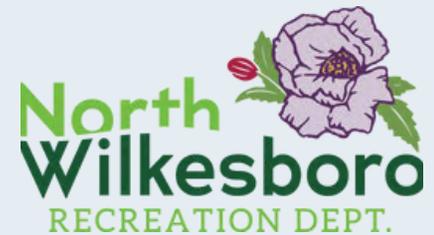




SMOOT PARK

2022 MASTER PLAN



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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INTRODUCTION

The Town of North Wilkesboro's newest logo and motto, "living starts here" reinforces the Town's commitment to providing a high quality of life for a diverse population of residents, visitors and businesses. As part of this value system, the Town strives to provide a comprehensive range of parks, greenspaces, recreation facilities, and programs for residents and visitors to enjoy. These parks, facilities and programs add to the quality of life enjoyed by Wilkes residents and are made possible by visionary leadership, a commitment to excellence and community involvement.

AIMS

The Master Plan for improvements to Smoot Park reflects 3 primary Aims held by the Town of North Wilkesboro:

- Advocate for healthy living and lifestyles
- Provide opportunities for community engagement and connectedness
- Celebrate diversity by improving accessibility and inclusivity



COMMUNITY
CONNECTION

HEALTHY
LIVING

CELEBRATE
DIVERSITY

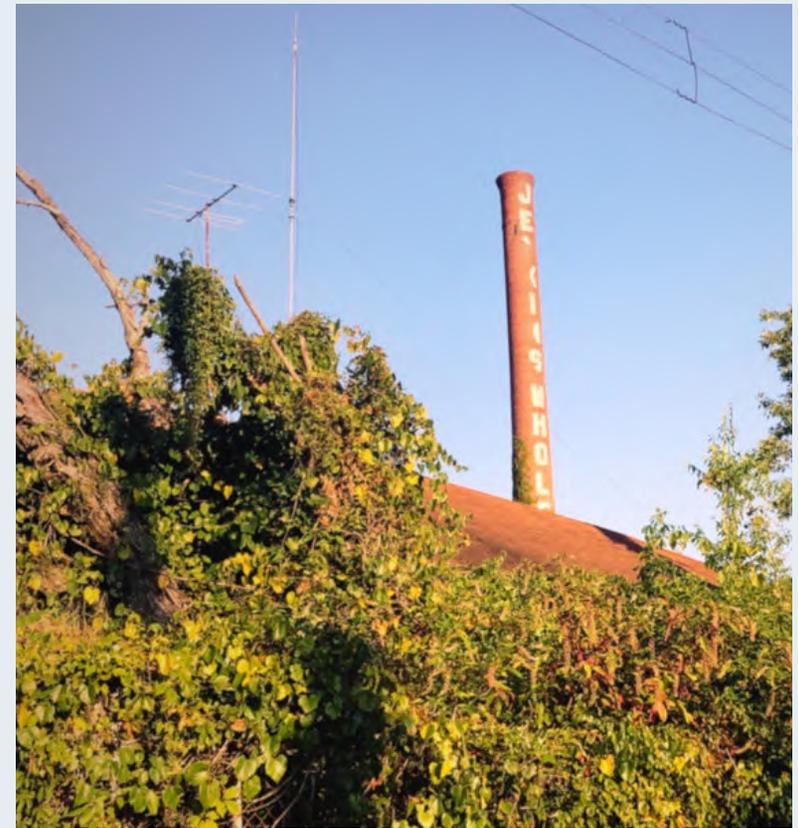


INTRODUCTION

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Smoot Park contains approximately 5 acres of land adjacent to the Yadkin River and North Wilkesboro's downtown. Named after the historic C.C. Smoot and Sons Tannery, the site was once the location of tannery executives' homes and known as Tanners Rest. Shortly after the flood of 1940, North Wilkesboro's Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to transform the grove into Wilkes County's first public park. The park opened in 1954.

The park sites along the Yadkin River, Yadkin River Greenway and, the Overmountain Victory Trail (OMVT). As part of the OMVT, backwoodsmen from the Wilkes and Surry county area who camped, at what now is Smoot Park, on their way to the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780.



While the flood 1940 devastated much of the low lying areas of town and the Smoot Tannery, the iconic smokestack still stand today as a historic landmark.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Master Plan is to understand the needs of Smoot Park, to identify the opportunities and constraints of the property within it, and to make recommendations for the future of the park based upon the findings during this process.

SMOOT PARK MASTER PLAN

Recommended improvements illustrated by the Master Plan include facilities that encourage active and healthy living, reflect community input, and improve accessibility. They also support county initiatives focused on the economic and health benefits of outdoor recreation and tourism. Park facilities, both existing and proposed, encourage healthy living, providing opportunities for swimming, skateboarding, basketball, walking, fitness activities and inclusive play. The plan also advocates for better connections to nature.

Smoot Park has served generations of North Wilkesboro and Wilkes County residents. The park boasts the only public pool and skate park in the County. It is largely considered a family park offering numerous and varied recreation facilities given its size. Over the years many of the facilities are worn out, not in compliance with accessibility requirements and unconnected.

The process conducted to prepare this Master Plan, engaged the community both in person and virtually. Over 400 residents participated in an on-line and print survey. Public input meetings and presentations to civic organizations helped staff understand the communities priorities. Local knowledge was instrumental to developing the shared vision defined by this Master Plan.



Existing buildings, particularly the restrooms in the pool house are out of compliance with ADA requirements. In addition, the playgrounds are not accessible or inclusive and many of the connecting walkways are not ADA accessible. By improving the park, the Town of North Wilkesboro will be providing the community equitable and inclusive opportunities for healthy living and simultaneously demonstrate their commitment to maintaining meaningful places in the community.

Improvements recommended by this plan will enhance existing recreation facilities valued by the community, make the park accessible to all, safer and more inclusive.

Improvements will also improve the park's contribution to county and regional outdoor recreation initiatives.



DEMOGRAPHICS + TRENDS

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INCOME

The median Wilkes County household income as of 2020 was \$44,980.00. In North Wilkesboro, 21% of residents fall below the federal poverty level, 40.5% are cost burdened (spending 30% or more of income on rent), and 7% are without a vehicle.

AGE AND DISABILITY

21% of Wilkes County residents are over 65, and that number is projected to grow in the next decade as our population ages and retirees locate to the foothills. In 2019, it was estimated that over 18% of the Wilkes County population was living with a disability (compared to the state average of 13.4%).

RACE AND ETHNICITY

4.7% of the county's population identifies as Black or African American. 6.5% of the county's population identifies as Hispanic or Latino, and nearly half of our Lantinx community are under the age of 18. 87.6% of the county's population identifies as white alone.





INVENTORY + ANALYSIS

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CURRENT PARK CONDITIONS

Facilities

Current facilities at Smoot Park include a public pool, diving well, splash pad, skate park, playgrounds, picnic facilities both large and small, volleyball court, story walk, river access including two small boat launches and a connection to the Yadkin River Greenway Trail, and other minor recreation amenities.

While various facilities are in good shape and can be renovated, several park features were recommended for removal and replacement by consultant WithersRavenel. These include the pool house, existing restroom buildings and large picnic pavilion.

Floodplain and Floodway

Much of the park is in the Yadkin River floodplain. The basketball courts are currently in the floodway of the river and are subject to periodic water damage which makes them difficult to maintain.



SPLASH PAD



SKATEPARK



BIG PLAYGROUND



MAIN PAVILION



MAIN PAVILION



PICNIC SHELTERS



OPEN SPACE



POOLHOUSE



VOLLEYBALL COURT

INVENTORY + ANALYSIS

CURRENT PARK CONDITIONS

Accessibility and Inclusivity

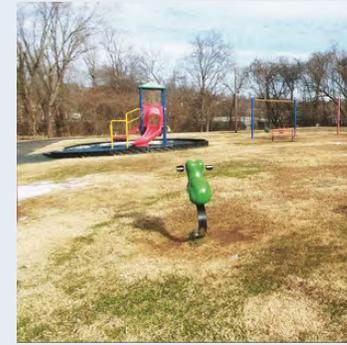
Accessibility throughout the park requires improvement. The playgrounds are currently not inclusive or accessible. The story walk is not an accessible trail and the buildings have accessibility issues. Making the park more inclusive is focused on play environments but also considers the need to provide a place for the Latinx community to play soccer. There are very few places to play soccer in the county.

Context

The park is bordered on the north by a creek and to the East by the Yadkin River. Land uses across Chestnut Street and associated parking to the south are light industrial and business including the Town's Waste Water Treatment facility. The park has a relatively undefined edge along the parking area. Main Street and an abandoned railroad corridor sets the western edge of the park.

Aesthetics and Entrance

The park currently lacks a sense of entry and arrival and would benefit from additional entry definition, signage, tree plantings, and landscape improvements.



SMALL PLAYGROUND



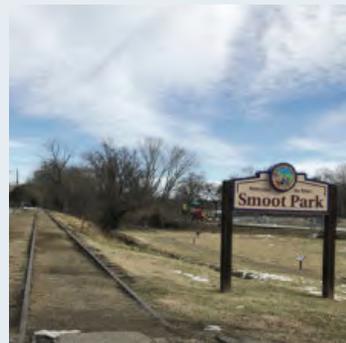
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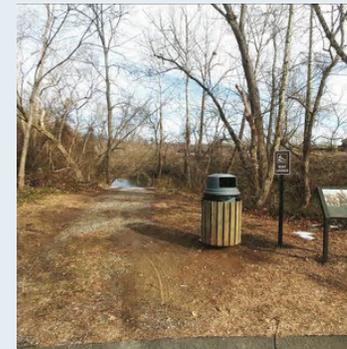
GREENWAY ACCESS



PARKING



ENTRANCE



RIVER ACCESS



BASKETBALL COURTS

INVENTORY + ANALYSIS CURRENT PARK CONDITIONS



INVENTORY + ANALYSIS RECENT AMENITIES

Story Walk and Bike Fix It Station

The Town partnered with The Health Foundation and the Wilkes County Library to create new amenities at Smoot Park in 2020 and 2021. Both organizations provided grant funding for the Story Walk and Bike Fix It Station

Euclid Avenue Trail

At the end of 2021, Healthy Wilkes Action Team and the Yadkin River Greenway Council helped the Town fund the Euclid Avenue Trail as a greenway extension from the North Wilkesboro Housing Authority towards Smoot Park.



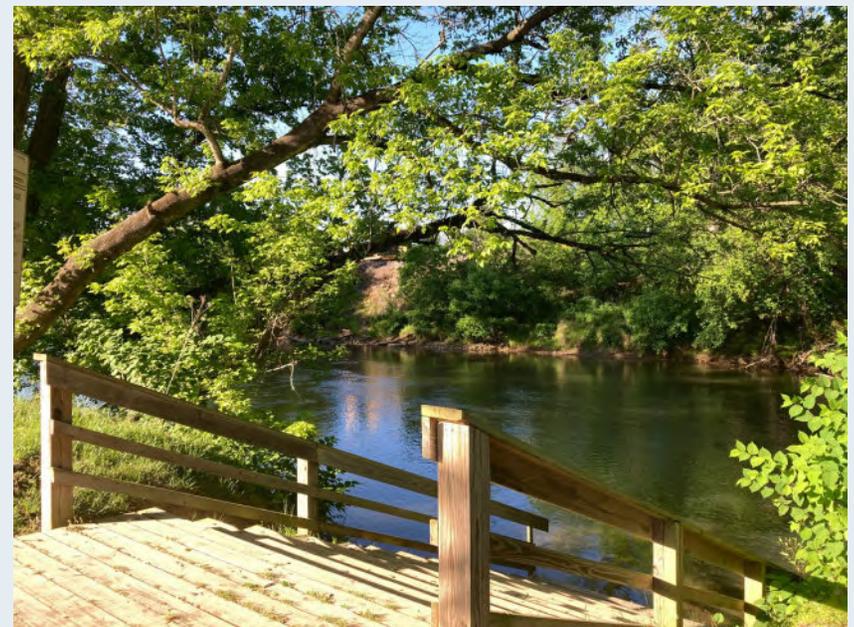
INVENTORY + ANALYSIS NATURAL AMENITIES

River Paddle Access Points

Smoot Park has two river access points for paddle sports. Paddlers have the option of choosing their own challenge level by using either the stair-built access along the fast-flowing current or the beginner-friendly gravel access alongside slower-moving eddy waters.

Historic Walking Trails

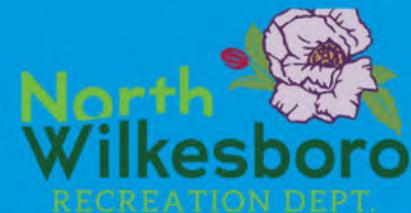
The park also is the western-most entrance to the Yadkin River Greenway trail and sits on the National Historic Overmountain Victory Trail. The Yadkin River Greenway connects Smoot Park to over eight miles of paved and natural surface walking trails.



WHATS YOUR
SMOOT PARK
VISION?

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

Public Meeting
5:30pm Tuesday Feb. 8
Town Hall & Zoom



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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TREE PLANTING WITH NWAH YOUTH

Town staff asked the North Wilkesboro Housing Authority (NWAH) to help kick off the renovations at Smoot Park by planting four Red Maple Trees. The youth of the NWAH enthusiastically pitched in.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Staff met with the following organizations to present the proposed Smoot Park revitalization plan and gather feedback:

- North Wilkesboro Housing Authority
- Wilkes Circles of Care
- North Wilkesboro Rotary Club
- North Wilkesboro Kiwanis
- Smoot Park Pool Association
- Town Board of Commissioners





RECOMMENDATIONS

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ACCESSIBILITY, SAFETY, AND INCLUSIVITY

Master plan recommendations enhance opportunities for healthy living by addressing the current condition of park facilities, accessibility, safety, and inclusivity. Recommended improvements include the following:

IMPROVED LIGHTING

CONSTRUCT FITNESS AREA

CLOSURE OF ENTRY TO TREATMENT PLANT FROM CHESTNUT STREET

IMPROVE PARKING AND DROP OFF FOR RIVER ACCESS

POTENTIAL REPLACEMENT OF BASKETBALL COURTS WITH MULTI-USE FIELD

REBUILD POOL HOUSE

ADD NATURE DECK

EXPAND SKATE PARK

REPAIR POOL AREA

CREATE OPEN SPACE

IMPROVE WALKS AND CREATE LOOP THROUGHOUT THE PARK

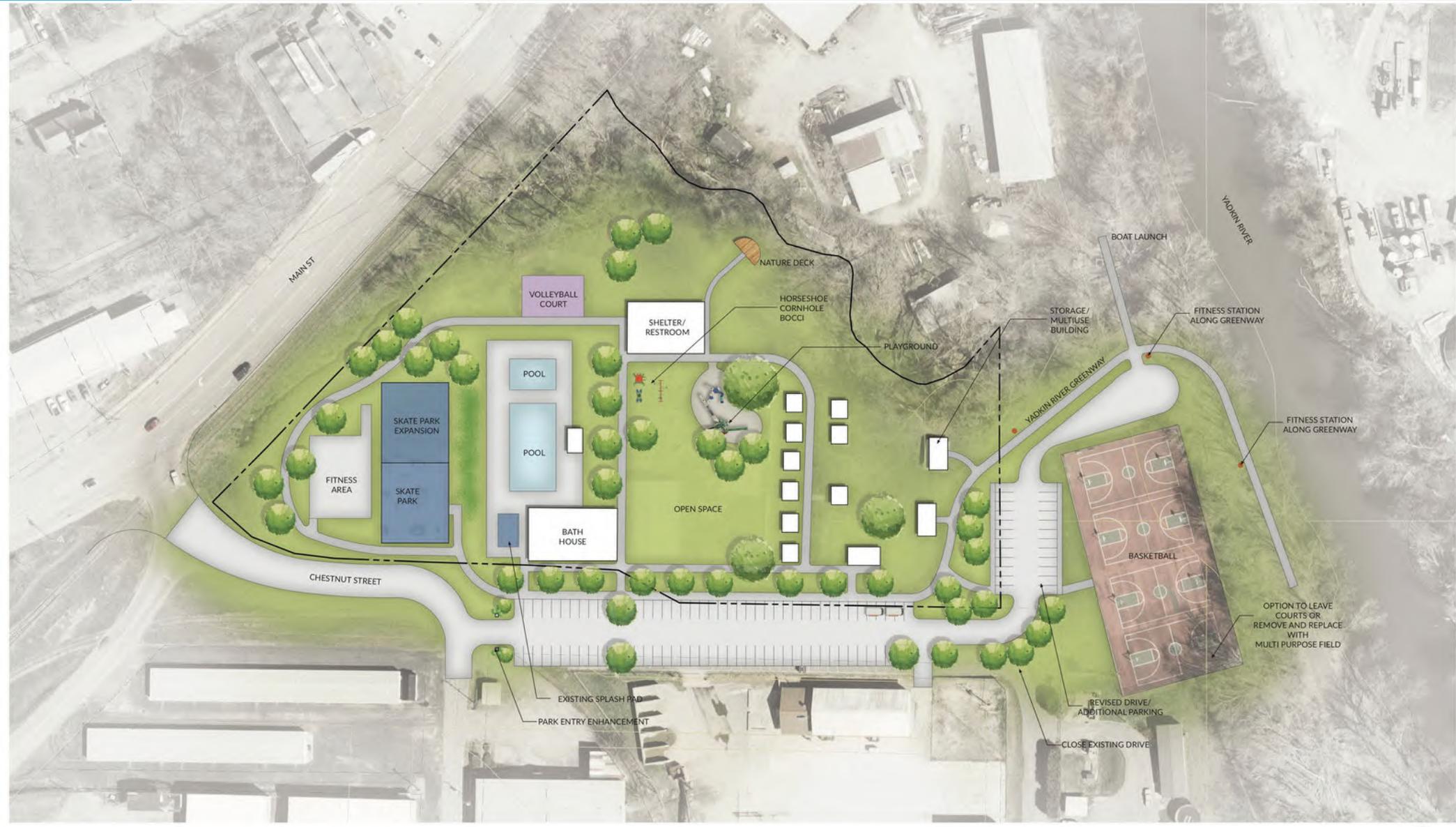
REFURBISH PICNIC SHELTERS

REPLACE PLAYGROUNDS

REPLACE PICNIC PAVILION WITH RESTROOMS

RECOMMENDATIONS

SMOOT PARK MASTER PLAN

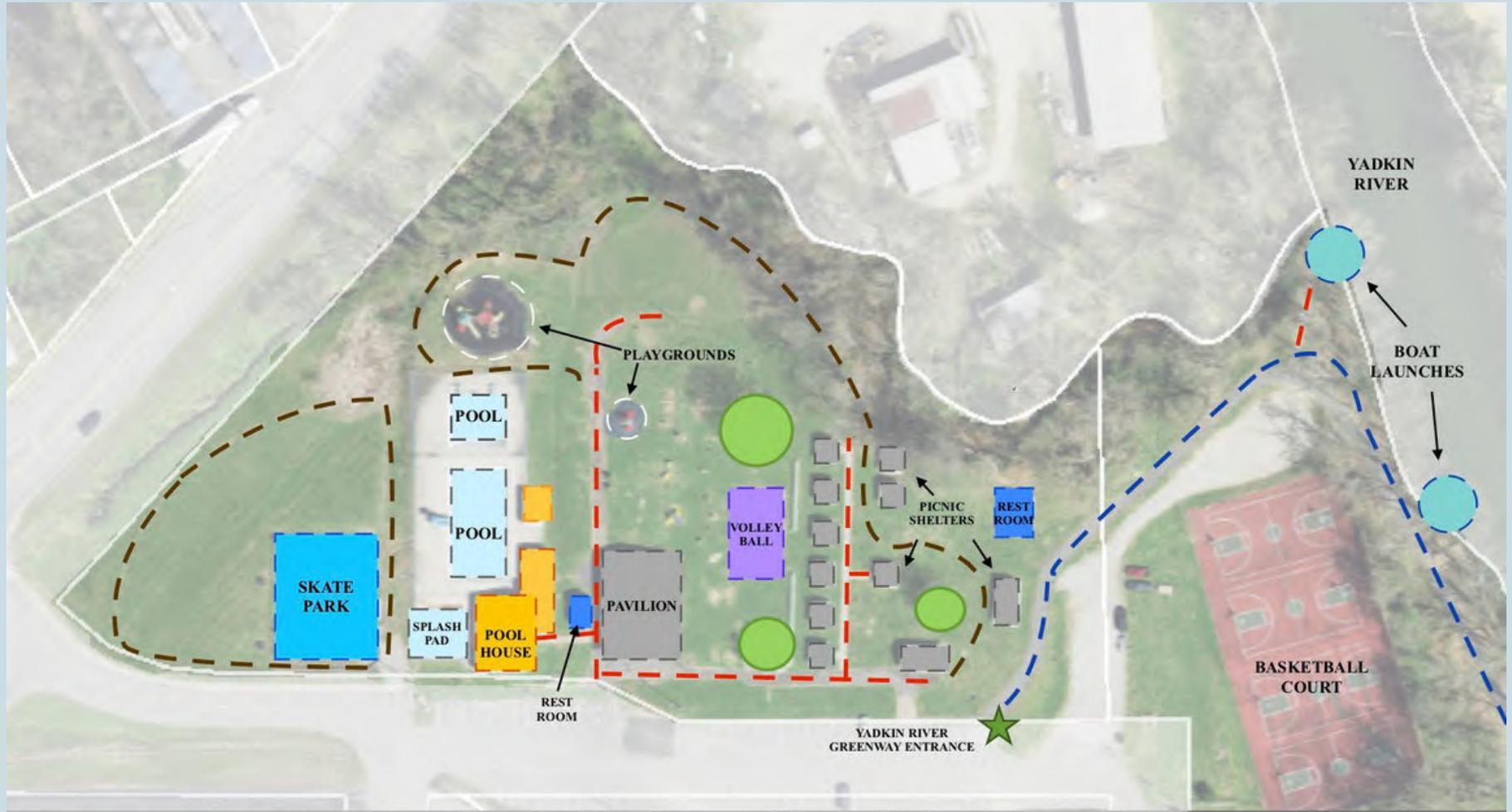




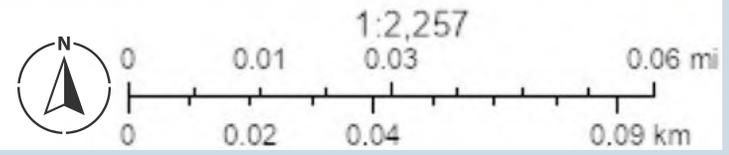
ACTION + PHASE PLAN

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CURRENT CONDITIONS



- Yadkin River Greenway Trail
- Storywalk
- Main Circulation
- Trees

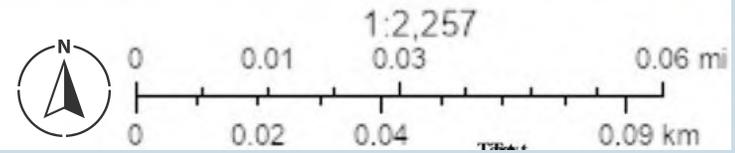


ACTION + PHASE PLAN

PHASE ONE



- Yadkin River Greenway Trail
- Storywalk
- Main Circulation
- Trees
- Painted picnic shelters

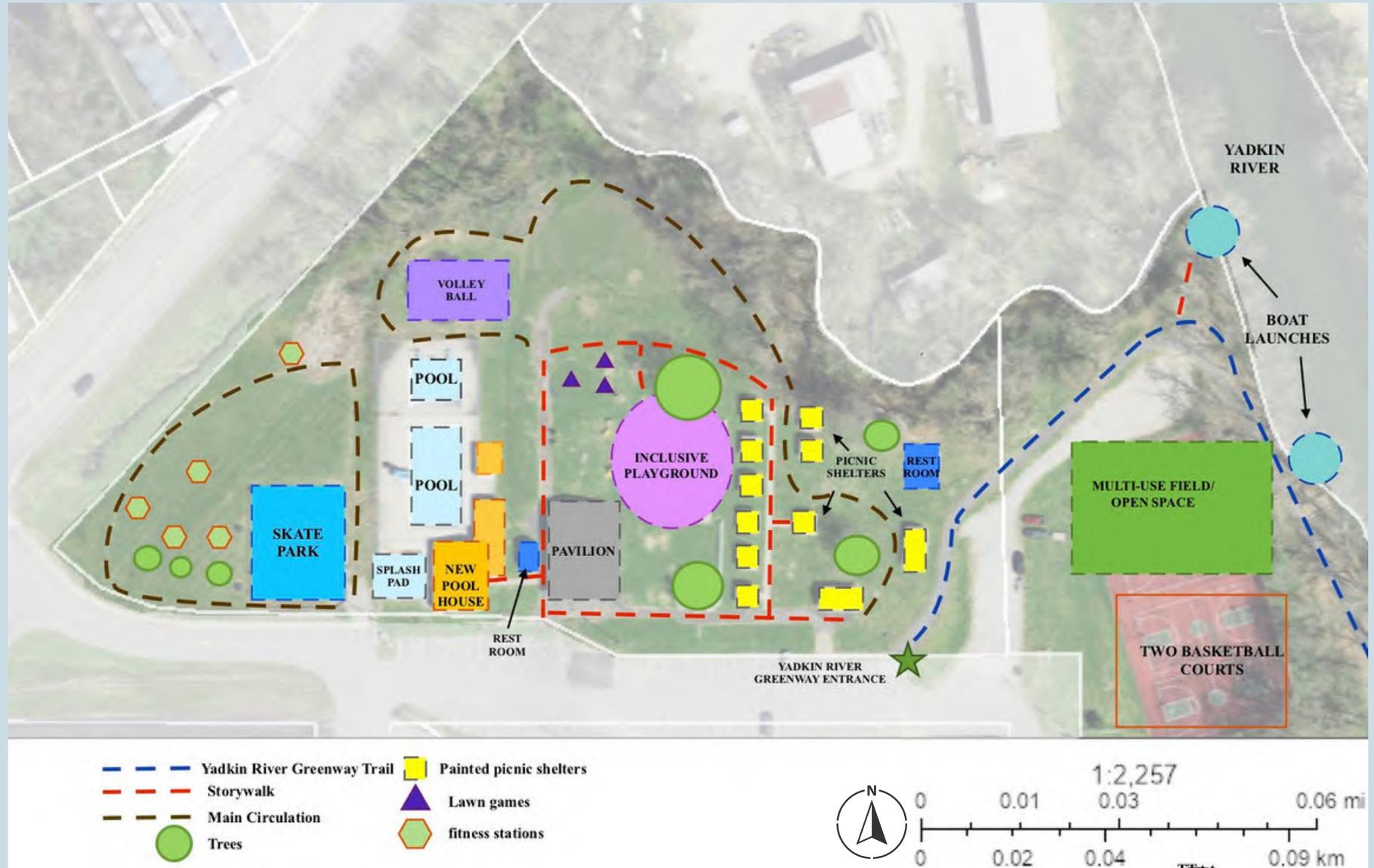


Objectives

- Inclusive Playground
- Volleyball Court/ Relocated Open Space
- Painted Picnic Shelters
- Initial Landscaping

ACTION + PHASE PLAN

PHASE TWO

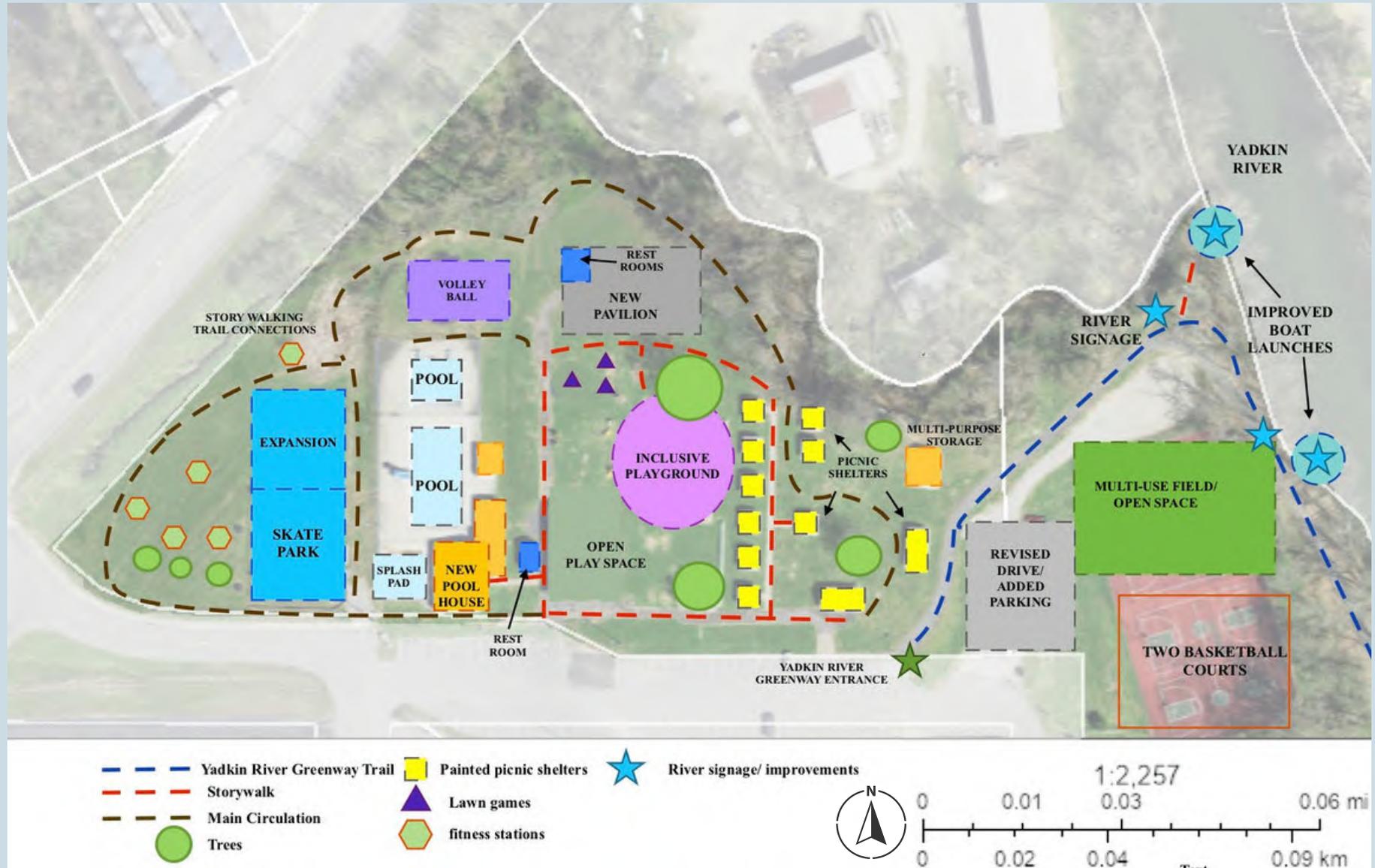


Objectives

- Pool house ADA renovation
- Pool Repair
- Lawn Games
- Half multi-use field/ open space
- Fitness Area/ Stations

ACTION + PHASE PLAN

PHASE THREE



Objectives

Skatepark Expansion

New Large Picnic Shelter

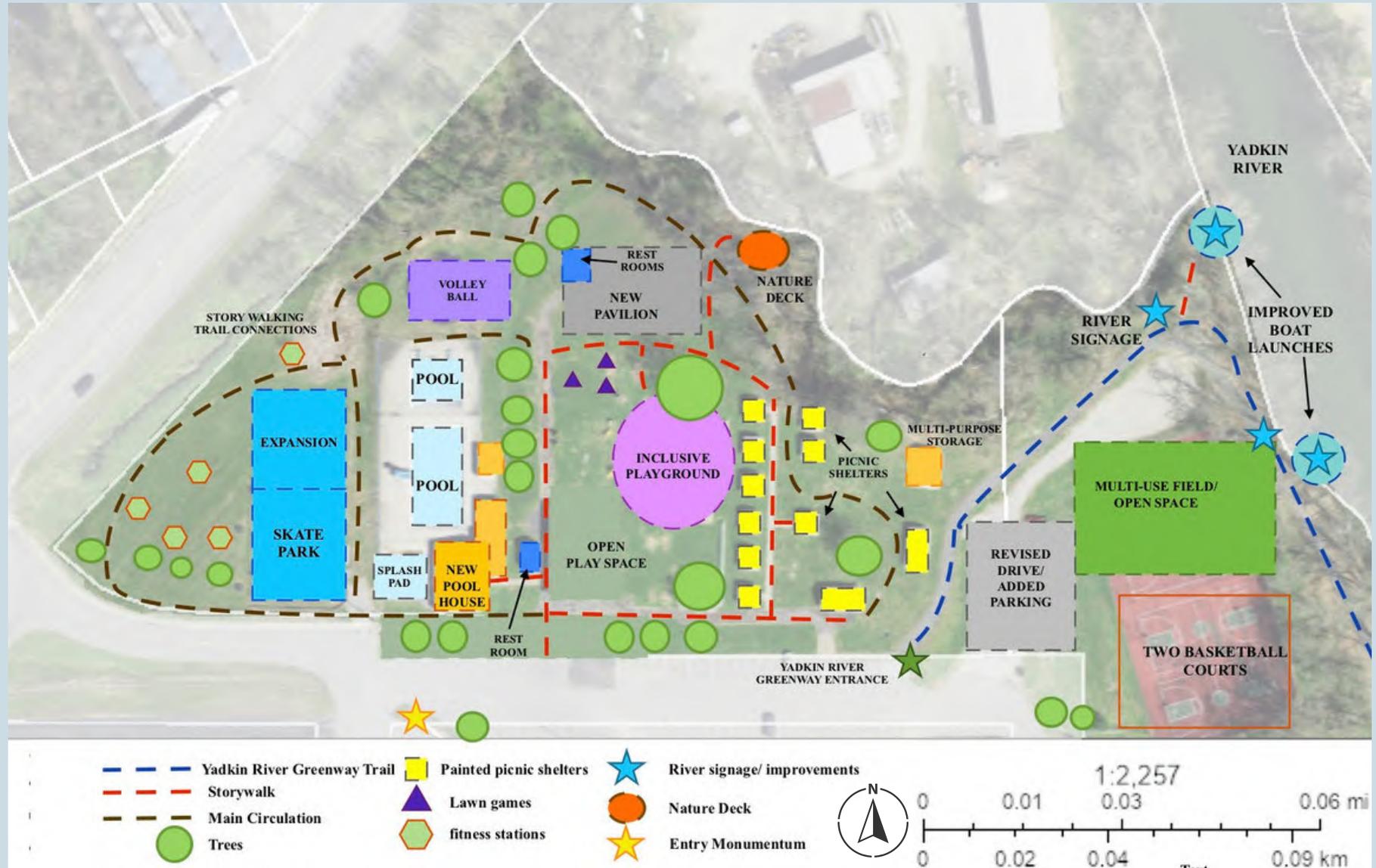
River Access Improvements

Story Walk Connections

Revised driveway/ boat turnaround and additional parking

ACTION + PHASE PLAN

PHASE FOUR



Objectives

Education/ Nature Deck
 Parking Lot Safety Improvements

Landscaping
 Entry Monument Sign

PHASE ONE



Older children lack a variety of recreation and play opportunities at the park.

INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

The play equipment has not been updated since the 1970s and is haphazardly scattered throughout the rear of the park. Parents are unable to easily supervise their children as the two main play structures for ages 2-5 and 5-12 are so far apart that it is impossible for one person to simultaneously look after a younger and older child.

Playground pieces lack a variety of options and require users to be able to fully step, climb, pull up, and grasp. Additionally, a lack of dedicated pathways and connections between the play equipment may exclude users who have trouble crossing uneven surfaces.



PHASE TWO



ADA POOLHOUSE RENOVATIONS

As the only public pool in the county, Smoot Park's pool house hasn't been renovated since its construction in 1974. The structure fails to meet ADA accessibility compliance. Users must enter through and use the pool house to check in, shower off and change, and store their belongings before entering the pool, diving well or splash pad.

ADA improvements would address:

- Bathroom remodel (Showers, Waterclosets, Sinks)
- Doorways
- Egress/Ingress
- Sidewalks
- Staff areas



POOL REPAIR

Additionally, the pump in the pool holds no pressure, which causes it to leak. Repair of the pool is a priority for maintaining the community's access to water-based recreation.

PHASE TWO

HALF MULTI-USE FIELD OR URBAN SOCCER PARK

Wilkes County's immigrant population (predominantly Hispanic and Burmese) lacks access to culturally relevant forms of recreation. Hispanics make up 6.5%, over half of whom are under the age of 18.

While soccer is a popular form of recreation within Latin American culture, no soccer fields exist within North Wilkesboro or the immediate vicinity. Players' use of the Memorial Park tennis courts for half court soccer games demonstrates the community's desire for a flexible playscape.



SOCGER FIELD IN BAY AREA CA (SOURCE: URBAN SOCCER PARK)



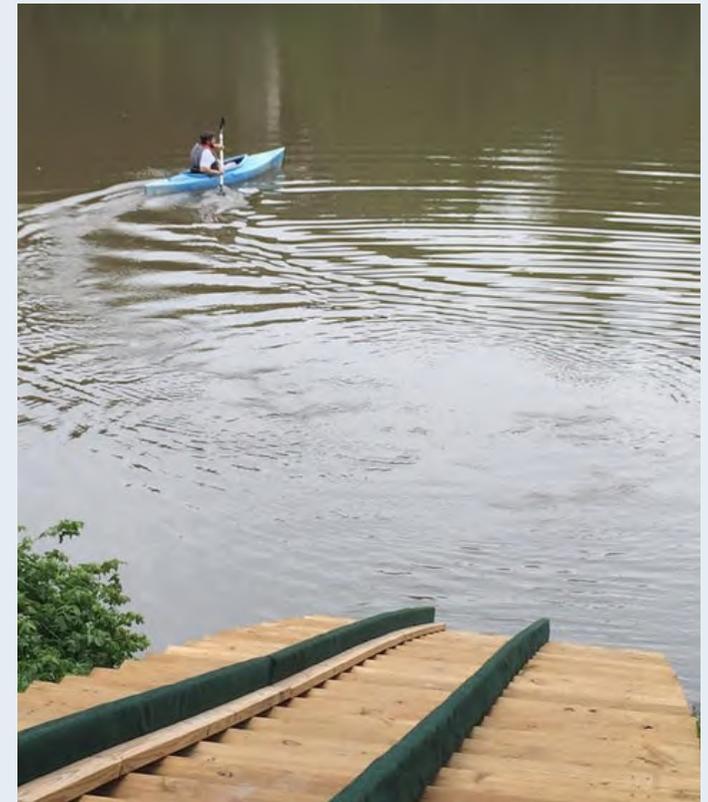
Smoot Park's basketball courts are an underutilized amenity that could fill this gap by converting the area to a natural surface. Because the area is partially located in the floodplain, continual repairs to the current surface are costly and unsustainable, making this a practical improvement for visitors and maintenance crews alike.

PHASE THREE



YADKIN RIVER ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

The two access points at the park provide the perfect midpoint stop for kayakers, canoeists, and tubers as they make their way from the Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir to Elkin. The first put in/take out features stairs leading to the water's edge, accessible from the greenway. The second put in/take out is located along an eddy downstream from the stairs.



RAMP RIVER ACCESS SOUTH FORK CATAWBA RIVER BLUEWAY (SOURCE: CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL)

PHASE THREE

SKATEPARK UPGRADE AND EXTENSION

Based on the public's feedback, we plan to double the size of the current Skate Park and use concrete formed challenge courses instead of a built environment.



CURRENT SKATE PARK



PROPOSED CONCRETE FORM PARK
(SOURCE: NAGS HEAD YMCA)

PHASE THREE

NEW DUAL USE PICNIC SHELTER

A new, larger picnic shelter with bathrooms and outdoor sinks will better and more efficiently serve patrons. Its location will be moved to the rear of the park in order to maximize open, green space adjacent to the inclusive playground.



PHASE FOUR

PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to the parking areas include reconfiguring the lot into a cohesive parking lot layout with the addition of trees. Additionally, the plan proposes to close the street at the terminus of the park and re-routes trucks to the Waste Water Plant through Vance Street.

EDUCATION NATURE DECK/ POLLINATOR GARDEN

The plan proposes interactive educational elements such as a wildlife viewing deck or pollinator garden. Nature education engages users of all ages and encourages appreciation for the environment and local wildlife.

ENTRY MONUMENT SIGN

Improved signage at the entrance of Smoot Park will further establish a sense of place and separate the space from adjacent traffic. Clear signage and reconfiguration of the parking lot's edge will deter cut-through traffic and improve the safety of the site for pedestrians.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping elements include installation of trees, shrubbery, and flowers throughout the park. Community volunteer days will provide opportunities for the public to directly contribute to Smoot Park's transformation.



Smoot Park / Estimate of Probable Construction Cost

Item	Probable Cost
Demolition	
• Bathhouse	\$ 40,000.00
• Picnic pavilion	\$ 30,000.00
• Restrooms (2)	\$ 30,000.00
• Playgrounds	\$ 25,000.00
• General site demo (walks, pavement, gravel)	\$ 75,000.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 200,000.00
Repairs	
• Pool leak	\$ 15,000.00
• Shelters (clean up / painting)	\$ 20,000.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 35,000.00
New Buildings	
• Bathhouse (4,000 sf @ \$275.00 / sf)	\$1,100,000.00
• Picnic pavilion / restrooms (2,750 sf @ \$125.00 / sf and 750 sf @ \$200.00 / sf)	\$ 500,000.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$1,600,000.00
New Park Facilities	
• Playground	\$ 150,000.00
• Skate Park Expansion	\$ 175,000.00
• Fitness Area	\$ 125,000.00
• Parking revisions	\$ 75,000.00
• Volleyball Court	\$ 10,000.00
• Nature Deck	\$ 25,000.00
• Walks	\$ 50,000.00
• Entry Monumentation	\$ 15,000.00
• Landscaping (new trees / seeding)	\$ 50,000.00
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$ 675,000.00
Total	\$2,510,000.00
• 15% contingency	\$ 376,500.00
• Design fees	\$ 230,000.00
Grand Total	\$3,116,500.00

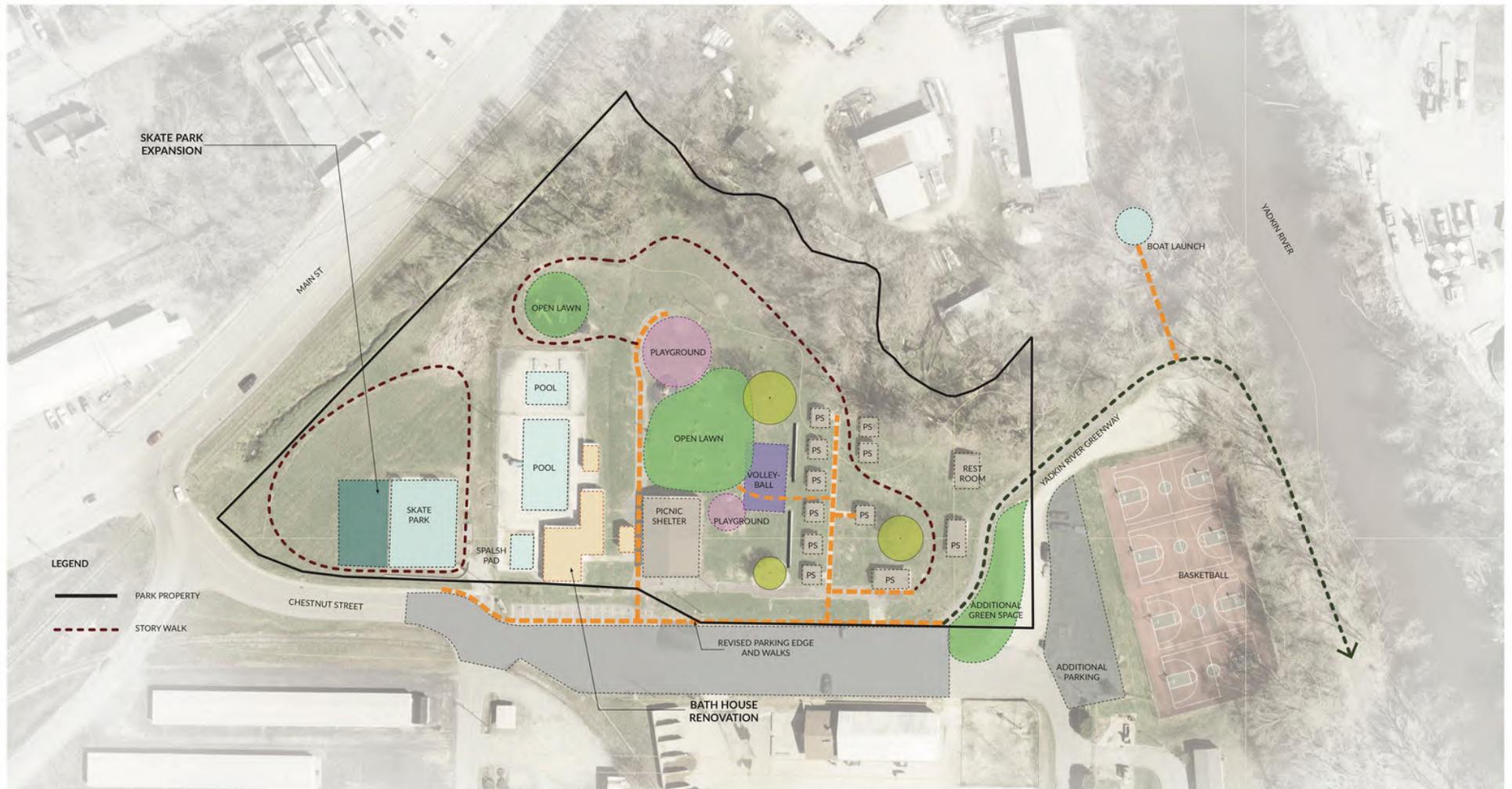
Notes

- OPCC is based on Master Plan by WithersRavenel dated February 13, 2022
- OPCC is based on recent costs encountered on other similar projects
- Estimates do not include any accommodation for inflation. The contingency is included to account for changing materials and construction costs in addition to
- Grading, drainage, and utility costs are embedded in the cost of various elements
- Lighting is expected to be provided by Duke Progress and would be a lease arrangement for the Town

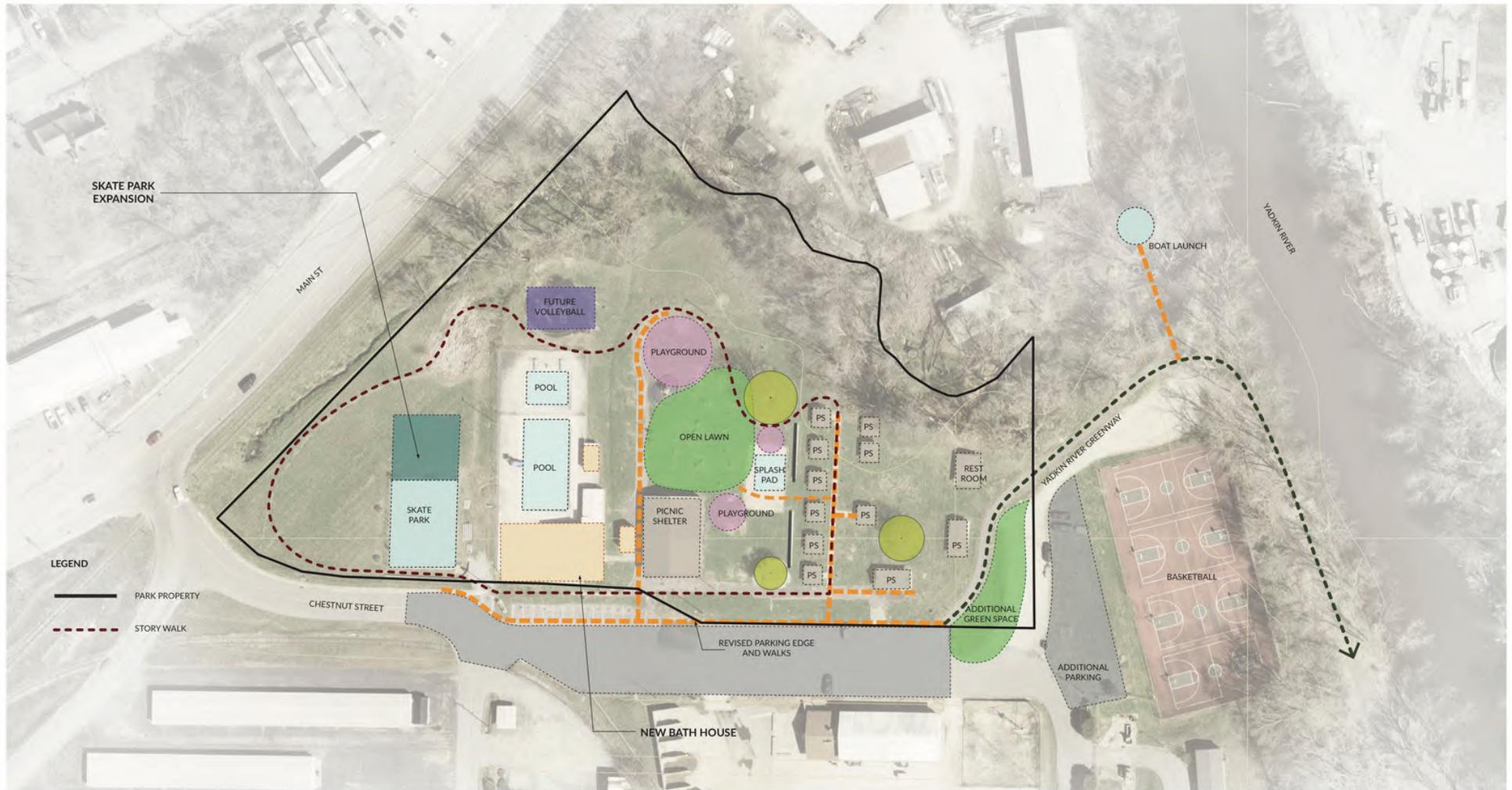


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FEBRUARY PUBLIC INPUT MEETING OPTION A

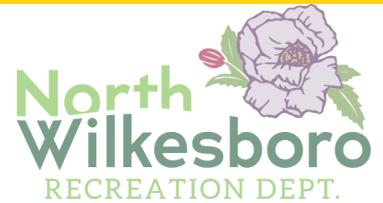


FEBRUARY PUBLIC INPUT MEETING OPTION B



Renovations at Smoot Park

Whats your vision? Share your thoughts and help plan the future of Smoot Park



1. Which of the following facilities provided at Smoot Park are essential and should remain as is? (check all that apply)

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main pavilion | <input type="checkbox"/> Splash area | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenway trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath house | <input type="checkbox"/> Skate park | <input type="checkbox"/> Story walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pools | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual shelters | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball court | <input type="checkbox"/> River access |

2. Which facilities need improvement / expansion? (check all that apply)

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main pavilion | <input type="checkbox"/> Splash area | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenway trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath house | <input type="checkbox"/> Skate park | <input type="checkbox"/> Story walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pools | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual shelters | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball court | <input type="checkbox"/> River access |

3. What recreation facilities are needed but missing from Smoot Park?

4. Improvements to which of the following facilities should be a priority? (check top 3)

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main pavilion | <input type="checkbox"/> Splash area | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenway trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath house | <input type="checkbox"/> Skate park | <input type="checkbox"/> Story walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pools | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual shelters | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball court | <input type="checkbox"/> River access |

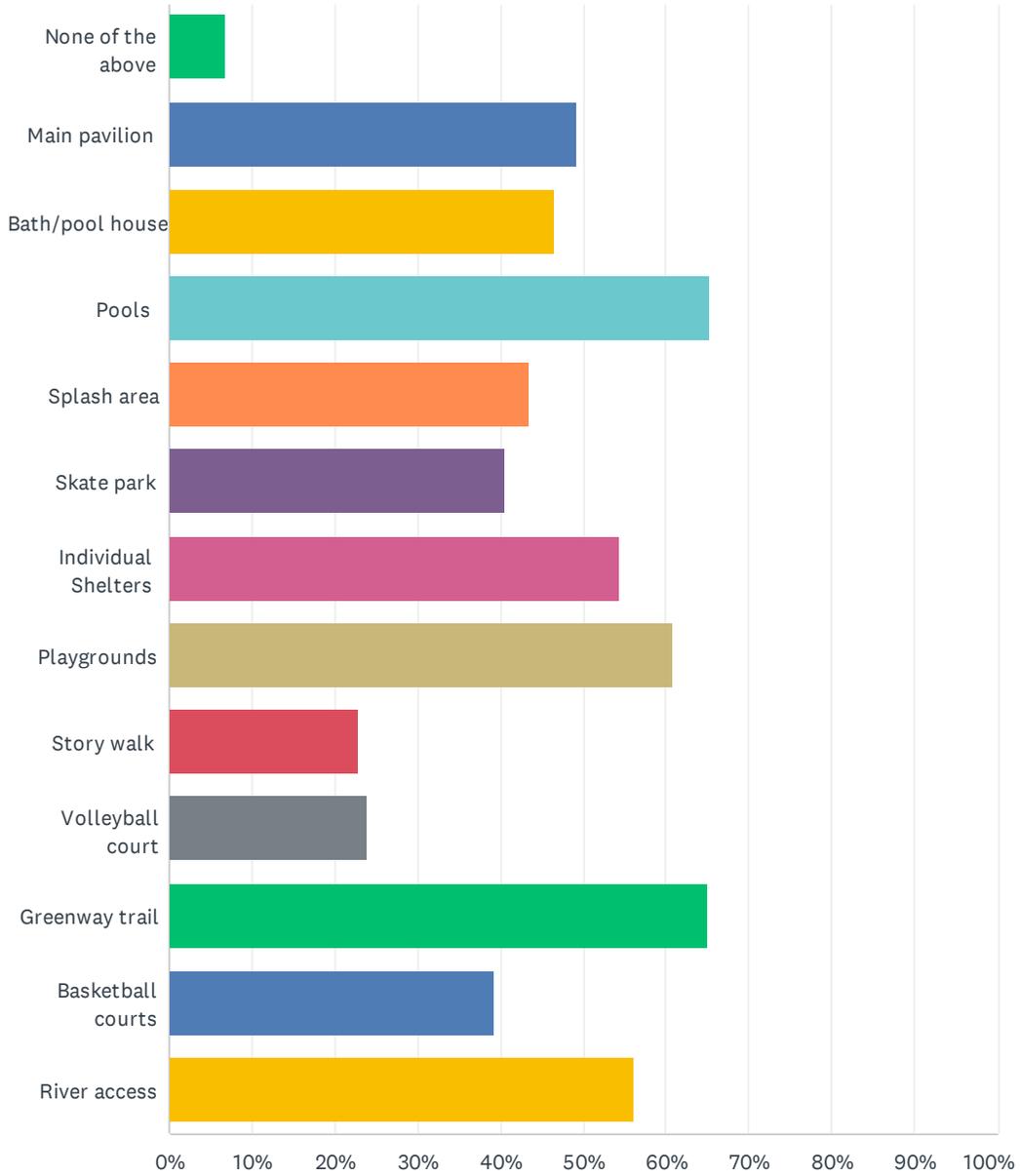
5. Which of the following facilities should be removed? (check top 3)

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|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main pavilion | <input type="checkbox"/> Splash area | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenway trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath house | <input type="checkbox"/> Skate park | <input type="checkbox"/> Story walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pools | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual shelters | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball court | <input type="checkbox"/> River access |

6. Provide any other comments you wish regarding future improvements to Smoot Park

Q1 Which of the following facilities provided at Smoot Park are essential and should remain as is? (check all that apply)

Answered: 398 Skipped: 3

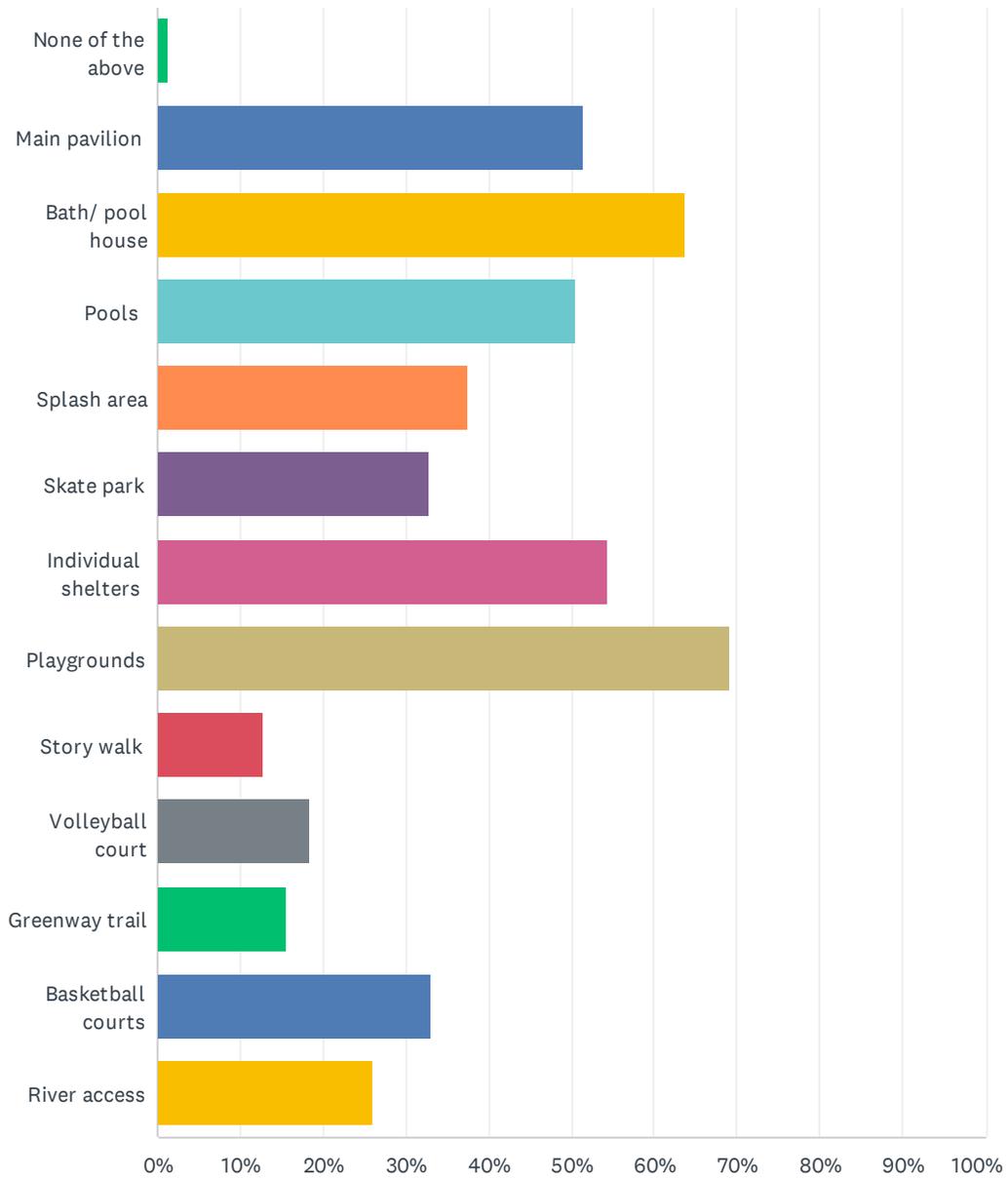


Renovations at Smoot Park

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	6.78%	27
Main pavilion	49.25%	196
Bath/pool house	46.48%	185
Pools	65.33%	260
Splash area	43.47%	173
Skate park	40.45%	161
Individual Shelters	54.27%	216
Playgrounds	60.80%	242
Story walk	22.86%	91
Volleyball court	23.87%	95
Greenway trail	65.08%	259
Basketball courts	39.20%	156
River access	56.03%	223
Total Respondents: 398		

Q2 Which facilities need improvement/ expansion? (check all that apply)

Answered: 399 Skipped: 2



Renovations at Smoot Park

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	1.25%	5
Main pavilion	51.38%	205
Bath/ pool house	63.66%	254
Pools	50.63%	202
Splash area	37.59%	150
Skate park	32.83%	131
Individual shelters	54.39%	217
Playgrounds	69.17%	276
Story walk	12.78%	51
Volleyball court	18.30%	73
Greenway trail	15.54%	62
Basketball courts	33.08%	132
River access	26.07%	104
Total Respondents: 399		

Q3 What recreation facilities are needed but missing from Smoot Park?

Answered: 302 Skipped: 99

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4	Pickleball	2/22/2022 8:08 AM
5	Na	2/21/2022 7:43 PM
6	I wish that it was a little more clean I love smoot part and I love to take my kids there to play and I love to have parties there I just want it to be cleaned up and the greenway cleaned up I would love to go back just to exercise and have fun and during Halloween I wish that there was more for the kiddos to do also is pure romance able to set up a tent during Halloween	2/18/2022 2:56 PM
7	?	2/18/2022 2:12 PM
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9	Skate park	2/18/2022 1:43 PM
10	A bigger skate park	2/18/2022 1:43 PM
11	Lights and better concrete at the skatepark	2/18/2022 1:32 PM
12	Smoot Park could use more public bathrooms, especially while the pool is closed for the season.	2/18/2022 1:17 PM
13	Lights and possible improvements to the skatepark.	2/17/2022 11:26 PM
14	infant swings , more equipment, better seating	2/17/2022 10:17 PM
15	I'm not aware of there being a call box for safety (this would also be good along the Greenway in some of the more isolated sections, like near Smoot Park).	2/17/2022 3:32 PM
16	N/A	2/17/2022 2:55 PM
17	Better lights	2/16/2022 5:06 PM
18	Dog park or area for leshed dogs	2/16/2022 8:50 AM
19	Indoor recreation center	2/15/2022 7:56 PM
20	Swings for big kids	2/15/2022 6:41 PM
21	Accessible play areas for children with special needs.	2/15/2022 5:49 PM
22	More suited toddler play area.	2/15/2022 4:23 PM
23	Tennis	2/15/2022 4:06 PM
24	Outdoor stage	2/15/2022 2:04 PM
25	River access that is publicized. A commercial run access point.	2/15/2022 8:53 AM
26	The playground is not very nice, needs shade and modernization	2/15/2022 8:20 AM
27	Na	2/15/2022 6:15 AM
28	Spalsh pad	2/15/2022 2:16 AM
29	Not sure	2/14/2022 9:42 PM
30	Better bathrooms and fences	2/14/2022 9:25 PM

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31	science activity educational set	2/14/2022 8:22 PM
32	Indoor/all year pool access	2/14/2022 8:09 PM
33	Splash pad	2/14/2022 7:16 PM
34	Mini putt putt	2/14/2022 7:10 PM
35	Renovated bathrooms!	2/14/2022 6:10 PM
36	Dog park, batting cages	2/14/2022 5:15 PM
37	Cleaner bathroom facilities	2/14/2022 5:05 PM
38	Free Splash pad area. More swings for bigger kids	2/14/2022 3:57 PM
39	We need a water park! Look at the statesville leisure pool. It's amazing! Wilkes needs something like this!	2/14/2022 3:36 PM
40	Toddler enclosed area	2/14/2022 3:05 PM
41	Upgrades.	2/14/2022 1:52 PM
42	N/a	2/14/2022 1:26 PM
43	None that I think of.	2/14/2022 1:18 PM
44	young children pool area and splash pad, updated playground equipment	2/14/2022 1:09 PM
45	Swings for older kids, climbing areas, more play areas	2/14/2022 12:59 PM
46	N/A	2/14/2022 12:41 PM
47	Younger children play equipment and handicappable equipment.	2/14/2022 11:49 AM
48	Bigger slides and swings	2/14/2022 11:39 AM
49	Not sure	2/14/2022 11:35 AM
50	Better playgrounds	2/14/2022 11:34 AM
51	More playground	2/14/2022 11:26 AM
52	.	2/14/2022 11:18 AM
53	Baby pool	2/14/2022 11:17 AM
54	updated bathrooms, sidewalks to all shelters, more shelters should be added in grass beside basketball courts	2/14/2022 11:14 AM
55	updated bathrooms and bathhouse	2/14/2022 11:10 AM
56	maybe waterslides at the pools. Maybe fixed corn hole boards. better nicer bathrooms	2/14/2022 11:07 AM
57	Swings for older kids/teens	2/14/2022 11:02 AM
58	More playground equipment	2/14/2022 10:36 AM
59	Baby/Toddler Area	2/14/2022 10:27 AM
60	Unknown	2/14/2022 10:20 AM
61	Better playground. For all ages.	2/14/2022 10:16 AM
62	Splash pad for toddlers	2/14/2022 10:15 AM
63	Bathrooms open at all times, swings for bigger AND disabled kids	2/14/2022 10:12 AM
64	A walking trail around a playground	2/14/2022 10:04 AM
65	Bring the grill back!	2/14/2022 9:50 AM
66	Change part of the basketball court into a tennis court. Better playgrounds and skate park. Lights on the skate park and basketball courts/tennis courts	2/14/2022 9:48 AM

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67	Free splash pad	2/14/2022 9:47 AM
68	Large fence & security cameras	2/14/2022 9:46 AM
69	Pavilion facing the playground	2/14/2022 9:45 AM
70	Tennis court	2/14/2022 9:37 AM
71	Swings for the bigger kids	2/13/2022 11:31 PM
72	Dog park area	2/13/2022 11:02 PM
73	Better skatepark	2/13/2022 5:03 PM
74	More functional skatepark	2/13/2022 4:57 PM
75	Pickleball court - country's fastest growing sport right now	2/13/2022 4:51 PM
76	Pickle ball courts	2/13/2022 4:06 PM
77	Na	2/13/2022 12:03 PM
78	More areas for play instead of one main play area	2/13/2022 11:48 AM
79	Upgraded playground	2/13/2022 10:07 AM
80	None	2/13/2022 9:53 AM
81	N/A	2/13/2022 9:14 AM
82	Public Splash pad	2/13/2022 9:05 AM
83	There are lots of kids in track and cross country. Cater to that and the kids practice there. More people there. More opportunities for revenue.	2/13/2022 8:41 AM
84	Bathrooms	2/13/2022 8:38 AM
85	Safer skate park	2/13/2022 8:03 AM
86	Snacks	2/13/2022 12:17 AM
87	Bigger pools with slides	2/12/2022 11:38 PM
88	None	2/12/2022 10:18 PM
89	Open To Any Additions	2/12/2022 9:13 PM
90	.	2/12/2022 9:09 PM
91	Indoor party area	2/12/2022 8:36 PM
92	Splash pad	2/12/2022 8:30 PM
93	Mote	2/12/2022 8:13 PM
94	Dog park; accessible playground	2/12/2022 6:15 PM
95	None	2/12/2022 5:11 PM
96	A fence around the park. Handicap assessable playground.	2/12/2022 5:08 PM
97	Restrooms	2/12/2022 4:44 PM
98	Handicap playgrounds	2/12/2022 4:40 PM
99	A big swing set would be nice	2/12/2022 4:39 PM
100	More playground structures would be great.	2/12/2022 4:36 PM
101	Baseball/softball fields more bathrooms	2/12/2022 4:33 PM
102	Adult swings!	2/12/2022 4:23 PM
103	NA	2/12/2022 4:08 PM
104	Better swings	2/12/2022 4:03 PM

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105	Splash Pad	2/12/2022 3:32 PM
106	Toddler play zone	2/12/2022 3:12 PM
107	Swings	2/12/2022 3:10 PM
108	Security cameras and monitoring, updated shelters	2/12/2022 3:08 PM
109	Splash pad	2/12/2022 3:05 PM
110	Baseball field	2/12/2022 3:04 PM
111	Swing sets	2/12/2022 3:00 PM
112	Fenced in splash pad	2/12/2022 2:54 PM
113	More toddler age equipment more birthday party tables	2/12/2022 2:50 PM
114	N/A	2/12/2022 2:47 PM
115	More toddler things.	2/12/2022 2:44 PM
116	More playground equipment	2/12/2022 2:33 PM
117	I'm not sure at the moment	2/12/2022 2:31 PM
118	Swings for bigger children	2/12/2022 2:23 PM
119	Handicapped swings	2/12/2022 2:13 PM
120	Kiddie area/pool for smaller kids	2/12/2022 2:07 PM
121	Clean rest rooms, snack and beverage offerings	2/12/2022 2:06 PM
122	Toddler playground	2/12/2022 2:02 PM
123	Splash Pad	2/12/2022 1:58 PM
124	Better lighting and landscaping	2/12/2022 1:40 PM
125	More playground equipment is needed	2/12/2022 1:27 PM
126	Smooth path for rollerblading and scooters	2/12/2022 1:15 PM
127	Something for the bigger kids.	2/12/2022 1:13 PM
128	More benches around play areas	2/12/2022 1:12 PM
129	swings, disc golf	2/12/2022 1:11 PM
130	Basketball hoops	2/12/2022 1:08 PM
131	Splash pad	2/12/2022 1:04 PM
132	Splash Pad	2/12/2022 12:58 PM
133	Toddler/infant pool	2/12/2022 12:57 PM
134	Swings	2/12/2022 12:55 PM
135	More bathrooms	2/12/2022 12:53 PM
136	Amphitheater, merry go round	2/12/2022 12:52 PM
137	Splash Pad	2/12/2022 12:52 PM
138	Nothing	2/12/2022 12:50 PM
139	Tennis Courts	2/12/2022 12:48 PM
140	Stage for community events	2/12/2022 12:44 PM
141	N/A	2/12/2022 12:42 PM
142	A fence	2/12/2022 12:37 PM

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143	A playground for smaller children	2/12/2022 12:35 PM
144	More than one pool.	2/12/2022 12:35 PM
145	More play areas with more than slides and swings	2/12/2022 12:34 PM
146	softball/baseball fields	2/12/2022 12:32 PM
147	Softball/baseball field, soccer field	2/12/2022 12:30 PM
148	None	2/12/2022 12:27 PM
149	New better playground equipment I can't take my kids bc everything is broken	2/12/2022 12:24 PM
150	I'd like to see a selfie sign for photos. Maybe a garden? Our kids deserve an awesome playground area with swings!!	2/12/2022 12:24 PM
151	Paint ball course	2/12/2022 12:24 PM
152	None— just needs upgrades and maintenance	2/12/2022 12:23 PM
153	Petting zoo	2/12/2022 12:21 PM
154	More vending machines and more swing sets	2/12/2022 12:20 PM
155	Better exit on river	2/12/2022 12:08 PM
156	More bathrooms, updated and clean. More playground equipment for all ages and all inclusions.	2/12/2022 12:08 PM
157	Playground needs to be closer to shelter's	2/12/2022 11:26 AM
158	Bigger swings, more play grounds, fix the skate park	2/12/2022 11:06 AM
159	Larger pool deck area. Individual pavilions with grills. Everything just needs updated.	2/12/2022 10:20 AM
160	More playground equipment, better swings, handicap accessible items	2/12/2022 9:51 AM
161	More/better wheelchair and walker access around the park for disabled children and adults. More activities for disabled children/adult.	2/12/2022 9:37 AM
162	Na	2/12/2022 9:27 AM
163	Needs more of everything and easy access in and out for kayaking and signage on the river to know where you are.	2/12/2022 8:49 AM
164	Open lawn for frisbee...seating for outdoor music concerts or story telling. Climbing apparatus	2/12/2022 7:30 AM
165	Better grills and keep drug people out of there	2/12/2022 6:13 AM
166	SWINGS	2/12/2022 6:07 AM
167	A concession stand with ice cream in the summer. A bigger and free splash pad. More playground equipment for the kids to play on.	2/12/2022 3:22 AM
168	Outdoor music with stage	2/12/2022 2:44 AM
169	?	2/12/2022 12:04 AM
170	Upgrading restrooms.	2/11/2022 11:54 PM
171	Keep it old school like a park should be a play ground and picnic areas for families and a place to eat lunch on a work break	2/11/2022 11:41 PM
172	more play equipment for kids with a variety of needs	2/11/2022 11:19 PM
173	Not sure	2/11/2022 11:18 PM
174	Nothing	2/11/2022 11:10 PM
175	Indoor community use recreation hall/ gymnasium	2/11/2022 11:01 PM
176	Park just needs to be updated	2/11/2022 10:53 PM
177	Security guard	2/11/2022 10:52 PM

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178	Softball field	2/11/2022 10:51 PM
179	None	2/11/2022 10:50 PM
180	Splash pad	2/11/2022 10:46 PM
181	More playground equipment for the children	2/11/2022 10:41 PM
182	Splash area	2/11/2022 10:24 PM
183	Family friendly changing area for small children or babies	2/11/2022 10:19 PM
184	Better bathroom facilities	2/11/2022 10:13 PM
185	Splash pad	2/11/2022 9:55 PM
186	Newer grills	2/11/2022 9:38 PM
187	Handicap accessible playground equipment	2/11/2022 9:37 PM
188	.	2/11/2022 9:26 PM
189	More swings and playground equipment for disabled children	2/11/2022 9:20 PM
190	Laser tag	2/11/2022 9:16 PM
191	Teen/adult exercise course	2/11/2022 9:16 PM
192	?	2/11/2022 9:12 PM
193	Containers for dogs mess; grills in the individual picnic areas; signs for areas so people won't do other things in the wrong places	2/11/2022 9:11 PM
194	Safety! Less drug paraphernalia	2/11/2022 9:07 PM
195	Place for toddlers	2/11/2022 9:03 PM
196	Nothing	2/11/2022 9:03 PM
197	They need umbrellas for the family to sit at outside more seating	2/11/2022 8:58 PM
198	N/a	2/11/2022 8:58 PM
199	Park benches. Playground modernized, concessions,	2/11/2022 8:55 PM
200	Good grills	2/11/2022 8:53 PM
201	Handicap swings	2/11/2022 8:46 PM
202	Not sure	2/11/2022 8:46 PM
203	Softball field, entertainment stage.	2/11/2022 8:43 PM
204	Lighted pickleball courts	2/11/2022 8:25 PM
205	Swings for older kids	2/11/2022 7:54 PM
206	Security cameras	2/11/2022 7:49 PM
207	Monkey bars	2/11/2022 7:47 PM
208	Restrooms. Safe restrooms	2/11/2022 7:40 PM
209	Bowling	2/11/2022 7:39 PM
210	Pickle ball courts	2/11/2022 7:37 PM
211	Food	2/11/2022 7:30 PM
212	Better playgrounds	2/11/2022 7:26 PM
213	Pickle ball Court	2/11/2022 7:20 PM
214	More grills	2/11/2022 7:19 PM
215	Bird/squirrel feeders	2/11/2022 7:19 PM

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216	Splash pad, dog park	2/11/2022 7:16 PM
217	Adult playground. Safe play space for kids. Modern shelters and pavilion	2/11/2022 7:12 PM
218	Non	2/11/2022 7:10 PM
219	Balance beams, larger slides	2/11/2022 7:09 PM
220	Splash pad free cleaner nicer restrooms	2/11/2022 7:04 PM
221	Football upright with net for kicking	2/11/2022 6:56 PM
222	Swings for the bigger kids	2/11/2022 6:50 PM
223	a larger patio area might be useful...possible expansion?	2/11/2022 6:43 PM
224	Tennis courts and pickle ball courts, and a pretty walking trail around the park. Take down all the small shelters and beautify with flowers, shrubs, etc. build a music venue on far side of new tennis/pickle ball courts.	2/11/2022 6:43 PM
225	Splash pad, Rest rooms	2/11/2022 6:42 PM
226	Inclusive play equipment	2/11/2022 6:41 PM
227	Unsure	2/11/2022 6:35 PM
228	Splash Pad, more bathrooms	2/11/2022 6:27 PM
229	Putt putt	2/11/2022 5:57 PM
230	Water rentals (kayaks, tubes)	2/11/2022 5:41 PM
231	Small shelters closer to the large playground would be extremely beneficial. Any time we have a cook out at the shelters, of course the kids want to run down to the bug playground but there are no shelters down that way. I feel this is something that would greatly improve summer get together a with smaller children. Also, maybe add the small area for toddlers in the pool area. I haven't been able to take my youngest 2 to swim because the area made for smaller children has been under construction for a while. I have so many memories from my childhood at Smoot Park and would love to share those and make memories with my own children.	2/11/2022 5:25 PM
232	More bbq area	2/11/2022 5:20 PM
233	Swings	2/11/2022 5:15 PM
234	Kiddie pool	2/11/2022 5:10 PM
235	It would be great to get a zip line for the playground	2/11/2022 4:57 PM
236	It needs to be cleaned.	2/11/2022 4:54 PM
237	swings for older children.	2/11/2022 4:47 PM
238	Access to put in or get off the Yadkin for the river people.	2/11/2022 4:47 PM
239	Better recreation equipment	2/11/2022 4:47 PM
240	Water fountains	2/11/2022 4:42 PM
241	Grills updated, online booking for the picnic areas for birthday party a and other areas open for just drop in picnics	2/11/2022 4:41 PM
242	Restrooms	2/11/2022 4:37 PM
243	N/A	2/11/2022 4:36 PM
244	Food	2/11/2022 4:35 PM
245	Public Restrooms to use when pool is closed	2/11/2022 4:35 PM
246	Pool chairs	2/11/2022 4:33 PM
247	regular swing sets should be added to the playground area.	2/11/2022 4:32 PM
248	Splash pad	2/11/2022 4:31 PM

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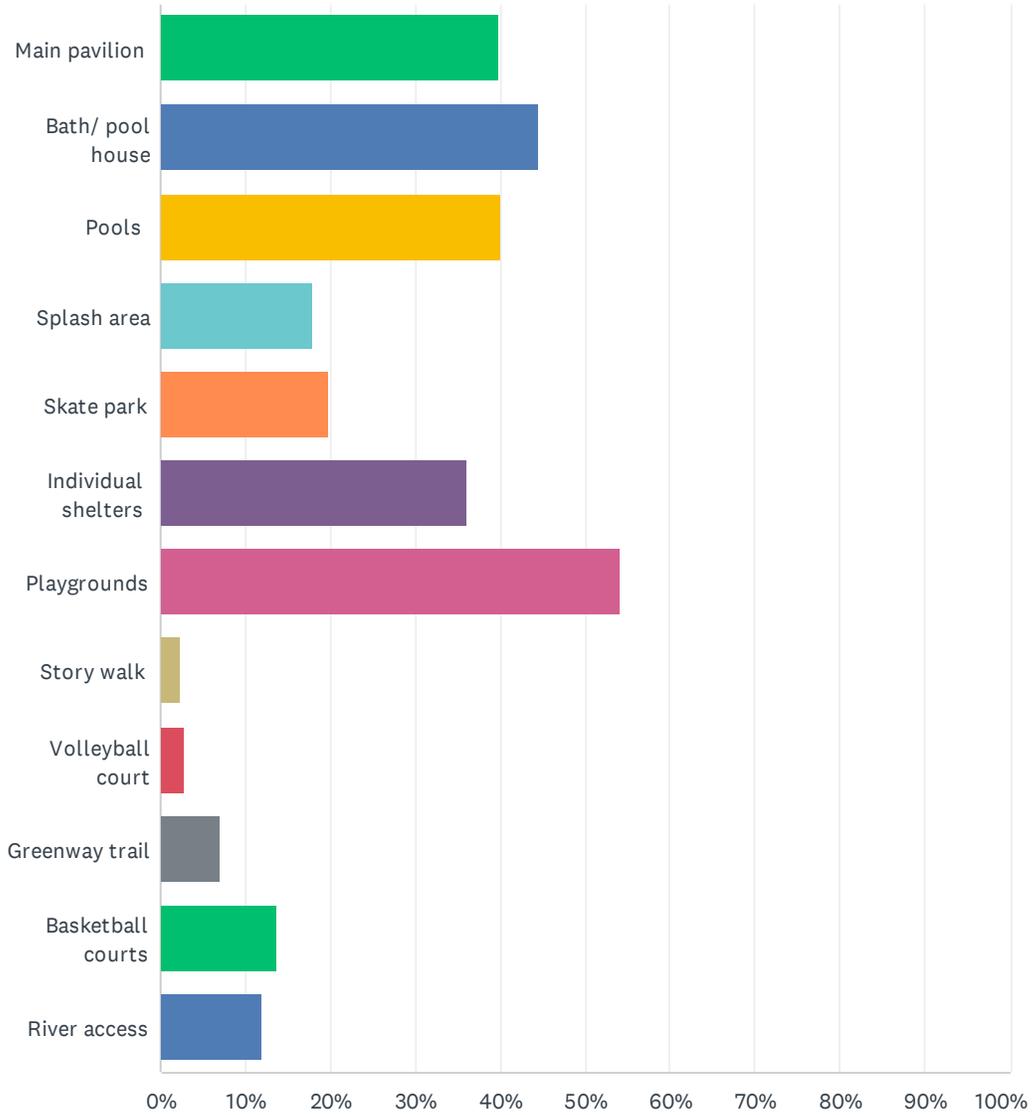
249	Not sure	2/11/2022 4:24 PM
250	Need new equipment and more for toddlers and disabled children. Splash pad shouldn't require admission fees like the pool area does.	2/11/2022 4:18 PM
251	Na	2/11/2022 4:14 PM
252	Interactive items such a climbing wall.	2/11/2022 3:56 PM
253	Pickleball courts	2/11/2022 3:51 PM
254	N/A	2/11/2022 3:45 PM
255	Better bathrooms	2/11/2022 3:44 PM
256	Adult swings	2/11/2022 3:24 PM
257	New bathrooms.	2/11/2022 3:24 PM
258	New Park equipment, slides, and kid swings, not just baby swings.	2/11/2022 3:23 PM
259	Lighting/security	2/11/2022 3:11 PM
260	Soccer field, baseball area.	2/11/2022 3:07 PM
261	Bigger pool	2/11/2022 3:02 PM
262	covered area for yoga (perhaps a large gazebo)	2/11/2022 2:25 PM
263	Idk	2/11/2022 8:26 AM
264	Dog park	2/11/2022 1:37 AM
265	Public restrooms open year round during daytime hours	2/10/2022 11:59 PM
266	You have too much in a small area already. Be really good at something, not mediocre at several...	2/10/2022 9:43 PM
267	Main gathering area	2/10/2022 9:32 PM
268	Updated playground & bathrooms with changing stations. And more benches around the playground areas. And adult swings!	2/10/2022 6:36 PM
269	na	2/10/2022 11:53 AM
270	More play grounds. Take out old equipment	2/10/2022 8:12 AM
271	Extreme improvement! Including the gravel lot!	2/10/2022 7:03 AM
272	Drinking fountain that fill water bottles	2/10/2022 2:17 AM
273	Shelters near the play equipment	2/9/2022 10:21 PM
274	Snack bar	2/9/2022 10:08 PM
275	Doggy Park and splash pad	2/9/2022 9:45 PM
276	Splash pad (hopefully in the works) Food vendor or food truck on the grounds during warm weather	2/9/2022 9:43 PM
277	More activities for older kids ages 9 and up. Swings etc. They are really too big for the playground equipment that is there	2/9/2022 9:14 PM
278	Swing sets for older children.	2/9/2022 9:10 PM
279	Pickle ball, soccer	2/9/2022 8:59 PM
280	Swings	2/9/2022 8:54 PM
281	Public free splash pad	2/9/2022 8:30 PM
282	I dont know	2/9/2022 8:30 PM
283	tennis court/pickle ball ct	2/9/2022 8:28 PM

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284	Just needs major improvements and upgrades to existing facilities	2/9/2022 8:27 PM
285	Flower Garden, more beautification,	2/9/2022 8:20 PM
286	Total revamp	2/9/2022 8:19 PM
287	Fenced in area for the kiddos.	2/9/2022 8:05 PM
288	none	2/9/2022 5:27 PM
289	A really nice baseball field for baseball tournaments.	2/9/2022 1:53 PM
290	Recycling Bins at the shelters	2/9/2022 11:19 AM
291	I think a walking track around the perimeter of the upper part of the park would be great. That way parents can walk while their children play.	2/9/2022 10:43 AM
292	Bocce	2/9/2022 9:35 AM
293	Play area for children with disabilities	2/9/2022 9:11 AM
294	Accessible restrooms	2/9/2022 6:20 AM
295	Landscaping and general maintenance	2/9/2022 4:36 AM
296	More trees better bathrooms	2/8/2022 6:44 PM
297	Improved bathrooms that are open consistently and year round	2/8/2022 5:48 PM
298	Additional playground area behind main Pavillion needs updated. Bathrooms need updated. Pool could possibly use update so it has slides like Statesville water park	2/8/2022 4:47 PM
299	Accessible river access; bike/trike path that has stop signs, etc. for kids to practice bike safety; bringing in natural elements	2/8/2022 4:30 PM
300	soccer field older children's activity areas	2/8/2022 4:11 PM
301	Tennis Courts	2/8/2022 3:16 PM
302	soccer field	2/8/2022 12:37 PM

Q4 Improvements to which of the following facilities should be a priority? (check top 3)

Answered: 397 Skipped: 4

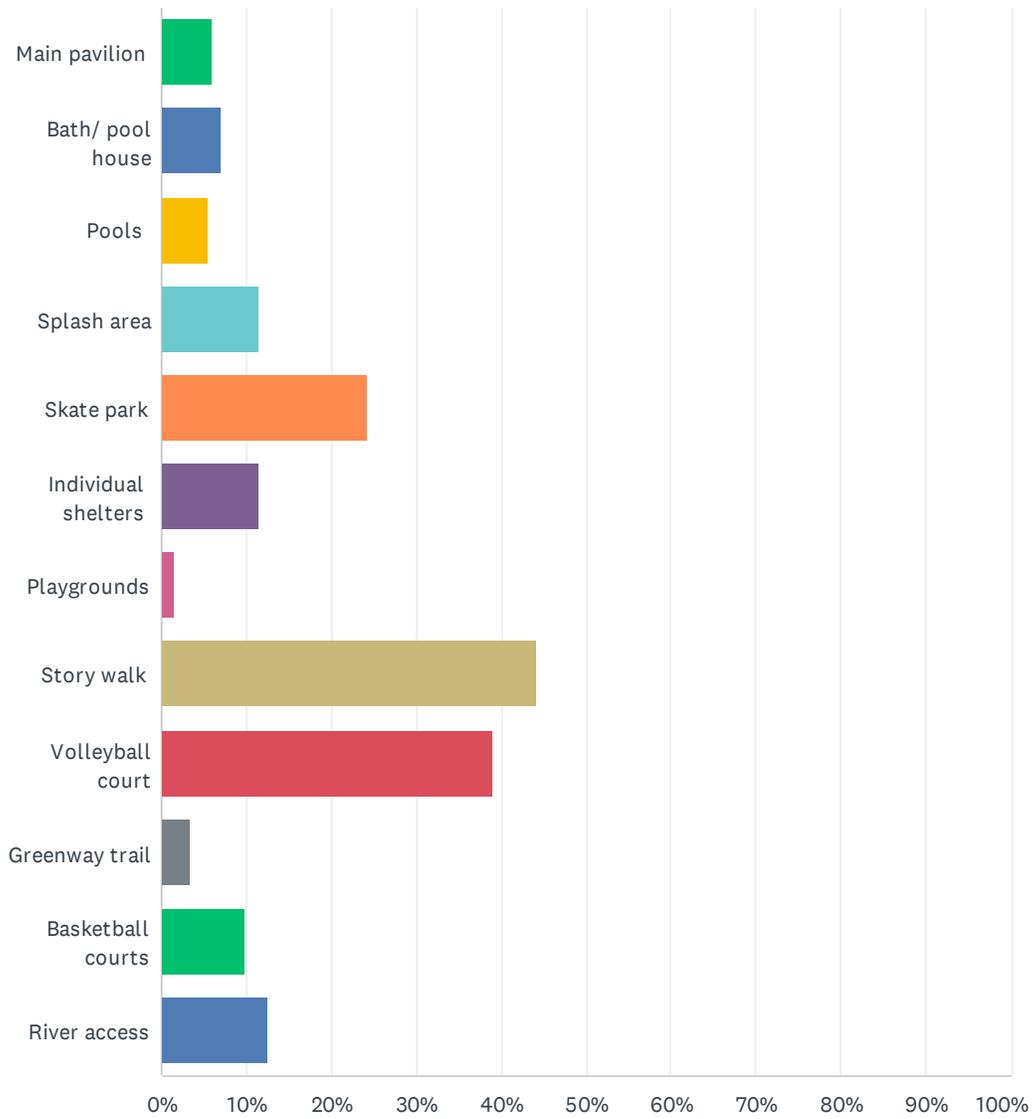


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Main pavilion	39.80%	158
Bath/ pool house	44.58%	177
Pools	40.05%	159
Splash area	17.88%	71
Skate park	19.90%	79
Individual shelters	36.02%	143
Playgrounds	54.16%	215
Story walk	2.27%	9
Volleyball court	2.77%	11
Greenway trail	7.05%	28
Basketball courts	13.60%	54
River access	11.84%	47
Total Respondents: 397		

Q5 Which of the following facilities should be removed? (check top 3)

Answered: 285 Skipped: 116



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Main pavilion	5.96%	17
Bath/ pool house	7.02%	20
Pools	5.61%	16
Splash area	11.58%	33
Skate park	24.21%	69
Individual shelters	11.58%	33
Playgrounds	1.40%	4
Story walk	44.21%	126
Volleyball court	38.95%	111
Greenway trail	3.51%	10
Basketball courts	9.82%	28
River access	12.63%	36
Total Respondents: 285		

Q6 Provide any other comments you wish regarding future improvements to Smoot Park

Answered: 188 Skipped: 213

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	updates on pool area	2/25/2022 6:12 PM
2	Need more swings for children besides baby swings; more benches near play areas for parents to watch kids; utilize horse shoe area for better use	2/23/2022 9:50 PM
3	Na	2/21/2022 7:43 PM
4	Dog park	2/18/2022 11:12 PM
5	I just wish that it was a little more clean and I wish there was more the kids could do	2/18/2022 2:56 PM
6	We love the skate park	2/18/2022 1:44 PM
7	Please make the skate park bigger more and more people are coming everyday and its getting crowded make it bigger so its safer for us and the little kids	2/18/2022 1:43 PM
8	Smoot is the go to place for skaters if you take the skate park there will be no where for us to meet	2/18/2022 1:43 PM
9	A bigger skate park	2/18/2022 1:32 PM
10	Nothing should be removed. Every inch of Smoot Park is utilized by the public and valuable to those individuals who swim, skate, and play ball sports.	2/18/2022 1:17 PM
11	Playground equipment that is inclusive of different physical abilities would be great. Including an area where adults can be (maybe with a porch-type swing or two) when kids are at the playground would be nice, too.	2/17/2022 3:32 PM
12	Better management	2/16/2022 5:49 PM
13	A full park fence would be a good addition	2/16/2022 8:50 AM
14	The format of the survey is limiting. While all items appear to be used quite a lot they could still all use upgrades or repairs. For the most part if something was removed I would hope it could be replaced with something comparable and nicer. Having the public pool as essential as it is the only one centrally located.	2/15/2022 6:41 PM
15	Would love to see it Enclosed in some way to be sure it is safe for the littles. Would also love to see the picnic areas maintained in a way that people would want to rent them to have parties or gatherings.	2/15/2022 5:49 PM
16	Skate park while enjoyed by many needs relocating away from businesses	2/15/2022 2:04 PM
17	Na	2/15/2022 6:15 AM
18	The party area needed boxed in	2/15/2022 2:16 AM
19	Just needs to be cleaner and more family oriented	2/14/2022 9:42 PM
20	I think there needs to be fences to prevent kids from getting into parking lot. Better restrooms	2/14/2022 9:25 PM
21	improve bathrooms	2/14/2022 8:22 PM
22	Basketball courts need to be improved and put a tennis court in	2/14/2022 7:10 PM
23	Keep the pool!	2/14/2022 6:10 PM
24	Nothing needs to be removed. As a 46 year old, I like the nostalgic aspect of the main pavilion, the concrete wall, and individual shelters. They just need improvements. More updated playground equipment. Bring back nostalgic ride ons if possible. Concession stand	2/14/2022 5:15 PM

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with classic candy and sodas opened when pool is open. Take a survey if needed to see what concessions would be desired. Pictures of old playground and park would be awesome too.

25	We don't go to this pool because they do not have a great toddler area and are costly for for child prices compared to other places we've visited	2/14/2022 3:57 PM
26	Look at statesville leisure pool! Wilkes needs!!	2/14/2022 3:36 PM
27	Definitely upgrade the playground add more, and a toddler enclosed area. Upgrade on the bathrooms would be nice as well	2/14/2022 3:05 PM
28	NA	2/14/2022 1:26 PM
29	Make it more friendly for older kids and kids who want their parents to play	2/14/2022 12:59 PM
30	Bathrooms that are open more, it's hard to bring my kids when the restrooms are often closed.	2/14/2022 11:49 AM
31	More things for older children to play on	2/14/2022 11:39 AM
32	Don't know really haven't been	2/14/2022 11:35 AM
33	Na	2/14/2022 11:34 AM
34	The current Smoot Park area is an eye sore. Wilkes County is in great need of a large, clean, and modern pool for families. The outdoor pool that the YMCA has is not big enough nor does it serve adults. A large pool facility would be a great investment for this county because families could use it to host birthday parties and other events as well. If it is done right and made large enough, this could serve the community for many years.	2/14/2022 11:20 AM
35	.	2/14/2022 11:18 AM
36	More space for folks to sit next to the pool would be great	2/14/2022 11:17 AM
37	skate park needs to be moved to where the basketball courts.	2/14/2022 11:14 AM
38	Move skate park to one of the basketball courts so it can be much larger. Turn present skate park area into soccer fields. Park needs more playground equipment. New fence around basketball court. Update bathrooms.	2/14/2022 11:07 AM
39	Revisions on the public restrooms	2/14/2022 11:02 AM
40	I would love to see a more natural looking play area for all ages. Example would be North Wilkesboro Elementary playground & Morganton Playground (Beanstalkbuilders.com) This could be a huge attraction because nothing else really exists in Wilkes like this. Parents would LOVE it.	2/14/2022 10:16 AM
41	The toddlers need more varieties for playing. Few more jungle gym type things. A fenced in area where children around age 1 and younger can crawl around and play instead of sitting in a stroller.	2/14/2022 10:15 AM
42	Nothing should be removed, just made better, more up to date, cleaner, new paint, new toys etc. If you remove anything it's not going to better the park.	2/14/2022 10:12 AM
43	I wish the closest playground could have a major upgrade, be fenced in, and have a walking trail around it. Kind of like the tot lot in Boone.	2/14/2022 10:04 AM
44	Smoot Park is an important part of Wilkes County. Many events, both public and private, are held there. Improvements to all areas, especially the pool facilities and main pavilion are needed.	2/14/2022 9:55 AM
45	.	2/14/2022 9:48 AM
46	Maybe step up patrol. We have a drug/litter/homeless/crime problem	2/14/2022 9:46 AM
47	Na	2/14/2022 9:45 AM
48	The whole site needs an update, old outdated and very dangerous and concerning as it ages	2/13/2022 11:02 PM
49	The skatepark needs the most work, concrete is dismal, ramps need a refresh, and a larger overall park size, also overhead lights need to be added.	2/13/2022 5:03 PM
50	The Smoot Park Skate Park need intense improvements. All of my friends, fiancé, and family	2/13/2022 4:57 PM

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meme era enjoy this park and for some kids in the area it's the only safe place they have to express themselves. The concrete is busted up and unsafe, the ramps are outdated, and the size of the park is overall very small. Updated rails need to be put in because they're so worn out they're dangerous. If anything is done to this park everything could be fine to remain the same and the skate park needs some special attention. Many of the skaters that grew up using this park are so disappointed with the upkeep that they're willing to drive hours or more out of town to enjoy a nice park that meets their needs.

51	NA	2/13/2022 4:06 PM
52	Maybe take the ramps from rivers edge skatepark and combine them at smoot park	2/13/2022 9:53 AM
53	The whole park need overhauling, looks like a dump. Cub Creek renovations put it leqps ahead in appearance and quality.	2/13/2022 9:14 AM
54	Swings and upper playground need improvement, more kid friendly experiences, updated bathrooms open during training park hours	2/13/2022 9:05 AM
55	The skate park should be too priority.	2/13/2022 8:41 AM
56	As someone who has spent more then 17 years skating at Smoot Park and in srounding areas. It is in my mind one of the worst parks in NC that being said I will always love the skate park and all the memories. But it's time for improvement the concrete is trashed the ramps are outdated and honestly it's just to small. And is one of the main reasons why I'm willing to drive out of town up to 3 hours sometimes just to have a good park to skate at The skate park needs a full face lift. I have personally seen and helped kids over the years with skating at this park I've seen the kids that could have turned down the wrong path for drugs or crime etc become great and hard working young adults willing to help the new and younger kids the same way as I have over the years. The skate park is a safe place for us skaters please make it a safe place for the future of skating to	2/13/2022 8:38 AM
57	Skate park area for younger children just learning	2/13/2022 8:03 AM
58	Better shelter	2/13/2022 12:17 AM
59	Bathrooms definitely need to be updated	2/12/2022 10:02 PM
60	General Landscaping/Planting Improvements	2/12/2022 9:13 PM
61	N/A	2/12/2022 8:36 PM
62	Need bigger swings for the bigger kids	2/12/2022 7:56 PM
63	Nothing needs to be removed, the park is already small enough as it is. Pool needs to be updated. Bigger playground would be beneficial, particularly the addition of swings/swing set for older kids/teens.	2/12/2022 4:55 PM
64	More protection from snakes from river, I worry about taking my kids during summer bc of snakes	2/12/2022 4:40 PM
65	Smoot Park needs new and updated things. More things for teenagers to do	2/12/2022 4:33 PM
66	NA	2/12/2022 4:08 PM
67	Smoot Park is a great area for family events. Contine updating playground, always look for options to provide safe, updated equipment.	2/12/2022 3:32 PM
68	I hope as a community we can bring Smoot Park back to life. I remember growing up, swimming in the pools, playing on the play ground. Now I have a one year old and hope we can continue to keep smooth park alive.	2/12/2022 3:08 PM
69	I would for us to update the playground, and the skate park	2/12/2022 2:47 PM
70	I don't know	2/12/2022 2:31 PM
71	Please put in swings for bigger children.	2/12/2022 2:23 PM
72	It's been the same for many many years, it needs lots of improvement, and up to date features and everything should be handicapped accessible	2/12/2022 2:13 PM
73	Bathrooms definitely need to be a priority on keeping clean	2/12/2022 2:07 PM

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74	It needs to be family friendly. Prior splash pad fiasco needs to be top priority. Not all families can afford a swimming club membership.	2/12/2022 1:40 PM
75	It needs updated bathrooms by pool	2/12/2022 1:27 PM
76	The skate park needs to be bigger and the pavement needs to be good and smooth so the kids don't get hurt	2/12/2022 1:13 PM
77	None	2/12/2022 1:12 PM
78	Anything to keep smoot park open and running is a great thing	2/12/2022 1:08 PM
79	Needs updated bathrooms	2/12/2022 1:04 PM
80	Nothing	2/12/2022 12:50 PM
81	Updated everything!	2/12/2022 12:48 PM
82	More patrolling of police to ensure safety of community.	2/12/2022 12:44 PM
83	More security	2/12/2022 12:37 PM
84	Please keep this park, and keep it updated!	2/12/2022 12:32 PM
85	I hope that the playgrounds are able to be updated as they pose potential hard for the kids as they're not in the best shape.	2/12/2022 12:32 PM
86	I don't think you should remove anything from the park. Just upgrade the old equipment. Smoot park is a great place for the whole community!:(2/12/2022 12:30 PM
87	None	2/12/2022 12:27 PM
88	Please make this park awesome for our kids. I love this idea!	2/12/2022 12:24 PM
89	The bathrooms are awfully nasty	2/12/2022 12:21 PM
90	The exit of the river needs to be worked on	2/12/2022 12:08 PM
91	I don't think anything needs to be removed from Smoot Park, we as a community should take pride in that area and help make it a great place with updated facilities, new paint, etc. We as a community use the different shelters and the main pavilion and it could all use a little updating and TLC. We should work together and keep it clean. We could even do a "Beautification Day" where members in the community come out and help clean it up, new fresh paint, landscaping, etc. We do these types of projects at schools why not do it at our community park.	2/12/2022 12:08 PM
92	Playground needs to be closer to picnic shelters	2/12/2022 11:26 AM
93	The park could be amazing, but it is not kept up. It needs an overall improvement.	2/12/2022 10:20 AM
94	Better bathrooms and more toilets is a must	2/12/2022 9:51 AM
95	Sidewalks	2/12/2022 9:27 AM
96	Just needs to feel clean!	2/12/2022 8:49 AM
97	It needs to be modernized so people view it as a destination spot rather than a relic from the 1970s	2/12/2022 7:30 AM
98	Swings please	2/12/2022 6:07 AM
99	Maybe a concert at the park or plays at the park series. Free community swim days. Food trucks on the weekends.	2/12/2022 3:22 AM
100	Food venue area	2/12/2022 2:44 AM
101	Restrooms below individual shelters need improvement badly	2/12/2022 12:04 AM
102	Keep it a place for families to simply picnic and have horseshoes and playground for family reunions and dinners and a place to eat a quiet lunch on a work break	2/11/2022 11:41 PM
103	The whole area is not very inviting. It is run down and always dirty looking. The volleyball court is usually covered in bees.	2/11/2022 11:19 PM
104	Nice park	2/11/2022 11:10 PM

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105	N/A	2/11/2022 10:53 PM
106	Clean up the parking at the Greenway and make it safer safer for families	2/11/2022 10:52 PM
107	None	2/11/2022 10:50 PM
108	The bathrooms could use major improvements	2/11/2022 10:46 PM
109	Enclosed Pavilion and better/bigger bathrooms	2/11/2022 10:13 PM
110	Blacktop back parking lot by river access.	2/11/2022 9:41 PM
111	How about supplying horseshoe for the horse shoe pits	2/11/2022 9:38 PM
112	I wouldn't remove anything except for old equipment. The bathroom outside the pool area needs work. The skate park needs work. The splash pad should be finished. The bath house at the pool needs to be renovated. The individual shelters just need painting. I have offered for my American Heritage Girl troop to paint them. We are still willing to do so. Please call Tara Handy 336-428-5329.	2/11/2022 9:37 PM
113	.	2/11/2022 9:26 PM
114	None at this time	2/11/2022 9:20 PM
115	Love the greenway trail and skatepark	2/11/2022 9:12 PM
116	People come up from the river access & ask for handouts . We need an undercover cops to patrol area. I use to take my lunch & eat in the park but now I eat in my car b/c I can't afford to feed others all the time & don't want to feel obligated to bring something in case I meet anyone from under the bridge	2/11/2022 9:11 PM
117	It always feels so dirty and unsafe. My kids won't play there.	2/11/2022 9:07 PM
118	It needs a much larger pool/pools for the size of the county	2/11/2022 8:53 PM
119	Additional full-time staff is necessary to maintain the current park and even more critical if improvements can be made.	2/11/2022 8:43 PM
120	Connect Highline Park to greenway. Highline Park would be good for zip lines. Disc golf course needs 100 trees removed. Promote canoeing on Yadkin.	2/11/2022 8:25 PM
121	Location would be good to have New NW police dept on one end and New NW fire dept on the other end and possible new playground with picnic tables Location would be central for PD and fire dept. Easy access for them to enter and leave. Playground in the center between them. Individuals would feel safer	2/11/2022 7:40 PM
122	We love Smoot Park!!! It needs to look more inviting!!!	2/11/2022 7:20 PM
123	Woot	2/11/2022 7:19 PM
124	Good	2/11/2022 7:19 PM
125	The pavilion, shelters, and playgrounds should be removed and replaced with modern playgrounds, shelters, and pavilion	2/11/2022 7:12 PM
126	More colors, make each shelter it's own color/theme	2/11/2022 7:09 PM
127	I'm excited to see what changes	2/11/2022 6:50 PM
128	none	2/11/2022 6:43 PM
129	Spend money so it will come back to the town in spades.	2/11/2022 6:43 PM
130	Tennis court, swings, better bathrooms	2/11/2022 6:42 PM
131	Lighting for dusk/dark would be great	2/11/2022 6:35 PM
132	Would love play equipment to be upgraded and more options!	2/11/2022 6:27 PM
133	The Park needs new and updated equipment and buildings	2/11/2022 5:57 PM
134	N/a	2/11/2022 5:41 PM

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135	As previously stated, shelters and grills closer to the big playground, over where the large empty space is behind the smaller play area and volleyball area would be perfect!	2/11/2022 5:25 PM
136	The parking area could use improvement as well.	2/11/2022 5:20 PM
137	The bathroom facility is outdated and disgusting it needs to be updated immediately	2/11/2022 5:10 PM
138	New bathrooms at the least	2/11/2022 4:47 PM
139	More security	2/11/2022 4:42 PM
140	Bigger pools, option for buying hot food at while swimming or at the playground bigger/ nicer shower rooms	2/11/2022 4:41 PM
141	N/A	2/11/2022 4:36 PM
142	Safety cameras need to be installed, some way to make park feel safer	2/11/2022 4:35 PM
143	The concrete in the pool needs repaired, chairs, lighting in the game room, locker rooms need updates	2/11/2022 4:33 PM
144	I really think that swing sets should be added because they are an important part of playgrounds.	2/11/2022 4:32 PM
145	Splash pad needed	2/11/2022 4:31 PM
146	None	2/11/2022 4:24 PM
147	Better safety measures	2/11/2022 4:21 PM
148	Really any improvements that can be made would be great since the whole place is such a dump of we're being honest. All playground equipment needs to be updated and replaced with things that are not broken. There needs to be a playground area for disabled children like what is behind Fairplains Baptist and there needs to be more equipment for smaller children/toddlers. All shelters need to be updated and honestly just prettier. Try more vibrant welcoming colors other than that disgusting green. The basketball court has been in desperate need of repair for a long time. The road leading to greenway entrance needs to be completely paved and repaired where it is broken. Additional lighting throughout can never hurt.	2/11/2022 4:18 PM
149	The pool is vital for children and families who cannot afford private memberships. For many, Smoot Park pool is the only kind of water experience they receive. Many families cannot afford vacation but can take their children to the Smoot Park pool.	2/11/2022 4:14 PM
150	Needs to be more attractive with fencing. Design specific designated areas instead of just a jumble of things.	2/11/2022 3:56 PM
151	Need pickleball courts, because pickleball is one of the most popular sport and there not enough courts in the area.	2/11/2022 3:51 PM
152	Fix the skate-park	2/11/2022 3:45 PM
153	Get rid of the skating area	2/11/2022 3:44 PM
154	Most definitely need to fix the bathrooms and take out the arcade room and add more seats and chairs for people to sit in to take a break from the sun.	2/11/2022 3:24 PM
155	I think if we upgraded to a better skate area, it'd be a lot better for the kids and teens in Wilkes.	2/11/2022 3:23 PM
156	bigger pool and more space	2/11/2022 3:02 PM
157	Need a larger sign near main road	2/11/2022 2:25 PM
158	I loved the plan B that you had going	2/11/2022 8:26 AM
159	A dog park is needed	2/11/2022 1:37 AM
160	Looks like a dump. Clean it up.	2/10/2022 9:43 PM
161	N/a	2/10/2022 8:12 AM
162	Smoot Park is actually nasty as is, the whole thing needs repairs and renovations.	2/10/2022 7:12 AM
163	Pave the gravel, face-lift shelters/pavilion	2/10/2022 7:03 AM

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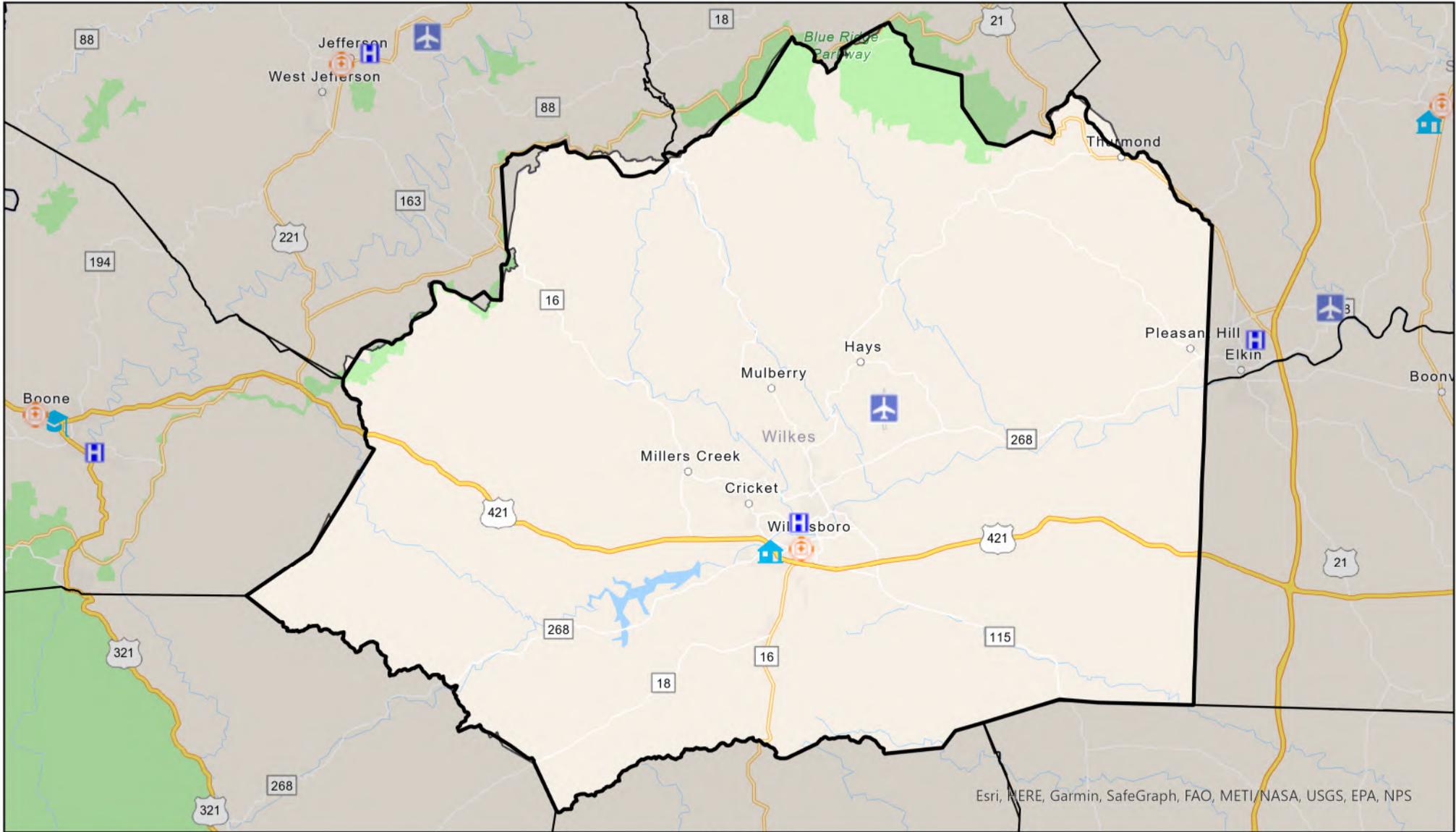
164	Instead of so many smaller picnic areas maybe have more larger family sized areas available. Not the size of the main Pavillion but larger than what is currently offered	2/9/2022 9:14 PM
165	I would be nice to have food options there again.	2/9/2022 9:10 PM
166	More things for kids to play on	2/9/2022 8:54 PM
167	The park generally needs a freshening up. The main pavilion and the individual shelters are so outdated and in such rough condition. I think some a community garden and some flowerbeds around the park would go a long ways in making it more attractive. Some shade areas would be nice as well.	2/9/2022 8:34 PM
168	It would be awesome to have a public free splash area similar or better than the one in downtown Wilkesboro.	2/9/2022 8:30 PM
169	None	2/9/2022 8:30 PM
170	give it a total face lift	2/9/2022 8:28 PM
171	The skatepark needs upgrades and repairs. Many kids who don't play other sports use these facilities. Hickory has a reasonable facility and is able to host competitions that help support the park.	2/9/2022 8:27 PM
172	Install sun shades to pool and playground area	2/9/2022 8:21 PM
173	None	2/9/2022 8:20 PM
174	I would like to see a complete makeover on the park,all buildings need to be removed	2/9/2022 8:19 PM
175	My kid loves playing there, please keep the playground but it does need updating! its getting old! <3	2/9/2022 8:05 PM
176	The skate park should simply be moved and not down away with all together.	2/9/2022 1:53 PM
177	Everything at the park needs a major update. I haven't used the facilities in years because it is just not clean. It is a great location and I think a major overhaul would bring a lot of people back to the area.	2/9/2022 10:43 AM
178	I grew up visiting Smoot Park Pool every summer. I feel that with Wilkes not having much for youth that the pool and skate areas are essential to the area. Having something for our youth to be involved in, keeps them from being affiliated or directed to participate in possible harmful matters.	2/9/2022 9:35 AM
179	Great park for locals to enjoy, especially children.	2/9/2022 9:11 AM
180	There are other park/ green spaces in town. I think that we need to look at the whole picture and use all .	2/9/2022 6:20 AM
181	Bathrooms are very outdated and are closed in the winter. We have warm days in the winter where the park needs to be open!!!	2/9/2022 4:36 AM
182	More trees, more upkeep by staff	2/8/2022 6:44 PM
183	I think instead of putting more money into the pool area, they should focus on the other aspects of the park that allow for people to move around and be active, such as the story book trail, Greenway, river access, and playground equipment. I feel like the pool is just a waste of space and money. The skatepark at Smoot is the only one in the county and needs to stay and be upgraded. It definitely needs the most attention.	2/8/2022 5:48 PM
184	I think we could remove the large pavilion, and the small outdated play items behind the pavilion and use the space to add onto the pool area or add more updated playground sets. The individual pavilions allow mutiple people to use for diff events etc and social distance etc. More shade would be nice too.	2/8/2022 4:47 PM
185	There are A LOT of individual shelters. They certainly need renovated if they stay. Are the basketball courts used? Perhaps keep some and add something new. The splash area is inside the pool. I will miss the kiddie pool which was great for small kids. If the splash pad was to have a great impact it shouldn't be located within the pool because you have to pay to go to the pool.	2/8/2022 4:30 PM
186	Redo pavilion to include bathrooms, make boat launch area more accessible and more	2/8/2022 4:11 PM

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identified with signage and lots of lighting.

187	<p>There are several things that I need to say about Smoot Park. 1) The Story Walk path needs to be made handicap/stroller friendly because it is not right now. 2) The skate park usually has someone there using it even during colder days. I have seen only a few people use the basketball court and no one using the volleyball court. 3)I've never seen the Greenway trail or the river access there so I have no input on that. 4) The splash area needs to be finished before folks can really be surveyed about it. 5) Get outside help when making a survey please. There are much better ways to frame your questions.</p>	2/8/2022 1:09 PM
188	<p>I got there very often with my kids but in my opinion the shelters and the park very trashy . People leave these in terrible shape , trash everywhere, food everywhere and it makes the park look like it's not maintained .</p>	2/8/2022 12:33 PM

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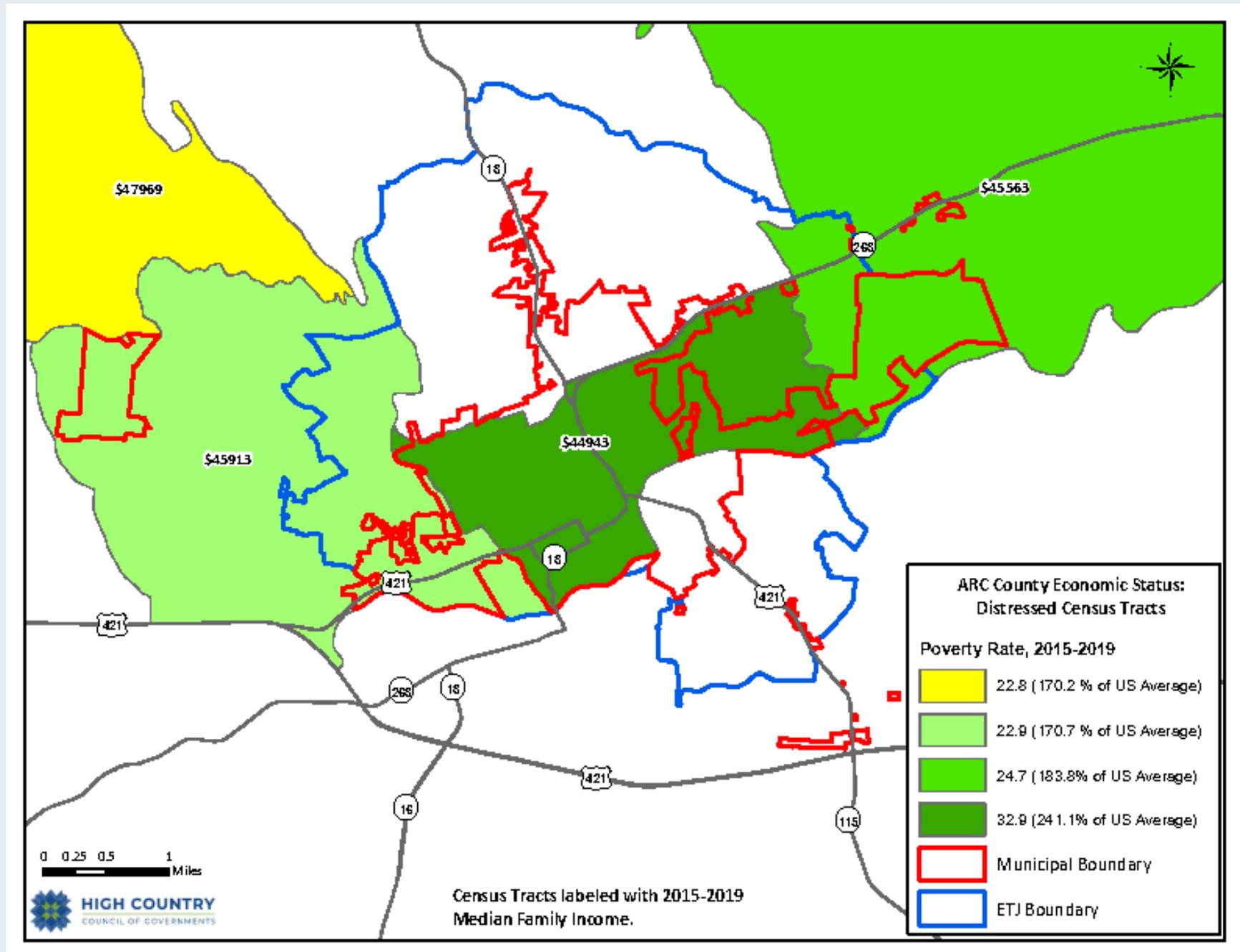


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|  | NC Ports |  | Community Colleges |  | Military Installations |



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North Wilkesboro Census Tracts



County Profile

Wilkes County (NC)

March 2022

Demographics

Population & Growth

	Population	% Annual Growth
2019 Est Population	68,469	0.0%
2020 Census Total Population	65,969	(0.5%)
Jul2020 NC Certified Population Estimate	65,827	(6.0%)

Urban/Rural Representation

		Urban/Rural Percent
2010 Census Total Population: Urban	18,867	27.2%
2010 Census Total Population: Rural	50,473	72.8%

Estimated Population by Age

		% Pop by Age
2019 Est Median Age	45	
2019 Est Total Pop 0-19	15,499	22.6%
2019 Est Total Pop 20-24	3,670	5.4%
2019 Est Total Pop 25-34	7,379	10.8%
2019 Est Total Pop 35-44	7,786	11.4%
2019 Est Total Pop 45-54	9,616	14.0%
2019 Est Total Pop 55-64	10,151	14.9%
2019 Est Total Pop 65+	14,368	21.0%

Commuters, Workers Age 16 and Over, 2019 Census ACS Est

Percent of Workers, By Travel Time

Avg Travel Time, Minutes	25.3
Workers Not Working at Home	28,202
Travel Time to Work: < 10 minutes	12.8%
Travel Time to Work: 10-14 minutes	17.3%
Travel Time to Work: 15-19 minutes	19.3%
Travel Time to Work: 20-24 minutes	13.8%
Travel Time to Work: 25-29 minutes	5.0%
Travel Time to Work: 30-34 minutes	11.2%
Travel Time to Work: 35-44 minutes	4.1%
Travel Time to Work: 45-59 minutes	7.2%
Travel Time to Work: 60+ minutes	9.5%

Workers, By Transportation

Worker Transp, Base	29,088
Work at Home	3.0%
Drove Car/Truck/Van Alone	84.7%
Carpooled Car/Truck/Van	10.9%
Public Transportation	0.1%
Walked	0.6%
Bicycle	0.0%
Taxi, Motorcycle, Other	0.6%

Place of Work

Worked in State/County of Residence	
Worked in State/Outside County of Residence	
Worked Outside State of Residence	

Commuters

21,641
7,243
204

Residents

74.4%
24.9%
0.7%

Education

		Pop Age 25+
2020-21 Kindergarten-12th Enrollment	8,472	
2020 Average SAT score (1600 scale)	1,081	
2020 Percent of Graduates taking SAT	7.6%	
2019-20 (Provisional) Higher Education Completions	1,537	
2019-20 (Provisional) Higher Education Enrollment	3,375	
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least High School Graduate	39,505	80.1%
2019 Est Education Attainment age 25+, At Least Bachelor's Degree	7,796	15.8%

Housing

		% Ann Growth or % Total
2020 Census Total Housing Units, % annual growth	31,545	(0.5%)
2020 Census Occupied Housing, % of total	27,612	87.5%
2020 Census Vacant Housing, % of total	3,933	12.5%
2019 Est Median Value of Owner Occupied Housing	\$126,300	
2019 Est Median Gross Rent	\$632	
2019 Est Owner Occupied Housing, % of total	21,765	75.7%
2019 Est Renter Occupied Housing, % of total	6,988	24.3%
2019 Est % Owner Occupied Vacancy Rate	0.8%	
2019 Est % Renter Occupied Vacancy Rate	6.1%	

Income

		% Ann Growth or % Pov
2019 Est Median Family Income	\$56,068	
2019 Median Household Income (SAIPE)	\$45,250	2.7%
2019 Est Median Worker Earnings	\$29,092	
2019 Per Capita Income (BEA)	\$37,313	
2019 Est Pop, Income Below Poverty (SAIPE)	10,228	15.2%

Employment / Unemployment

	Currently	2020 Annual
Dec2021 Prelim., 2020 Employment	27,472	26,544
Dec2021 Prelim., 2020 Unemployment	842	1,939
Dec2021 Prelim., 2020 Unemployment Rate	3.0%	6.8%
2021Q4YTD, 2020 Announced Job Creation	.	.
2021Q4YTD, 2020 Total Announced Investments (\$mil)	.	.

Employment / Wages by Industry

	2021Q3 Employment	2020 Employment	2021Q3 Avg Weekly Wage	2020 Avg Weekly Wage
Total All Industries	19,508	19,997	\$851	\$769
Total Government	3,077	3,332	\$837	\$786
Total Private Industry	16,431	16,665	\$854	\$765
Agriculture Forestry Fishing & Hunting	.	145	.	\$613
Mining
Utilities
Construction	699	680	\$903	\$821
Manufacturing	3,773	4,209	\$1,064	\$829
Wholesale Trade	733	681	\$1,579	\$1,352
Retail Trade	3,097	3,017	\$627	\$571
Transportation and Warehousing	495	495	\$1,036	\$973
Information	239	242	\$1,105	\$1,138
Finance and Insurance	305	307	\$1,170	\$1,195
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	213	209	\$922	\$933
Professional and Technical Services	508	543	\$944	\$905
Mgt of Companies, Enterprises	.	824	.	\$1,070
Administrative and Waste Services	645	793	\$579	\$599
Educational Services	1,698	1,845	\$812	\$754
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,634	2,455	\$908	\$863
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	178	188	\$309	\$191
Accommodation and Food Services	1,591	1,551	\$350	\$300
Other Services Ex. Public Admin	416	425	\$632	\$597
Public Administration	1,232	1,290	\$857	\$828
Unclassified	0	0	\$0	\$0

Commercial/Retail/Industrial

Local Business

2021Q4 Available Industrial Buildings	3
2021Q3 Establishments: Total Private Industry	1,259
2021Q3 Establishments: Manufacturing	62
2019 Est Self Employed	2,233

Local Retail Business

2021 Total Retail Sales (With Food/Drink) (\$mil)	\$634.1
2021 Total Retail Businesses (With Food/Drink)	430
2021 Avg Sales/Business Total (with Food/Drink)	\$1,474,648
2021Q4 Available Commercial Buildings (if County reports)	14

Quality of Life

Taxes

FY2021-22 Property Tax Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.6600
FY2020-21 Annual Taxable Retail Sales (\$mil)	\$844.0
2021 Tier designation	1

Childcare

2021Q2 Licensed Child Care Facilities	36
2021Q2 Licensed Child Care Enrollment	1,000

Healthcare Providers

2019 Number of Physicians	77
2019 Physicians/10,000 population	11.0
2019 RNs/10,000 population	59.3
2019 Dentists/10,000 population	2.3
2017 Pharmacists/10,000 population	5.1

Sources:
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Notes:
 Data are the latest available at the date the profile was prepared. A period means the data is not available. SAT scores use the 1600 scoring system and represent county systems. Unemployment data is now the latest month which is preliminary and is subject to change. US Education IPEDs data for Completions and Enrollment is at least Provisional and updated when Final. Census' American Community Survey (ACS) data are estimates, noted 'Est' and are from the 5-year survey; data is as of final year with dollars inflated to final year. Per capita income is a broad measure of income spread over all residents. Worker earnings includes wage income for residents regardless of where they work. Private sector wages are paid by local employers to their employees regardless of where they live. Additional data resources are available at: <https://d4.nccommerce.com/>.

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