



WATAUGA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION 2009 Facility Priority Survey

Watauga County is currently updating its master development plan for its park and recreation system. When completed, the plan would make recommendations for additional facilities and other services. The following questions are intended to identify residents' facility priorities.

Please identify how supportive you are of each of the following capital improvements.

Community Priorities	Very Unsupportive	Somewhat Unsupportive	Somewhat Supportive	Very Supportive	Not Sure
Repair/update all parks & athletic fields	1	2	3	4	5
Build a new indoor recreation center	1	2	3	4	5
Extend existing/develop new paved trails	1	2	3	4	5
Develop new parks & athletic fields	1	2	3	4	5
Purchase land to preserve open space and protect it from future development	1	2	3	4	5
Renovate Old Cove Creek Gym	1	2	3	4	5
Expand Brookshire Park	1	2	3	4	5
Build a new aquatic facility	1	2	3	4	5
Other:	1	2	3	4	5

Which of the above do you think should be Watauga County first capital improvement priority? _____

Gender: Male Female **How many years have you lived in Watauga County?** _____

Ethnicity: African-American Caucasian/White Hispanic/Latino Other: _____

Number of children in home: _____ pre-school _____ elementary _____ high school

Your age: _____ **Ages and genders of other adults in home:** _____

Your residential status: Permanent Resident Seasonal Resident Student

Your housing type: House Apartment/Condo Other: _____

To help us ensure that we have received surveys from an economically diverse group of Watauga County residents, please indicate the approximate total gross annual income of your household: \$ _____

For each of the following indoor recreation facility types or amenities please indicate how strongly you agree that they should be built to add to the existing facilities available in Watauga County.

If you are unfamiliar with a particular facility type or amenity, please indicate “Unfamiliar.”

Indoor Recreation Facility Priorities	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Un-familiar
Multipurpose Courts (Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, etc...)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Indoor Walking/Jogging Track	1	2	3	4	5	6
Table Tennis (Ping-Pong)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Racquetball Courts	1	2	3	4	5	6
Game Room (Billiards, Foosball, etc...)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Boxing Equipment (Bags, Ring, etc...)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fitness Room/Weight Room (Treadmills, etc...)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Wrestling Room/Pads	1	2	3	4	5	6
Indoor Batting Cages/Pitching Area	1	2	3	4	5	6
Indoor Soccer Courts	1	2	3	4	5	6
Indoor Turf Area (soccer, baseball, softball)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Indoor Swimming Pool	1	2	3	4	5	6
Indoor Climbing Wall	1	2	3	4	5	6
Community Meeting/Banquet Rooms	1	2	3	4	5	6
Kitchen/Cooking Classroom Space	1	2	3	4	5	6
Computer Lab	1	2	3	4	5	6
Day Care Center	1	2	3	4	5	6
Yoga/Aerobics/Dance Studio	1	2	3	4	5	6
Concessions/Juice and Snack Bar	1	2	3	4	5	6
Video Game Arcade (XRKade – exercise based video games; ex: DDR)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Theater/Lecture Hall	1	2	3	4	5	6
Art/Craft/Pottery Room	1	2	3	4	5	6

Please list any other indoor recreation facilities you would like to see included in Watauga County:

Please also indicate your needs for more accessible park and recreation facilities (be as specific as possible, attach an additional sheet if necessary):

In addition to the funds necessary to build an indoor recreation center, funds would also be needed to cover its operating costs (utilities, maintenance and staff).

With the understanding that user fees could help offset the amount of tax dollars needed to support a new recreation center, how much do you agree with each of the following user fees:

How much do you agree with each of the following user fee policies:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
Everyone should be charged to use the facility.	1	2	3	4	5
Youth should be charged to use the facility.	1	2	3	4	5
Adults participating in county sponsored athletic programs should be charged an additional fee to use the facility.	1	2	3	4	5
Low income households should be charged less (on a sliding scale) to use the facility.	1	2	3	4	5
Non-residents should be charged a higher fee to use the facility.	1	2	3	4	5
An individual membership of \$20/month is reasonable.	1	2	3	4	5
An individual membership of \$10/month is reasonable.	1	2	3	4	5
A family membership of \$30/month is reasonable.	1	2	3	4	5
A family membership of \$20/month is reasonable.	1	2	3	4	5
Discounted family rates should be available.	1	2	3	4	5
Lower user fees should be charged to use facility during non-peak times (M-F: 9-11a or 1-3p).	1	2	3	4	5

For each of the following outdoor athletic facilities and amenities please indicate how strongly you agree that they should be built to add to the existing facilities available in Watauga County.

If you are unfamiliar with a particular facility or amenity, please indicate "Unfamiliar."

Outdoor Sports Facility Priorities	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Un-familiar
Lighted Multipurpose Athletic Fields (football, soccer, lacrosse, ultimate, etc)	1	2	3	4	5	6
Outdoor Basketball Courts	1	2	3	4	5	6
Baseball/Softball Complex	1	2	3	4	5	6
Outdoor Climbing Wall/Tower	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tennis Courts	1	2	3	4	5	6
Sand Volleyball Courts	1	2	3	4	5	6

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Paved Walking Trails	1	2	3	4	5	6
Unpaved Hiking Trails	1	2	3	4	5	6
Biking Trails	1	2	3	4	5	6
Equestrian Trails	1	2	3	4	5	6
Mountain Biking Trails	1	2	3	4	5	6
Lighting on Paved Walking Trails	1	2	3	4	5	6
Skate Park/Rollerblading Facility	1	2	3	4	5	6
BMX Park	1	2	3	4	5	6
Flower Gardens	1	2	3	4	5	6
Concessions	1	2	3	4	5	6
Picnic Shelters/Tables/Grills	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fishing Pond/Fishing Pier	1	2	3	4	5	6
Outdoor Swimming Pool	1	2	3	4	5	6
Sprayground/Water Spray Park	1	2	3	4	5	6
Sledding Hill	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ice Rink	1	2	3	4	5	6
Corn Hole/Bean Bag Toss Games	1	2	3	4	5	6
Croquet Fields	1	2	3	4	5	6
Four Square Courts	1	2	3	4	5	6
Bocce Ball Courts	1	2	3	4	5	6
Shuffleboard Courts	1	2	3	4	5	6
Horseshoe Pits	1	2	3	4	5	6
Frisbee Disc Golf Course	1	2	3	4	5	6
Paddling Access Pts on Watauga River	1	2	3	4	5	6
Community Vegetable Gardens (space available to rent for personal gardens)	1	2	3	4	5	6

Please list any other outdoor recreation facilities you would like to see included in Watauga County:

Thank you for your time!

Please return the survey in the enclosed envelope or send it to:

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