

Huntingburg Mayor's Youth Council: Community Vision Plan

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Executive Summary

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this endeavor is to facilitate a group of young people to implement a civic project by educating the group on project development and placemaking while instilling a deeper commitment to the community and knowledge of the inner workings of community development.

GOALS

- *To create a youth-driven community vision plan which will lead to community commitment and population retention*
- *To work directly with local officials in the community planning process*
- *To enhance the quality of life in the community*
- *To learn about civic leadership and community engagement*

PROPOSAL

Based upon the results of a community survey, the students and the Council solidified and energized their intent on producing a court/plaza which could be multi-functional offering court sports transformations and also a space for inclusive community events, entertainment, festivals, movies, community competitions, and charity events.

MCMV PURPOSE

My Community, My Vision (MCMV) is a youth planning partnership between the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) and the O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at IUPUI's' graduate program. The program is in its fifth year and was developed with the belief that young people in Indiana should not have to leave their hometowns in order to achieve their dreams. Previous participating groups have developed community vision plans that lay the groundwork for student entrepreneurship opportunities, community gardens, bike-share programs, farmer's markets, and other programs students wanted to see brought to their hometown. Past youth-driven plans have been adopted by local units of government and one group even raised about \$4,000 in grant funding and in-kind donations to implement projects developed in the MCMV planning process.
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MCMV Structure

Local units of government (LUGs) and high school student groups will work in partnership with an IUPUI student mentor during the school year to create a youth-driven community vision plan. With input from the high school students and support from the LUG, the IUPUI student mentor will create a vision plan based on the students' ideas for their communities. Student teams will be required to devote time each week (an average of 1 to 2 hours, with occasional travel) toward the creation of the plan, as well as attend several all-group meetings throughout the course of the program year. Groups selected to participate will receive money to implement a community supported, youth-driven project.

My Community



History

The City of Huntingburg was founded in 1866 and it likely derived its name from the abundant wildlife found within hence earning the admiration of local hunters. Local residents are proud to showcase that Huntingburg is Indiana’s mini-Hollywood having been home to League Stadium, featured in the 1992 film, “A League of Their Own” and the HBO film, “Soul of the Game.” Located in Dubois County Indiana, it is considered a charming community of 6,414 residents known in the area for its vibrant downtown district, which includes a number of quaint specialty shops and unique dining establishments on historic 4th Street. Even though Huntingburg is a small community, it uniquely has its own airport which is owned by the Dubois County Airport Authority. As a designated Stellar¹ Community by the State of Indiana, Huntingburg has a strong history and a clear vision for its future. The only city in the world named “Huntingburg,” it is truly, “A City Like No Other!”

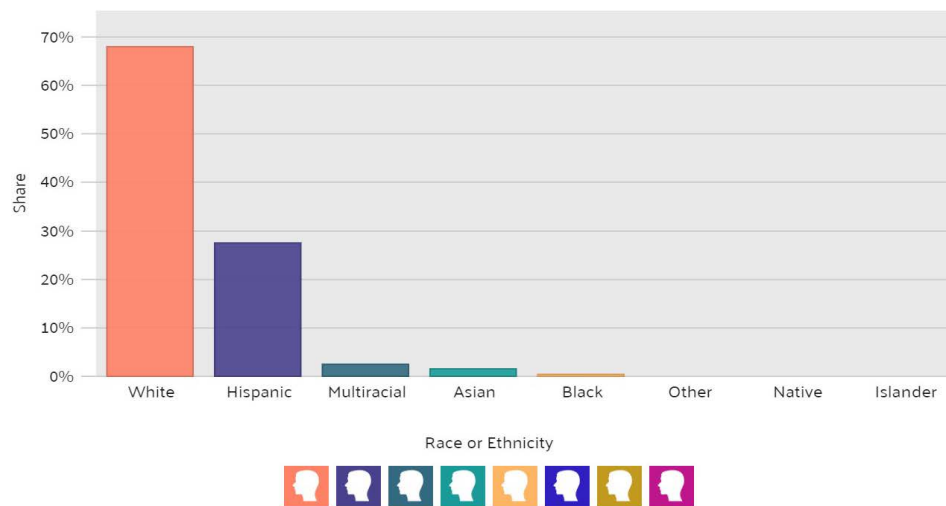
¹ “The Stellar Communities Program is a multi-agency partnership designed to fund comprehensive community development projects in Indiana’s smaller communities. The City of Huntingburg was designated as a “Stellar Community” in August 2014. It is currently one of only eight communities in the State of Indiana to receive the designation.” Retrieved from <https://www.huntingburg-in.gov/department/index.php?structureid=48>

Demographics

The average age of Huntingburg residents is 33, which is younger than the State average of 38. Males make up 53% and females 47%; about 53% of people 15 and older are married. Ethnically, the population is moderately diverse with a third of the population consisting of Hispanic ethnicity. Nearly 70% (4,361) of the population is white, while the 2016 census accounted 36 black people; though 160 identified as multiracial and 100 as Asian.

Race & Ethnicity in Huntingburg

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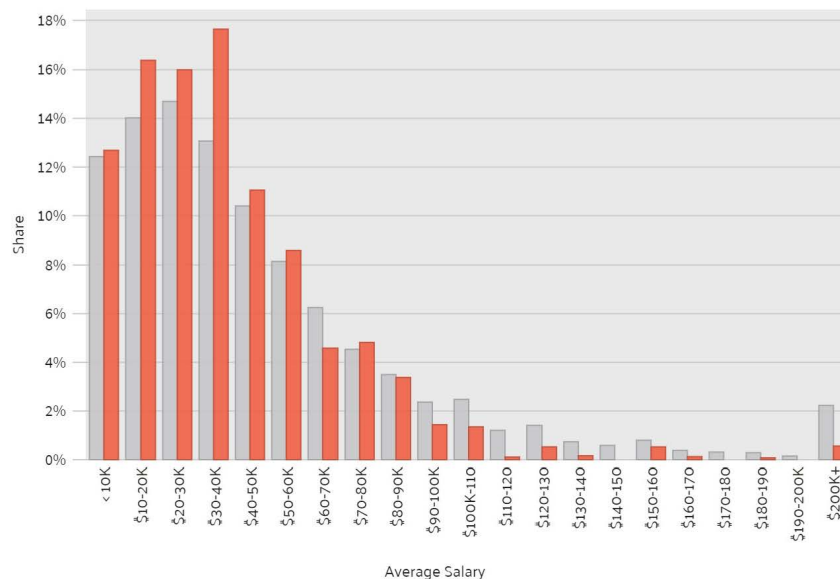
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Economic

The economic environment is built around the average American blue collar worker. The makeup of Huntingburg's economic environment includes things such as the average household income. Huntingburg typically brings in around \$48,982 per household. While this is below the national average, and that of the State, the cost of living in Huntingburg is much less. The cost of living index is at 77.2% when compared to the United States' cost of living. The median property value is \$105,389 - it was merely \$67,800 in 2000.

Wage Distribution in Huntingburg

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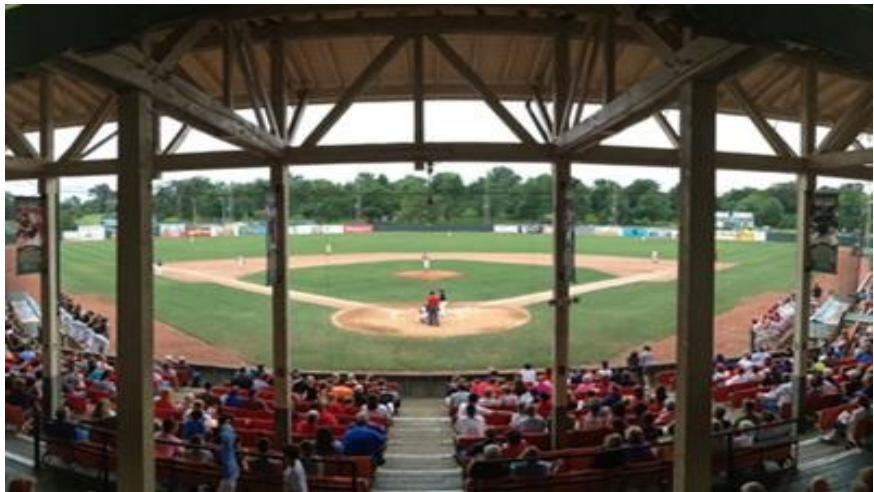
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Cultural

There are a variety of community events that take place throughout the year. There are many diverse cultural fests that take place in the city every year. Huntingburg and the surrounding towns are known for their thick German heritage. The Herbs fest takes place in Huntingburg City Park every September. Groups and organizations from all over the community fill up the park to enjoy this weekend full of fellowship and heritage. Another aspect of the diverse culture in Huntingburg is the Latino population. This festival also takes place in City Park and attracts everyone, even from surrounding towns. The Latino Culture fest has been a sensation in Huntingburg for 6 years now and will continue to thrive as the population increases. Religion plays a large part in the tight knit community. There are currently 13 churches present in the city. One of the largest community gatherings is the Candlelit Christmas Parade which features a holiday festival and community involved walk of the Christmas star from St. Mary's Church at one end of downtown to Salem United Church on the other end of the city.

The community has enjoyed a tight bond through the years. One proud aspect the town shares in enthusiastically, is the distinction of Huntingburg as the "Hollywood of the Midwest". The movies *A League of Their Own* (1992), *Hard Rain* (1998), and the HBO film *Soul of the Game*

(1996) were filmed in Huntingburg. The centerpiece in Huntingburg is the League Stadium which was built in production for *A League of Their Own*. Annually, the



Stadium hosts a popular city baseball league, the wooden bat league of Collegiate Prospect Baseball.

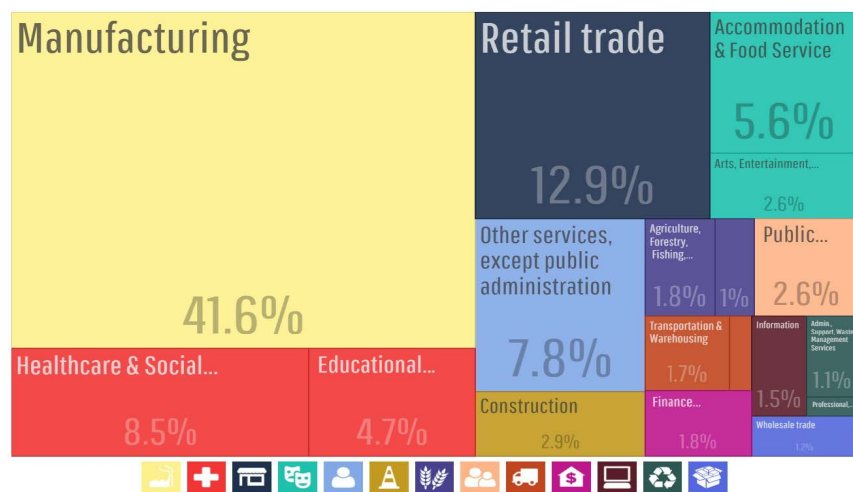
Business & Industry



While there are many types of jobs and industries found in Huntingburg, it is clear that manufacturing dominates the business industry. Manufacturing is the backbone of Huntingburg employing 42% of the workforce (51.5% of males and 26.9% of females in the labor market). There are numerous factories that employ a large portion of the population. Some of the well-established and familiar employers are Dubois Wood, Farbest Food, Masterbrand, and OFS/Styline. Retail trade is the next largest employer providing jobs for 13% of workforce. Healthcare employs 8.5% and the general service industry utilizes 7.87%. These are the four largest sectors followed by the food service industry (5.6%) and educational services (4.7%).

Employment by Industries in Huntingburg

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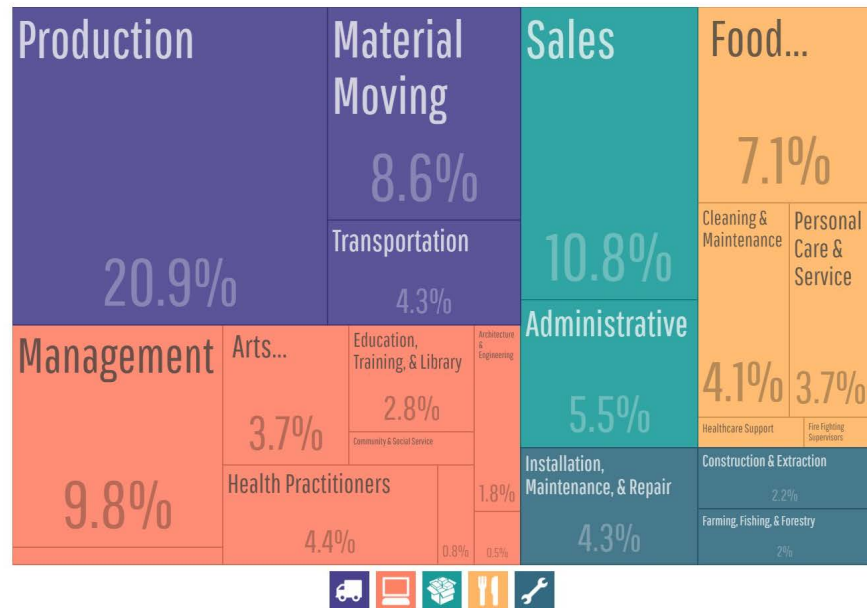
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The economic environment of Huntingburg is flourishing. There has been a 3.62% increase in employment. Factories are providing many jobs for the community. Locally owned businesses are investing into the city. These companies have made a huge contribution to the city. They are sponsors of numerous different activities and different groups, and will play a large factor in the future of Huntingburg.

Employment by Occupations in Huntingburg

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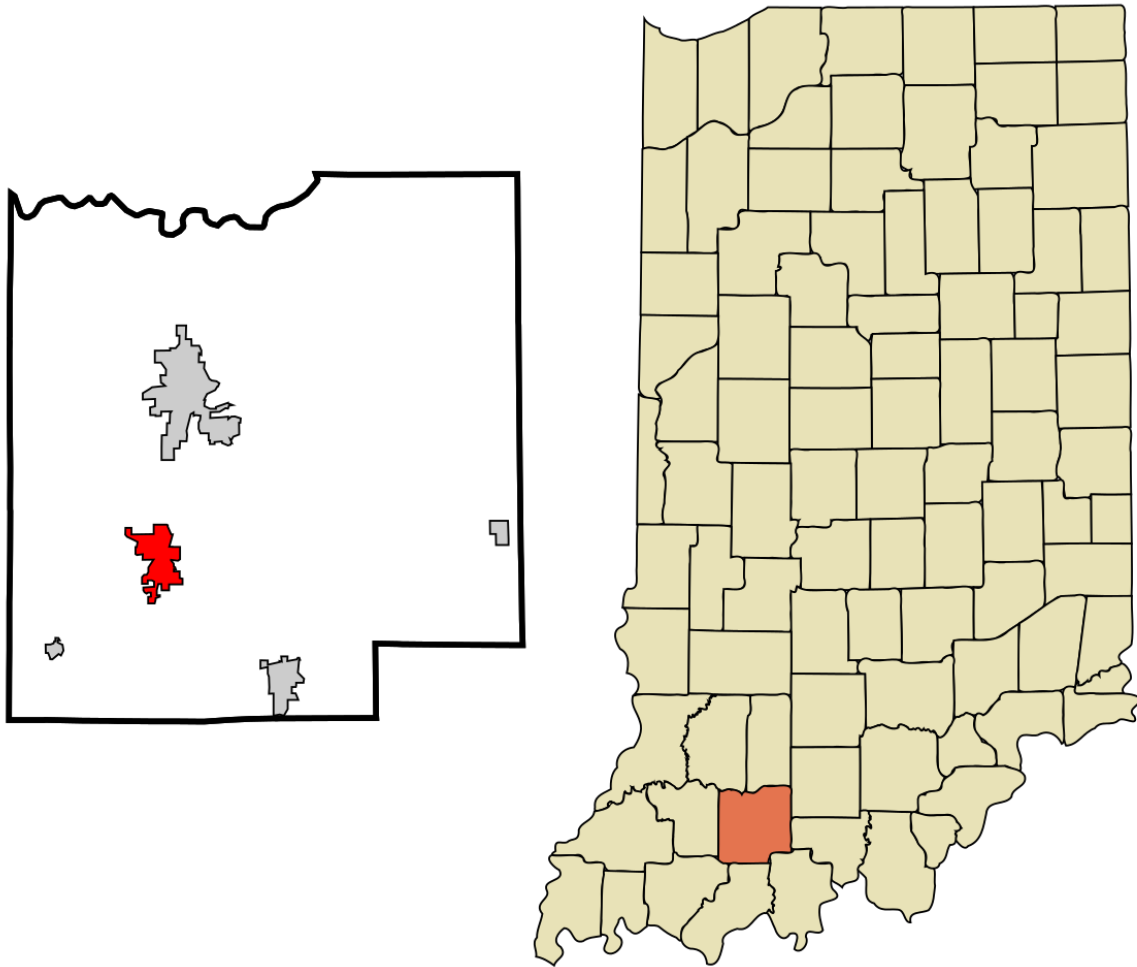
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Physical

The geographical area extends 5.3 square miles, or approximately 3,392 acres. Ninety-six percent of this area is composed of land, 4% is water. Huntingburg Lake is the largest body of water. It is a 188 acre reservoir located approximately one mile west of the Huntingburg. The lake serves as Huntingburg secondary source of water, and as an important cultural and recreational enticement.



Education



Huntingburg instills a tight knit community within the school corporation. All students enrolled in public school system attend the same singular elementary, middle and high school. While the high school attests a 75% graduation, 79% of the city population consisting of residents above the age of 25 have at least High School diploma. Forty-five percent of residents have attended college or have at least a Bachelor's degree.



My Vision

Purpose

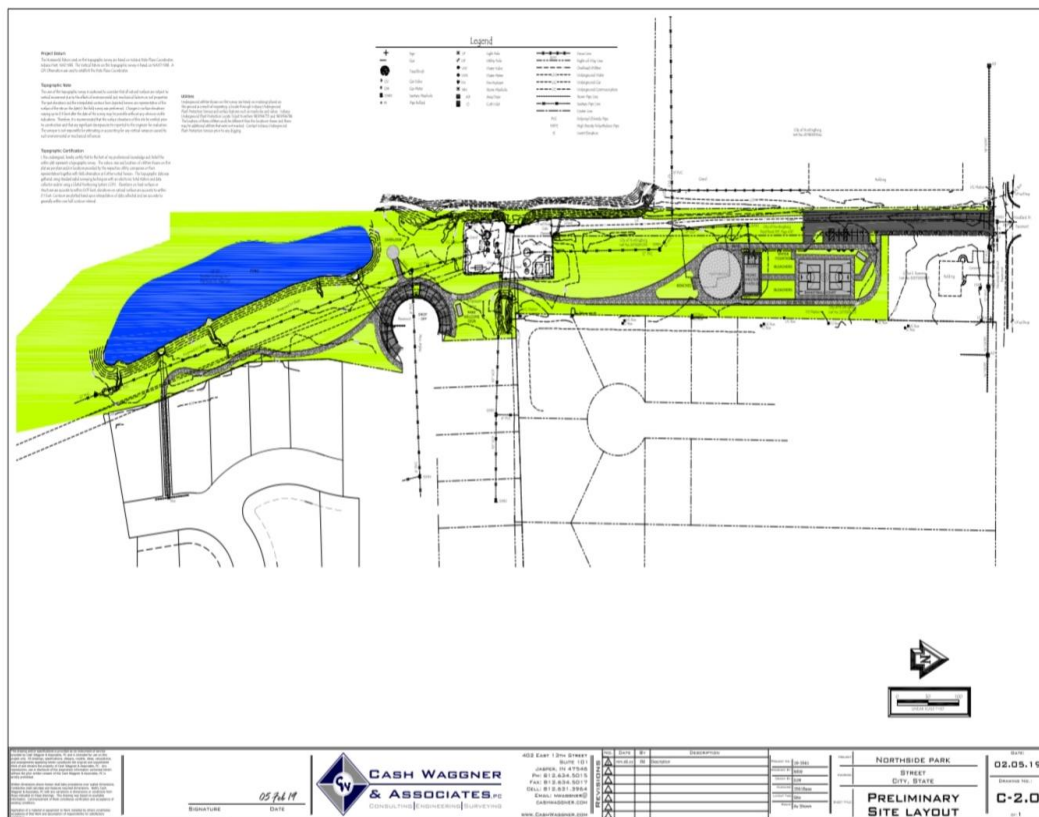
The Mayor's Youth Council envisions an installment which will create a lasting impression for future generations. A place made for youth and adults, a place current young people will want to come back to with pride to share with family and friends. A place which will bring the community together, will lasting memories will be forged and shared. The Council imagines a place which will be inclusive, engaging, and inspiring. Most importantly this space will bind community ties for the young people and offer a place where the young generations may explore their creativity and showcase their talents and abilities.

Proposal

Huntingburg is a city built to fulfill the needs of its people. Across town there are many parks that serve as places for people to relax and enjoy recreation once they are away work or school. These parks vary in size, from Southside Park, which is used by many to play baseball; City Park, which is the biggest park in town that provides a wide variety of activities to all; to Market Street Park, which is the newest park to the city which exhibits the Stellar Community of Huntingburg. While all these parks have provided wonderful gathering places for the people of Huntingburg for years, they are all located on the south side of the city.

Currently, there are no parks located on the north side of Huntingburg. Within time, this has become a problem for the city. All parks have shelter houses where the community can socialize together and hold community events. One of the main attractions to City Park are its basketball courts. Day and night, nearly year round, the basketball courts are occupied. Those who want to enjoy them but live on the Northside of town, have to go to the Southside of town - and this creates congestion and overuse. It has seemed apparent that finding a solution to this problem was necessary.

The town has proposed to build a new park in the Northside of the city. This has allowed the opportunity for the Council to envision a new basketball court for the city - the MCMV Basketball Court. Though the proposed action is to not only consider this as a basketball court but as a multifunctional recreation court and most importantly...a community plaza - the MCMV Community Plaza. The court would serve as a basketball court and be able to transform into a volleyball court, and a pickle ball court. The new MCMV plaza/basketball court would bring in many people from a variety of ages to the park because it is more accessible than the City Park. Additionally the adjacent shelter house would provide a space where people from surrounding neighborhoods can enjoy their evenings after work, or celebrate a birthday party. And serve as additional space for the festivals, events and tournaments which are at the heart of our proposal.



Programs

Huntingburg Farmer's Market is one of the first programs that will be held at the Plaza and may begin soon after the park is completed. We currently hold the Farmer's



Market at the Huntingburg Memorial Gym, and many citizens of Huntingburg attend.

While the gym does have large open space for people to set up their stands, it does not have sufficient shade or parking. The stands for the Farmer's Market are currently set up in the parking lot of the gym so people have to park along the side streets. This causes

traffic issues as the gym is the middle of downtown Huntingburg. Using the plaza court that the Huntingburg Mayor's Youth Council will implement in the Northside Park will allow for plenty of open space for people to set up their stands. Visitors and vendors can park in the parking spaces near by the basketball court. The Huntingburg Farmer's Market only takes place on Saturday mornings from May to September. Having the Farmer's Market in the Northside Park will serve to publicize the new park, MCMV plaza, and basketball court.

Festivals will be another primary focus of the Plaza and park. Residents of Huntingburg love their festivals. It brings the community together and brings excitement and curiosity to the city. The Council intends to organize a Festival in partnership with other organizations, each year. Bringing awareness, inclusion and highlighting the value of diversity will be the first focus for festivals planning.



Another program that will be implemented at MCMV Plaza basketball court is a three-on-three tournament at the park during the summer months. Many of the people who

live in Huntingburg love to play basketball at the current basketball courts in



Huntingburg City Park. Having a three-on-three tournament in the Plaza will serve to not only publicize the new park but primarily bring young people together and strengthen community bonds. The Mayor's Youth Council is planning to host a three-on-three tournament as the grand opening of the Plaza and introduce the space as a basketball court as well.

Different organizations throughout Huntingburg would be invited to hold tournaments and events as well pending approval from the city and the partnership of the Mayor's Youth Council. Allowing other organizations to use this park will allow people to become more involved with organizations in Huntingburg such as Young Life, Optimist Club, and the Teen Outback.



Alternatives

The current plan for the Mayor’s Youth Council group is to implement a basketball court/community plaza within the proposed park which would also utilize assistance from the city. The town’s need for a new basketball court has inspired this proposal, but the Council has considered other alternatives. In order for a project proposal to be successful, it must encompass multiple facets of the plan along with alternative ideas to act as secondary options if the original proposal were to fail to materialize. With this in mind, the council sought to incorporate the current park proposal into other options inline with the MCMV goal.

The first alternative proposal is gaga ball court. This game is youth oriented but fun for all ages. The game is played with a style of dodgeball, and it’s restricted to a pit sized area. It consists of dodging, running, striking, and jumping. The objective is to get other players out of the game by hitting them below the knee while being the last one standing. The construction is fairly simple, it can be completed with a small working team. This alternative would be accomplished before the park’s opening, so people could utilize it on opening day. It would be located in the park, but its exact location is to be determined.



The second alternative is a mini skate park. This idea arose during the surveys taken by the council. It is a recreation area designated for skateboarders. There is a current need for it as local skateboarder enthusiasts do not have a safe area to skate. In fact, many areas prohibit the use of skateboards. If the space allows, the skate park could be found within the new park. The project would be led by the Mayor's Youth Council, but the significant cost would most likely receive need to be absorbed through invested individuals, companies, or the city of Huntingburg.



The idea of a fitness trail with workout stations were mentioned in the council's surveys as well, so the council considered this alternative. These trails or stations would be designated areas to encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle for the citizens of Huntingburg and surrounding areas. A few examples of these stations would include pull up bars, inclined seats for abdominal training, and push up/dip bars. The city's future development goals for the area incorporates a trail to be installed in the new park, so this proposed alternative would Appendix that development. The Mayor's Youth Council would be in charge of the project, but they may also partner with local companies to lower out-of-pocket expenses. Although the project would be quite inexpensive, lowering the cost to none or close to none would allow us more money for other community developments. The council would be responsible for finding generous donors to help limit out-of-pocket expenses. The timeline of its construction would correspond with the city's timeline of the park's construction. Similar to the skate park, the additional fundraising and resources might pose a challenge.



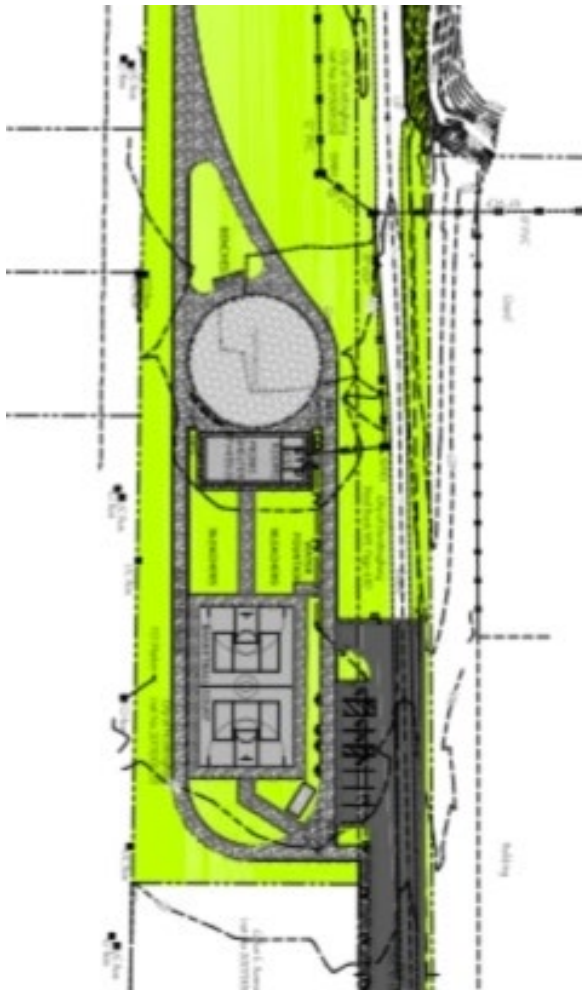
The city's need for a dog park was apparent by the lack of allotted space for pet owners, and the frequency in which pet owners sought a public park for their pooches as indicated in the surveys. There is currently one dog park, but it requires a membership. The MCMV dog park would be a fenced in area free of charge. There would be an allocated space in the new park for its location. Its construction would not be too elaborate, so the project could be completed well in advance of the park's grand opening. The installment of the fence could use city workers as a resource. The Mayor's Youth Council could solely fund the alternative through MCMV funds, but additional monies could be secured by other means whether through donations or fundraisers. The space would attract many pet owners looking for recreational space for their animal loved ones.



Project Proposal: My Community, My Vision Plaza

a. MCMV Process

- i. In consideration of the ultimate goal of the MCMV project, the Council considered various options. The mentor met with the council 5 times in person and participated by teleconference during other informal sessions. The initial few sessions were spent generating a consensus within the council and developing a method of gaining feedback from the community. A survey was developed and a plan for completing the surveys within the community was initiated. Within a month, 75 surveys were completed and analyzed (Appendix A). The data showed that community events, festivals and venues for entertainment were highly sought by the respondents. This



coincided well with the Council's intentions to utilize a space to bring the community together. It was decided to pursue the funding for a basketball court which could be converted into simple alternate recreational courts - and could serve as an open space for an assortment of outdoor community functions. The Council met with the Park Board director multiple times to explore this concept and materialize its development. Official development plans were devised, a budget was established and programming plans were proposed. Considering the budget, the Council realized the full costs would exceed the MCMV funds. The group invited the director of the Dubois County Community Foundation (DCCF) to one of the MCMV sessions to share and discuss what the DCCF does in the community and how the

council might realize its MCMV goals with DCCF's assistance. The council has since applied for a matching grant with the DCCF. The city has also agreed to finance the remaining difference to assure the realization of the MCMV Plaza.

b. Project Process

- i. Who - The project has been led by the Mayor's youth Council along with the MCMV mentor. The Council has gained insight from community respondents, the DCCF director and Maureen Hayden, Indiana Lt Governor's Dir of Intergovernmental Affairs (who attended a MCMV session while visiting the City). The council has also collaborated with the Park Board especially the Park Director, Larry Altstadt. Southridge High School Assistant Principal Greg Werner was also in attendance at a two of the MCMV sessions and provide feedback and support. Jenny Fowler acted as student-teacher-mentor liaison for the council and participated in most sessions.
- ii. What - MCMV Community Plaza/MCMV Basketball Court will provide a space for community events, inclusive athletic competitions as well as family and youth entertainment and events.
- iii. Where - the Plaza/Court will be developed within a current city park construction project: Northside Park. The development of the Northside Park is in direct result of the new subdivision it connects to, Hunters Crossing. As part of the City's Stellar Communities project, awarded in 2014, there was call for a new park on the north side. The developers of Hunters Crossing donated acreage for creation of the park. That donation, coupled with the property the City already owned, creates the footprint of the plan that is attached. It also provides direct access to previous developing housing develops on the north side.

- iv. When - Proposed Timeline (of the Northside Park):
 - 1. Phase 1 (Earthwork to prepare the site) – Spring 2019
 - a. Cost Estimate - \$18,500
 - 2. Phase 2 (MCMV Basketball Court – Shelter House – Parking – Walking Paths) – Summer 2019
 - a. Cost Estimate - \$255,000
 - 3. Phase 3 (Additional Parking – Walking Trail – Overlook) – Summer 2020
 - a. Cost Estimate - \$625,000

- v. How - At the March Park Board meeting, a committee will be appointed to accept bids for the work in April, which will be brought to the Board for their action at their regular April meeting. The My Community My Vision funds will be matched by local funds to contribute a total of \$20,000 toward the construction of the Basketball Court in Phase 2.

- vi. Objectives: Goals and Desired Outcome, Indicators
 - 1. Cultural: Youth gathering, community events, sharing, inclusion, partnership, devotion, lasting memories,
 - 2. Economical: The plaza that we intend to develop will have its positive and negative effects. The Youth Council aspires that this new plaza will allow for new community events to emerge which will add to the spending being made in Huntingburg. These events will provide opportunities for local businesses to get involved and showcase their support for the city. These events will also add to outside business' interest and encourage more spending within the community. Some negative externalities that could occur include less usage of other community gathering centers, which could decrease the amount of spending in those areas, and create direct competition with the other parks.

Council



Sessions

The sessions with the Council and the Mentor proved to be fruitful in developing considerations for the community and discovering resources, support and pertinent feedback from within the community. The first sessions were instructive in nature whereupon the students became exposed to data gathering concepts, stakeholder concerns and considerations, and community project development, planning and collaboration. In the initial sessions, a plan to obtain community feedback was garnered. A survey was developed for one-on-one interviews. The data was collected and analyzed - the feedback was immense and instrumental in developing the final plans for a prospective project.

In three of the sessions, dubbed the “Director Sessions”, the group had the opportunity to meet with the Director of the Dubois County Community Foundation, the Director of the City Parks Department, and the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs from the Lt. Governor's Office. In these sessions, the group became exposed to the workings and value of the DCCF and the support it offers the community. The process for applying for grants was also shared with the group and a collaboration was begun in applying for funding through DCCF by the MYC. The Parks Director was instrumental in bestowing his knowledge of park development and provided context for the proposed plans the group was considering. Finally, a session in which the group brainstormed ideas, discussed program implementation, and considered alternatives, the Director for Intergovernmental Affairs offered invaluable suggestions and advice in developing a project “like no other” where inclusion and community took the spotlight.

The final sessions of the MCMV council focused upon project development and finalizing specifications of the project. The sessions consisted of budget reviews, program development, as well as presentation outlines and deliveries.

Survey

Developed out the Quantitative and Qualitative learning sessions and in conjunction with the community feedback objective, a survey was developed to gain suggestions from community members. The students sought to learn what the community wanted, and what concerns they may have. After discussing whether focus groups or one-on-one interviews would be best given the time and resource constraints, the students chose to go out into the community and complete surveys. The students discussed various ways to ask the questions to be best gain adequate input.

The questions prompted the respondent to think about their community and the park system and to offer ideas and to provide reasons why they utilize the park system. In order to assure a comparative sample of the community, and also of the desired target audience (youth of the community), the students decided to develop a quota system whereby each student was to obtain a specific amount of surveys completed by specific age and gender demographics: adult men, adult women, young men and young women.

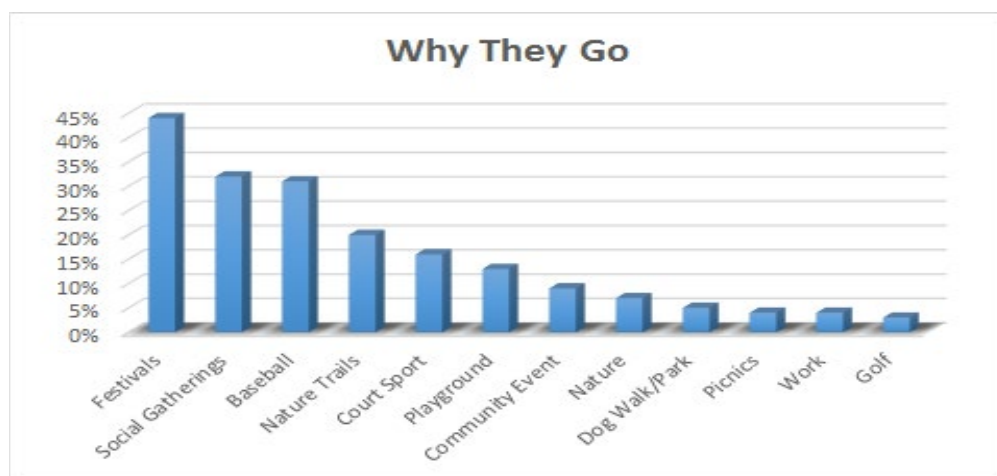
The survey was comprised of questions probing the respondent to answer which parks were visited, how often, and why they visited parks. They most importantly inquired into what the respondent would like to have in the parks and in the community. The students also sought to gain input on what concerns the community has regarding the parks.

Results

The results of the completed surveys netted 75 respondents, a third of whom were young women (24), a quarter were adult men (18) and young men (20), and the remainder (17%), were adult women (13). Of these respondents, nearly all, ninety-seven percent, had visited the City Park - only 2 had not. Neihaus Park was visited by twenty-eight percent, Southside was frequented by $\frac{1}{4}$ of the respondents, and Market Street, the newest addition, had been an occurrence for seventeen percent of the respondents.

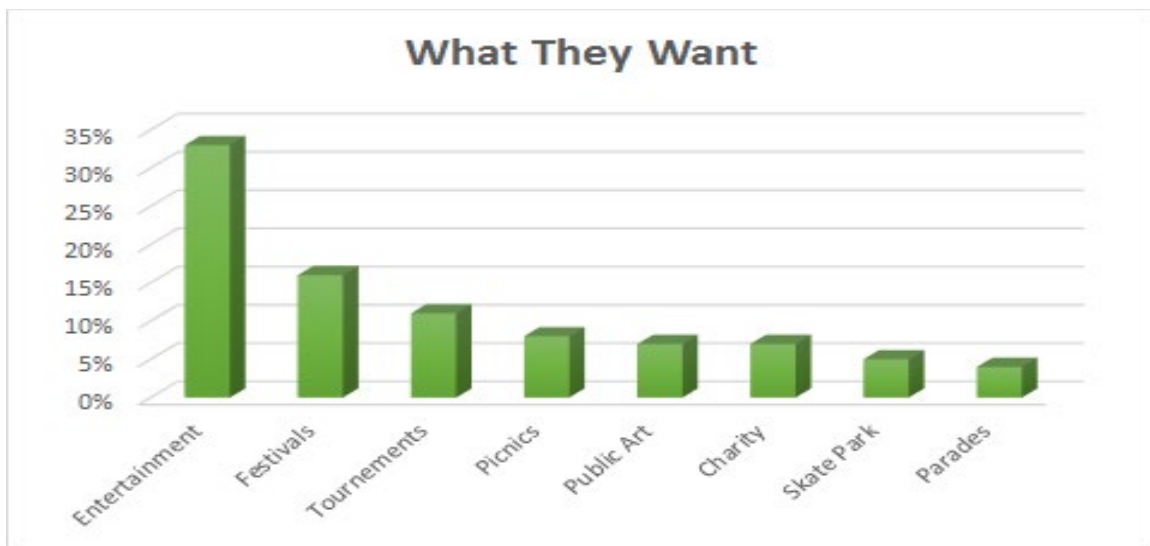
When asked why they went to the park(s), of the top five reasons, the most common response was for festivals (44%). The second most frequent reason was for coded as a social gathering (32%) - graduate parties, birthday parties, getting together friends, etc. Baseball events came in third with thirty-one (31%) percent of respondents. Twenty percent (20%) went for walking, jogging, or biking the trails. And fifth of the top five was shown to be for a court sport by sixteen percent (16%) of the survived - a court sport was coded as any sport which requires a court: tennis, basketball, volleyball, etc. See figure 1, "Why They Go".

Figure 1



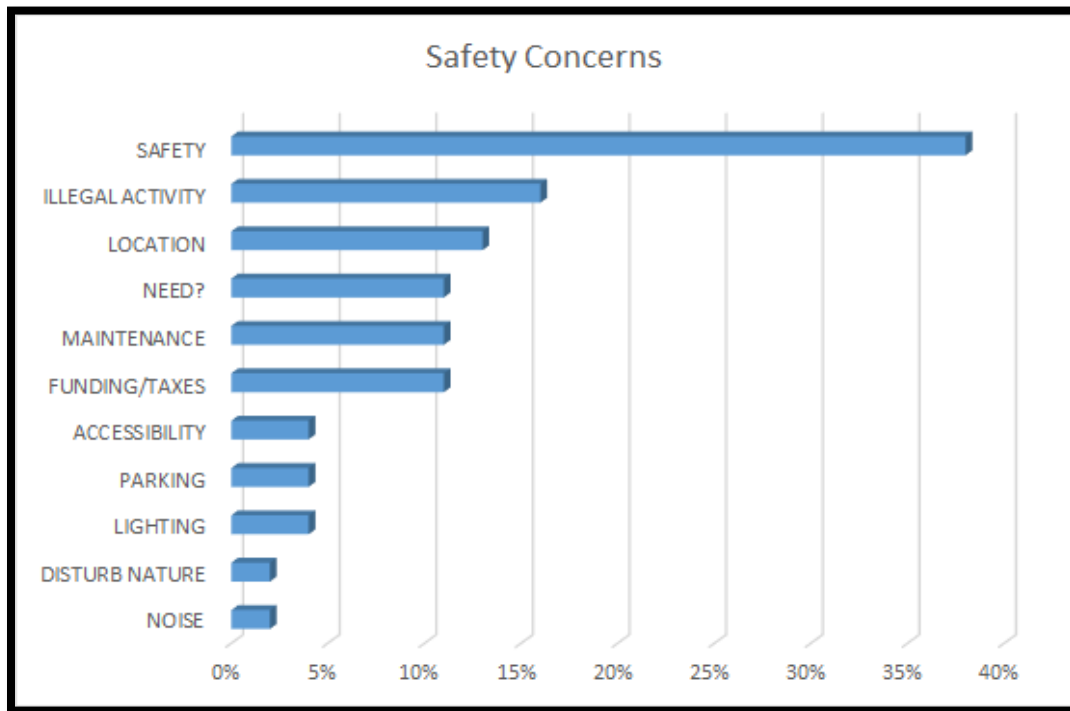
The next portion of the survey inquired of what the respondent would like to see more of, or have in the parks or community that is not already there. The top three were most dominate. They are to have more entertainment (33%), more festivals (11%), and more community competitions (10%). Entertainment responses were coded as such if the respondent suggested, music or movies, etc. Competitions were coined as any mention of leagues, tournaments, or social competitions, such as barstool racing. A complete list can be found in figure 2: “What They Want”.

Figure 2



The survey also solicited feedback for potential concerns a park elicits, see Figure 5. The number one concern was for safety (38%). Illegal activity registered with sixteen percent (16%). Whether the location would be optimal was concern for (13%). Whether there was a need, whether it would be maintained adequately, and whether taxes would be raised to fund or funds for alternative needs would be used were all concerns for eleven percent (11%), respectively.

Figure 3

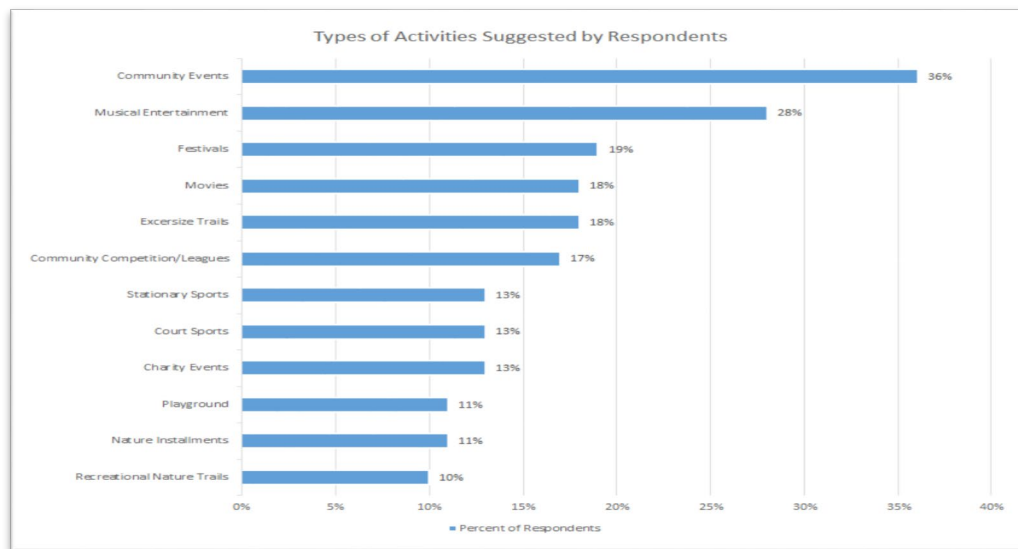


Upon further analyzing data, all responses regarding either why they went or what they want was decided to be a basis for understanding what enjoyment or fulfillment was gained through the parks - this could be an event such as a concert, a simple swing bench, or an area which provides a Wi-Fi signal. In considering the variety of responses, a method for grouping was determined and applied; further, all duplicated responses from an individual respondent were removed from analysis. The responses were analyzed across all “item of interest” questions, i.e. what activities would you like to see, what recreational things you would like to do, etc. In result of this analysis thirty-six items of interest were discovered, in appendix A, figure 7 provides the raw list, and figure 3 displays the coded list. The top five items suggested by the respondents were (figure5):

1. **36%: Community Events** - informal celebration parties, organized events, church functions, and parades, etc.
2. **28% Entertainment** - musical concerts, open mic nights, poetry readings, etc.
3. **19% Festivals** - Spring Fest, Herb Fest, any fest.
4. **18% Exercise Installations** - workout trails and outdoor gym capabilities

4. **18% Movies** - Outdoor projections, drive-in style movies.
4. **18 % Community Competitions** - basketball leagues, baseball tournaments, tug-of-war and ninja warrior tournaments were suggested.
5. **13% Court Sport** - Any sport which requires a court: basketball, volleyball, tennis, etc.
5. **13% Charity Event** - Volunteer Day, Plant-a-tree Day, Food Drive, 5k, Chalk Walk...
5. **13 % Stationary Sport** - Any sport in a fixed space: golf, climbing wall, minigolf, horseshoe, disc golf...

Figure 5



Based upon the results of this survey, the students and the Council solidified and energized their intent on producing a court which could be multi-functional offering court sports transformations and also a space for small community events, entertainment, festivals, movies, community competitions, and charity events.

SWOT Analysis

The idea of a SWOT analysis was presented to the group and the Council developed their own analysis:

Strengths

- Space is allocated for our use
- People are interested in what we hope to do
- It will be part of the only park on the north side
- It will generate interest since it will be something brand new
- Local company's support our initiative and would supply resources
- We have a connection with the local government
- Smaller community to get the word out, supportive community
- Space has not been used – it is a clean slate
- We can gain direct feedback from the community

Weaknesses

- The shape of the proposed area limits what we can do
- There is a limited access, small gravel parking lot – congestion could be an issue
- The land is undeveloped, so developing it will be costly
- It's located adjacent to a new housing development

Opportunities

- This is an opportunity to make our mark
- It will bring more people to the Northside, and offer the residents who live in the area a local community area of their own
- We can make it whatever we want – we could have both basketball and pickle ball

Threats

- The area could bring unwanted activities (drug use)
- There is a retention pond which could pose a concern to families
- Congestion and road safety could be an issue
- Residents of adjacent neighborhood may voice disapproval
- It may be difficult to get to until sidewalks are paved

HMYC by-laws, MCMV amendment:

The Council foresees the perpetual use of this space, the MCMV Community Plaza. In order to ensure the ongoing function of the Council to serve the community and also encapsulate the intent of MCMV - to engage the Youth and bind the young generation to the community, the Council has adopted the amendment of the following by-law into the standing by-laws:

“It is hereby mandatory for the council to plan and conduct biannual events at the MCMV Plaza (within Northside Park or the MCMV Basketball Court).

The council may initiate pro-actively or partner with other pro-active groups to conduct any community event and function which incorporates the community and connects the youth to the community.

These may consist of:

- A. Tournaments. Examples: school club playoffs or intra-church competitions
- B. Festivals. Examples: Art, performance art, cultural, ethnic, farmer’s market
- C. Para-sports: Disabled sports, also adaptive sports or parasports, are sports played by people with a disability, including physical and intellectual disabilities.
- D. Rallies: youth led rallies to support a cause and provide a place for broadcasting youth voice.

The purpose of these events are to strengthen community binds and to offer an inclusive environment particularly for the youth of the community.

Partnerships are encouraged with other organizations, especially other youth organizations. “

Appendices

Appendix A: Survey Supplementals

Figure 1

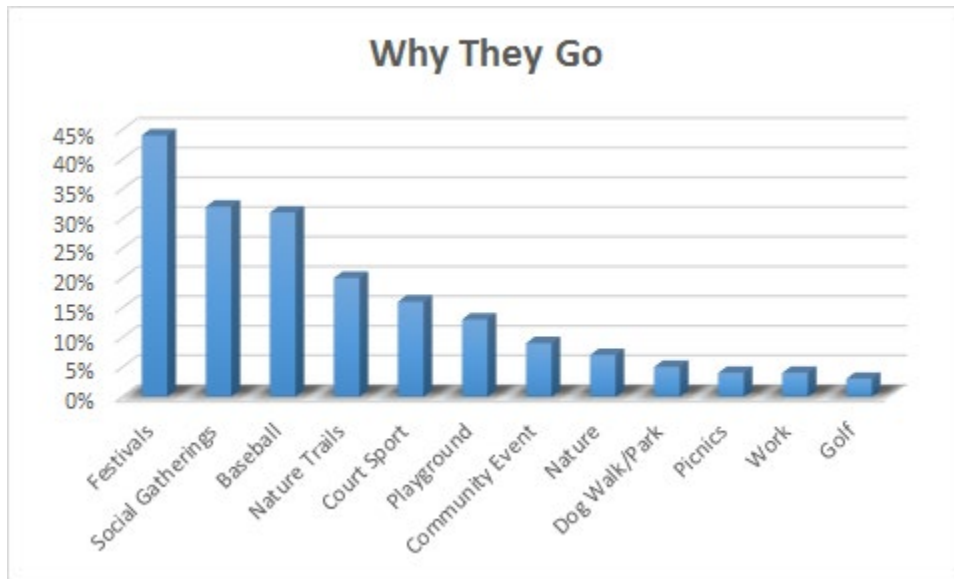


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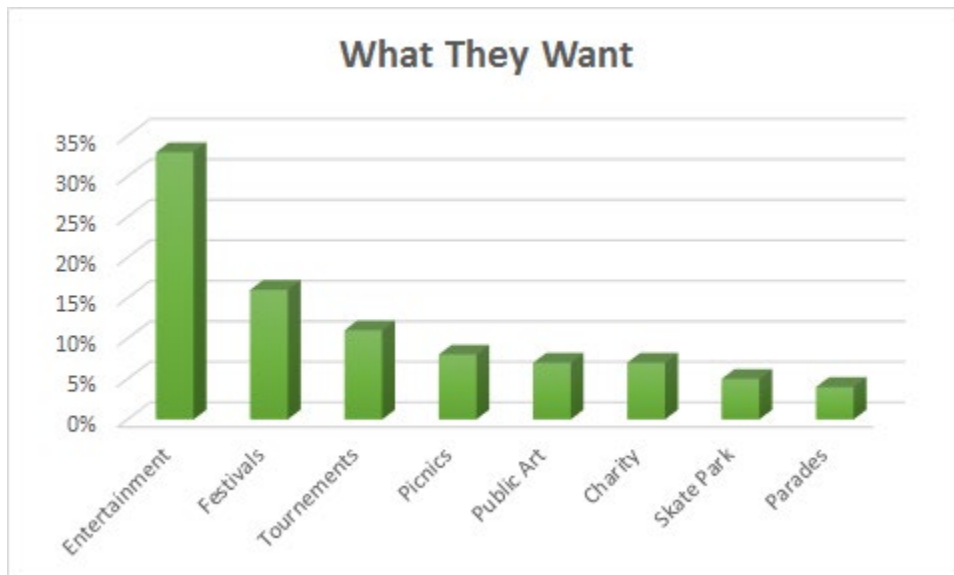


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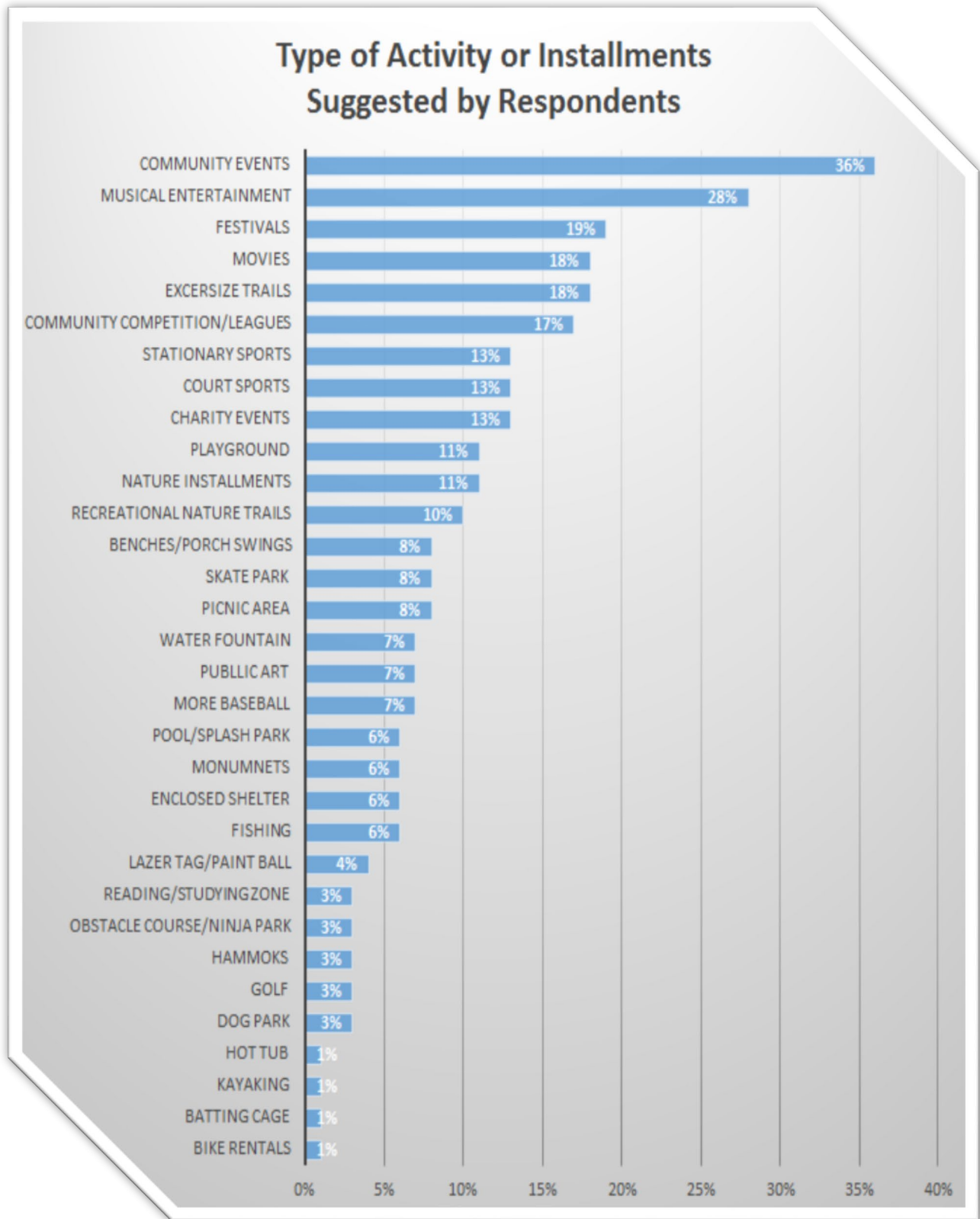


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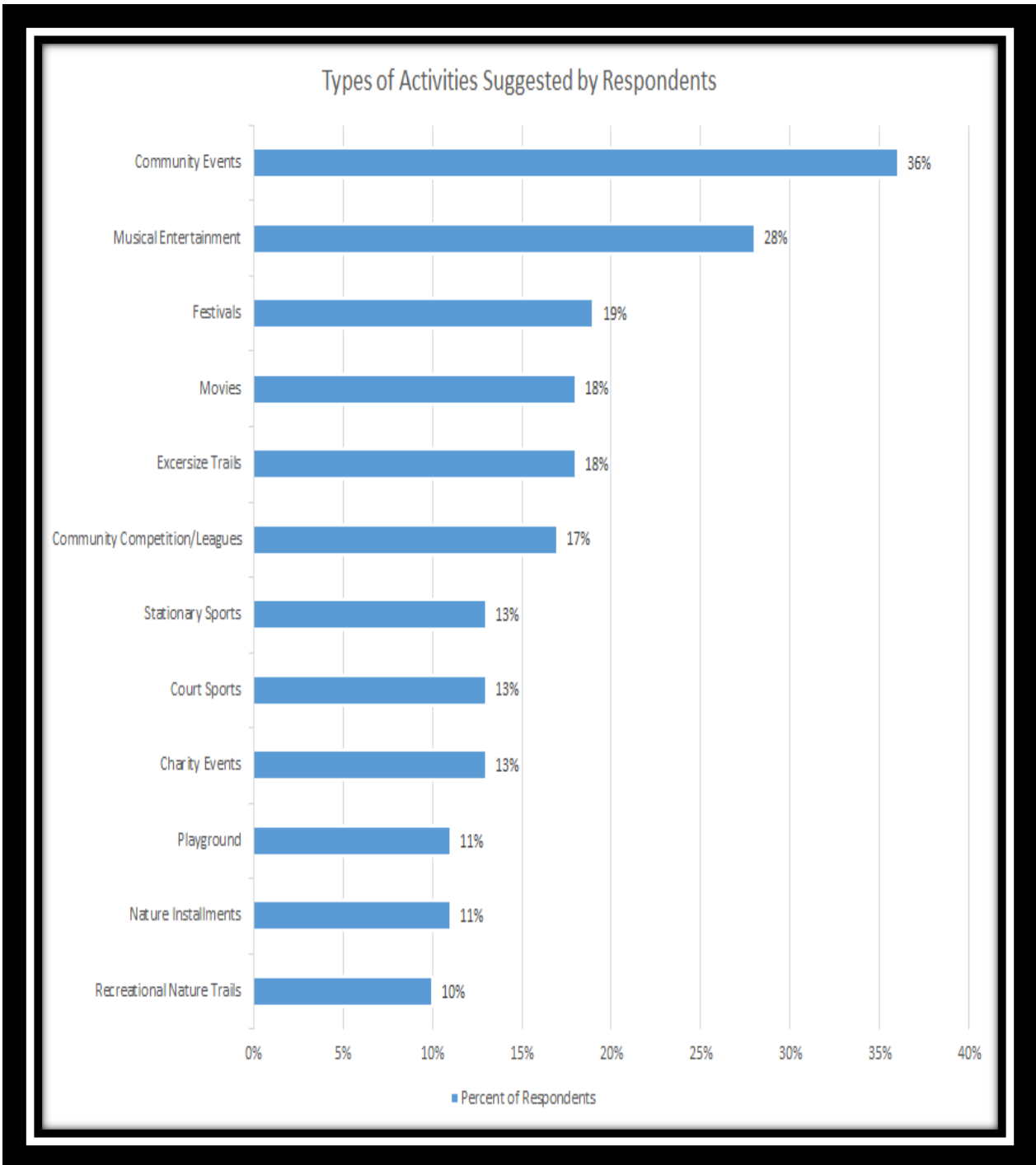


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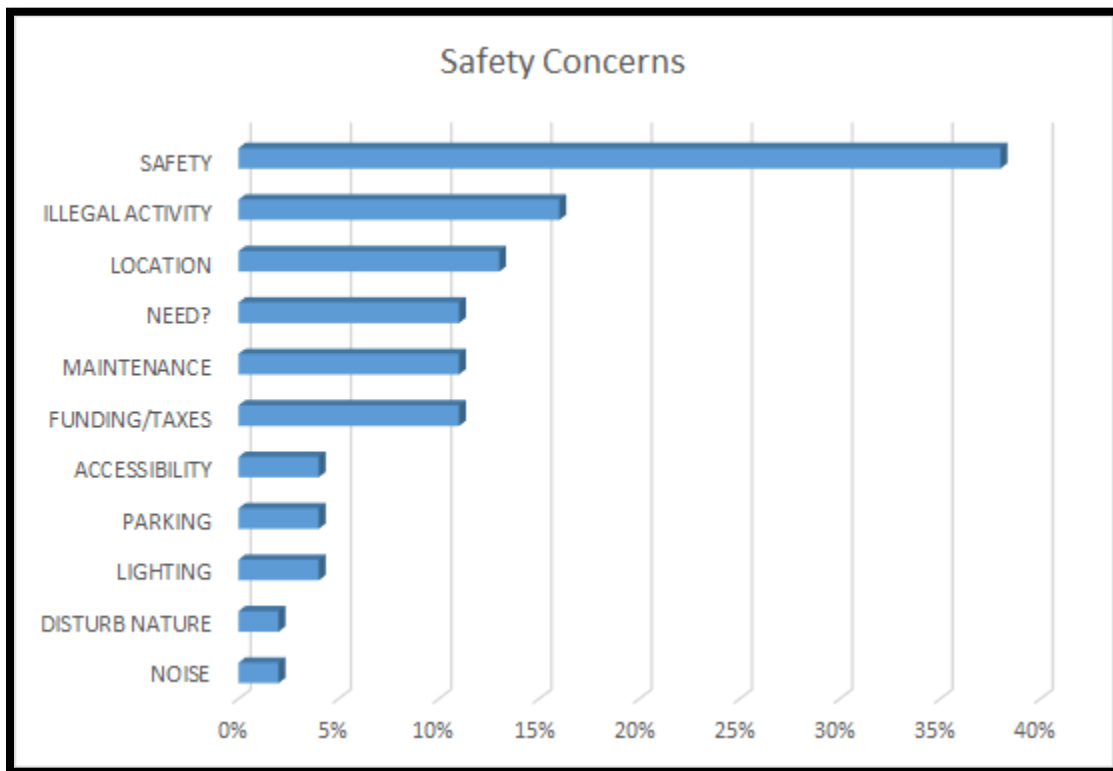


Figure 6: Items of Interest	
5k	more basketball courts
a fountain	more benches
a new batting cage	more community days
a real rock wall	more events
a town wide yard sale	more family parties
another fest	More festivals
art features	more festivals
artwork	more fests
ball drop for new years	more musical fests/ concerts
band	more of fests that we have
barstool racing	more parties and fests
Baseball Games	more playground equipment for youth (1-4)
bench swing	more scenery
benches	more scenery while walking
benches	more volunteer work
Better pool	Movie Night
better tennis courts	movie night
better tennis courts	Movie Night
bike lanes	movie nights
chalk walk	movie nights
chalkboard wall	movies
chess	movies
church gatherings	movies (outside)
clean up days in the city	movies in the park
closed in shelter houses	Music
closed in shelter houses	Music
color run	nicer golf course
concerts	ninja warrior park
concerts	obstacle course
concerts	open mic night
Concerts	organized family walks
concerts	outdoor church services
concerts	paint ball
concerts	petting zoo
concerts	Picnic areas
concerts	picnic areas
court	Picnic sites
court	picnic tables
croquet	picnic tables

Disc Golf	plant a tree day
Disc Golf	play golf
disc golf	play instruments/toys
disc golf	play instuments/toys
Dog park	Playgrounds that are handicap accessible and multiage
dog show	Playing tennis @ Night
drive a golf cart	porch swings
drive in movies	prayer circle
drive in movies	public fields (soccer and baseball)
drive in movies	public trails
drive in movies	Putt Putt Golf
dunking booth	raise money for charity
entertainment	religious activities
entertainment	rented bikes
entertainment	ride bikes
entertainment	safer playgrounds
excercise equipment	sand volleyball
family board game night	Scavenger Hunts
family copeitive day	sculptures
family painting days	self tennis
festivals	Service Days
festivals	Service Days
fests	Skate Park
Fish Pond (goldfish)	Skate Park
fishing	skate park
fishing	skate park
Fishing lake	skateboard park
fishing tournament	skateboard park/ramp
fitness trail	smoking area
Fitness Trail	something for kids
fitness trail	Something like things @ Market Street Park
Fitness Trail	Something new/trendy
fitness trail	speakers around park
fitness trail	splash park
fitness trails	sports tournaments
food drive for holidays	spring festival
food sales	spring festival
food trucks	spring time fest
Garden	strassenfest (big street event)
gatherings	study/read

ginkgo trees	study/read
go fishing	stuff for kids
good w/fests	summer recital
good with baseball	Swimming Lake
hammocks	teeter-totter
Hammocks	telescopes
haunted trail	tennis
History Exhibit	tetherball
history plaques	tetherball
horseshoes	thetherball
hot tub	things like Opry house
if not, market day	Treasure Hunts
improved dog park	tug-of-war tourney
indoor or roofed basketball court	volleyball league
Indoor Shelter House	walkathon (charity)
indoor shelter house	walking trails
kayaking	walking trails
lazer tag	walking trails
Lazer Tag	water fall with a fountain
Likes fests	water fountain
Little League baseball Games	water fountains
lockers to keep belongings	water sprinklers for kids
Mahgony benches	water-fall
Membership pool	Weightlifting Stations
mini golf	wifi
Mommy Daughter Day	work out station
monument	workout equipment
more 4th street events (like christmas stroll)	workout stations
More Baseball Fields	YMCA
	yoga days
	zip lining

Figure 7**Survey Questions**

Are you a resident of Huntingburg?

Yes -- continue to question 1.

No ---

How many times have you visited Huntingburg in the past year? _____ If **more than 6 GO TO QUESTION ONE.** -----If **less than 6: ASK:**

What brings you to Huntingburg? _____

END DISCUSSION

“Thank you, that's all I wanted to know, thank you for your time. You've been very helpful. Enjoy your time in Huntingburg!”

1. What is your age? _____ (AM____, AF____, YM____, YF____)
2. Do you have children? _____
 - a. If so, what are there ages:_____
3. How many times have you visited our parks this year?_____
 - a. which ones? _____
 - b. what brought you there (why did you go)?
4. What leisure or recreational things would you like to be able to do in our parks that you currently can not?
5. Is there a feature you'd like to have in a new park that is not in any other park in town?
6. What concerns would you have with a new park, if any?
7. What family oriented activities you'd like to see in the city?
8. What community oriented events would you like to see in the city?

Appendix B: Concept Statement

CONCEPT STATEMENT: Huntingburg MCMV Project

Statement:

The Mayor's Youth Council of the City of Huntingburg proposes to build a multi-functional park plaza which will primarily be utilized as a basketball court, with the possibility of conversion capabilities for pickleball and tennis. The open area will allow for the secondary purpose of inclusive programming including parasport competitions, church league tournaments, and teen 3-on-3 leagues, as well as community fairs and diversity festivals (ie. african fest, irish fest, etc).

Location:

- Northside Park (under development, initial planning stages)

Timeline:

- Winter 2019: complete park and MCMV Plaza planning; develop proposed directives for future Huntingburg Mayor Youth Council wherein a mandate will require continual program development at MCMV Plaza.
- Spring 2019: secure IHDCDA funds, secure matching DCCF funds, secure additional matching funds from XYZ; begin planning inaugural plaza community event
- Summer 2019: allocate funds for building and development.
- Fall 2019: groundbreaking ceremony of MCMV Plaza

Partners:

- Dubois County Community Foundation
- Huntingburg Parks Department
- Mayor's Youth Council
- Community Church Cooperative (informal)
- The Huntington Youth Board
- Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM Indiana)

Proposed Budget:

- Construction costs: \$25,000 (includes labor)
- Funding: IHDCDA, \$5000; DCCF, \$5,000; City of Huntingburg; \$15,000;

Leadership:

- Mayor Denny Spinner and the Huntingburg Mayor's Youth Council (President, Paige Kendal)

Fiscal Agent:

- Mayor Denny Spinner

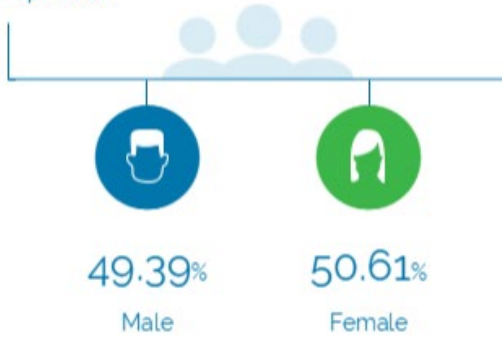
Appendix C: City Data

People

The total population of Huntingburg is 6,143. The median age is 35.45

6,143

Total Population



Age Distribution



Median Age

35

Taxes

Top State Corporate Income Tax

6.5%

Top State Corporate Capital Gains Tax

6.5%

Top State Personal Income Tax

3.3%

Top State Personal Capital Gains Tax

3.4%

State Sales Tax

7%

Businesses and Jobs



Huntingburg has a total of 329 businesses. In 2018, the leading industries in Huntingburg were Manufacturing, Retail, Health Care and Social Services, and Transportation and Warehousing.

What are the top industries by jobs?



How many employees do businesses in Huntingburg have?



Labor Force



Huntingburg has a labor force of 3,079 people.

3,079

Labor Force

Talent

Where are the top jobs by occupation?



The work distribution of total employees in Huntingburg is:



Income and Spending

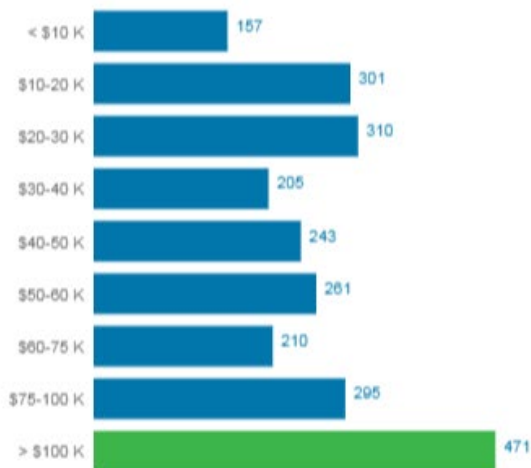


Households in Huntingburg earn a median yearly income of 50,401. 31.26% of the households earn more than the national average each year. Household expenditures average 52,188 per year. The majority of earnings get spent on Shelter, Transportation, Food and Beverages, Health Care, and Utilities.

\$50,401

Median Household
Income

Income Distribution



How do people spend most of their money?
PER HOUSEHOLD



\$52,188

Median Household Expenditure

Educational Attainment



The majority of the population in Huntingburg has a high school degree, and 22.45% have a college degree.



< Grade 9
9.46%



Grade 9-12
14.31%



High School
37.46%



Some College
16.33%



Assoc Degree
10.23%



Bach Degree
8.41%



Grad Degree
3.81%



offer Associate's Degree or Certificate



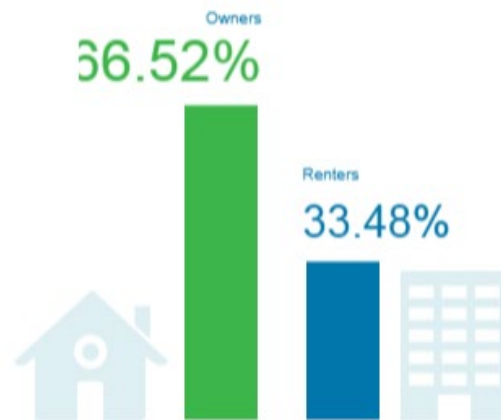
offer Bachelor's Degree or Higher

Housing



There are 99% more households who own their homes than there are renters.

Owners vs. Renters



Transportation



Residents spend an average of 18 minutes commuting to work. Huntingburg is served by 14 airports within 50 miles. Rail can be accessed within the community. Interstates can be accessed 5 miles away.



18min

Commute Travel Time



0 + 14(+50 miles)

Airports in Community



5miles

Distance to Interstate



Freight Rail

In Community

Appendix D: Cost Estimates



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VIA E-MAIL plake@huntingburg-in.gov

Paul Lake - Planning Director
 City of Huntingburg Redevelopment Commission
 508 E 4th St.
 Huntingburg, IN 47542

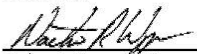
**Re: Engineer's Opinion of Probable Costs
 Northside Park - Shelter House & Alternates Improvements
 Huntingburg, IN**

Shelter House				
24' x 52' Shelter House w/ Electric Service	1 LS	\$80,000.00		<u>\$80,000.00</u>
			10% Contingency	\$8,000.00
			<i>Sub-Total: Shelter House</i>	<i>\$88,000.00</i>
Sanitary Sewer				
6" x SDR 26 PVC Lateral	36 LF	\$22.00		\$792.00
6" x SDR 26 PVC Wye & Clean-out	1 EA	\$250.00		\$250.00
Tie-into existing manhole	1 EA	\$500.00		\$500.00
Testing	1 LS	\$1,000.00		<u>\$1,000.00</u>
			10% Contingency	\$254.20
			<i>Sub-Total: Sanitary Sewer</i>	<i>\$2,796.20</i>
Water				
1" Domestic Water Service	427 LF	\$12.00		\$5,124.00
1" x 2" Tapping Sleeve & Valve	1 EA	\$4,400.00		\$4,400.00
1" Bends	3 EA	\$100.00		\$300.00
Testing	1 LS	\$1,500.00		<u>\$1,500.00</u>
			10% Contingency	\$1,132.40
			<i>Sub-Total: Water</i>	<i>\$12,456.40</i>
Earthwork				
Earthwork	2119 CY	\$8.00		<u>\$16,952.00</u>
			10% Contingency	\$1,695.20
			<i>Sub-Total: Earthwork</i>	<i>\$18,647.20</i>
Storm Sewer				
12" Storm	70 LF	\$28.00		\$1,960.00
15" Storm	48 LF	\$34.00		\$1,632.00
F.E.S.	3 EA	\$500.00		\$1,500.00
Outlet Control Structure	1 EA	\$500.00		<u>\$500.00</u>
			10% Contingency	\$559.20
			<i>Sub-Total: Storm Sewer</i>	<i>\$6,151.20</i>
Basketball Court				
Basketball Goal	2 EA	\$5,000.00		\$10,000.00
Chain Link Fence	316 LF	\$100.00		\$31,600.00
Sealant and Paint	5952 SF	\$1.00		\$5,952.00
4" Concrete, 3500 PSI	5952 SF	\$6.00		\$35,712.00
4" Compacted Agg. Base	5952 SF	\$0.90		<u>\$5,356.80</u>
			10% Contingency	\$8,862.08
			<i>Sub-Total: Basketball Court</i>	<i>\$97,482.88</i>

Parking Pavement				
Roll Curb & Gutter per City Specs	695 LF	\$20.00	\$13,900.00	
Curb Turnout	2 EA	\$150.00	\$300.00	
1.5 " H.A.C. Surface	83 TN	\$90.00	\$7,452.22	
0 " H.A.C. Intermediate	0 TN	\$80.00	\$0.00	
3 " H.A.C. Base	166 TN	\$70.00	\$11,592.34	
6 " Compacted Agg. Base	331 TN	\$37.00	\$12,254.76	
Parking Lot Striping	1 LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Handicap Parking Signs	4 EA	\$140.00	\$560.00	
Maintenance of Traffic	1 LS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
				<i>10% Contingency</i>
				\$4,805.93
				Sub-Total: Parking Pavement
				\$52,865.24
Concrete Pavement				
4" Concrete, 3500 PSI	1665 SF	\$6.00	\$9,990.00	
4" Compacted Agg. Base	1665 SF	\$0.90	\$1,498.50	
				<i>10% Contingency</i>
				\$1,148.85
				Sub-Total: Concrete Pavement
				\$12,637.35
Construction Services				
Staking Budget Estimate	<i>Sub-Total: Services</i>	1 LS	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Observation & Mat'l Testing	<i>Sub-Total: Services</i>	1 LS	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	\$304,036.47
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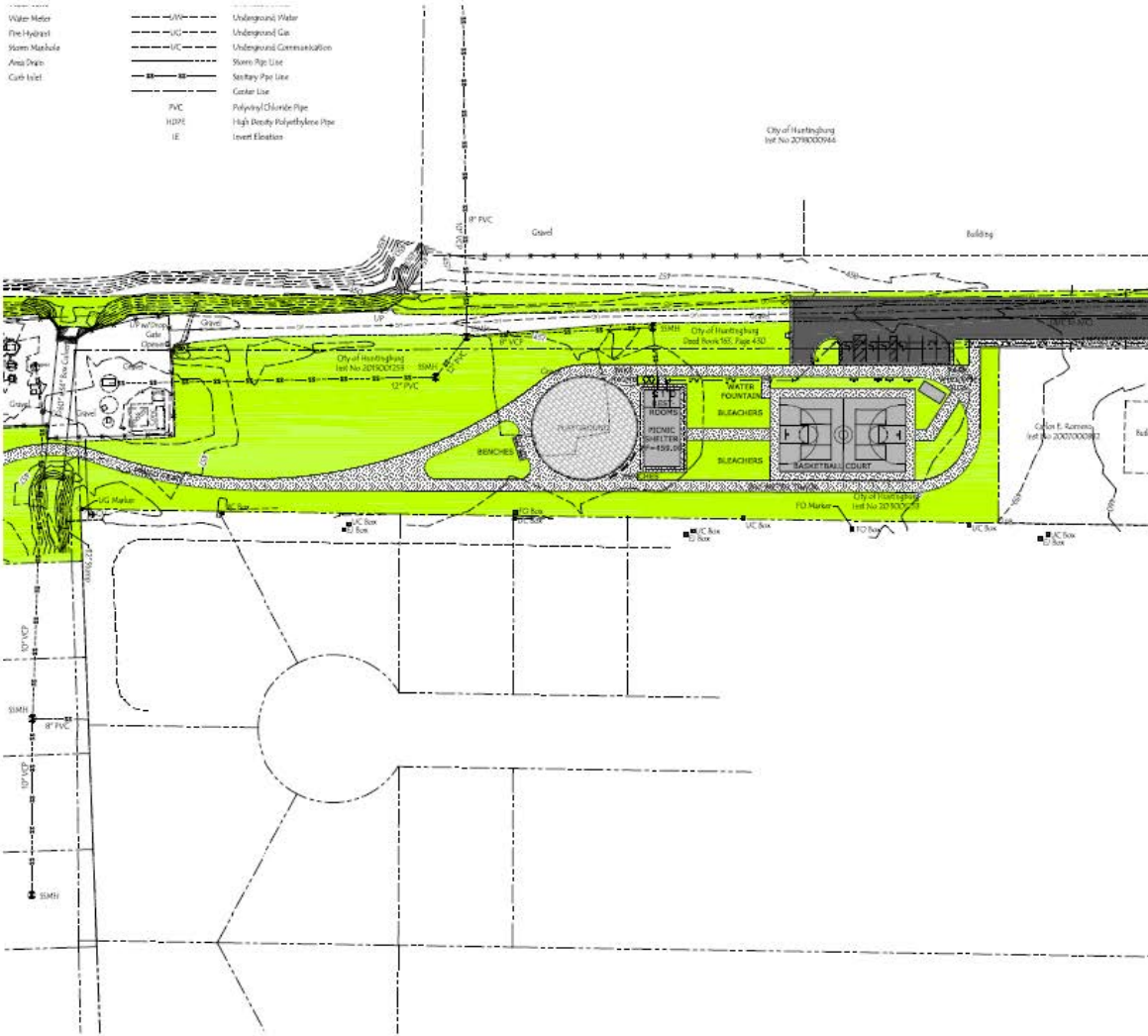
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Appendix E: Park and Plaza Designs





GPS Observation was used to establish the State Plane Coordinates.

Topographic Note

The user of this topographic survey is cautioned to consider that all natural surfaces are subject to vertical movement due to the effects of environmental and mechanical factors on soil properties. The spot elevations and the interpolated contour lines depicted herein are representative of the surface of the site on the date(s) the field survey was performed. Changes in surface elevations varying up to 0.5 foot after the date of the survey may be possible without any obvious visible indications. Therefore, it is recommended that the surface elevations of this site be verified prior to construction and that any significant discrepancies be reported to the engineer for evaluation. The surveyor is not responsible for estimating or accounting for any vertical variation caused by such environmental or mechanical influences.

Topographic Certification

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that to the best of my professional knowledge and belief the within plat represents a topographic survey. The nature, size and location of utilities shown on this plat are per their actual locations revealed by the respective utility companies or their representatives together with field observation as further noted herein. The topographic data was gathered using standard total stationing techniques with an electronic total station and data collector and/or using a Global Positioning System (GPS). Elevations on land surfaces or structures are accurate to within 0.05 foot, elevations on natural surfaces are accurate to within 0.1 foot. Contours are plotted based upon interpolation of data collected and are accurate to generally within one-half contour interval.

Utilities

Underground utilities shown on this survey are based on markings placed on the ground as a result of requesting a locate through Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service and surface features such as manholes and valves. Indiana Underground Plant Protection Locate Ticket Numbers 1809984755 and 1809984786. The location of these utilities could be different than the locations shown and there may be additional utilities that were not marked. Contact Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service prior to any digging.

	Tree/Brush		WM
	Gas Valve		PH
	Gas Meter		SMH
	Sewer Manhole		AP
	Pipe Substation		CI



