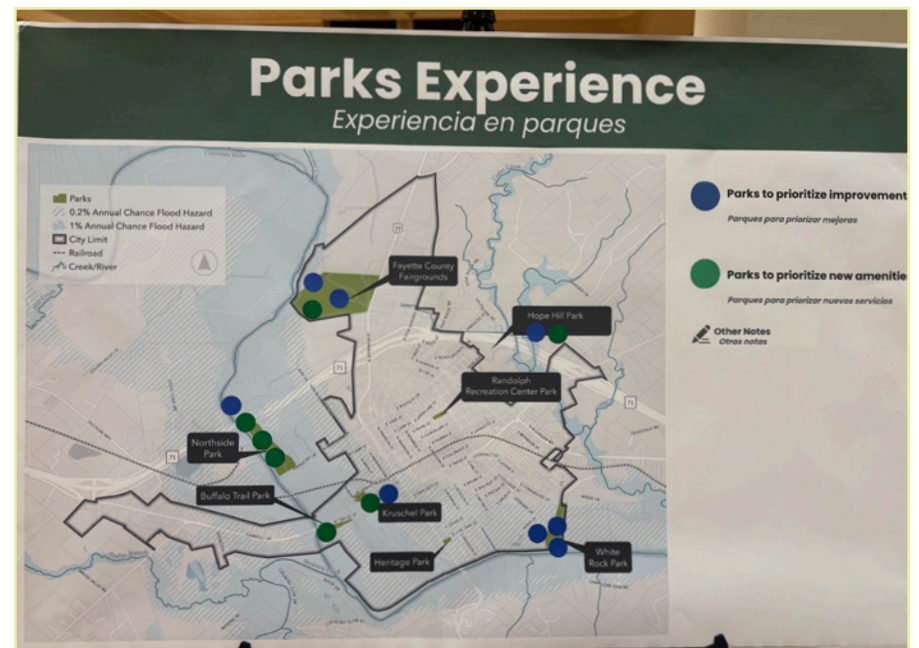
City staff and consultant team members were available throughout the event to answer questions, listen to feedback, and support residents in providing input.





Top Priorities from Residents

When evaluating top priorities over the next ten years for the La Grange parks system, participants identified maintenance and reinvestment in existing park facilities as the highest priority before acquiring additional parkland. Additional notable priorities included developing a more complete sidewalk and trail network within the parks system, offering aquatics-based recreational programming (e.g., swim lessons), and providing environmental and nature-based education programming.



What We Heard

Attendees were asked to identify parks most in need of improvements or new amenities. Parks identified as most in need of new amenities included Northside Park, which received the most votes, followed by Kruschel Park, Buffalo Trail Park, Hope Hill Park, and the Fayette County Fairgrounds. Parks identified as most in need of improvements included White Rock Park, which received the most votes, followed by the Fayette County Fairgrounds, Kruschel Park, Northside Park, and Hope Hill Park.

Parks Priorities

Prioridades del parques

Put a dot in the box with the idea you want to see prioritized. You can leave comments too!
Pon un punto en el cuadro con la idea que quieres que se priorice. ¡También puedes dejar comentarios!

1	Enhance Existing Parks <i>Mejorar los Parques Existentes</i> Focus on making the existing parks we have even better <i>Enfocarse en mejorar aún más los parques existentes</i>	<i>improve more existing parks (like the one in the park)</i> <i>improve the park in the park</i>
2	Acquire Land for New Parks <i>Adquirir Terrenos para Nuevos Parques</i> Work on acquiring more land for parks, especially in parts of town without parks <i>Trabajar en la adquisición de más terreno para parques, especialmente en las zonas de la ciudad que no tienen parques</i>	
3	New and Improved Recreational Programs <i>Programas Recreativos Nuevos y Mejorados</i> Enhance and provide more programs for residents <i>Mejorar y ofrecer más programas para los residentes</i>	
4	More Community Events/Festivals <i>Más Eventos/Festivales Comunitarios</i> Hold more and bigger community events and festivals <i>Organizar más y mayores eventos y festivales comunitarios</i>	<i>more community events and festivals</i>
5	Access to Nature and Natural Parks <i>Acceso a la Naturaleza y a Parques Naturales</i> Focus on parks and programs that provide nature and natural areas <i>Enfocarse en parques y programas que ofrecen naturaleza y áreas naturales</i>	<i>more natural areas and natural areas</i> <i>more natural areas and natural areas</i>
6	Amenitized Parks <i>Parques con Comodidades</i> Focus on parks with amenities such as fields, pavilions and playgrounds <i>Enfocarse en parques con comodidades como campos, pabellones y áreas de juegos infantiles</i>	<i>more amenities and natural areas</i>

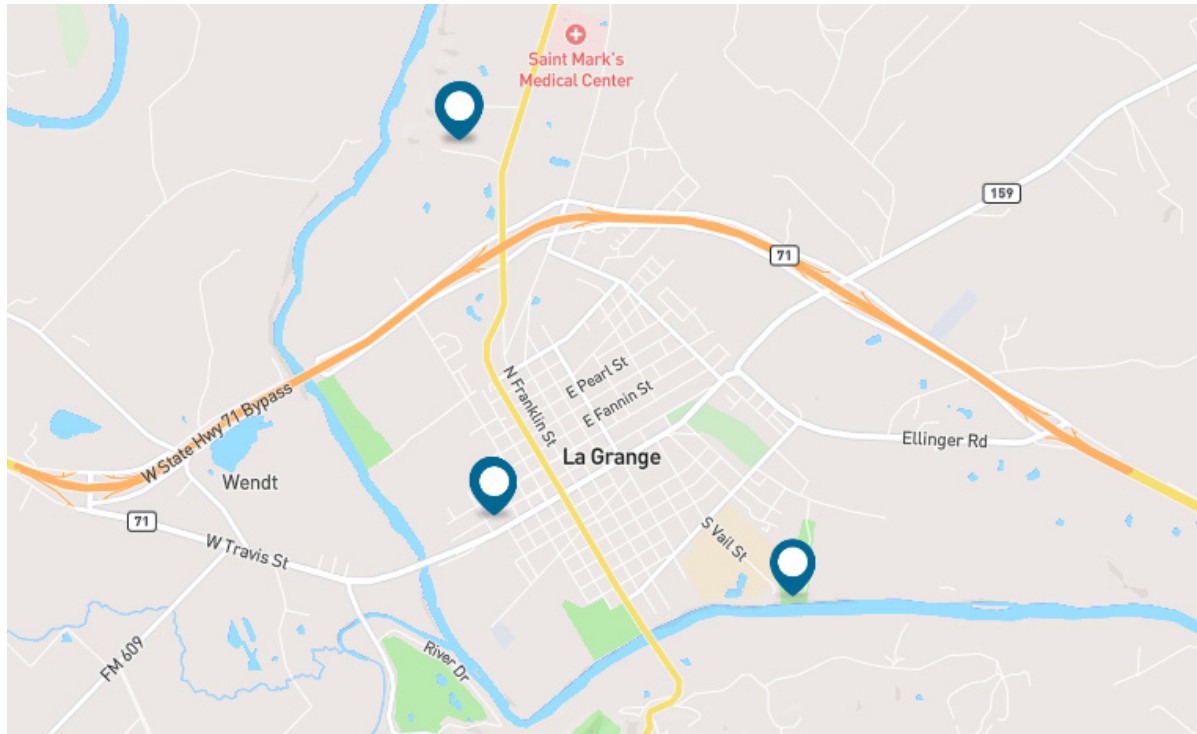
Top Priorities from Residents

When considering priorities for the La Grange parks system over the next ten years, participants indicated that enhancing existing parks should be a major focus for the City. This was further supported by the Needs Summary interactive board, where maintenance and reinvestment in existing facilities was the top priority identified. Participants also indicated that greater access to nature or natural parks and more community events and festivals should be priorities for the parks system.

ONLINE MAPPING ACTIVITY

During the development of this PROST Master Plan, an online mapping exercise was offered that allowed project website visitors to leave geo-referenced comments on a map of La Grange. This feature was available throughout the course of the project. Participants could read comments left by others and upvote or downvote them to show agreement or disagreement, helping the project team understand significant community challenges and concerns.

All comments from the mapping exercise are included on the following page; however, they are no longer geo-referenced as they were when reviewed by the project team through the project website.

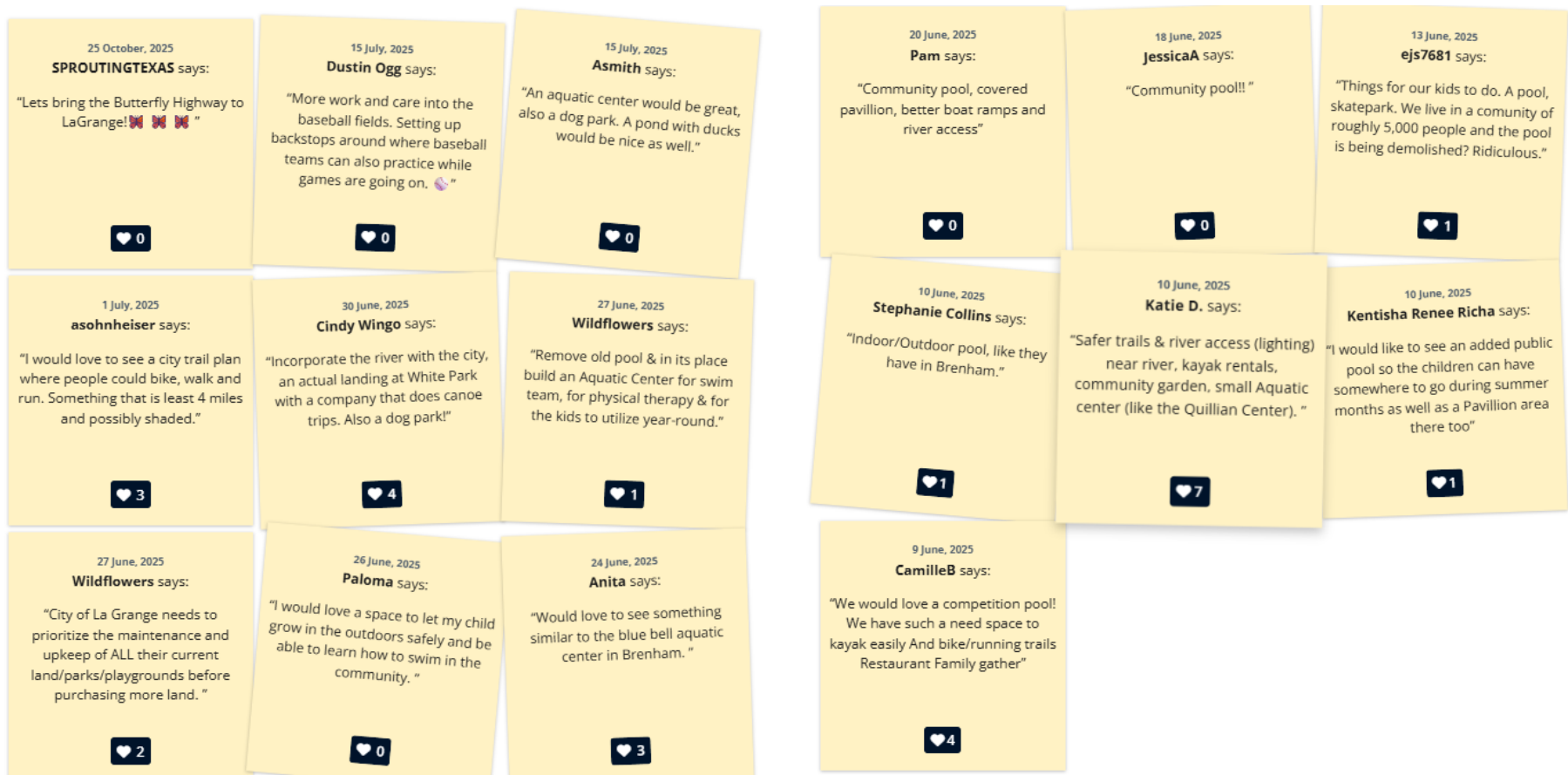


Online Mapping Comments

1	FAIR GROUNDS 1. The Czech Heritage culminates about 1/3 of the fair grounds by keeping our rich Czech history alive. 2. The Amphitheater needs to be utilized more. 3. The Round-Up Hall is used by the Cowboy Gathering, TWL, weddings, fair, & other events. 4. MS-150 utilizes the entire fair grounds yearly. 5. Numerous events are held at the fair grounds yearly: Fayette County Fair, Heifer Show, Fayette County Jr. Livestock Show, Cow/Calf Clinics, Educational clinics, Hog clinics, Electrical Safety program, Ag adventures, Goat roping, BBQ Cook-Off, Bucket Calf show, Cornhole competition, Car show, Lamb prospect show, and much more events throughout the year. 6. La Grange ISD uses the baseball field. 7. La Grange Little League uses the softball fields.
2	Remove the old pool. Add a new AQUATIC Center (for the swim team, for physical therapy, for kids) in the same location (Kruschel Park) OR at the old Fayette Electric Coop.
3	Redevelop this existing regional activity center and include a hotel and convention center overlooking the scenic Colorado River. The city needs to increase sales tax revenues and this is the perfect spot for baseball, conventions, weddings, history museum, astronomy, rodeo, concerts, dancing, walking, mountain biking, and educational community programming. Put the covered playground here, but first get with a premier consultant and top notch developer to analyze the infrastructure. I don't think green space across the railroad tracks from the square is a safe situation if you are wanting people to walk to the brewery and to the theater. Implement the plan for the regional activity center first, generate additional revenue, then fund enhancements to smaller parks.
4	Add a covered area/pavilion for the white rock park and or the playground area and update the play scape.
5	An update to the pool or repairs would be great, with regular hours during the summer and a more available schedule.
6	I think we should consider ways to better utilize the Fairgrounds. It does not feel accessible to the public, and mainly serves to host facilities that you have to rent from either the Fair, the Czech Center, or the Baseball Association. I think it has a ton of potential for a really great park if we could just create a good concept for it.

ONLINE VISION WALL

During the development of this PROST Master Plan, an online vision wall activity was offered that allowed project website visitors to participate in leaving their vision for the future of La Grange parks over the next 5 to 10 years, including any improvements or new facility additions. This feature was available throughout the course of the project. Participants could read comments/visions left by others and upvote or downvote them to show agreement or disagreement, helping the project team understand community visions that most resonated with website visitors. All comments from the visioning activity are included below and on the following page.

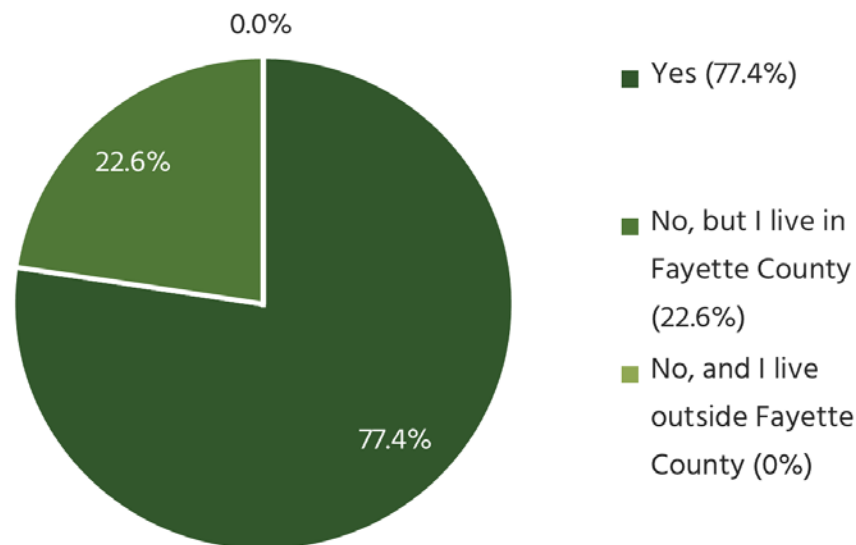


Online Visioning Comments		
#	Comment	Up Vote
1	We would love a competition pool! We have such a need for space to kayak easily and bike/running trails. We also need restaurants and family gathering spaces.	+4
2	I would like to see an added public pool so the children can have somewhere to go during summer months as well as a pavilion area there too.	+1
3	Safer trails & river access (lighting) near river, kayak rentals, community garden, small Aquatic center (like the Quillian Center).	+7
4	Indoor/Outdoor pool, like they have in Brenham.	+1
5	Things for our kids to do such as a pool or a skate park. We live in a community of roughly 5,000 people and the pool is being demolished? Ridiculous.	+1
6	Community pool!!	
7	Community pool, covered pavilion, better boat ramps and river access.	
8	Would love to see something similar to the blue bell aquatic center in Brenham.	+3
9	I would love a space to let my child grow in the outdoors safely and be able to learn how to swim in the community.	
10	City of La Grange needs to prioritize the maintenance and upkeep of ALL their current land/parks/playgrounds before purchasing more land.	+2
11	Remove old pool & in its place build an Aquatic Center for swim team, for physical therapy & for the kids to utilize year-round.	+1
12	Incorporate the river with the city, an actual landing at White Park with a company that does canoe trips. Also a dog park!	+4
13	I would love to see a city trail plan where people could bike, walk and run. Something that is least 4 miles and possibly shaded.	+3
14	An aquatic center would be great, also a dog park. A pond with ducks would be nice as well.	
15	More work and care into the baseball fields. Setting up backstops around where baseball teams can also practice while games are going on.	
16	Lets bring the Butterfly Highway to La Grange!	

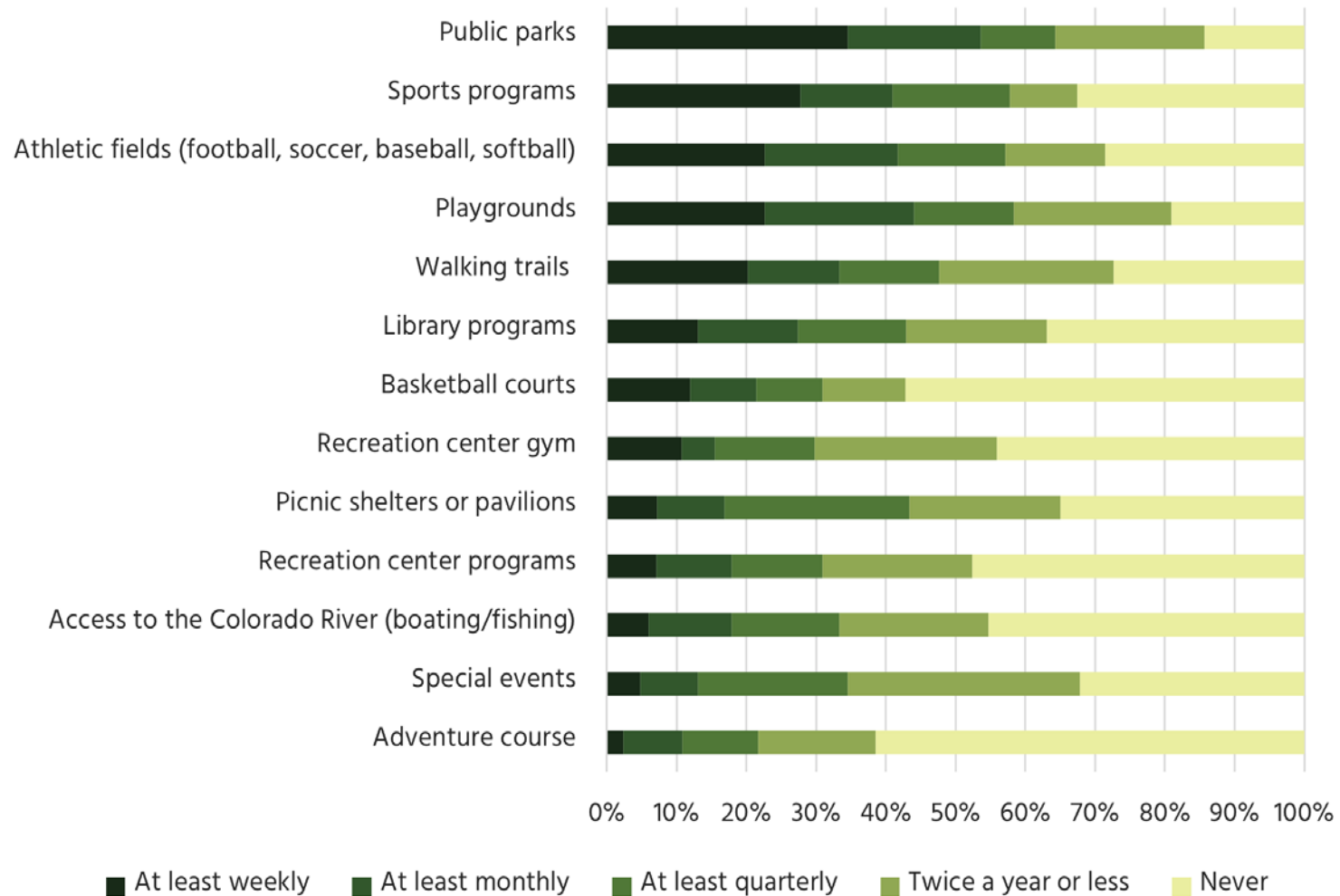
ONLINE COMMUNITY SURVEY

From June 10 to August 5, 2025, a community survey was available online through the project website. The survey was open for anyone to participate and included online translation features, allowing it to be completed in multiple languages. It was accessible on both desktop and mobile devices. Outreach promoting the survey was conducted through various channels, including the City's social media platforms and website. The survey received a total of 475 responses. A summary of these responses follows. Input from the survey, along with feedback and conversations gathered at engagement events, provided the planning team with valuable baseline information and identified community priorities to guide the development of this PROST Plan.

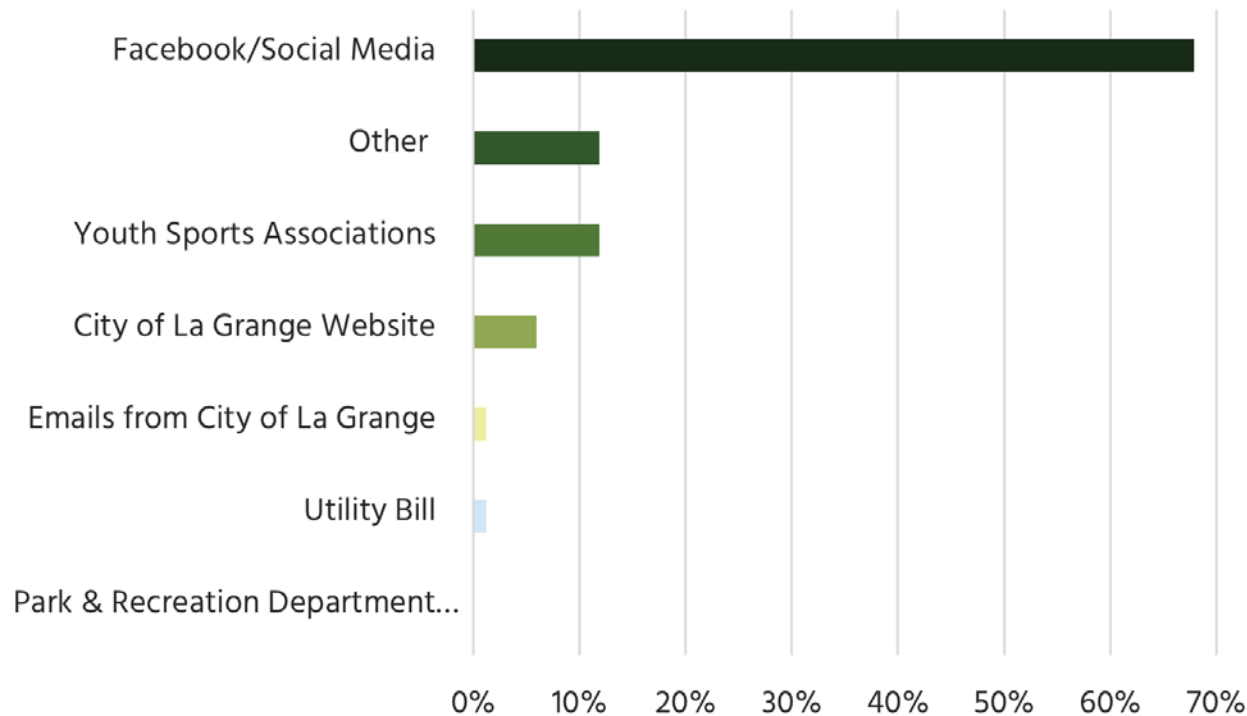
1. Are you a current resident of La Grange?



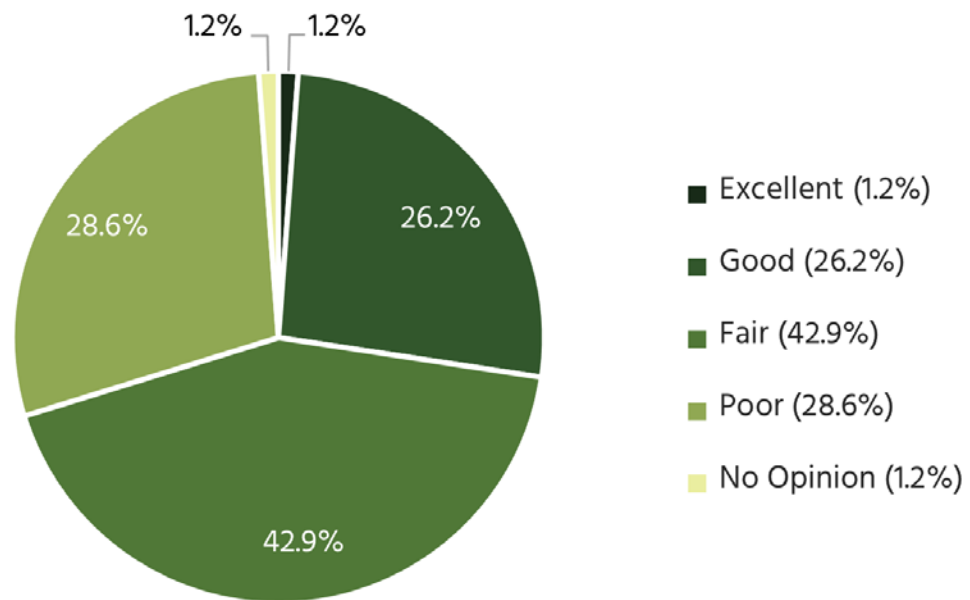
2. In the past year, how often have you or members of your household used the following facilities in La Grange?



3. How do you usually learn about parks, programs and events in La Grange?



4. Overall, how would you rate the parks and recreational opportunities in the City of La Grange?



5. Please explain your rating choice of La Grange parks and recreational opportunities in the previous question:

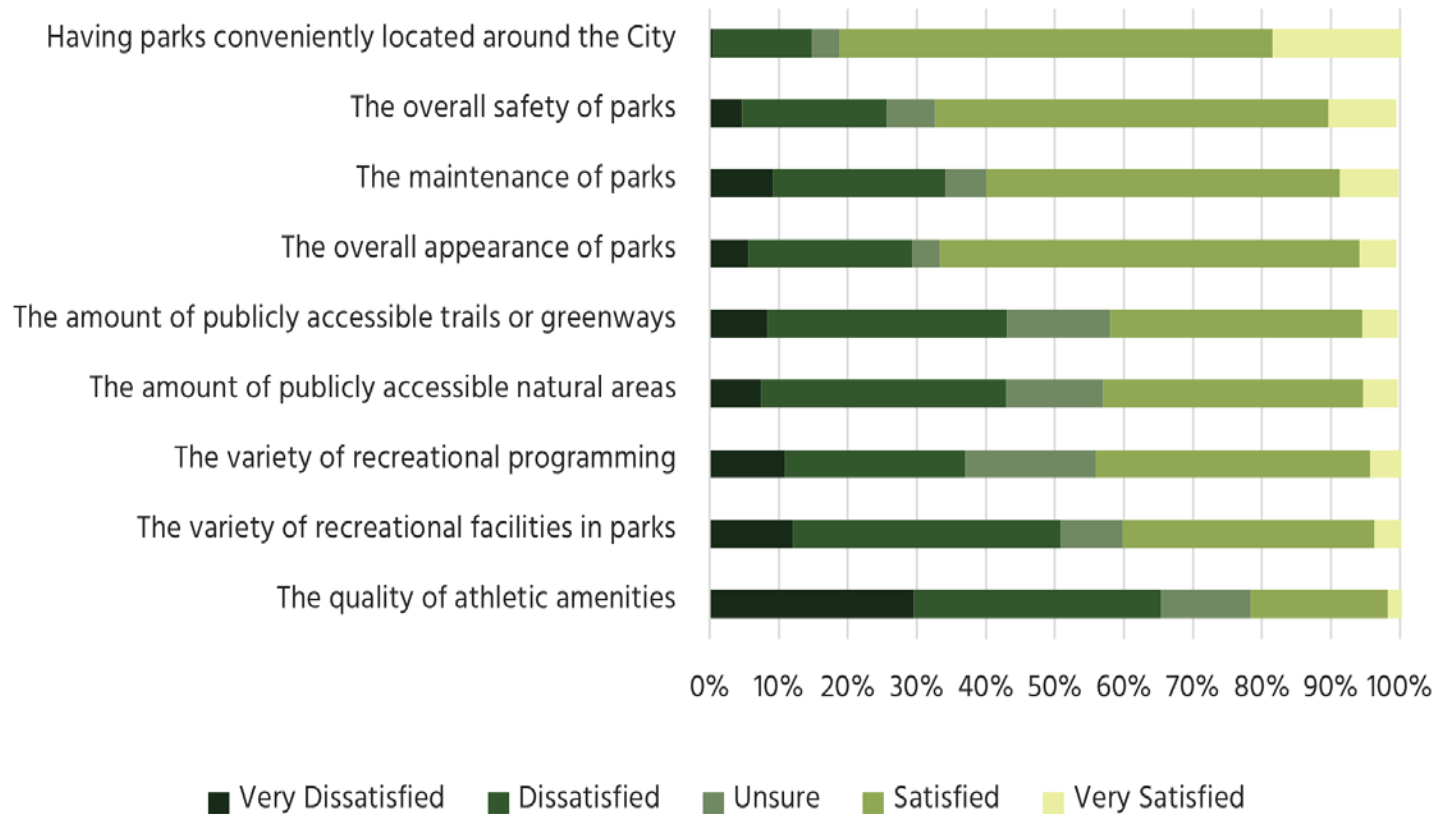
Not maintained.
White Rock has a great playground, but when we took our classes from school, there were so many very large bee nests under the apparatus. It's too hot as well.
There are an adequate amount of facilities but they are not being maintained.
Adequate facilities that are just not being maintained.
There are adequate facilities, but, the city does a poor job of maintaining them.
Lots of parks, just need to be updated.
There are more than enough opportunities.
The rating would be higher, but, under the new city manager, the parks are not being maintained.
Upkeep isn't always the best.
Most of the parks don't seem to be kept up well. And not sure what recreational opportunities there are.
Need more and what we have improved.
I feel we don't take advantage of our beautiful river.
For the most part, clean and safe but would love to see improvements.
They could use some cleaning up and maintenance.
Great potential, but poor quality.
Nothing is well taken care of. Had to make multiple calls about the little league fields/ bathrooms etc. very sad. Things are always dirty/ broken.

Most of the playground equipment has some kind of maintenance issue, the youth soccer fields have holes everywhere. No swimming pool. No summer or after school programs at the rec center as they had in the past. The rec director needs to be replaced.
Overgrowth at White Rock down the sidewalk to the river.
White Rock Park is in dire need of repairs of walkway to river.
Nothing for kids that have out grown playgrounds.
The bathrooms need help and the parks are a little too spread out I wish there was a baseball complex.
LG has great potential.
Nothing happening.
Parks could use some updating and safety issues addressed.
Not taking care of, then cost too much to fix up.
Poor supervision and lack of responsible policing. Some public places are avoided by families because of nearby alcohol-centric businesses and activities. This is discussed throughout the community.
No pool, limited opportunities for kids.
Very run down and not cleaned or updated.
Parks need better maintenance.
The parks that are available are nice but should be cleaned up and maintained better. Such as the white rock park river access and all boat ramps in town.
Playgrounds are ok, but not much for older youth to use.
Fields are not taken care of and kept up with.

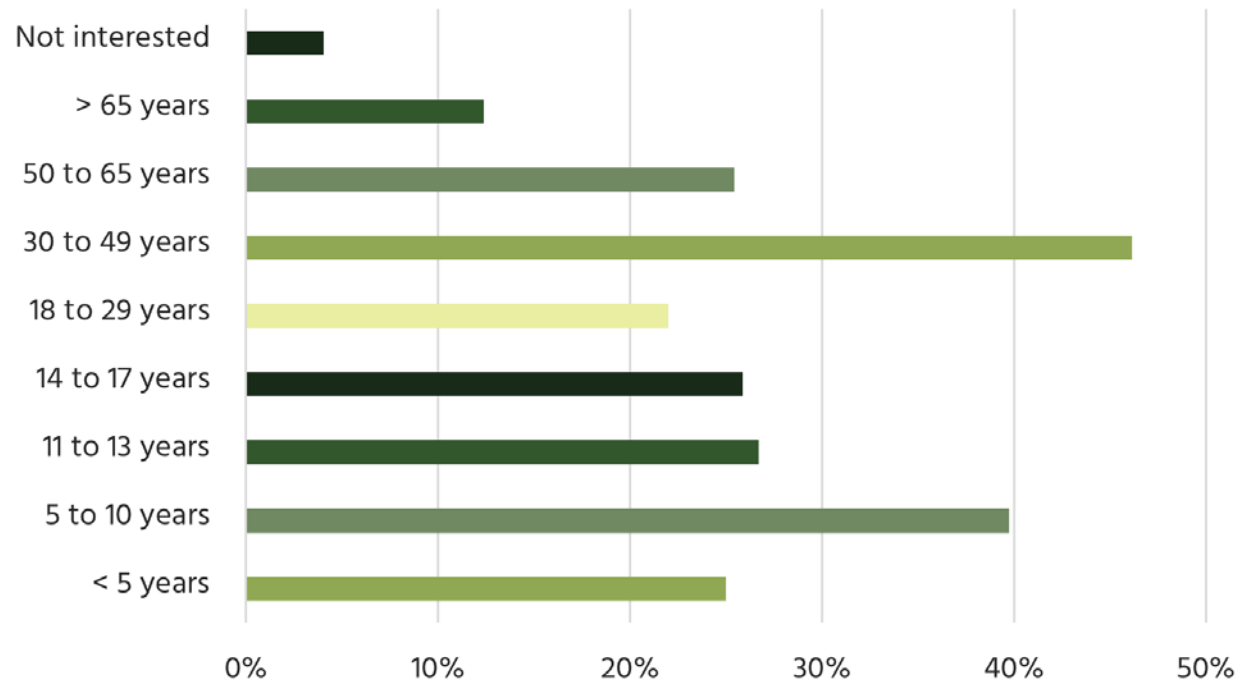
Need updates for the kids in our community. There is NOTHING HERE FOR THE KIDS!
I've lived here my whole life (43yrs). 25yrs ago the parks/boat ramps and white rocks park were exceptional!!! Beautiful and well taken care of. Now, it's horrible, when we get off the river with our kayaks at white rocks it's is unrecognizable and scary.
We have several parks that are accessible.
Parks I have been to have been clean and mowed.
I wish there was more recreational things to do with the river that doesn't involve being on a boat.
The restrooms we use frequently at the Kruschel park are always very dirty and not well kept.
I feel like there's a couple parks spread out but they aren't well maintained or attracting enough. If there was a trail that walked all through La Grange and its parks, maybe add some live music at the park like other towns. Make it more interesting.
The playground need to be bigger, the parks should be bigger and have more features.
We use the library park and splash pad, but it is nice to have other options for older kids.
Just needs upkeep & some updates.
Big ant/bee problem at white rock
White Rock Park needs new restrooms and more parking.
They are nice but need some improvements and more opportunities for all ages.
I just moved here, pleased with offerings.

I am not even aware of any of these things.
Use walking trails regularly. Would like activities geared toward older adults. Maybe Tae Chi
Plenty of different opportunities for all ages, there's still room for improvement.
I've seen such facilities in other small towns that are better and are more attractive.
No actual river access or entertainment options there. No actives for adults in the parks. Deteriorating condition.
Some of the parks are a little out dated.
Lots of people that walk would like nicer trails etc and the river parks to be a little nicer.
I really only utilize the library and its programs, the parks are ok, but I don't use them as much. If the pool still worked I'd use that.
We need practice baseball fields.
Youth football doesn't have a good field.
It's either trashed, vandalized or broken mostly.
Need a public pool.
Poorly taken care of.
I just wish the parks were better kept in terms of trails and fields.
Poorly maintained parks.
Nice diversity options.

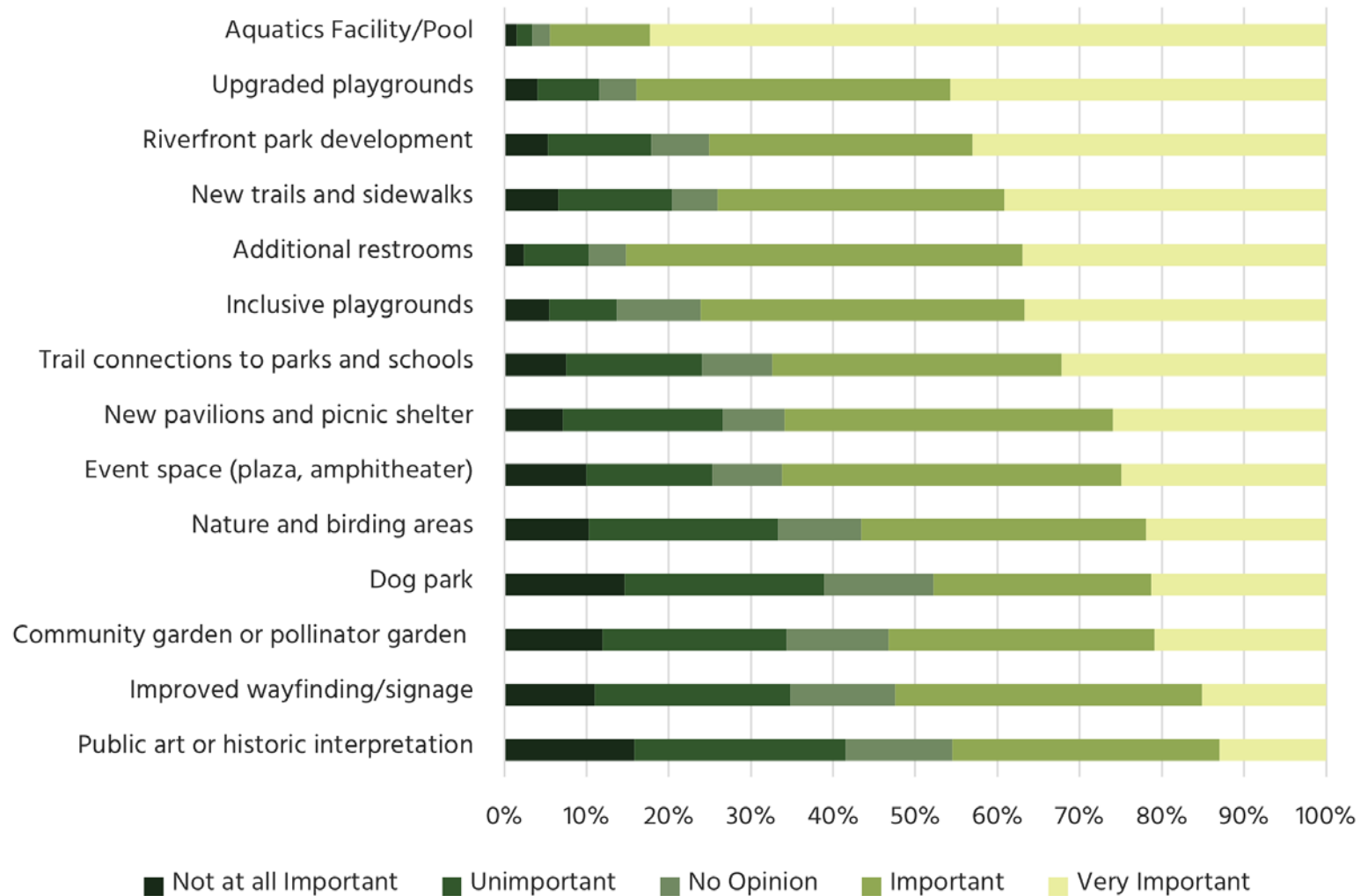
6. How would you rate the City in the following categories?



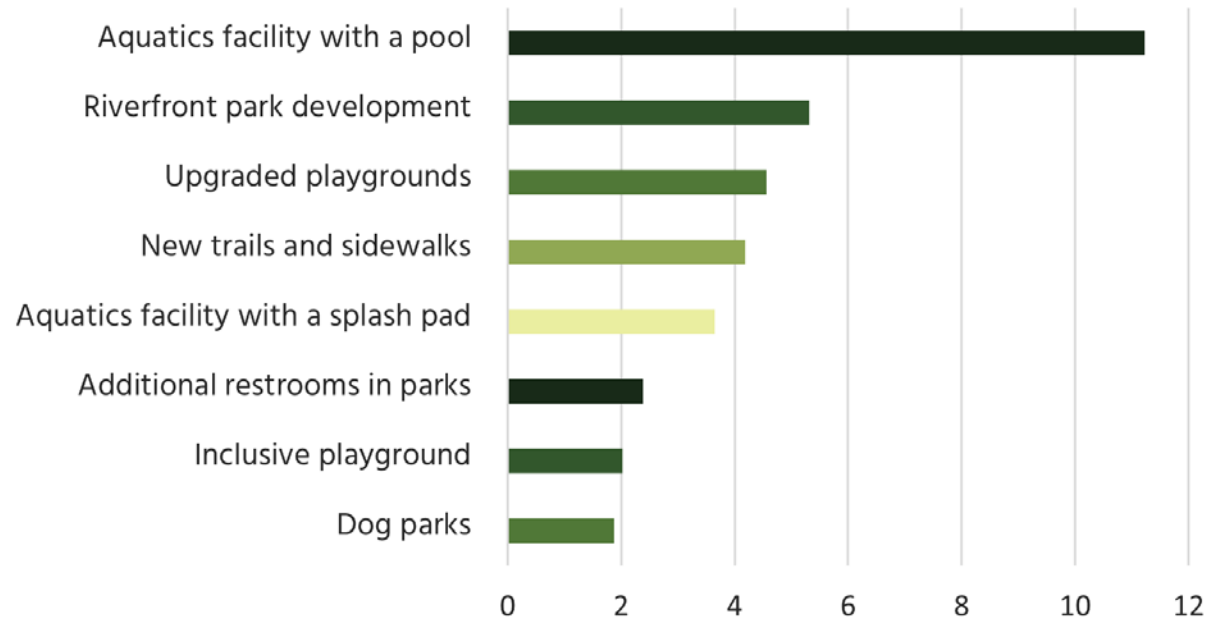
7. Which age groups in your household would be interested in participating in a City of La Grange recreation or leisure program?



8. How important are the following improvements or additions for La Grange?

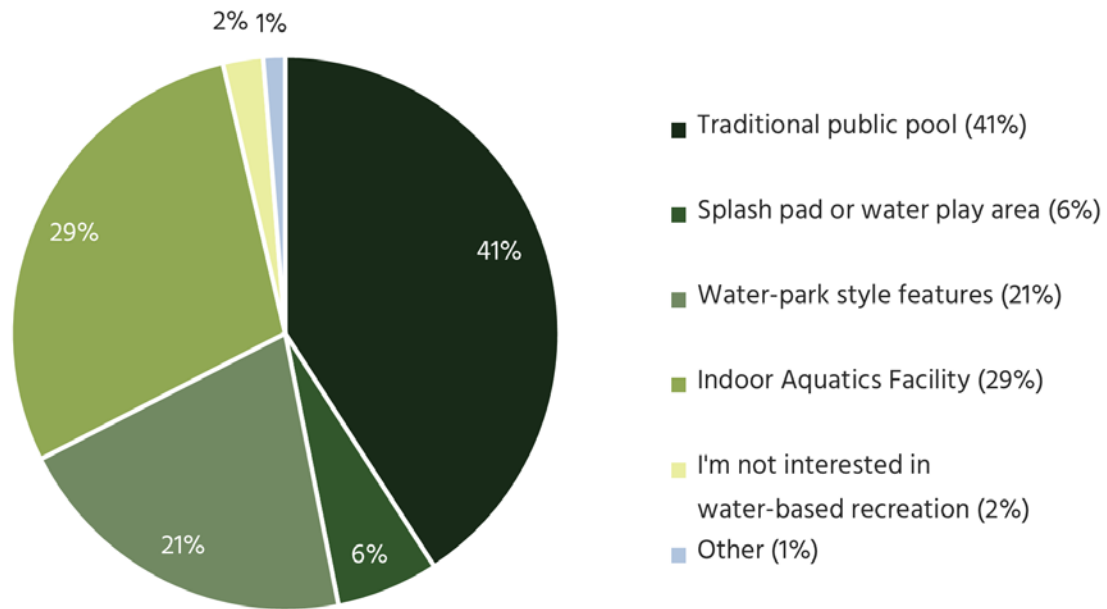


9. Which THREE facilities/amenities above are the MOST important to you for the City to focus on within the next five years?*



*Only the top 8 of 15 total response options are presented in the graph above.

10. La Grange is re-evaluating aquatics. What type of water-based recreation would you most like to see?



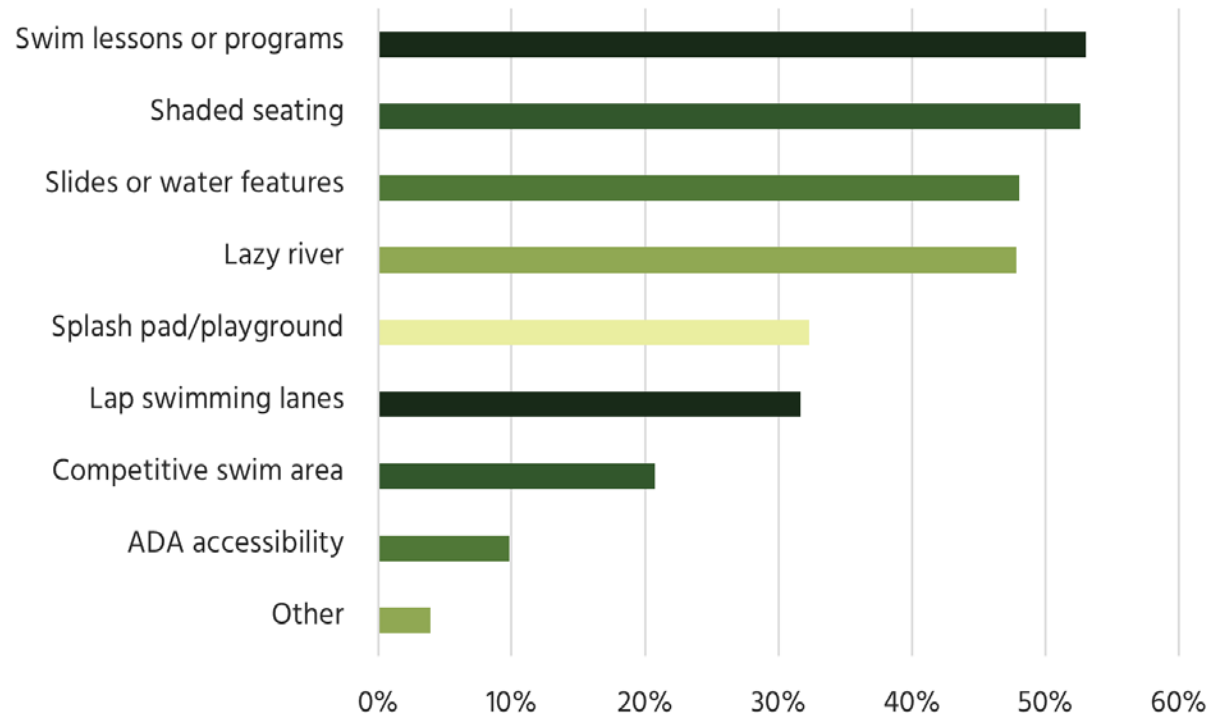
11. What were your favorite things about the existing pool (when it was open)?



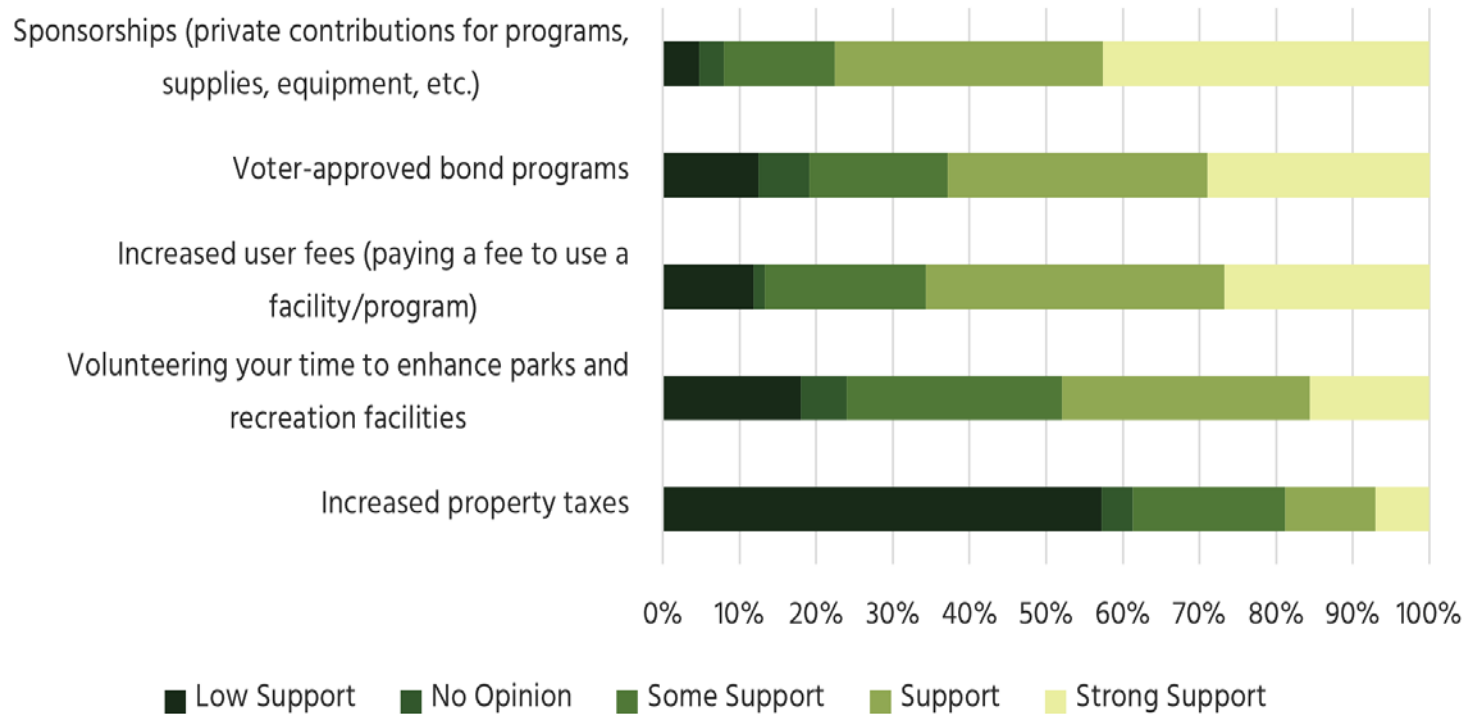
A word cloud of responses to the question 'What were your favorite things about the existing pool (when it was open)?'. The words are arranged in a cluster, with some appearing larger and more prominent than others. The colors are shades of green and yellow. The words include: Memories, Easy Access, Close to Home, Friends Socializing, Location, Large, Affordable, Swim Lessons, Family Time, Kids Summer Activity, Something for Kids To Do, Community Gatherings, Safe for Kids, Cooling Off, Public Access, and Availability.

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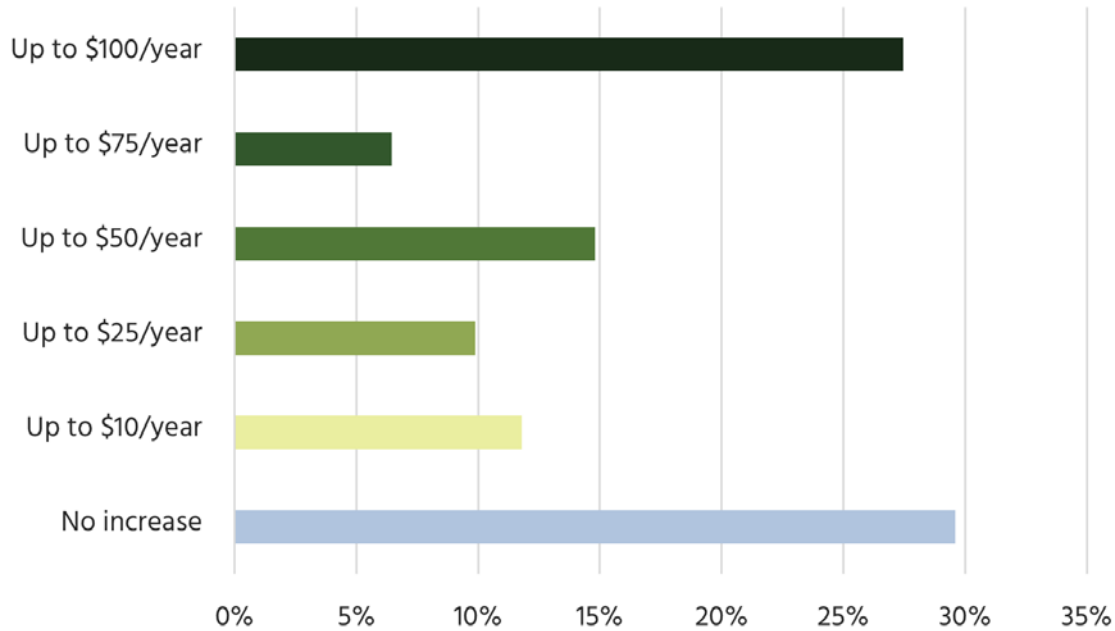
12. If a new aquatics facility is considered, which features are most important to you? Select up to 3.



13. In order to develop and maintain the park and recreation facilities/amenities you have suggested, how strongly would you support EACH of the funding options listed below.



14. How much more per year in additional property taxes would you be willing to pay in order to fund the improvement priorities you have suggested in this survey?



15. Do you have additional information or comments you would like to bring to the City’s attention regarding parks and recreation offerings in La Grange?

The walkway down to the river area is scary! It needs to be cleaned up, and I feel this could be done now, not included in a five year plan!	The city is not maintaining the existing parks, why build more? Why does the new city manager think he has to spend like he has an unlimited amount of revenue? The citizens of La Grange are fed up the new city manager, the city council needs to speak up and send him packing before he breaks La Grange!
La Grange did not pass a bond issue to save the hospital and they definitely won't support a bond for more parks. The city council needs to represent the wants of the citizens and not the city manager.	LGISD has approximately 1900 students. Yes they all do not live in the city of LG but that is around 2/3's of the population of LG. If a decent park with a competitive swimming pool, this population could easily sustain the cost of these facilities, if ran properly.
The new city manager is leading La Grange down the path to bankruptcy. Maintain what you have instead of building more.	We don't need anymore parks we things for the kids, preteens and up
Public boat ramp repairs. I would like to volunteer to help improve/design both parks for river access.	The parks are horrible, especially the river access. White rock was always beautiful 20-30 yrs ago. Now it's scary/dangerous. It's sad that we live in this beautiful town and there's nothing for young families to do. I love this town, that's why I never left, but the parks (especially WR) have been ignored, you can no longer go and enjoy the river there.
Pickleball has become very popular in the area. It would be nice to see some pickle board courts added somewhere in the community. I would like to see the library playground revamped. There needs to be a part of the playground geared to smaller children. They have toddler Storytime weekly, but the playground is not suitable for the toddlers. Even if you keep the existing playground and add a toddler playground, that could work. There is plenty of room there.	My #1 is Sidewalks- especially Eblin rd and Jackson rd are essential for kid safety- they will also encourage more walking.
Hire someone to maintain our existing parks or try volunteer clean up days.	Families and school age children would appreciate a new pool area.
I see no need in building any new parks when the current ones are not being maintained. The new city manager needs to learn that we voted down a bond to keep the hospital open and we certainly would vote down any parks bonds. Maybe instead of new parks we need a new city manager!	Just wish y'all could incorporate a better park with the river. Clear out trees and stuff with walking trails.
The parks are nice, just getting old and needing some updating. It would definitely be nice to have some more recreational offerings, what does that mean... Not real sure.	It would be nice to see more walking trails developed in and around La Grange.
Any improvements made need to be maintained. If the city can't pay for it and maintain it, don't build it.	More baseball fields like practice facilities and batting cages with machines.
Y'all are doing a great job overall!	It would be nice to have a competition pool with lanes and maybe even a diving area AND have a family pool with shallow end and picnic tables, etc. If we are dreaming, we need to dream big.
LG could benefit from an area for families to ride bikes, skate boarding or roller skates area as well as new playground equipment.	Possibly consider grants as another source of funding.
Children and families in Fayette county need more options to gather and support each other!	I just moved here. La Grange is very clean and I hope that continues. More publicity is good via more routes: newspaper, Facebook, mailers, etc. If we don't know about it, we can't use it. Tell us before it happens, not afterwards.

I think LCRA should try some type of dam system to make a constant level reservoir running through town to make it look like Lake Austin and the Colorado running through downtown Austin to Lady Bird Lake Dam. It would make the river look prettier running through La Grange and it would help with future flooding which we are familiar with. Also some kind of cleaning system to keep our river looking clean and get rid of the nasty algae that sits on the water making it look gross. Also regulate what goes into the river, there are realties of sewage flow into the river. We should clean it up so it's more enjoyable and safe to swim in. Then you could add the river front park :) possibly in the corner of town where the river flows, facing the bluff maybe?	The bond was passed for the school to raise taxes for some of us whose children don't even attend LGISD. Raising taxes for that would cause an uproar. More than willing to pay fees to use the facility. I believe if you made it to where the fee was more than a few dollars to enter the pool or a monthly or yearly membership like the country club it would improve the quality of how it is taken care of. Also would give more job opportunities to teens for the summer or even all year if it was indoor. I for one worked for the city pool right after I got certified to be a lifeguard through the city program. I feel that's an opportunity the city isn't taking that needs to come back.
I currently don't use any of the facilities. I wasn't even aware of the majority of them.	River boat ramp needs to be repaired. The bulkhead washes out when river rises and it damages the boat trailers when launching boats. It's one way to access the boat ramp. Used to be a down and up road which made easier access. I have done some research and LCRA only named the park. The State owns the property and the City is to maintain it. I would like to volunteer my time for a development team for the boat ramp park should one be created. Thank you!
If only 100\$ a year is all it takes to make better parks for the community we should've thought about that before wasteful spending towards the schools.	Swimming pool is important to the children of the community. Working to provide for swim team would be positive for both community and swim team.
A nature park would be really nice!	The parks in my opinion aren't bad, I just think more options, yes, there is a splash pad & 3 parks, as a mom, I love finding things to do with my kids outside, also more trails since the track at the high school, you can't just go anymore. More running places in general, bike trails and if fees need to be applied for them, it's understandable
Need to apply for GRANTS to fund the new aquatic center. I have lived in Fayette County ALL my life. La Grange desperately needs to cater to the young children and the older/retired citizens of Fayette County.	Clean bathrooms.
The item my family is most interested in is the aquatics center with competitive swimming pool/lane swimming. We as a family would use it year round, other families in the city and county would do the same.	A well done pool with the right build to support competitive swim, emergency training and therapy sessions could at least help support the cost versus all other projects including a small pool without the options for true revenue. Think long term on this please. It could benefit the entire county and draw new money from all over the state spent in LG.
I feel like La Grange has the potential to have some fantastic park amenities. I believe that improving park trails to accommodate more people and adding covered pavilions with additional picnic tables will encourage more people to enjoy all the beauty that La Grange has to offer. Additionally, the city should consider installing more handicap door openers at frequently visited buildings.	No. Take care of what we have. How would we add on and take care of more when we don't take care of what we have (Little League fields, soccer fields, river boat ramps, walkway to river from White Rock, all restrooms at parks).
The boat ramp is terrible. It needs to be redone to how it was prior. The train tracks getting smoothed out was awesome and would like to see that with the boat ramp.	Please, please make the boat ramp under the bridge area better. It needs a better ramp, parking, and area for fishing. Lights would be helpful to help with safety and security.
There are so many families with children in the area and they need a place to play and be in the summers. An aquatics center would be a wonderful addition to our community. Upgraded parks/playgrounds and ground covering would be amazing as well.	
Walking trails and sidewalks, please.	

As a parent of young kids, there are not a significant amount of activities for kids/families to do in La Grange - indoor or outdoor. If we want to be a family community, we need to provide more activities, programs, and facilities for kids of all ages and people of all abilities. Would love to add wellness/fitness programs such as exercise groups or yoga in the park. Adding shade structures to all playgrounds is a must. Would love to see an indoor aquatic center for year-round use. Would love to see more bike paths for kids. Would love to see gardens added to current parks. It's hard to know when/what programs are available at the rec center - would love to have a website/marketing upgrade to give detailed info about available activities - easy to learn about and sign up/participate. Would love to know about different programs for my kids but can't find valid info without digging around in local FB pages.	How about a large recreation place with swimming pool, movie theater, bowling alley, rock climbing, something for children to do from ages 3-17?
I support the decision to demolish the pool, inclusivity in park structure is desire, giant shade structures over parks are a must, nature trails would be awesome, yes to helping fund these changes w/ bond, current size of park at Hope Hill is a joke., white rock exercise feature goes unused, indoor pool joint owned and funded good, current grounds at park are well kept and I would like to be involved more in plans.	Just offer more to do for young families. We've been here 13 years and trying to raise a family in a town that doesn't support growth and is ultimately a retirement community has been horrible. We've considered relocating to a growth encouraged, kid friendly town (Hallettsville) because of this, they are young family oriented. After all those are the people that will keep the town thriving and active not the senior citizens that don't like change. Consider something indoors to combat the severe heat/weather. The rec center is great, but is always full and not a lot to offer times, classes etc. it's always when parents are working.
Please build and aquatic center. Also please build bike trails by the river.	Due to the increase in animals being a part of family. A dog park (regulated with monthly fees for membership) is a high priority. Must have canine activities.
Please consider the children in the decision making. We can find places to walk our dogs. Our children need safe and fun activities in this town.	Would love to see an actual recreation center. Music in the park, with vendors. Need more trees and flowers. More color. Better access to fishing spots. Pavilion for parties.
Many people are outside of city limits so property tax probably isn't the answer. Perhaps using some of the hotel tax admission.	I believe a pool that the school, swim team and general public can use would help bring in visitors from all over. Similar to what El Campo has.
I do not support any increase in taxes. My hope for La Grange is that we are able to keep the small-town charm and nostalgia. This is what sets us apart. We need to be able to keep the things we have clean and nice before adding anything else. Please note though that I do not support increasing taxes to fund clean-up for current parks OR to provide for new builds or a new community pool. Leave things as they are, I believe we should focus on the parks we have first.	I think the idea for a plaza at the former Fayette Electric location makes no sense.
I am old, but see a real need for activities for children and teens.	Spend the money and do it right the first time. A facility much like the BBAC (Bluebell Aquatic Center) that is managed with staff is what this town and surrounding towns need. Not something overan by only high school lifeguards like at the old pool. It was always overcrowded and with no on-site staff management to control the facility, it became more of a headache and truly pushed us away. Daily admissions (like \$5+ a person or so), monthly passes, city employee discounted monthly passes (like City of Brenham does), aerobic classes, swim lesson classes (a huge need in this community), senior programs, swim meet revenue, concession revenue and much more could really make it work. Year round revenue coming in to the city. If anything, having just an indoor/outdoor pool would be a huge plus for our community in whole.
We have a great variety in our current parks, if there was a better routine of maintenance repairs it would be great. We have a good foundation, just need to keep up with growth, ages and safety, etc.	I would love to volunteer for a community garden.
The walkway to the river at white rock park is ALWAYS overgrown and needs to be maintained better.	I feel like the youth/teens have nothing to do here. A movie theater, bowling alley, and summertime activities would be great.

We live in Texas. An indoor aquatic facility would provide families for options for things to do all year round. Durango, CO has an amazing facility that should be researched. Also, Temple Texas as a Lion Junctions water park that only cost residents \$2. You could also get a season pass.
I have lived in LG for 11 years. I am 65 years old. I came from a city which catered to the youth of the town. While summertime seems to be the time that youth are out of school and more likely to get into mischief, lets keep them busy in other ways. A pool might be the answer to that. Also, it would be nice to entice a small movie theater to open back up in town. It was a true loss to the community to lose the theater so many years ago.
With little to do, our children are suffering. How did we go from a movie theater, bowling alley, pool, Mr. Gattis.. to a splash pad and white rock park. A park with very little shading or amenities. They deserve better.
Children parents grandparents (all) need a place to swim!
There is an immediate need for an aquatic facility to support our local FAST summer league and the LHS high school swim team, enabling them to become more competitive. Fundraising and efforts have been ongoing for a couple of years. Some grants can be applied for that could help make a Natatorium possible. It would benefit our entire community, and LHS swimmers would be able to train without having to drive to Brenham. LHS would be able to sponsor swim meets. La Grange and visitors would be able to enjoy and utilize the facility year round. It's a win-win situation!
I think a pool for the local kids is a must! The children in La Grange deserve to have a place to swim in the summers and if a year-round facility could be accomplished, I think that would be a phenomenal activity to keep kids busy and also allow them a place to utilize swimming as a sport.
Many in our community have grandchildren who visit and although they might not live here an area community center like Cuero has plus a pool would be great. Bastrop has capitalized on the river & we could also.
More mommy and me programs would be great. Need to bring back the city pool! Weimar has a great city pool and splash pad combo! Great for families with children of multiple ages. Would love for swim lessons to be offered.
La Grange is such a wonderful place to live and raise a family, but as my kids get older I have realized there is not much for our youth. We are having to travel to surrounding towns to enjoy simple things such a swimming pool.
Love what we have with our closed in splash pad would love a indoor facility or more updated park / water park.

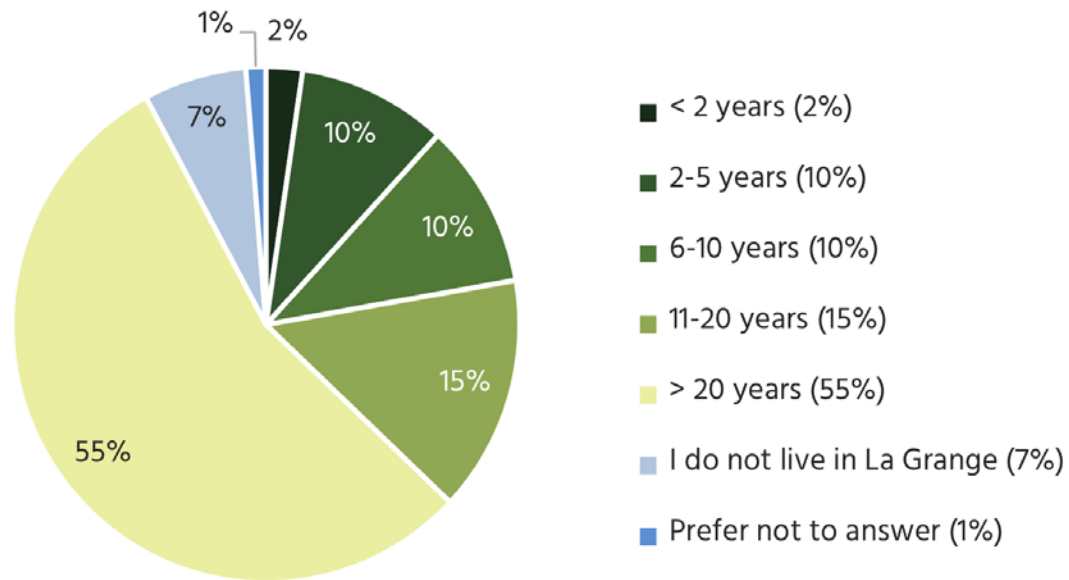
I think an improvement to access to the Colorado, walking trails and an aquatic pool/center would drive/attract an amazing amount of the community which would also greatly benefit businesses on the square as well. Including in nearby cities.
The city of La Grange has ALOT of children and there is nothing besides playgrounds for them to do. We need a pool with slides or diving board or SOMETHING. Also would be nice to get a game room, bowling alley, bounce place.
We must take action on the survey results and move forward and not take years and years to make a difference for our city.
An indoor aquatics center is very much needed. Area communities would use it too for leisure and competition. Partner with other businesses or LGISD to help make this happen. I am pleased that the existing pool is being demolished. It served its time (70 years) in the community. Additional baseball/softball fields would be nice. I like the murals going up around town. Thank you!
An aquatic center like the one in Brenham would be the most ideal new recreation to bring to La Grange. This would provide for an outdoor swim area that could accommodate around 600 people and provide an pool for use by the area swim teams for competition and practice. An ideal place would be white rock park because of the available space to build. The aquatic center in Brenham has increased pricing for visitors from out of town, as well as season passes for residents.
The city should look in to partnering with the school. The schools swim team has to go to brenham and is putting money into that city over la grange. We're the only town around us that no longer has a public pool. An aquatics facility that the school swim team can use and can host summer swim competitions would bring the city money.
You have a growing swim team needing a year round facility to be competitive also can be used for lessons water aerobics.
Totally against property taxes increasing; ours are too high as it is. Paying to use a facility makes more sense. That way everybody could contribute to the community. In other towns with good parks, cameras are put up to monitor activity; that does seem to keep them nicer and safer.
I think it's extremely important to go through with this survey (thank you for doing) - you will have MANY who do not fill it out, but to consider those on social media comments as well.

We need our city's pool back to have something for these kids to do. I would rather pay the money to go to our own city pool than to go pay somewhere else. Raise the entry fee if it helps with the upkeep of our pool, I would pay more for my daughter to swim.	There is a huge need for an aquatics facility in the area. Many would travel from surrounding towns. I really think the place would be packed/booked. If it was something semi-indoors, even more so. This benefits SO many people in the area. It supplies a place for older people to do low-impact exercise in groups without being a country club member, aqua therapy, young children learn to swim more accessibly and that thus decreases drowning risks in our community, swim team has a home base without the fear of losing access to Camp Lonestar, to name a few. The swim team alone is a HUGE blessing to our community. It provides all of our young people with a high quality accessible program. It would bring events and revenue to the city to cover many expenses. South Texas is HOT and there will always be a deep desire by anyone who lives here for a great water facility.
Lock the bathrooms at Kruschel Park. I was pleased to have been part of the survey, and its refreshing to see this interaction with our community. Centralized sport fields / complex, city pool and clean parks. I run on the streets, and it would be nice to have trails for jogging if properly policed and maintained.	
The young kids need a big pool for competition swimming. It's fun, good exercise and gives them goals to meet. We need this so badly.	
We need a pool that can support a swim team. F.A.S.T. is the largest and strongest swim team in the area. If the city wants to support its community, it needs a pool to do. Not to mention how often pools and splash pads are utilized in the blazing summers of Texas. A pool is necessary.	The organization that use the facility (ie Little League, Optimist, etc) should have to help maintain the fields they use.
I teach at La Grange Middle School. I teach summer school each year. It would be great for our students to go to the pool after summer school.	White rock park needs equipment that is smaller child friendly also. And patrolled more often, we've left several times because of adults sleeping at the park.
Have a fuller basketball court with more shade options. Not necessarily indoors but under a pavilion.	We have over 100 kids in La grange on the swim team (fast) and almost 100 kids in Schulenburg (sharks). We currently go to el campo to do or big meet where all 4 teams come to town and spend a lot of money to eat and shop. Why would we not want that money to stay in Fayette County and more importantly La Grange.
Our riverfront is very under utilized. Could bring in more visitors.	The restrooms at the park by the river need a lot of attention; cleaning and maintenance and upgraded.
Check other towns our size, what works and what doesn't. Make facilities affordable for all families.	Please consider improving the boat ramp areas, bringing back the picnic tables near the boat ramp and parking at the boat ramp.
Please also include seating at parks with shade. Treat fields for mosquitoes during busy sports seasons.	An aquatic center similar to the one in El Campo seems like a good option for La Grange. Competitive swimming pool can be used for practices and meets. Additionally, swimming lessons/exercise classes can be offered for all ages. Splash pad at El Campo is a nice feature but not a dealbreaker for me.
I think the pool should have been redone with funds and grants from Hurricane Harvey assistance. Where did this go?	You all are doing a great job especially reaching out to the public, but the best way the public is expressing themselves is through social media, not everyone can make a city council meeting.
Make people pay (memberships or day use, like Blue Bell Aquatic center) for pool/aquatic to keep it nice. If people have to pay, they will take care of it.	I wish to have access to a year-round competitive swim league and swim lessons for the kids in our community.
More family events and more to do at these events we have nothing fun and have to leave town for better festivals.	No rocks or mulch for playgrounds! The squishy turf is the best.
Baseball and softball field must be upgraded. They cannot be played on after it rains. Grass is not kept up with, poor amenities. Turf is an option and could result in competitive tournaments driving economic development. Basketball courts can be better.	

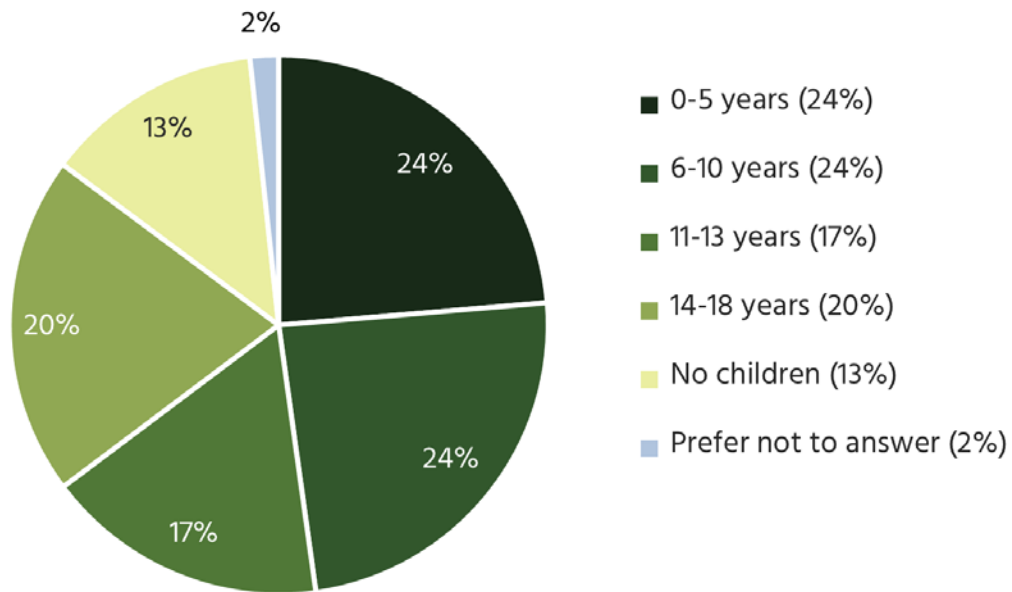
I am very interested in a swimming pool that can accessed year round by all member so the community and support our successful swim programs in our town.	“Pool wish list: Would love if there was a splash pad or baby area (similar to Frisch auf). I didn’t like that the lockers were out of sight at the old pool. Even an open cubby situation away from the water, but in line of sight, would help mitigate theft. I would happily pay a membership fee or purchase a season pass to be able to access it.”
Teenagers have nothing to do. When I was a teenager we had the boiling ally, arcade, movie theater. I think if we have more positive things for our youth to do as teenagers makes them appreciate our community as adults.	Wasn’t aware that the city offered sports programs as some of the questions seemed to imply. Thought that was all separate organizations.
Growing up in la grange was awesome just wished as a child I had more memories involved with sports parks and swimming. Our community needs a movie theater and a spot to hang out and share memories together. I hope my daughter, who’s almost 3, gets to experience more than I did.	It needs to be better, hands down. It’s not good compared to cities around us.
I believe that this survey has hit on many of the issues most necessary. Another sore spot- the fair grounds. The ball fields there are no longer usable to adult softball leagues. This was a major loss to the community who enjoyed adult sporting leagues.	If the swimming pool land was donated, then that really needs to be honored and considered. The swimming pool definitely needs an upgrade. More people will come if the pool is renovated and affordable. Training needs to be offered for free to get lifeguards, and the pool is not a place for lifeguards to babysit, so age requirements would need to be strictly enforced. All residents know a new pool has been needed for years. Has the city considered how the FAST swim team’s future natatorium fits in the big picture? I know they have been fundraising. Can the city work with the swim club on this new venture? You don’t want 2 natatoriums. Right now, LG has an opportunity for improvement, I look forward to seeing future progress.
Providing more options for children and adults to want to stay in La Grange would be very beneficial. I have been a resident for 20+ years and have seen many of the things I loved as a child disappear such as the movie theater, bowling alley and now the city pool. I’d like to see those things brought back to our town which would increase the amount of money coming in. As of now, I go out of town to participate in these activities which gives me hard earned cash to other cities.	Utilize/fix/create river access including 71 bypass bridge, fairgrounds access behind Czech Amphitheater, Northside park, current boat ramp area, Buckner’s creek, White Rock Park.
There is an overall decrease in safety being in public in LG. I grew up there and still work in LG but generally do not feel safe taking my child to public places in LG such as the splash pad and park unless I am in a group or with my husband.	Would like to see things taken care of more. If we don’t take care of what we have now, the new things won’t last long.
Wiffle ball field, indoor recreation center with racquetball and basketball.	Creating an all-inclusive playground for special needs children is a must! Children of all abilities need to be able to go outside and enjoy the park. Providing a dog park would be a great asset. I can’t see how this has not already been in the discussion.
It would be amazing to have miles of hike/bike trails. (Even trails developed at the fairgrounds would be great!) We live on the highway, so we can’t bike here. We would love to have a safe space to ride as a family. Also, have you considered bringing a bowling alley back to our town?	When I was a young kid in town we spent our summers walking from the movie theater, to the ice cream shop, to the pool or bowling alley. Please prioritize children.
White rock’s playground would be great with a tarp over it. It’s hard to use that playground in the summer since the gravel gets so hot.	Y’all have done a fabulous job at the splash pad with the sail shades, would like to see a big one at white rock and the park by the pool. Also shaded seating/picnic areas for families to enjoy lunch while out playing. Overall La Grange has nice parks and with a few upgrades they would be top shelf.
The splash pad park - the yellow Mary go round at the park needs to be repaired.	We need a public swimming pool.
Add baseball/softball fields.	

Public parks are an absolute necessity for people of all ages. Not having public facilities means people don't gather in your city/town, and go elsewhere to recreate. Opening up opportunities should be considered a necessity to draw people to La Grange and Fayette County. I would absolutely pay higher taxes to know that they are going to improve and create new public spaces that I and others may be able to enjoy.	Opening a pool/water something would be great. But updating the basketball areas at the park by the pool would be a great benefit. Shaded covered area for parties would be beneficial. We have tons of parties at White Rock but shade is limited. Clear access to the river to fish with your kids is needed.
Please construct a public pool. Also, once the pool is constructed - maintain the pool.	I know some parks are shaded, but they need shade over all playgrounds. Public pickleball courts would be a great addition. A dog park would be nice. Update the playground at the library with a part for smaller children to play on after toddler Storytime. More walking trails, preferably through trees where they would have more shade, and they could also be used for bird watching. At least one bathroom at each park. I could not at 4 items for pool, my 4th pick would be access to swimming lessons for kids.
Fix the city pool train and pay lifeguards so they would want to work there... not everyone can afford to join the country club to use their pool...regulate the Splash pad better lots of money was spent to build it for nobody to feel safe taking there kids to use...it's a shame this town has nothing for kids to do...why let our money go to Bastrop ..we need a movie complex like they have.	Having shade, more seating. Making it fun for children with Autism or other disability. More basketball courts at the park. Having indoor volleyball!!! Or no sand for outdoor volleyball.
I'm glad to see this approach to improving La Grange. Need to think about how to grow the town. Need to bring some kind of industry to keep the youth here.	There are plenty of city employees that could help maintain areas.
Is there a way to access county oil and gas revenue to help fund a new pool?	Please take care of the facilities that we have now before taking on more responsibility. Before building additional facilities please consider the long term cost to operate and maintain them. An aquatic center is great but can we really support such a facility over the long term. You closed the current pool due to a lack of lifeguards, what makes you believe you can support a much larger facility when you can't manage a smaller facility. Everyone loves new, but will they still support the facilities after the newest wears off?
We do not need another wine, beer, alcohol event downtown. Walking trails along the river, (maybe partner with LCRA to develop a park on the river) repairs to boat ramp, and pickleball courts. (Not the schools facility) a pool facility like they have in Brenham would be nice. And a dog park to keep poop out of the regular parks.	Upkeep is key. Bathrooms are poor and gross. Pool wasn't inviting...minimal hours open and looked gross. Soccer and baseball fields (areas where families sit) are always covered in ants. New things would be great, but I'd honestly be satisfied with better upkeep on basic areas.
Would love to be involved in any committee regarding these items!	Enough taxes are paid yearly for the city to keep a park clean and maintain a pool. Sadly streets are ugly and bumpy, meaning that I don't understand how our tax money is being used.
As a parent with teenagers...there is nothing in this town to keep them engaged anymore. Nothing like it used to be.	Our household would love a pool and play area like Weimar. We drive there multiple times a week just to make use of their pool.
Would be amazing to have a 5k length, crushed granite, off-street jogging loop. Runners would come for miles to use it, would increase park usage and popularity.	Would love to see something similar to what the Weimar has. A small playground, splash pad, basketball court, and pool all in one area. Living in rural area is challenging when it comes to doing things in the summer, so being able to have something close will greatly and positively help our kiddos beat the heat and not have to travel out of town.
Close north side park. Hire more help (good help) to upkeep the parks.	
The city police do an excellent job, anytime I have been at the parks I always see a police car drive by at least once during our time there. We love white rock park and the bathrooms there but always missing paper products in restrooms. Also a skate area? There is a rolling area for scooters and boards would be nice. Or sidewalks.	

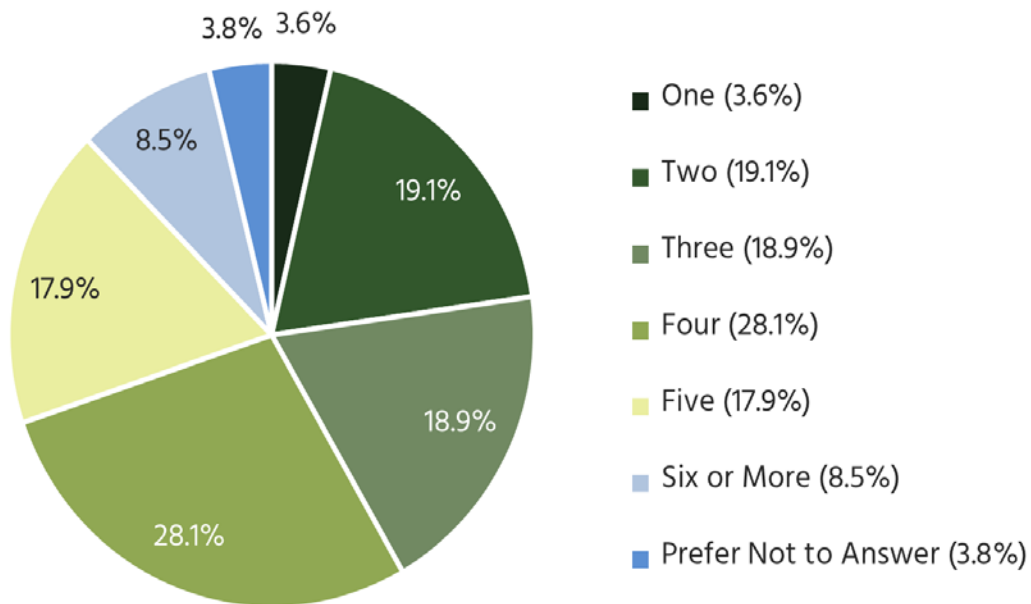
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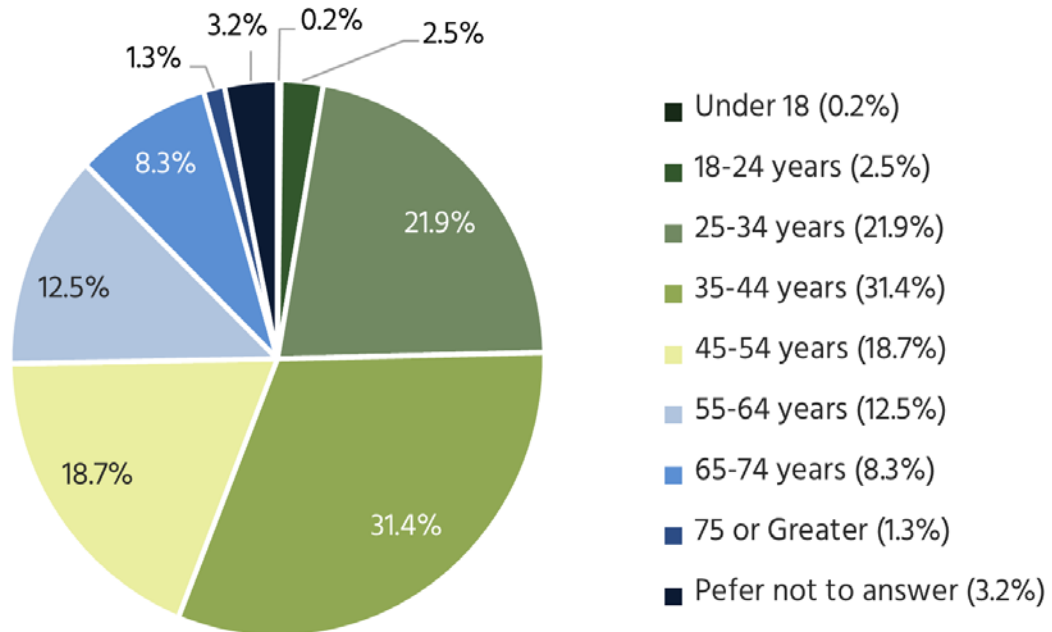
17. Which youth age groups are represented in your household?



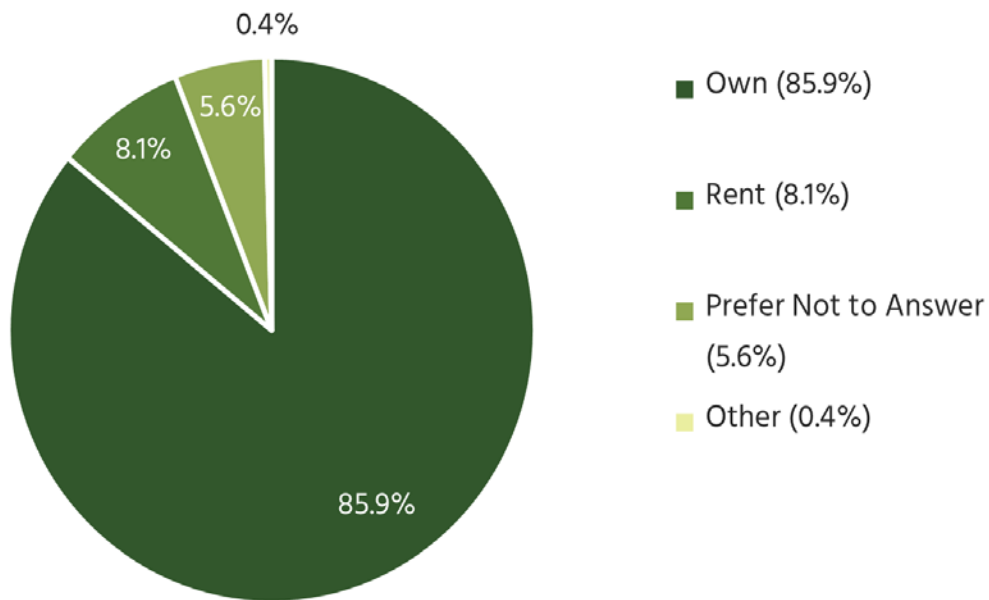
18. How many persons, including yourself, reside within your household?



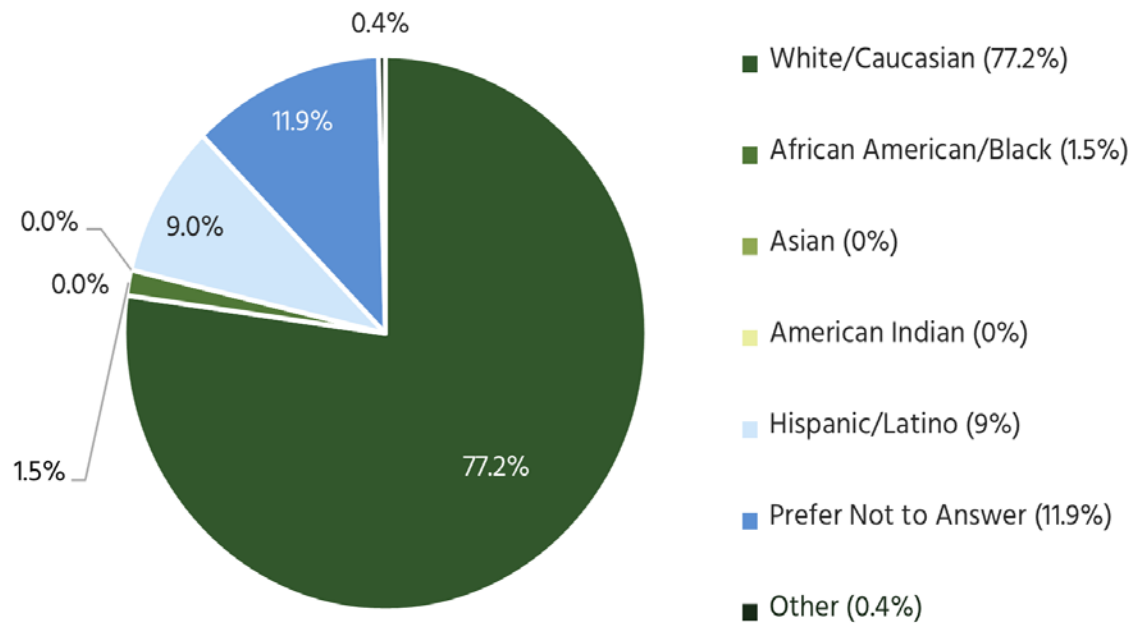
19. What is your age?



20. Do you own or rent your home?



21. Which best describes your race or ethnicity?



22. What is your gender?

