



Elwood Parks and Recreation Survey

The Elwood Parks and Recreation Board is updating its master plan. The plan will be submitted to the Indiana Department of Recreation (IDNR) and allow the Park Board to be eligible for certain state and federal grants. Based on your input, the Park Board will formulate goals and objectives that will be used to guide the development of existing and future park facilities in Elwood.

Your participation in this part of the planning process is very important for the success of the master plan. Please take a few moments to complete and return the following survey.

1. Are you: *(Please check one)*

Male

Female

2. Which of the following best describes your household?

Living alone

Couple with children under 18 at home

Couple with no children under 18 at home

Single person(s) with children under 18 at home

Single person(s) with no children under 18 at home

Other: _____

3. What is your employment status?

Employed Full-Time

Retired/Disabled

Employed Part-Time

Unemployed

4. How often do you visit Elwood's parks during the course of one year?

several times a month

several times a year

once or twice a year

never

5. Which of Elwood's parks do you visit most often?

Callaway Park

Wilkie Park

Joe Morris/12th Street Park

Washington Park

Rock Garden Park

Kiwanis Park

South P Street Athletic Fields

6. Please designate your top activities or uses in the city's parks: *(Please check all that apply)*

bicycling

festivals/events

playgrounds

visit memorials

enjoyment of nature

meetings/reunions

relaxing

walking/jogging

exercise

picnics/barbecues

sports fields

other: _____

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7. What reasons keep you from visiting the park more often? *(Please check all that apply)*

- lack of time poor health/mobility cannot afford programs
 difficult to access not interested facilities in poor condition
 other: _____

8. Which of the following physical barriers restrict or prevent the use of parks or programs?

(Please check all that apply)

- parks are too far away lack of accessible parking physical access to the park or equipment
 none/not sure other: _____

9. How would you rate the quality of each park site?

Callaway Park

Joe Morris/12th Street Park

Wilkie Park

South P Street Athletic Fields

Rock Garden Park

Kiwanis Park

Washington Park

10. Overall, the park board and parks department does a good job of providing:

Access and parking

Access for disabled

Concessions

Maintenance

Natural features

Organized activities (leagues, lessons, etc.)

Recreational facilities

Restrooms

Rules and regulations

Security

11. Are there any areas in the City that are lacking recreational spaces?

- Yes. If yes, where? _____
 No
 Don't know

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12. I would like to see the Elwood Parks and Recreation Board add the following: *(Please check all that apply)*

- More accessible play equipment
- More trails or walking paths
- More benches, shelters, or gathering areas
- More youth programs or activities
- More adult programs or activities
- Nothing
- Other: _____

13. Would you like the City to invest more money in the parks system?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Depends on the investment
- I don't know

14. How would you like Elwood to pay for new amenities in the parks?

- Use existing budget
- Municipal bonds
- New taxes/fees
- Donations
- Grants
- All the above

15. Are you willing to pay new taxes or user fees to help pay for park system improvements?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe
- Depends on the investment
- I don't know

16. If you have any additional comments, please use the space below to convey this information:

Thank you for your time and participation.

Please mail or drop off completed surveys by November 30th, 2011 to one of the following locations:

Madison County Council of Governments
County Government Center
16 East 9th Street, Room 100
Anderson, IN 46016

Elwood Municipal Building
1505 South B Street
Elwood, IN 46036