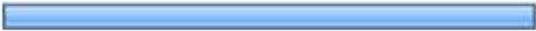


**Franklin Township Preservation and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey** 

**1. Where do you live? This survey is for Franklin Township residents only.**

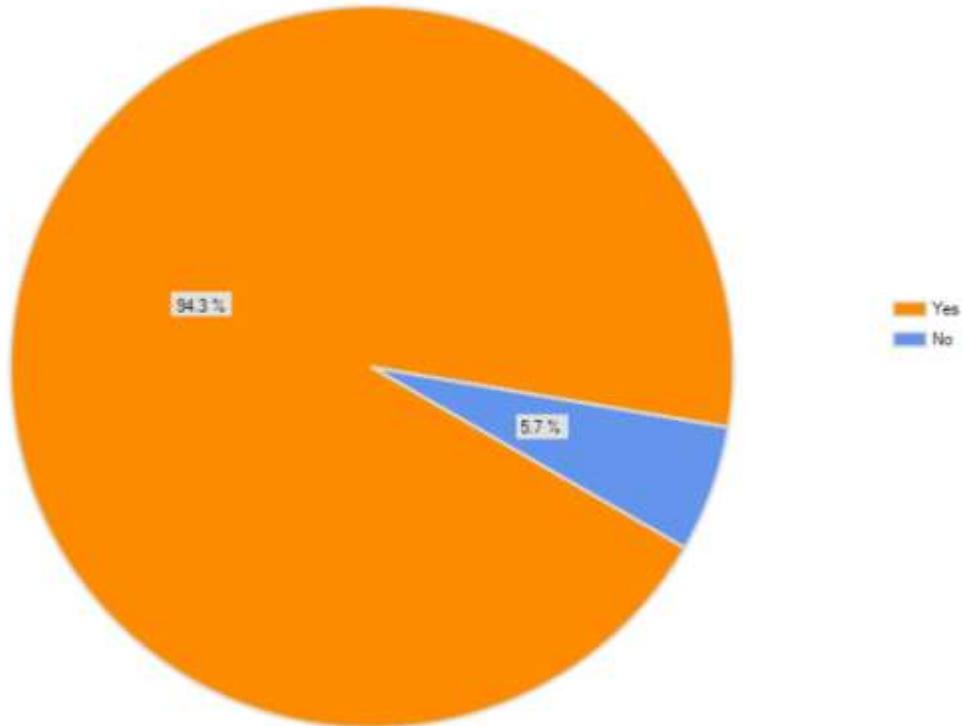
		Response Percent	Response Count
Franklin Township Ward 1		4.3%	31
Franklin Township Ward 2		5.2%	37
Franklin Township Ward 3		10.0%	71
Franklin Township Ward 4		5.3%	38
Franklin Township Ward 5		5.8%	41
In Franklin Township, but do not know which Ward		66.2%	472
Outside of Franklin Township		3.2%	23
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>713</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

**2. Have you or any member of your household visited a park, recreation facility, pathway, or open space in Franklin Township in the last 12 months?**

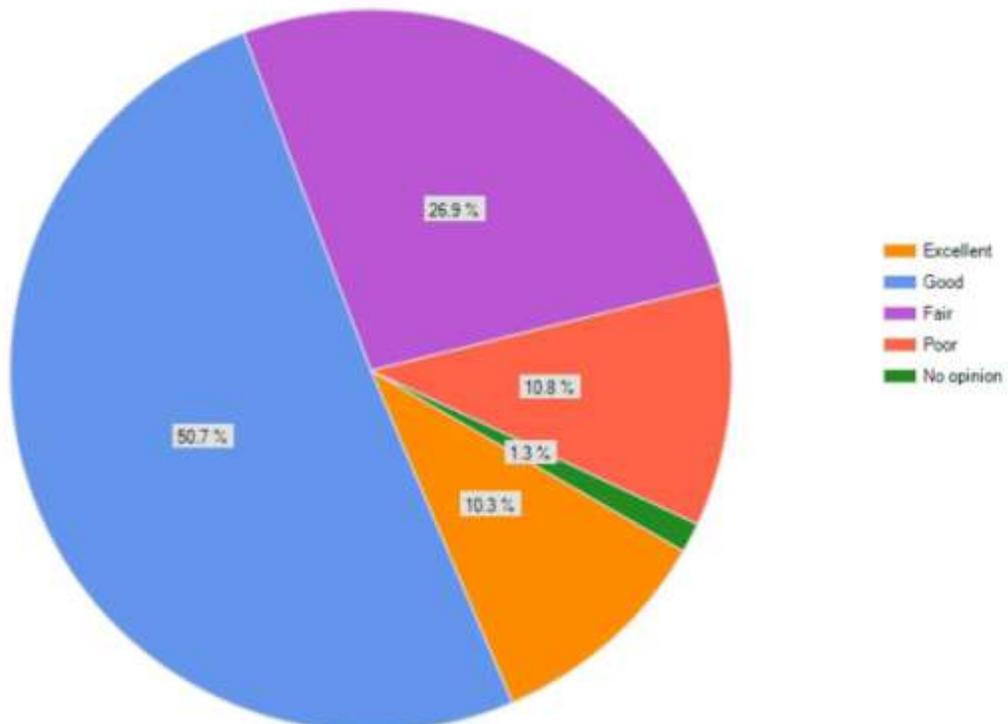
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		94.3%	665
No		5.7%	40
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>705</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>8</b>

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Have you or any member of your household visited a park, recreation facility, pathway, or open space in Franklin Township in the last 12 months?



If you answered "Yes" to Question #2, how would you rate the physical condition of the Franklin Township operated parks, trails, open spaces, and facilities?



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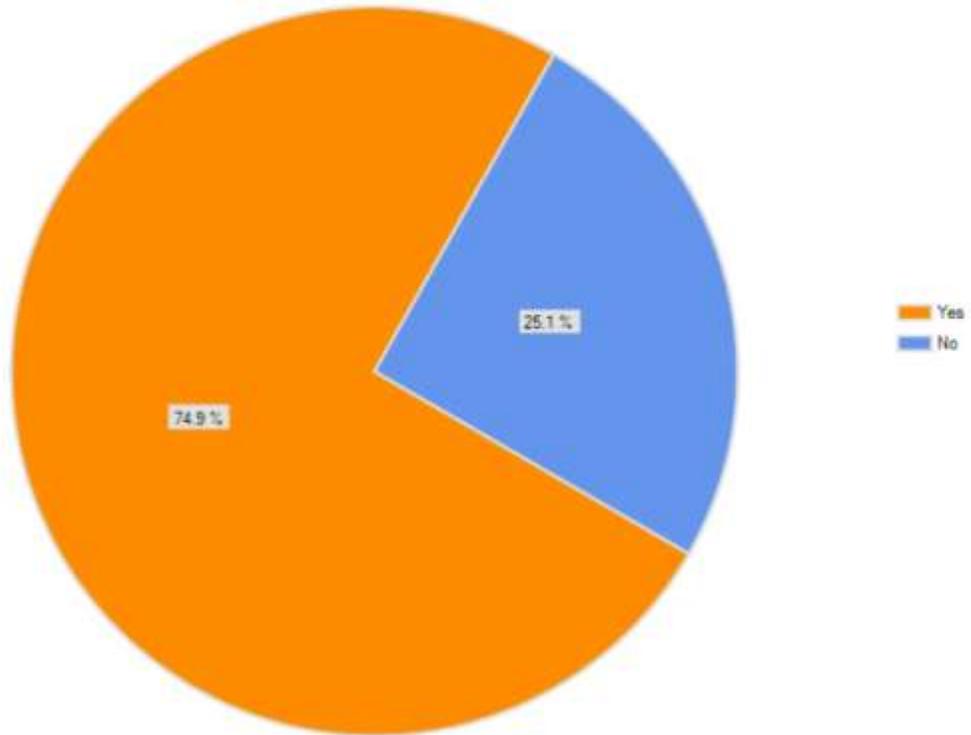
		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		10.3%	69
Good		50.7%	341
Fair		26.9%	181
Poor		10.8%	73
No opinion		1.3%	9
answered question			673
skipped question			40

**4. Have you or any member of your household participated in any programs, events, festivals, classes or leagues offered by Franklin Township over the past 12 months?**

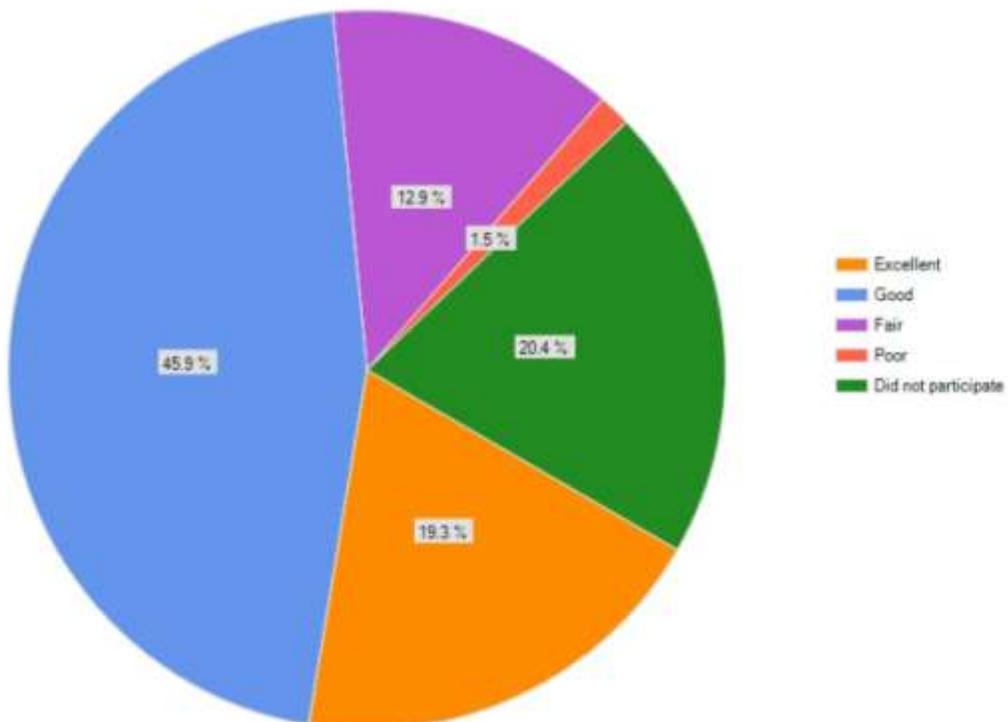
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		74.9%	525
No		25.1%	176
answered question			701
skipped question			12

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Have you or any member of your household participated in any programs, events, festivals, classes or leagues offered by Franklin Township over the past 12 months?



How would you rate the quality of the programs in which you or members of your household participated?



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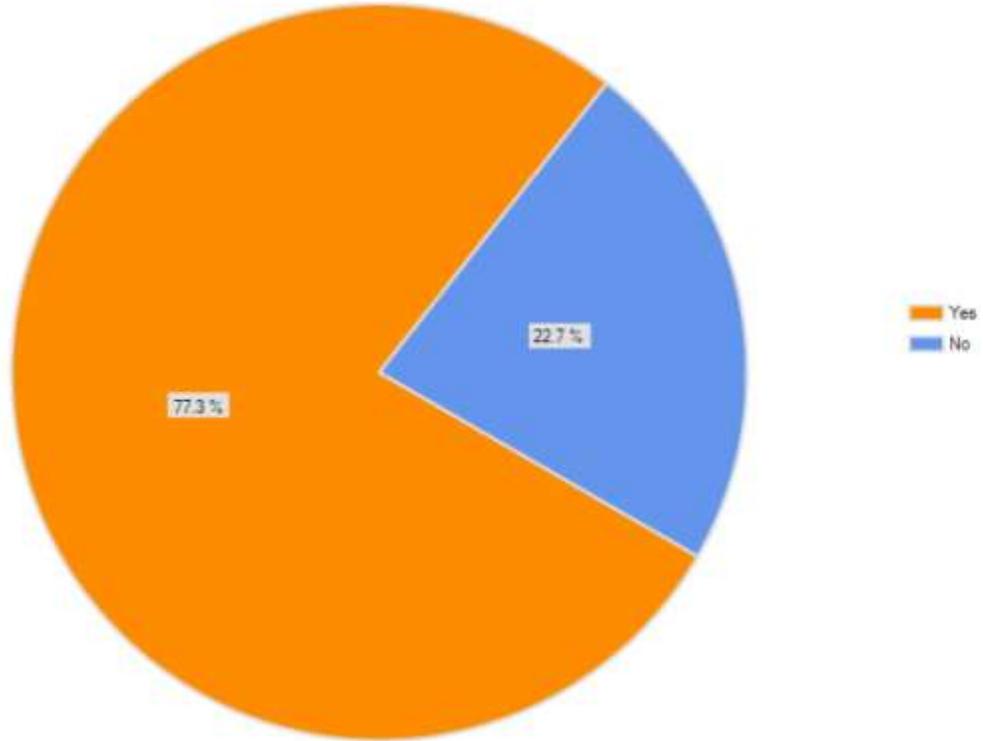
### 5. How would you rate the quality of the programs in which you or members of your household participated?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		19.3%	131
<b>Good</b>		<b>45.9%</b>	<b>312</b>
Fair		12.9%	88
Poor		1.5%	10
Did not participate		20.4%	139
<b>answered question</b>			<b>680</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>33</b>

### 6. Do you feel that there is a need for more parks and recreation facilities in Franklin Township? (new parks, game courts, athletic fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, etc.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
<b>Yes</b>		<b>77.3%</b>	<b>541</b>
No		22.7%	159
<b>answered question</b>			<b>700</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>13</b>

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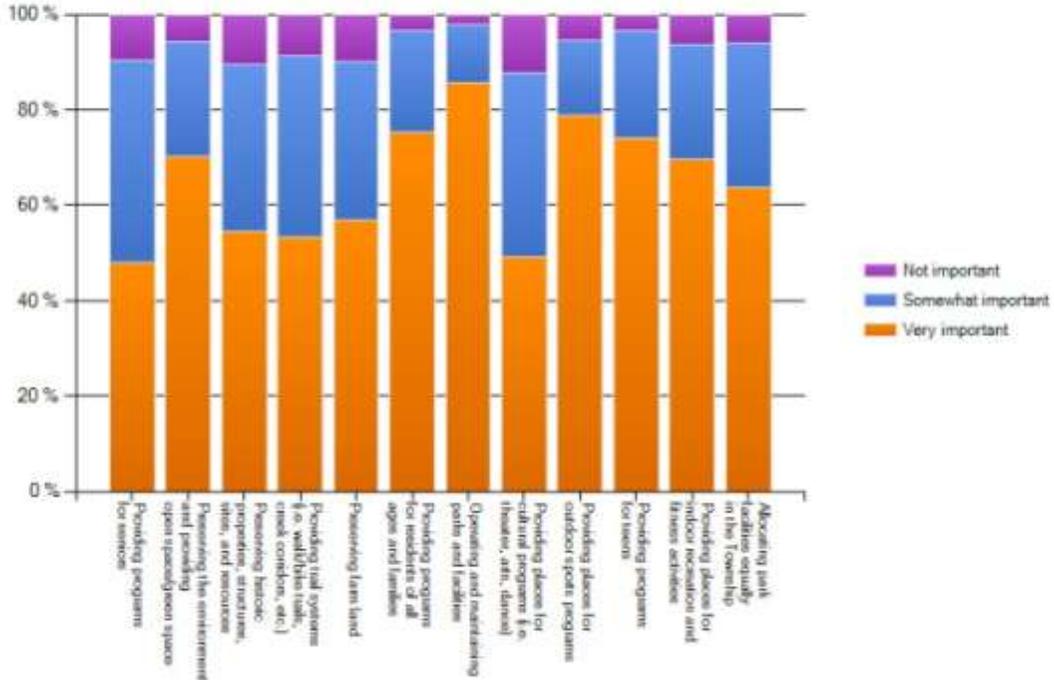


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7. For each of the following functions that could be performed by Franklin Township, please indicate if you feel the function is very important, somewhat important, or not important.				
	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	Response Count
Providing places for outdoor sports programs	<b>78.9% (542)</b>	15.7% (108)	5.4% (37)	687
Providing places for indoor recreation and fitness activities	<b>69.6% (476)</b>	24.1% (165)	6.3% (43)	684
Providing programs for residents of all ages and families	<b>75.4% (520)</b>	21.4% (148)	3.2% (22)	690
Operating and maintaining parks and facilities	<b>85.6% (589)</b>	12.4% (85)	2.0% (14)	688
Allocating park facilities equally in the Township	<b>63.6% (433)</b>	30.4% (207)	6.0% (41)	681
Providing trail systems (i.e. walk/bike trails, creek corridors, etc.)	<b>53.2% (368)</b>	38.0% (263)	8.8% (61)	692
Providing places for cultural programs (i.e. theater, arts, dance)	<b>49.1% (338)</b>	38.5% (265)	12.4% (85)	688
Providing programs for seniors	<b>48.1% (333)</b>	42.3% (293)	9.7% (67)	693
Providing programs for teens	<b>74.2% (510)</b>	22.6% (155)	3.2% (22)	687
Preserving the environment and providing open space/green space	<b>70.1% (486)</b>	24.2% (168)	5.6% (39)	693
Preserving historic properties, structures, sites, and resources	<b>54.5% (378)</b>	34.9% (242)	10.5% (73)	693
Preserving farm land	<b>56.9% (394)</b>	33.1% (229)	10.0% (69)	692
<b>answered question</b>				<b>704</b>
<b>skipped question</b>				<b>9</b>

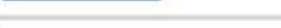
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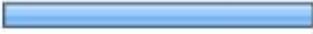


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**8. Do you or members of your household have a need for Franklin Township to develop the following facilities? Click on all of the facilities that correspond to the facilities you or members of your household would use if they were developed.**

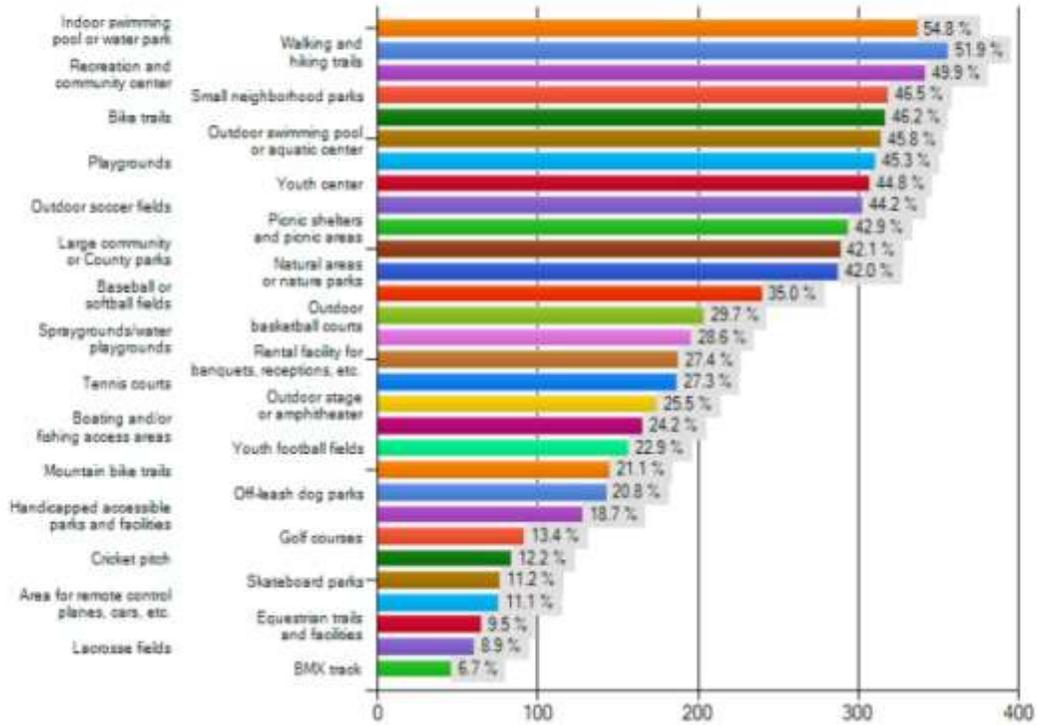
		Response Percent	Response Count
Small neighborhood parks		46.5%	319
Large community or County parks		42.1%	289
Baseball or softball fields		35.0%	240
Lacrosse fields		8.9%	61
Youth football fields		22.9%	157
Outdoor soccer fields		44.2%	303
Off-leash dog parks		20.8%	143
Walking and hiking trails		51.9%	356
Bike trails		46.2%	317
Mountain bike trails		21.1%	145
Natural areas or nature parks		42.0%	288
Playgrounds		45.3%	311
Picnic shelters and picnic areas		42.9%	294
Skateboard parks		11.2%	77
Boating and/or fishing access areas		24.2%	166
Cricket pitch		12.2%	84
Outdoor swimming pool or aquatic center		45.8%	314
Outdoor stage or amphitheater		25.5%	175
Tennis courts		27.3%	187
Recreation and community center		49.9%	342
Youth center		44.8%	307

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Indoor swimming pool or water park		54.8%	376
Area for remote control planes, cars, etc.		11.1%	76
Outdoor basketball courts		29.7%	204
Golf courses		13.4%	92
Equestrian trails and facilities		9.5%	65
Spraygrounds/water playgrounds		28.6%	196
Rental facility for banquets, receptions, etc.		27.4%	188
Handicapped accessible parks and facilities		18.7%	128
BMX track		6.7%	46
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>686</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>27</b>

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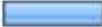
**9. Please click on the programs that you or members of your household have a need for Franklin Township to offer.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
A. Learn-to-swim programs		39.5%	264
B. Pre-school programs		19.0%	127
C. Babysitting/child care		15.6%	104
D. Before and after-school programs		31.3%	209
E. Youth summer camp		45.2%	302
F. Youth Sports		54.6%	365
G. Youth fitness and wellness		46.1%	308
H. Martial arts		22.5%	150
<b>I. Adult fitness and wellness</b>		<b>55.8%</b>	<b>373</b>
J. Water fitness		34.0%	227
K. Youth art, dance, performing arts		33.1%	221
L. Adult art, dance, performing arts		27.5%	184
M. Adult sports		37.9%	253
N. Senior programs		25.9%	173
O. Programs for mental/physically challenged		18.3%	122
P. Birthday parties		16.0%	107
Q. Pet exercise		11.5%	77
R. Teen programs		44.9%	300
S. Special events		25.7%	172
T. Nature programs		36.5%	244

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U. Adult day trips		24.6%	164
		Other (please specify)	45
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>668</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>45</b>

**10. Please indicate the three (3) programs from the question above that are MOST IMPORTANT to your household. Choose three of the letters that precede the selections in Question #9.**

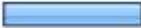
		Response Percent	Response Count
A		17.4%	110
B		6.2%	39
C		4.0%	25
D		14.9%	94
E		21.7%	137
F		<b>39.6%</b>	<b>250</b>
G		21.6%	136
H		5.1%	32
I		26.3%	166
J		10.6%	67
K		11.3%	71
L		7.3%	46
M		13.5%	85
N		11.6%	73
O		5.5%	35
P		1.6%	10
Q		4.9%	31

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R		25.4%	160
S		8.7%	55
T		14.3%	90
U		8.6%	54
Other		4.8%	30
<b>answered question</b>			<b>631</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>82</b>

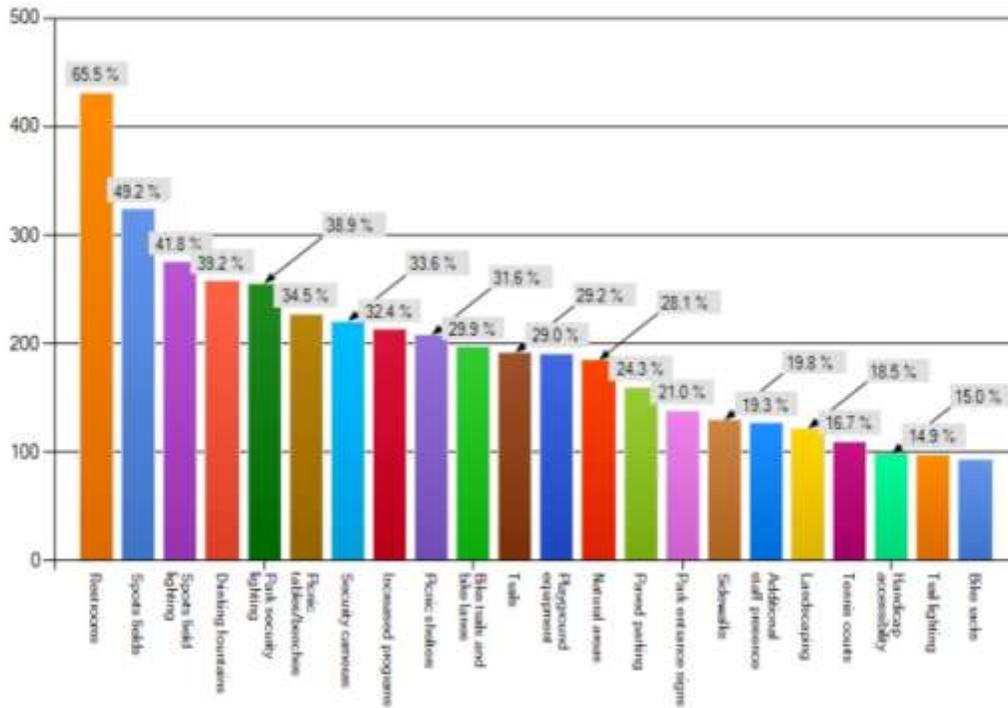
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**11. Listed below are potential improvements that could be made to existing Franklin Township parks. Please check ALL the improvements you would most like to have made to Franklin Township parks.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Park entrance signs		21.0%	138
Paved parking		24.3%	160
Sidewalks		19.8%	130
Trails		29.2%	192
Drinking fountains		39.2%	258
<b>Restrooms</b>		<b>65.5%</b>	<b>431</b>
Trail lighting		14.9%	98
Natural areas		28.1%	185
Tennis courts		16.7%	110
Playground equipment		29.0%	191
Bike racks		14.1%	93
Picnic shelters		31.6%	208
Picnic tables/benches		34.5%	227
Sports fields		49.2%	324
Sports field lighting		41.8%	275
Handicap accessibility		15.0%	99
Park security lighting		38.9%	256
Landscaping		18.5%	122
Bike trails and bike lanes		29.9%	197
Increased programs		32.4%	213
Additional staff presence		19.3%	127

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Listed below are potential improvements that could be made to existing Franklin Township parks. Please check ALL the improvements you would most like to have made to Franklin Township parks.



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Security cameras	33.6%	221
Other (please specify)		55
<b>answered question</b>		<b>658</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>55</b>

### 12. If you controlled \$100 in funding, how would you allocate the \$100 among the following types of funding? (Please be sure your total adds up to \$100)

**Dollars**

	\$0	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	Total
Acquisition of land for open space/green space for preservation and environmental purposes	8.8% (39)	12.7% (56)	<b>22.7%</b> <b>(100)</b>	9.3% (41)	15.4% (68)	9.1% (40)	5.2% (23)	1.1% (5)	221
Development of walking and biking trails	10.9% (46)	17.8% (75)	<b>28.7%</b> <b>(121)</b>	7.8% (33)	13.7% (58)	6.2% (26)	6.2% (26)	1.9% (8)	221
Improvements/maintenance of existing parks, playgrounds, and picnic areas	2.6% (14)	3.5% (19)	12.3% (57)	8.4% (46)	<b>19.6%</b> <b>(107)</b>	16.1% (88)	9.9% (54)	1.7% (9)	555
Development of new active and passive recreation and park facilities (i.e. new parks, game courts, athletic fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, shelters, etc.)	3.8% (21)	2.5% (14)	6.5% (36)	5.2% (29)	8.8% (49)	9.9% (55)	8.8% (49)	3.6% (20)	800
Preservation of historic sites	10.7% (43)	22.7% (91)	<b>34.9%</b> <b>(140)</b>	9.2% (37)	7.0% (28)	6.7% (27)	2.5% (10)	0.5% (2)	400
Preservation of farm land	9.7% (39)	22.9% (92)	<b>29.9%</b> <b>(120)</b>	8.2% (33)	11.5% (46)	7.2% (29)	2.7% (11)	0.7% (3)	1200
Other	<b>41.4%</b> <b>(75)</b>	17.1% (31)	16.0% (29)	2.2% (4)	4.4% (8)	2.2% (4)	1.7% (3)	0.6% (1)	1200

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### Franklin Township Preservation and Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

If you controlled \$100 in funding, how would you allocate the \$100 among the following types of expenditures for parks, recreation, open space, and preservation in Franklin Township? Choose from the pull-down menus in each box. (Please be sure your total adds up to \$100)

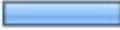
Dollars

Answer Options	Average Expenditure
Development of new active and passive recreation and park facilities(i.e. new parks, game courts, athletic fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, shelters, etc.)	\$34.01
Improvements/maintenance of existing parks, playgrounds, and picnic areas	\$22.70
Acquisition of land for open space/green space for preservation and environmental purposes	\$13.20
Development of walking and biking trails	\$9.50
Preservation of farm land	\$8.40
Preservation of historic sites	\$8.00
Other	\$4.20
	<b>Total</b> \$100.00

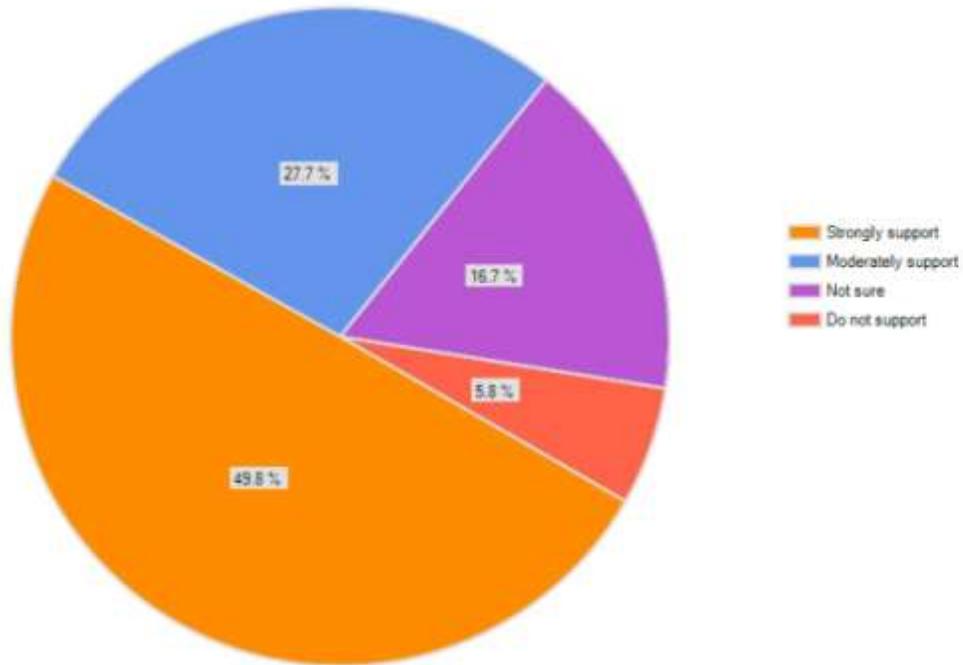
**13. How strongly do you support the current "Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund" tax to fund the acquisition, development and operations of parks, recreation, trails, open space, historic preservation, farmland preservation, and recreation facilities and activities?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly support		49.8%	342
Moderately support		27.7%	190
Not sure		16.7%	115
Do not support		5.8%	40
<b>answered question</b>			<b>687</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>26</b>

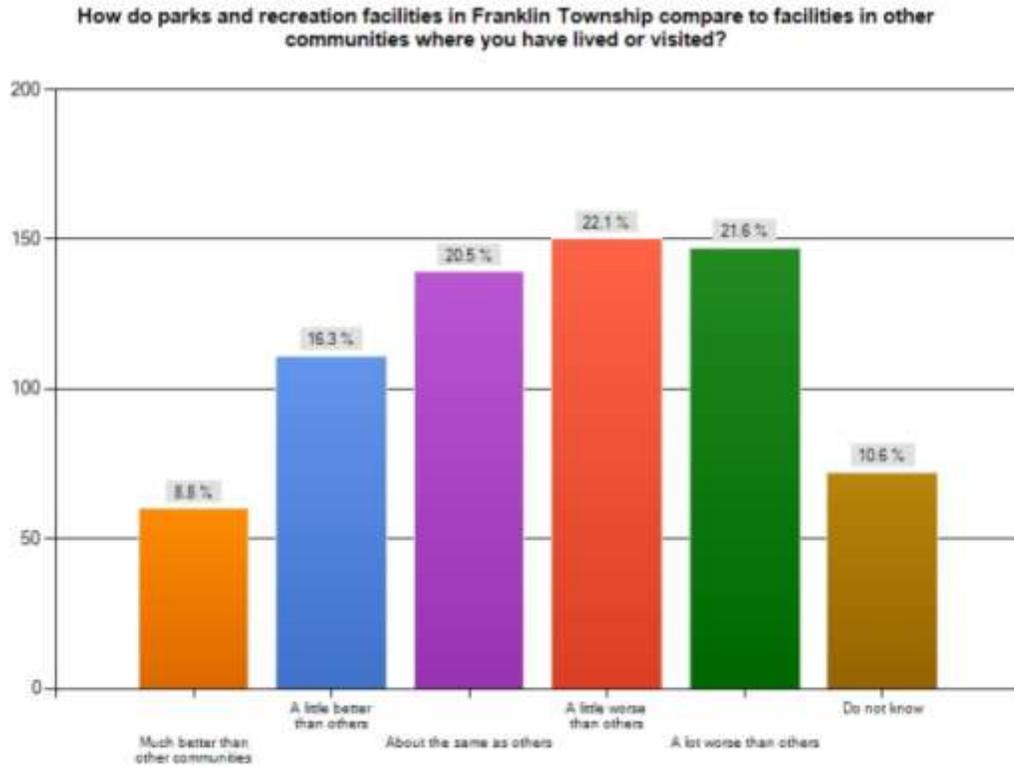
**14. How do parks and recreation facilities in Franklin Township compare to facilities in other communities where you have lived or visited?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Much better than other communities		8.8%	60
A little better than others		16.3%	111
About the same as others		20.5%	139
<b>A little worse than others</b>		<b>22.1%</b>	<b>150</b>
A lot worse than others		21.6%	147
Do not know		10.6%	72
<b>answered question</b>			<b>679</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>34</b>

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15. What is your age?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
5-9 years old		0.0%	0
10-14 years old		0.6%	4
15-19 years old		2.0%	14
20-24 years old		0.6%	4
25-34 years old		7.3%	50
<b>35-44 years old</b>		<b>36.3%</b>	<b>250</b>
45-54 years old		31.1%	214
55-64 years old		10.0%	69
Over 65 years old		12.2%	84
<b>answered question</b>			<b>689</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>24</b>

16. What is your gender?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		37.9%	254
<b>Female</b>		<b>62.1%</b>	<b>417</b>
<b>answered question</b>			<b>671</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>42</b>

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### 17. What recommendations would you like for Franklin Township to consider in the Preservation and Recreation Needs Assessment and Action Plan?

	Response Count
	358
answered question	358
skipped question	355

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### WEB SURVEY RESPONSES TO OPEN ENDED QUESTION

**What recommendations would you like for Franklin Township to consider in the Preservation and Recreation Needs Assessment and Action Plan?**

<b>IMPROVED ACCESS AND TRANSPORTATION</b>	
1	Accessibility.. more shaded areas to sit when walking with the elderly.. or something to get around with
2	More transportation for senior citizens
3	Transportation for singers and dancers
4	Transportation for singers and dancers; they have an excellent program
5	Bus transportation for singers, dancers, and mini trips for seniors
6	Free transportation for singers and dancers (high steppers) when they go out to perform
7	More transportation
8	Transportation for senior sngers and high steppers
9	Transportation for senior sngers and high steppers
10	Transportation for seniors
11	Transportation for seniors
12	We need more Youth Recreation Fields, Baseball and Football.
13	Free Transportation for the Hi Steppers and Singers
14	I would like to have transportation for singing Sr. Citizens and Hi Steppers.
15	We need better transportation.
<b>ATHLETIC FIELDS</b>	
16	We need new lighted baseball fields in a SAFE neighborhood with decent parking!!!
17	More baseball facilities for little league facilities
18	Would like to see the FTSBLL expanded
19	Consider adding more space for Basketball courts
20	More Basketball Courts Near Hamilton St.
21	More athletic fields as well as more programs for special needs children in the community.
22	More development fields for kids and adults
23	It is clear that the towns that have developed sports facilities for the youth of the community have more town participation/spirit/involvement for family members of all ages and prevents the many of the problems that are typical when youth do not have sports activities as a constructive outlet for their time and energy.
24	Build fields for the youth!!!!
25	Would like to see a sport complex built. We are in need for this, because certain organizations have to pay for the use of the fields and other's do not. If the leagues would put there efforts together, with the help of the township, we could have a nice complex for all sports to use.
26	Commit and spend the money we have on sports fields for our children
27	Increased support for practice and play fields for the soccer program
28	I would like to see more sports facilities (baseball, football, lacrosse, soccer) and lighting. I would like to see more sports programs for the children. I would like to see more teen programs.
29	Development of a 60/90 baseball field in Franklin Park, NJ
30	Develop both a soccer park/complex for the soccer league and a Peewee Football complex. Build an additional community pool on the southern end of town or more centrally located.
31	Build Football & Soccer complexes with lights. The kids and community will benefit long-term!!
32	Make enough room for the sports teams to play and practice
33	Please consider turf fields for the youth recreation
34	Additional turf field, lighting, explore motorsports area, adequate access to current facilities
35	Turf fields for our children...
36	Update athletic fields and build teen center
37	pathetic, there's no lighting at either. The township needs to provide decent fields and facilities to support youth (and adult) sports.
38	To promote the health and wellness of our kids, they kids deserve safe, well maintained athletic fields to play on with restroom facilities available.
39	Address the need for diverse community, cricket pitch, field hockey - not just soccer and baseball fields even though they are important
40	Development of turf fields
41	Our youth athletic fields MUST be improved. They are probably the worst fields in all of NJ and are by far the worst compared to all surrounding communities.
42	Please create more athletic fields, such as soccer and baseball, for our youth, a turf field would be a fantastic opportunity for our community's sports and recreation programs. that is one area where we are behind, as compared to other towns.
43	Sports field
44	Turf Fields and lights (As many fields as possible)
45	Turf fields and lights
46	NEED MORE SPORTS FACILITIES - SOCCER, FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, SWIMMING POOL

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47	Sporting complex for all youth sports and to up grade present sporting complexes with restrooms
48	Give importance to the new sports (cricket) and improve facilities to support that game in the township
49	To have active sports sites and development
50	Youth athletic fields
51	Create better fields and facilities for sports
52	Build lighted turf fields and public swimming pool
53	I am heavily involved in both youth soccer & football at the Recreation & Travel level (my wife & I are on the Executive Boards of both FTSC & FTPW). It is absolutely embarrassing to host our competitors at our way overused, so called facilities that have not been maintained correctly for many years. Also, we do not have enough fields for the current numbers of players in these sports, let alone any extra locations to use during the proper field maintenance procedures of taking fields off line for 1-3 growing seasons to renovate the existing fields. The Pop Warner kids have to practice on a ridiculously too small piece of land for the number of kids participating. Also, this "field" has about 20-40% turf or turf like plant like cover, resulting in either a muddy or foggy (large dust cloud that prevents parents from being able to watch their kids at practice, and sometimes the coaches can barely see what the kids are doing right in front of them) situation based on whether it has rained or not recently. The dust bowl situation can't be healthy for the kids & coaches. Also, some of their home games have had to be cancelled
54	Lighted Turf Fields
55	More Soccer and Football Fields
56	Creating and maintaining additional sports facilities
57	Turf fields!
58	Please consider the need for a turf soccer field at SGS or somewhere nearby as well as funding for professional maintenance of all SGS and Middlebush Park fields.
59	Build more sports fields and maintain them better.
60	There seems to be a lot of open and preserved land in Franklin Park but a huge lack of sports fields. Our resources are embarrassing compared to neighboring towns. It is making me question whether I should move. The township needs to do something, not just talk about it. We need sports fields now.
61	My family has been in this town for four generations so I understand the growth and change in needs. I believe this town needs a YMCA-type facility that provides programs for all ages, more soccer fields, lights on soccer fields, and a significantly increased number of interconnected bike paths with connection(s) to tow path and parks. This town provides quite a bit of recreational space, but it is not well organized and interconnected.
62	Soccer
63	Develop additional soccer fields for team practices. all the fields are overcrowded
64	Provide soccer fields and smell community recreation parks
65	More soccer field
66	clean
67	Create decent soccer fields.
68	Improve soccer fields and allocate equal to girls... need bathrooms
69	Facilities at soccer fields and soccer fields need much improvement
70	Turf soccer fields
71	Turf/lighted fields for soccer
72	Improvement of outdoor soccer facilities and possible indoor accommodations
73	Improve quality and access for soccer fields
74	Improved Soccer fields.
75	Low maintenance turf soccer fields!
76	Soccer fields, neighborhood playgrounds
77	Better/more soccer fields
78	Building more soccer fields
79	The installation of turf soccer fields at the Middlebush Park or any other township location.
80	Add more soccer fields for the youth. It is a healthy group sport that has had the most positive impact on my child and others around us.
81	More soccer fields
82	More Soccer fields, with turf and lights-
83	More soccer fields are needed, also more safe bike paths
84	More soccer fields, indoor swimming pool, biking trails
85	Build more soccer fields
86	Please support the growing soccer club!!!
87	Build the soccer fields- 2000 kids go through the program at FTSC, baseball/cricket/football are all one season sport
88	Both of my children are in the soccer program and have been for 4 years. The fields are 100% maintained by the soccer program today.
89	Upgrading soccer fields and making them available for kids to use outside of official sports functions: i.e. kids just wanting to get together and play
90	Need for more soccer fields to support the township Rec Program
91	The need for additional soccer fields.
92	More soccer fields at Middlebush Park and other parks around town
93	We definitely need more cricket pitches

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94	I would like to see the cricket pitch at Williams park maintain frequently and the grass get cut regularly. We pay for permits and we also paid a lot of money to repair this pitch ourselves.
<b>MIDDLEBUSH PARK</b>	
95	Make the Middlebush park better and bring over baseball fields to this park also?
96	Develop Middlebush Park with soccer fields
97	Develop Middlebush Park with soccer, baseball, hiking trails, biking trails,
98	Need to develop Middlebush Park for youth recreation.
99	Build out Middlebush Park to be a first class park with ample accommodation for sports clubs like Franklin Township Soccer Club. Start a fund where donations can be made to build out the soccer fields.
100	Middlebush Park improvements
101	Build the Middlebush park- soccer, baseball, football and cricket - soccer has about 1000 kids go through the program- every season and they do an amazing job with what they have - running the organization like a world class company
102	Develop active recreation (e.g., soccer fields) at Middlebush Park immediately. A few "neighbors" to the park that want extra large buffers (unlike anywhere else in town) should not slow down the active recreation needs of the entire township. Thank you for helping make this happen!
103	PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE make a turf field at Middlebush Park or somewhere in the Franklin area, we are so behind everyone else. they all have turf fields . PLEASE I would love Franklin forever if they made a turf field.
104	Building a Football/Soccer field with lights and concession at Middlebush Park
<b>BUDGET IMPACT</b>	
105	Not to spend more than the Township can afford
106	PROGRAM TO BE MORE EFFICIENT ECONOMICALLY WITH HIGH IMPACT ON DUALITY OF LIVING
107	Be mindful of the economy
108	Any plan that increases tax, I do not want. If we can bring the tax paid to state back to township I am OK.
109	Consider not only rec needs but also development of restaurant/retail to serve people using parks, trails & attending sports events thus creating tax revenue to finance rec improvements
110	Establish recreation fund outside Open Space Tax funds
<b>CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT</b>	
111	To better solicit recommendations and get more citizens involved in decisions
112	More community involvement
113	More community involvement
114	Continue to solicit community involvement
115	Add volunteer opportunities for annual maintenance and building
<b>COLONIAL PARK COMMENTS</b>	
117	We need to improve the playground in colonial park, improve maintenance in the new bathrooms and have more nature programs for all ages.
118	Update the playground at colonial park
119	equipment. My kids loved the beach area with the small crane which is gone? Also an outdoor/indoor swimming pool would be great to have
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	
120	A list of all the parks and facilities used to be on the website years ago and it disappeared and was never put back
<b>OTHER NEW FACILITIES</b>	
121	Disc Golf Course
122	More off-leash dog areas
123	I would like to see a park closer to Franklin Park Area & possibly with a doggie area
124	Create community garden to grow veggies for township residents, use open space productively.
125	Playground for all the kids
<b>EQUAL DISTRIBUTION</b>	
126	Please consider all age groups and all sports must be given equal preference.
127	Need to have facilities in all areas of the township. These facilities should be geared towards all age groups and should not need to destroy existing natural habitat
128	The rec fields are not immediately accessible to all residents ... I live towards the Kendall Park side ..and there aren't any nice parks / recreation areas for us . we have one park which is used by others and kids have limited access (only 1 baseball field, 4 6 swings, 2 jungle gyms).
129	Address the current shortcomings in the location, balance, quality, and variety of facilities and balance the distribution of funds to cover these shortcomings.
130	I live in Franklin Park which has a large Indian population. The push in this area appears to be for a Cricket field, while I am not a against this per se I do feel that a Cricket pitch alone only benefits a specific group of people. If a Cricket pitch is needed there should be other sports facilities included as well (basketball, baseball etc) so that all nationalities can benefit, especially in Franklin Park where there is essentially no recreational activities. My favorite park in the twp is Colonial, it has everything, however many don't realize it is County run.
<b>FARMLAND PRESERVATION</b>	
131	Need to preserve as much farmland as possible

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132	Support and preserve the farmland and historical sites. Do spend money to improve the current parks and playgrounds and re-visit the result in a year or so. Also, please develop safe walking and biking trails.
<b>STOP GROWTH</b>	
133	Stop building new houses.
134	Stop building new houses.
135	Stop building new houses.
136	Stop developers from developing over wooded areas
<b>COMPLETE THE HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES</b>	
137	the Township penchant for centralizing everything at the expense of those of us who have to travel many miles for just about everything.
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139	Develop Franklin High School stadium and provide additional outdoor basketball court and swimming facilities (indoor/outdoor)
140	Finish the HS stadium
141	Commit to helping to finish of the new HS Athletic Complex as well as rebuilding Ackerman Field and finishing Middlebush Park in that order.
142	Take the open space money and finish the HS stadium
143	Develop (like you talked about) Middlebush Park for soccer, softball/baseball and make the deal with the BOE to give the old football field to Pop Warner and FINISH THE new stadium at the HS
144	Helping finish the high school sports facility. It is open space used by the community. If I controlled \$100 of the fund I would finish this project first before starting anything knew. The high school represents the community.
<b>INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY</b>	
145	A youth recreation center (ie Boys and Girls Club)
146	People under 18 yrs need structure and a place to go.
147	Community Center / Indoor Recreation
148	It would be great if we had a YMCA in our community! Too much wasted land and money in the community for there not be one.
149	Indoor facility similar to Rutgers' Bubble indoor practice facility
150	A FAMILY YMCA- PLACE FOR ADULTS AND KIDS TO WORK OUT- WEIGHTS AND FITNESS MACHINES
151	There could be an indoor/outdoor swimming facility as one facility in which even our schools could use. If you make it affordable for Somerset county residents and a little more for other county residents, it would pay for itself. call and lets discuss 732-604-7037 Helen Anane
152	Build a YMCA for SOMERSET FRANKLIN
153	All surrounding towns have indoor recreation facilities as well as very well maintained outdoor recreation facilities (i.e. turf fields). Franklin Township should be embarrassed by the state of our recreation fields and should be embarrassed to invite surrounding towns to play on our very poorly maintained fields. Our current recreation fields are mainly holes, ruts and dirt and are very dangerous for our children to play on. The fields that do have grass are sometimes not cut in a timely manner which also makes them dangerous to play on.
154	We need an indoor swim facility for public use as well as for the High School Swim team.
155	We need an indoor swim facility for both public use and High School Swim team usage.
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157	Increased outdoor and indoor athletic facilities
158	YMCA and swimming facilities
159	Need more indoor sports facilities during Winter
160	Build a YMCA and community facilities!!!
161	Development of a family community center/YMCA
162	Drop in centers for ages 12 to 19
163	WE NEED AN INDOOR POOL FACILITY OR A YMCA!!!!
164	Multipurpose indoor/outdoor recreation facilities
165	could use funding for senior programs that can be used to bring in special events, movies, or presenters at no additional cost to the seniors.
166	Need a YMCA or indoor pool
167	A big indoor sports center with basketball, swimming, maybe tennis and water park
168	Need to create a sports complex which can house indoor and outdoor sports
169	Provide a community center for our children
170	Community center for youth programs and adult programs
171	Indoor swimming facilities for use by the community and High School swim team.
<b>IMPROVED MAINTENANCE</b>	
172	Maintenance of current facilities and areas is much more important than developing new facilities and areas. Thank you!
173	When something is removed from a park, it needs to be replaced, or substituted for. EX: digger, tire swing, and big-kid swings at Colonial???? Now vacant mulch pits???
174	Make it safer and more welcoming
175	Better maintenance of current small parks & improved amenities such as more covered seats and picnic benches and water fountains. Maintain mulching or put rubberized tiles on children's playgrounds.

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176	Improve and maintain existing parks and facilities before acquiring new area for parks. Middlebush park does not have a properly done road to walk or drive into the park. No water or restroom facility, a lot more to improve and maintain here.
177	Upgrade/maintain existing parks and facilities first
178	Cleanliness of parks
179	Maintain existing parks, recreation, historic preservation in well organized way.
180	play sports and the condition of the fields is embarrassing. Please allocate some time and money to the upkeep of the grounds!!
181	We have many parks, some in fair shape, others in need of repairs and upkeep, I would recommend that we utilize funds to upgrade and maintain what we already have.
182	Cleaner, newer facilities and more programs for teens
183	Preserve and improve the existing ones. no need to waste money for new parks or sports field. extremely important to save the land we have as gift of nature rather than disturbing the nature and taking the disadvantage of it.
184	We have many fields that just need to be properly utilized. I use the above example of Charles Street field near the board of Ed. I have two young boys which I coach in soccer and baseball and don't see a need to tear down more woods for open space. Better use what we have and protect our natural landscape for future generations.
185	Existing parks not safe and restrooms not clean
186	Maintenance of existing parks with additional sports fields.
187	You wasted time and money on the rose garden that was beautiful. Your playgrounds are falling apart!
188	Improve the current assets before buying more assets
189	Have people in place to take care of the parks we already have
190	Improvement of existing recreation facilities and new recreational facilities
191	Basically maintain, renovate and upkeep extremely important.
192	Renovation of the fields
193	Allocating money to keeping the current parks clean and safe.
194	I feel we need to cater more monies to the betterment of parks and increase league participation
195	Develop and Maintain Fields
196	Improve current facilities and create new facilities
197	More security
198	Improve what is in place.
199	Keep the facilities we currently have in good condition. No more building of new parks for any activities.
200	Fix what we already have, don't build what we can't afford
201	Maintain what we already have
<b>PARK DEVELOPMENT</b>	
202	various ages. I also love that it is gated, and so, somewhat more secure than, say, the playground at Colonial Park. I don't worry about my kids running into the parking lot, there. Thank you for taking this initiative and looking to the community for ideas and information! I love living here.
203	More centralize park space and park maintain
204	More outdoor leisure activities in the township
205	Tax for parks is OK, not farm land preservation or open space
206	Existence of park need to improve
207	Open space at Hamilton St business district
208	Park on Hamilton St. with permanent stage
209	More picnic tables and benches around public parks and playgrounds
210	Take over all school property outside the buildings and maintain and run the property as public parks.
211	With the current budget situation, I would recommend purchasing more land for more passive recreation.
212	Stop acquiring small plots of land that can't be developed for anything
<b>PATHWAYS AND TRAILS</b>	
213	Sidewalks throughout the township
214	Connect the town with sidewalks, trails and bike lanes; it would be nice to get around more easily without a car.
215	Increase bike and hiking paths; indoor community pool and exercise
216	I would like more bike trails, the traffic is horrible in Franklin to be able to ride a bike in town
217	Marked walking/hiking trails
218	Bridge at the western end of 6 mile run
219	More trails and maintenance of current trails
220	Improve sidewalks & paved walkways on DeMott Lane
221	More mountain bike access
<b>PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS</b>	
222	Develop a plan that can actually be delivered. Don't over promise and under deliver.
223	Actually do something rather talking about doing something.
224	Start immediately
225	Make sure politics stays out of the process and the needs of the residents are truly considered, not just the vocal few that represent NIMBY
226	Give it a priority

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227	Be fair do not put all the recreation programs in the poorer section everyone needs recreation
228	Divide funds equally
229	Consider a good balance between needs of the community and the impact to the environment.
230	Coordinate with Somerset County
231	THIS SURVEY IS AN AWESOME START. THANK YOU.
232	Get it done
233	I would like Franklin township to pursue smart development that keeps a balance in the community and to not overdevelop parks such as Middlebush Park. I would like the town to improve public access to BOE facilities and to make more open space land accessible for active recreation.
234	Monitoring the Improvement closely with the Available Resources, Providing Plans and approach in accommodating the needs
235	land.
236	immediate actions
<b>LAND PRESERVATION</b>	
237	You are doing a good job. Please continue to preserve as many areas of Franklin as possible. It's rural quality should be treasured & maintained!
238	Preserve more land. Too many developments have spoiled the "farm" feel in the township..
239	Please preserve the open space and do not build more.
240	Resist the urge to urbanize some areas to preserve others.
241	Continue with the preservation of the open spaces - parks, picnic grounds, etc.
242	Remain focused on acquiring land for preservation and environment
243	Look to reuse developed land rather than exploit remaining undeveloped land.
244	Continue pressure to preserve green spaces!!!
245	Preserve as much open space as possible
246	Keep the environments clean, provide activities for families, preserve open space
247	Franklin Township is beautiful. It is important that we preserve our beautiful land, but where appropriate, we need to address rec needs for our community. We need a Community Center with indoor pool and programs, or outdoor pool in which all people are welcome. They have it in No. Bruns, Middlesex, etc., we are the only ones that do not have somewhere for our community to go to. It is a disservice to our community.
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249	Open Space and Family Activities Space
250	I think open land should stay open land. We shouldn't convert our open space for the benefit of a few. Being a long time Franklin resident, I have seen more and more of our heritage turn into developed land. Traffic is always an issue. My support is for open/preserved space, not ball fields, soccer fields and the like. Our taxes have gone from \$2,000/yr to \$8,000/yr over the last 20 years. With no children that have gone to school in Franklin I feel I have done more than my share and have gained
251	Preserve nature and make people society happy
252	I would like to see more open space and farmland preservation so Franklin does not turn into No. Brunswick.
253	More areas devoted to preserving nature.
254	Buy as much land as they can once they build on it gone for very.
255	Preserve more undeveloped open space. This township is overbuilt already!
256	Preserving natural space
257	Review principles of LEED for Neighborhood Development and Sustainable Jersey
258	Open space preservation
259	No cut backs. Enhance what we have.
260	Need more open space similar to when I moved here in 1974
261	Maintain open space for passive recreation such as hiking, biking, bird watching etc
262	I do not support the distribution of open space funds for active recreation, nor do I believe open space properties should be utilized for active recreation. I believe parks and preserved open space are different.
263	Use what we already have; better balance -not all open space
264	Create more nature parks
<b>INCREASED PROGRAMMING</b>	
265	Consider having events that can generate funds (such as by having vendors) while helping to bring the community together.
266	Add science activities like robotics club. Resurface the track at the Middle school. And offer additional low cost sports. The little league is to expensive
267	Start walking club
268	MUCH improvement is needed in Rec programs for Toddlers, Preschoolers and young children. Montgomery, Hillsborough and South Brunswick does a MUCH better job with these age groups.
269	Provide more programs/classes for preschoolers/older kids and improve the quality of the existing programs. Provide more parks with good equipment...mad maintain the parks well.
270	Consider a program that will bring immediate neighbors together in an interactive community group. For example, Bayberry neighborhood group sports softball team vs. another nearby neighborhood group.

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271	We really need to improve our community. People keep saying how bad Franklin Park is and how they can't wait to leave. We need to provide outdoor entertainment and facilities to foster community pride and interdependence
272	More activities at the Community Center for adults in my age range (30s and 40s)- not just seniors. I think it's great that we have senior programming, but all activities seem to be for youth or seniors. What about working adults who are contributing their tax money and do not have children? Where are the benefits in this community for us?
273	More programs and better use of space.
274	Please expand the recreation offerings! See Hillsborough for some suggestions
275	Programs and facilities that get people active
276	Summer camp with daily swimming
<b>IMPROVE RESTROOMS</b>	
277	Don't forget the bathrooms :(O)
278	I would like you to consider the addition of restrooms, drinking fountains, and bike racks at existing parks. Please also consider keeping as much open space as possible in our town.
<b>SENIOR CONSIDERATIONS</b>	
279	I am a senior and would like funds allocated to assist the senior programs
280	Money for high steppers, swingin singin seniors, mini trips for seniors
281	Money for high stepper travel
282	Need funding to senior center for: programs, transportation of performers in swingin singin & high steppers, funding for minitrips (pay busdriver), funding for guest speakers, access to use township buses for minitrips, etc.
283	Money to support all senior programs, transportation needs and trips
284	Hi Steppers and singers programs
285	More Senior Activites
286	MORE SENIOR ACTIVITES
<b>UNIVERSAL ACCESS</b>	
287	Adaptive recreation for adult stroke survivors
288	More effective special needs programs
289	Build a handicap accessible, multi-use park in southern part of town
<b>OUTDOOR AQUATIC CENTER</b>	
290	I get frustrated trying to find swimming opportunities for my kids. I used to have membership at the hotels, but they don't do that anymore. I am considering get a membership at Bound Brook's public pool. I came from a town that had 3 town pools.
291	Would love a kids spray park for all the children in this community
292	More places to exercise. Also maybe even a town swimming pool. I am sure people of all ages will enjoy that.
293	use.
294	Public Pool and Bike Trails/Lanes on New Brunswick Road
295	We need to improve the programs we have by improving the access and fields for games and practice. We also need a community pool that is affordable for all residents.
296	Really would like a community Aquatics facility
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298	Community pool
299	AN OUTDOOR COMMUNITY POOL
300	Swimming alternatives for everyone. affordable
301	I would love to see a township swimming pool/program - perhaps in coordination with another town like Manville?
302	We need community pools for the residents.
303	Could we have a public outdoor swimming center for the summer? I have to go the Warren pool to swim. That's far!
304	Large southern end park: existing park upgrades and improvements: public pool
305	Swim classes all year round
306	Swimming pools and community gardens
307	fields.
308	Public Swimming pool
309	Swimming pool- none available for the township , please have one in place
310	I recommend a tennis court and playground in the open space located off Weston Road between Cedar Grove & Elizabeth Ave.
<b>TOUR AREA FACILITIES FOR IDEAS</b>	
311	To do tours of these area open to public more often yr around. & to our school students
312	Take a ride to neighboring towns like south or north Brunswick and see what their facilities look like.
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314	Look at South Brunswick and other towns and model our program after their funding sources.
315	Please visit other neighboring communities and see/learn and implement their best practices ( eg. east Brunswick, hill borough, Bridgewater etc).
<b>FOCUS ON YOUTH SERVICES</b>	
316	Increase recreation/ sports programs for teens/ young adults to keep them out of trouble
317	Kids and youth activities
318	Think about the kids

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319	Spend more on the kids so they stay out of trouble
320	The fact that you have three senior centers in this town—one which you call a community center that can only be used by seniors—NO YOUTH ALLOWED—this town has done nothing for the youth.
321	More to the youth
322	Need programs for teens
323	Remember our youth!
324	Summer Teen programs
325	Youth and teen programming is important and will address other areas such as academics, truancy, vandalism, health and wellness, as well as teen pregnancy.
326	Franklin Twp is a great place to live, however with all the youth in the area which has grown more than ever, we need to give them places to let the energy out. Give the kids what they need which is a release. Thru parks and sports. Preserve what needs to be preserved. there is more than enough money and land to build where appropriate. We were all kids once to...we know how important it is to go to a park and just have fun whether playing or watching someone play. Thank you
327	<b>THINK ABOUT OUR YOUTH AND THE SPORTS/RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES THE TOWNSHIP CAN OFFER THEM. OUR KIDS ARE OUR FUTURE!</b>
328	Youth program and water parks
329	Need more programs or places for teens & soccer fields
330	We need to engage youth and teens more with organized programs
331	It's very important for the community to improve facilities for youth sports. I would love the Twp to have better recreation facilities overall, more opportunities for programs at historical sites, and more trails.
332	More programs for children and teens to participate in.
333	Teen activities
334	Evaluate the benefit of engaging youth in structured activities year round.
335	I would really like to see the BMX Trail, more youth programs and addition staff presence at existing parks.
336	Kids, kids, kid
337	Research shows that spatial and kinesthetic activity enhances cognitive development in children all ages, but especially in the pre-school ages. This is an age group that is particularly under-serviced in Franklin Township.
338	Look for opportunities to provide the youth with options for activities to keep them out of trouble and on the right path.
339	Stop wasting money with surveys, visit recreation club operations to determine needs, stop listening to a few nay-sayers, and invest the money in the youth of our township because they are the future.
<b>MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS</b>	
340	Take into consideration that other nearby parks, such as Johnson Park, fulfill many needs. We DON'T need to duplicate things at enormous expense just because we can.
341	Think LONG TERM: (10 to 30 years)
342	None - The survey is a great start
343	Report of Survey Results
344	Unsure at this time
345	Doing a great job now, not sure if its the right time to expand due to the current economy, I'd rather see existing programs preserved than new ones made at this particular time.
346	Build a recreation facility for our committee.
347	Create Jobs for Franklin residents
<b>NEGATIVE COMMENTS TOWARD FUNDING FOR PARKS AND RECREATION</b>	
348	Consider cutting back budget. We have enough open space. Maintain what we have. No new projects.
349	Get out of the Preservation and Recreation business.
350	Stop wasting money, drop the trust fund monies, put more money into law enforcement and save your town!
351	No need for more preservation or recreation spending. Use the funding for Real Estate tax relief.
352	While there is a push in the town to "over" develop one specific area, Middlebush Park, the needs of the entire town, NOT one or two coalitions, (Soccer Club & Pop Warner Football) should be examined. There is a HUGE section of town, Franklin Park, the has almost no park space or sports fields, other than at the Franklin Park School. I think we need to allocate space in ALL areas of town as well as provide for the "organized" teams. In other towns, the sports leagues play there games exclusively at school fields, or on fields run by the leagues themselves, such as our Little League organization. Not sure why we as a town would be SO willing to bend over backwards for a soccer league or football league or any other group. I think there are much better ways to spend those dollars rather than destroy what is now a great park with lots of wildlife, forestry, etc.
353	Do not use public monies to develop facilities for private clubs or entities; they should fund their own.
354	Limit paved parking areas and sports fields

