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1. Introduction

1.1. Background

In late spring of 2012 the City of Laramie, Parks and Recreation Department enlisted the Wyoming Survey & Analysis Center (WYSAC) to conduct a survey of City of Laramie residents regarding Laramie parks, trails, bike lanes, recreational facilities, and natural areas. The dual-mode survey was fielded by WYSAC during July and August of 2012. The survey was developed by the Parks and Recreation Department in collaboration with WYSAC to assess levels of use and satisfaction with services provided by the department, as well as to gather citizen perceptions, preferences, and attitudes about various Parks and Recreation related issues.

1.2. Organization of this Report

Section 1 (*Introduction*) contains pertinent background information for the project along with a summary of the report organization.

Section 2 (*Methods*) addresses questionnaire development, the survey sampling frame, the data collection process, response rates, and data analysis.

Section 3 (*Demographics*) highlights the demographic make-up of the sample.

Section 4 (*Discussion of Survey Results*) contains a summary discussion of the survey results complete with graphic presentation of the findings.

The report concludes with four appendices:

Appendix A (*Frequency Distributions*) contains the comprehensive results from the 2012 *City of Laramie Survey*. Questions are presented in the order and with the phrasing used on the questionnaire, and accompanying tables display raw frequency counts and valid percentage distributions for each survey item.

Appendix B (*Responses to Open-Ended Questions and Volunteered Comments*) presents the responses provided by survey respondents to all open-ended survey questions, those questions that invite *other* responses, and all volunteered comments from the 2012 survey.

Appendix C (*Survey Instrument*) contains the actual questionnaire used for the 2012 survey.

Appendix D (*Laramie Areas Map*) contains the map of Laramie areas and location of parks and facilities.

2. Methods

2.1. Survey Design and Administration

2.1.1. Questionnaire Development

The questionnaire for the 2012 City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Survey was developed by WYSAC in collaboration with the City of Laramie, Parks and Recreation Department. Content for the questionnaire was primarily developed by the City, with WYSAC providing feedback regarding question wording, response choice categories, and formatting. Questionnaire content was limited to that which could fit comfortably on the front and back of a single 11x17" form, folded into a standard 4-page booklet. After questionnaire content was finalized, the paper version of the instrument was formatted for optical mark recognition (OMR) scanning, thus assuring significant minimization of error due to manual data entry. A web-based version of the survey was also created using state-of-the-art web survey software. Effort was made to minimize differences between the paper and web forms in order to ensure comparability.

By design, content of the questionnaire focused on four major elements of importance to the Parks and Recreation Department:

- Parks: when and how often parks are used; which parks are used most; transportation to and from parks.
- Trails, Paths, & Bike Lanes: general use; amenities of importance.
- Recreation Facilities and Activities: general use; those facilities used most often.
- Natural Areas: general use; maintenance responsibility; access restriction

Common to each segment were questions about barriers and difficulties respondents encounter while using or trying to use Parks and Recreation services and facilities. A series of questions focused on general satisfaction and priority placed in terms of funds allocation for the major services offered by the Department. Some key demographic data were also gathered.

2.1.2. Sample Design

The sampling frame for the survey included all households within the City of Laramie, which are contained in the United States Postal Service (USPS) Delivery Sequence File (DSF). Included in the sample were addresses with the following zip codes: 82070, 82072, and 82073. A probability sample of 1,600 mailable addresses from these zip codes was purchased from the Marketing Systems Group, one of the leading national vendors specializing in the generation of scientific samples. There was no random selection of respondents within households; any adult household member who agreed to participate could complete the survey.

2.1.4. Survey Administration

WYSAC began the survey mailing sequence on July 13, 2012, when a pre-notification letter authored by the Parks and Recreation Director was mailed to every household in the sample. This letter contained a link and login code allowing respondents to complete the survey online. About a week later the paper questionnaire accompanied by a cover letter authored by WYSAC was sent to all who had not responded with completed web surveys. The cover letter was inviting potential respondents to either complete the paper survey and mail it back in the postage paid envelope that was included in the mailing, or respond online. Approximately two weeks later, a reminder postcard was sent to all households in the sample who had not yet responded with completed surveys. Finally, in mid-August a replacement questionnaire, accompanied by a reminder letter authored by WYSAC, was sent to those households from which a completed survey had not yet been received.

As paper surveys were returned to WYSAC, they were scanned using WYSAC's high volume scanners, eliminating errors that may occur from manual data entry and minimizing overall data recording errors. At the same time, responses to open-ended questions were carefully hand-entered and subjected to minimal editing for spelling and grammar.

2.2. Response Rates and Margins of Error

As mentioned in Section 2.1.2, the initial sample consisted of 1,600 addresses for households bearing City of Laramie zip codes. Of these, 222 were "returned to sender" leaving a total sample of 1,378 valid addresses. Survey data collection closed on September 11, 2012, by which date 400 completed questionnaires were obtained, for a final response rate of 29%. Of all completed surveys 137 (34%) were received online and 263 (66%) in the mail. Random samples of 400 yield margins of error of about plus or minus 4.87 percentage points with 95% confidence. At these levels and within this margin of error, it is appropriate to state that the results presented in this report accurately reflect the opinions and preferences of all Laramie households and thus can be generalized to the population of Laramie residents.

Of note, it is reasonable to expect that some households chosen randomly for the sample do not use (or think that they do not use) Parks and Recreation facilities and services and are therefore less likely to return a completed survey. As the data show, the vast majority of those completing and sending back a completed survey are users of Parks and Recreation facilities and services. Increased efforts to obtain responses may well increase total response rate, but may only yield an increase in data from "non-users." Also to be considered is the timing of the fielding period, which was during the summer months when many residents of Laramie are away.

2.3. Data Compilation and Analysis

Once all paper questionnaires were scanned, a data set was compiled which was cleaned and properly labeled. Surveys completed online were compiled into a single data set, which in turn was cleaned and properly labeled. The two data sets were then merged into a single data set. Variables were recoded as necessary and appropriate, and frequencies were run on all variables. Missing values such as *Don't know* and *No answer* are excluded from the percentage calculations to yield valid responses. On *Mark all that apply* items, percentage totals may exceed 100%.

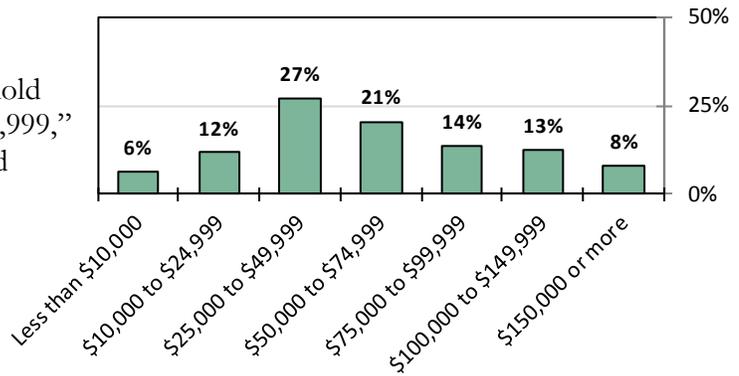
In addition, items of particular relevance are presented and discussed in the Section 4 (*Discussion of Survey Results*) of this report. Demographic breakdowns are also available in the following section.

3. Demographics

Presented in this section are data from the four demographic items included on the survey instrument. Demographic questions used within the survey instrument provide a detailed look at the demographic characteristics of the group of respondents that completed the survey, as well as allows for a comparison of the sample with the population of interest, in this case all households in Laramie. Full frequency tables of each question can be found in Appendix A.

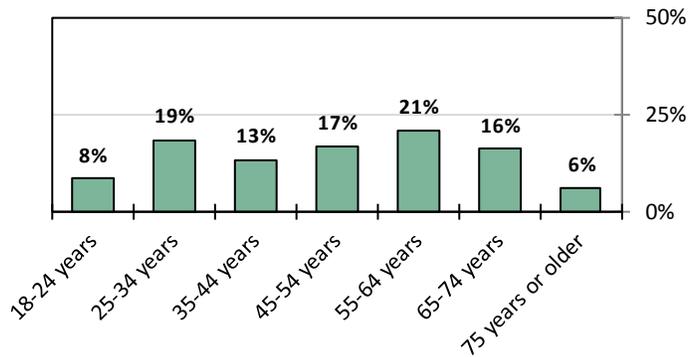
Income

The distribution of respondents' income is shown to the right. The most commonly reported household income for 2011 was the category "\$25,000 to \$49,999," with a decent representation of all other household income categories.



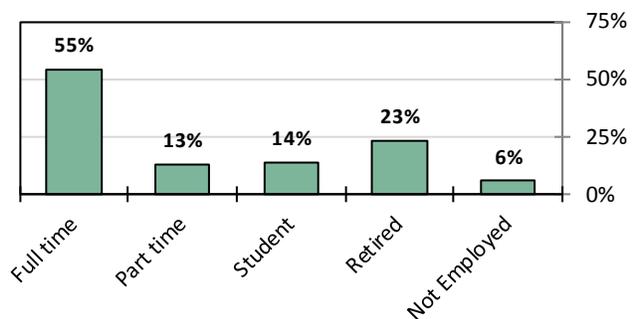
Age

The distribution of respondents' age is shown to the right. The percentage of respondents from 25 years old to 74 years old was fairly level. As is usually the case with household-level survey research projects, our sample is skewed toward the older categories with the largest discrepancy between our sample and the actual population being an underrepresentation of young people (8% in our sample as compared to 33% according to U.S. Census figures) and an overrepresentation of older people (our sample contains 52% of people between 45 and 74 years old with the population estimates being closer to 21%).



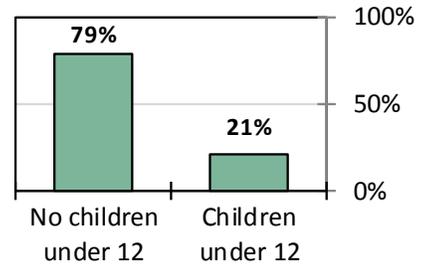
Employment

Respondents were asked about their current employment status. Results are displayed to the right, and show that slightly more than half (55%) of respondents indicated being employed full-time, and about a quarter (23%) were retired. (Note that respondents were instructed to mark every employment status that applied to them, leading to total percentages of greater than 100.)



Children

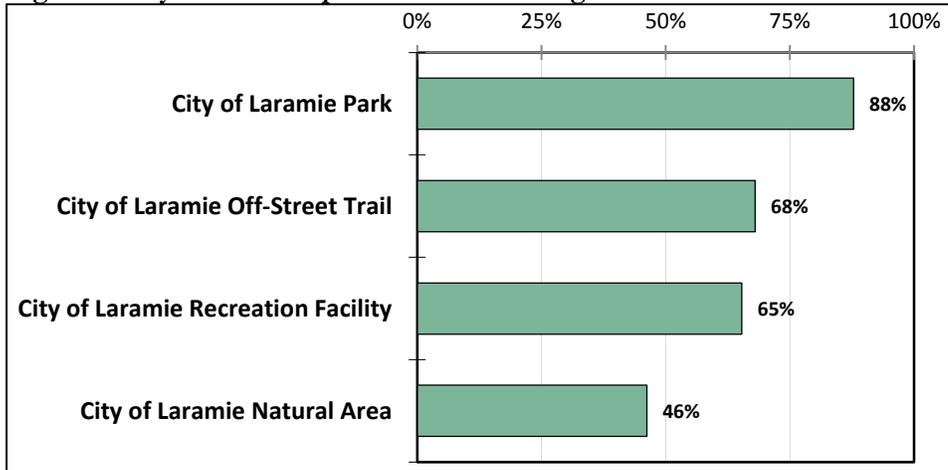
Important to the City of Laramie was to have good representation of households within which live children under the age of 12. About one-fifth (21%) of respondents indicated that children under the age of 12 live in their household. U.S. Census data show that just about 15% of households within the City of Laramie have children under the age of 18, meaning that our sample indeed over represents this particular demographic group.



4. Discussion of Survey Results

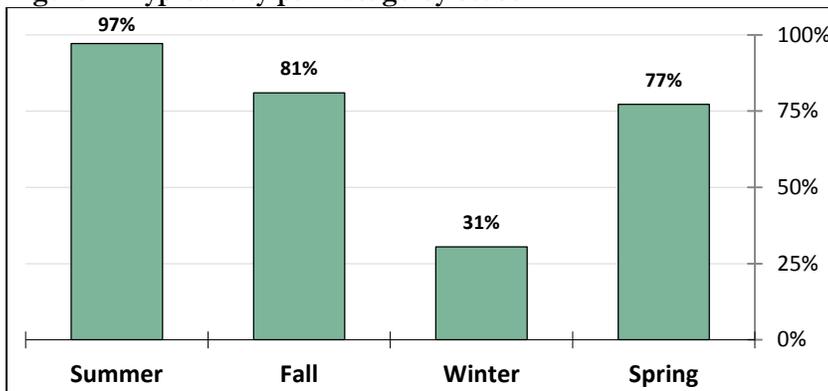
Laramie citizens were asked if, in the past 12 months, they or any members of their household had used a variety of places and trails maintained by the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department. Of all respondents, 88% indicated using a park in the last 12 months, followed by off-street trails (68%) and recreation facilities (65%). Less than half (46%) of those responding indicated using natural areas.

Figure 1. City of Laramie places and trails usage



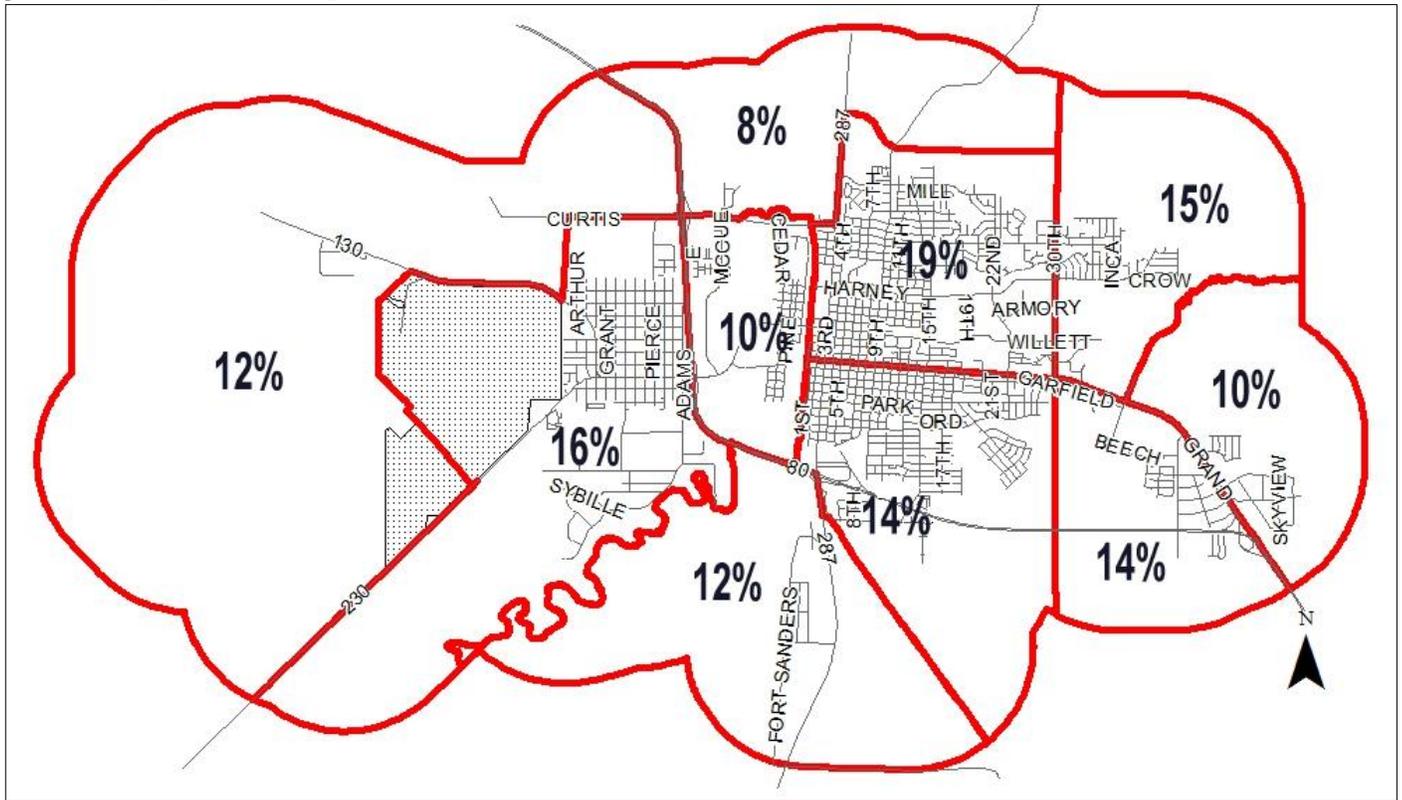
Not surprisingly, parks are most often used in the summer (97%), followed by fall (81%) and spring (77%) and then a sharp decline in winter (31%). Respondents were allowed to mark every season they typically use parks, so a total of more than 100% is expected.

Figure 2. Typical city park usage by season



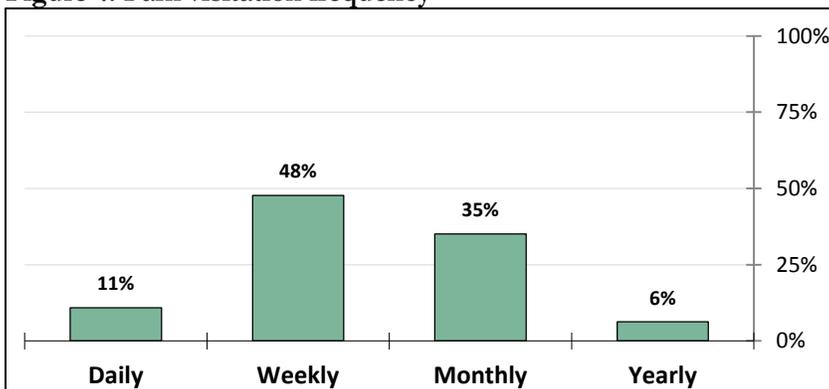
Respondents were asked which area of Laramie they would prefer to see new parks developed. Preferences were fairly even across the city, with the most common area (#6) chosen by 19% and the least preferred area (#7) by 8%. Respondents were allowed to indicate more than one area, again meaning that percentages could total more than 100.

Figure 3. New park location preference



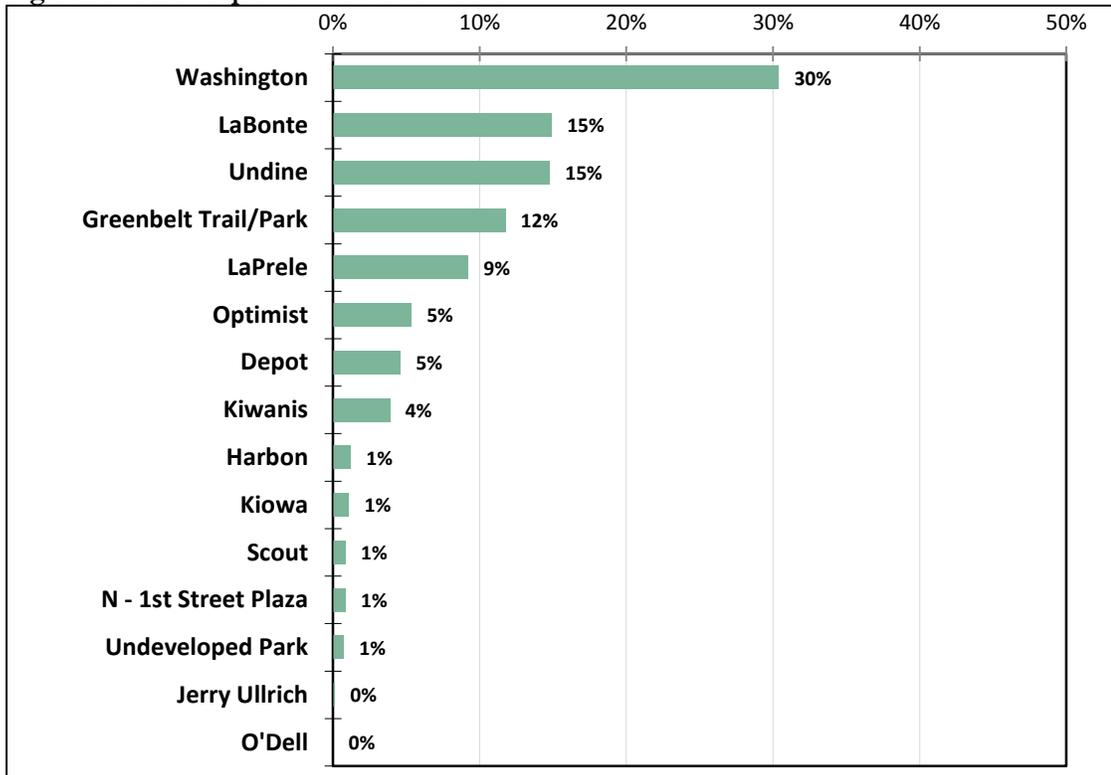
Of those respondents that have visited a park in the last 12 months, about half (48%) did so on a weekly basis, another 35% visited monthly. Those visiting daily (11%) and yearly (6%) were much less common.

Figure 4. Park visitation frequency



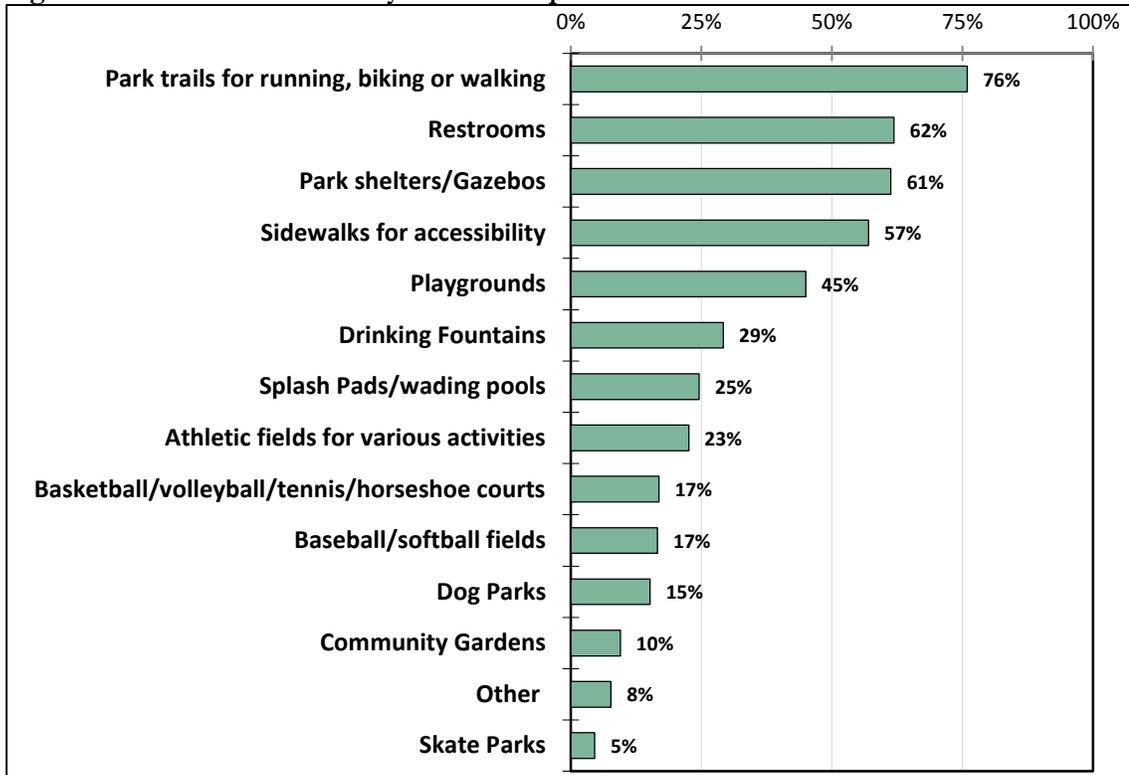
Those completing the survey were asked to select from a list those City parks that their household used the first, second, and third most within the last 12 months. When all data are combined, Washington Park is shown to be the most commonly used park by Laramie households, selected nearly 30% of the time. Both LaBonte and Undine Parks were next most commonly used by households, with each selected 15% of the time. Nobody from the sample selected either Jerry Ullrich or O'Dell Park as their first, second, or third most used park.

Figure 5. Laramie parks most often used



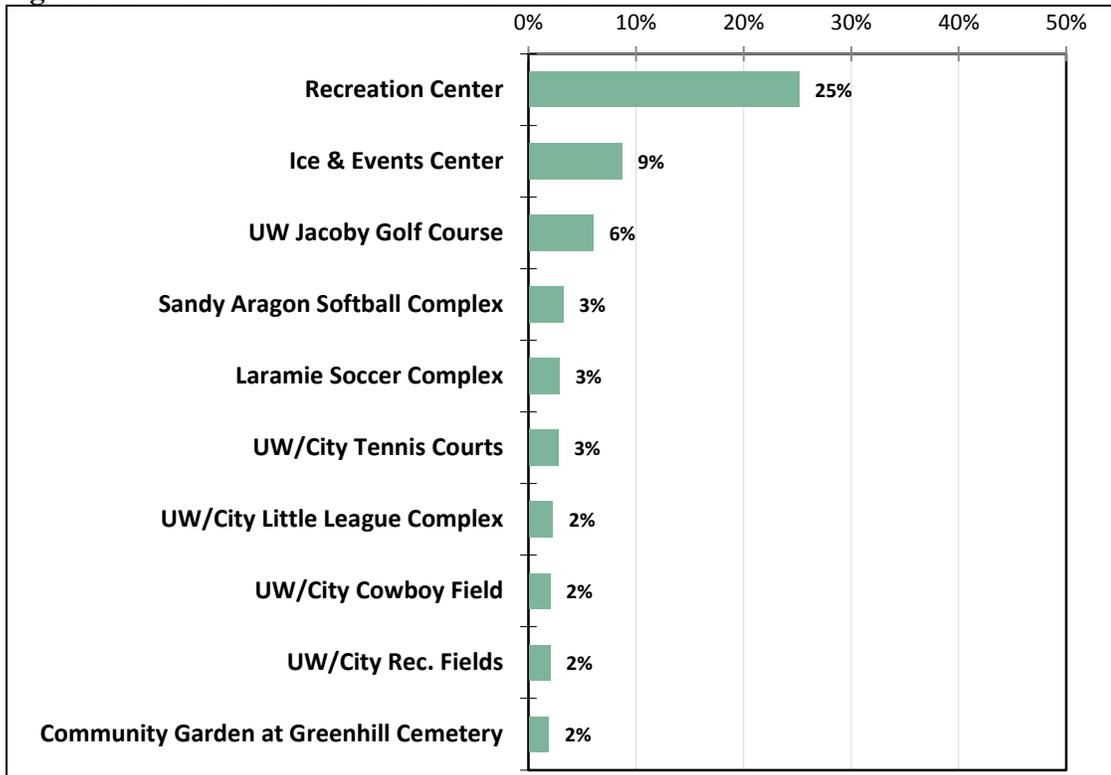
Residents who use City of Laramie parks were asked which park amenities they use. The most popular amenities were park trails (76%), followed by restrooms (62%) and park shelters/gazebos (61%). The three least frequently used amenities listed were *Community Gardens* (10%), *Other* (8%), and *Skate Parks* (5%).

Figure 6. Amenities used at City of Laramie parks



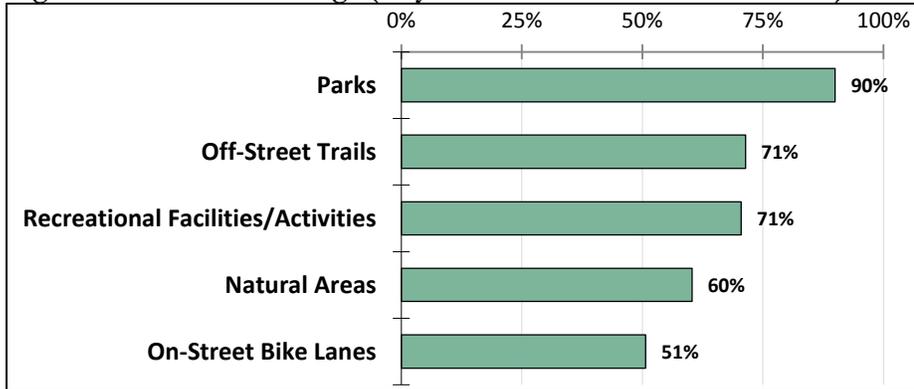
Similar to how they were asked about which parks are used most frequently, respondents were asked to select from a list of recreation facilities used by their household the first, second, and third most often throughout the last 12 months. When all data are combined, the Recreation Center is shown to be the most commonly used facility by Laramie households, selected 25% of the time. The Ice & Events Center was next most commonly used, selected 9% of the time, followed by Jacoby Golf Course selected 6% of the time.

Figure 7. Laramie recreation facilities most often used



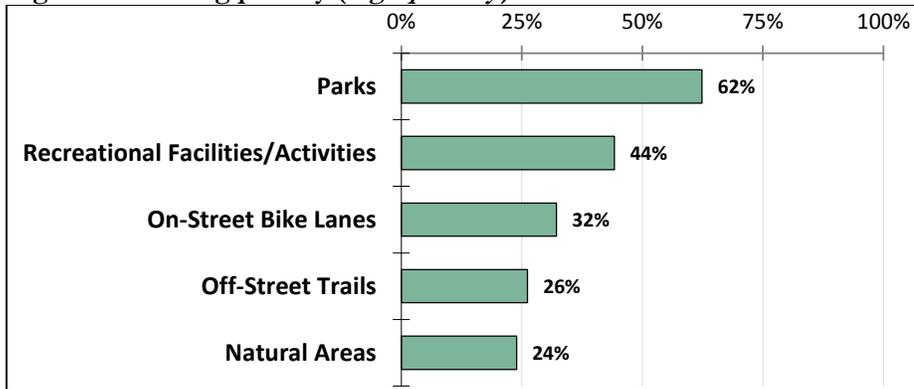
Laramie citizens were asked to rate their overall satisfaction with five items covered in the survey and of particular interest to the Parks and Recreation Department. As shown in Figure 8 below, 90% of respondents indicated they were very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with Parks, followed by 71% of respondents indicating satisfaction with both off-street trails and recreational facilities/activities. On-street bike lanes were rated lowest in satisfaction, but still over half of Laramie citizens indicated being very satisfied or somewhat satisfied.

Figure 8. Satisfaction ratings (very satisfied and somewhat satisfied)



Respondents were then asked to place a priority for funds allocation on the same five items. Listed in Figure 9 are the percentages of those respondents indicating *High Priority* for the items. Most commonly listed as a high priority by Laramie citizens were parks(62%), followed by recreational facilities/activities (44%), on-street bike lanes (32%), off-street trails (26%), and finally natural areas (24%).

Figure 9. Funding priority (*high priority*)



Appendix A. Frequency Distributions

Detailed results from the survey are presented below. Responses to all questions on the survey are reported in the order and with the wording used on the questionnaire. Responses of *'Don't know'* and *'No response'* are considered missing values and thus excluded from the percentage calculations. Percentages for *Mark All that Apply* survey items (i.e., questions for which multiple response choices are possible) may total more than 100%.

General Information

Q1. In which area of the City of Laramie (and surrounding area) do you currently live? (Please refer to the map and enter the number that corresponds with the area in which you live.)

Table 1. Q1. Area

	Frequency	Percent
Area 1	44	11.3%
Area 2	23	5.9%
Area 3	12	3.1%
Area 4	10	2.6%
Area 5	124	32.0%
Area 6	118	30.4%
Area 7	5	1.3%
Area 8	28	7.2%
Area 9	11	2.8%
Area 10	13	3.4%
Total Valid	388	100%
No answer/Refused	12	
Total Missing	12	
Total	400	

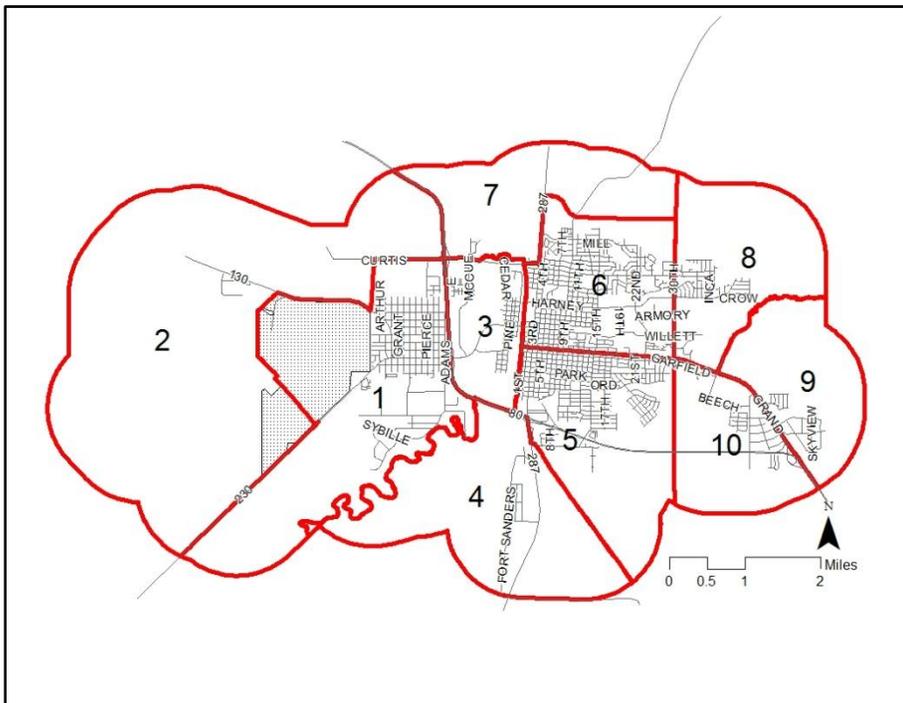
Q2. Are there areas of the City in which you would like to see new parks developed? (Please refer to the map to the right and enter the number that corresponds with the areas you would like to see new park development.)

Table 2. Q2. Areas for new parks

	Frequency	Percent*
Area 1	62	15.5%
Area 2	48	12.0%
Area 3	41	10.3%
Area 4	49	12.3%
Area 5	54	13.5%
Area 6	75	18.8%
Area 7	32	8.0%
Area 8	59	14.8%
Area 9	38	9.5%
Area 10	55	13.8%
Total Valid	400	100%
Total	400	

*Percentages total more than 100% (multiple responses are possible).

(Note: respondents to the mail version of the survey had only up to four choices.)



Parks

Q3. Have you or members of your household used a City of Laramie park in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the back of the COVER LETTER for a listing of City of Laramie parks.)

Table 3. Q3. Household park use

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	351	87.8%
No	49	12.3%
Total Valid	400	100%
Total	400	

(Respondents who answered 'Yes' to question 3 proceeded to question 4, the rest skipped to question 13.)

Q4. During which seasons do you typically use City of Laramie parks? (Mark all that apply.)

Table 4. Q4. Seasonal park use

	Frequency	Percent*
Summer	337	97.1%
Fall	281	81.0%
Winter	106	30.5%
Spring	268	77.2%
Total Valid	347	
No answer/refused	4	
Skipped	49	
Total Missing	53	
Total	400	

*Percentages total more than 100% (multiple responses are possible).

Q5. When using City of Laramie parks, how often do you visit the parks?

Table 5. Q5. Frequency of visits to parks

	Frequency	Percent
Daily	38	10.9%
Weekly	166	47.7%
Monthly	122	35.1%
Yearly	22	6.3%
Total Valid	348	100%
No Answer/Refused	3	
Skipped	49	
Total Missing	52	
Total	400	

Q6. Which parks have you or members of your household most often used in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the map on the back of the COVER LETTER and enter the number that corresponds with up to the THREE parks you most often use.)

Most often used:

Table 6. Q6_1. Parks used most often

	Frequency	Percent
Depot	7	2.2%
Greenbelt Trail/Park	43	13.6%
Harbon	4	1.3%
Jerry Ullrich	1	0.3%
Kiowa	5	1.6%
Kiwanis	11	3.5%
LaBonte	56	17.7%
LaPrele	22	6.9%
Optimist	15	4.7%
Scout	1	0.3%
Undine	32	10.1%
Washington	115	36.3%
N - 1st Street Plaza	0	0.0%
Undeveloped Park	3	0.9%
None	2	0.6%
Total Valid	317	100%
No Answer/Refused	34	
Skipped	49	
Total Missing	83	
Total	400	

Second most often used:

Table 7. Q6_2. Parks used most often

	Frequency	Percent
Depot	16	5.7%
Greenbelt Trail/Park	31	11.0%
Harbon	3	1.1%
Kiowa	2	0.7%
Kiwanis	10	3.6%
LaBonte	43	15.3%
LaPrele	27	9.6%
Optimist	14	5.0%
Scout	2	0.7%
Undine	36	12.8%
Washington	92	32.7%
N - 1st Street Plaza	3	1.1%
Undeveloped Park	1	0.4%
Other	1	0.4%
None	0	0.0%
Total Valid	281	100%
No Answer/Refused	70	
Skipped	49	
Total Missing	119	
Total	400	

Third most often used:

Table 8. Q6_3. Parks used most often

	Frequency	Percent
Depot	15	6.3%
Greenbelt Trail/Park	23	9.7%
Harbon	3	1.3%
Kiowa	2	0.8%
Kiwanis	11	4.6%
LaBonte	24	10.1%
LaPrele	27	11.4%
Optimist	15	6.3%
Scout	4	1.7%
Undine	54	22.8%
Washington	44	18.6%
N - 1st Street Plaza	4	1.7%
Undeveloped Park	2	0.8%
Other	2	0.8%
None	7	3.0%
Total Valid	237	100%
No Answer/Refused	114	
Skipped	49	
Total Missing	163	
Total	400	

Q7. For what reasons do you use City of Laramie parks?

► See *Appendix B* for complete list of responses to question 7.

Q8. Which of the following amenities have you used while at City of Laramie parks? (Mark all that apply.)

Table 9. Q8. Amenities used

	Frequency	Percent*
Park shelters/gazebos	214	61.3%
Baseball/softball fields	58	16.6%
Basketball/volleyball/tennis/horseshoe courts	59	16.9%
Athletic fields for various activities (e.g. soccer, lacrosse, Frisbee, football, archery, etc.)	79	22.6%
Restrooms	216	61.9%
Playgrounds	157	45.0%
Sidewalks for accessibility	199	57.0%
Park trails for running, biking or walking	265	75.9%
Dog Parks	53	15.2%
Skate Parks	16	4.6%
Community Gardens	33	9.5%
Splash Pads/wading pools	86	24.6%
Drinking Fountains	102	29.2%
Other	27	7.7%
Total Valid	349	
No Answer/Refused	2	
Skipped	49	
Total Missing	51	
Total	400	

*Percentages total more than 100% (multiple responses are possible).

► See Appendix B for complete listing of “other” responses to Q8.

Q9. What other amenities, if any, would you like to have access to at City of Laramie parks?

► See Appendix B for complete list of responses to Q9.

Q10. What barriers or difficulties do you experience when using City of Laramie parks?

► See Appendix B for complete list of responses to Q10.

Q11. How do you MOST OFTEN get to City of Laramie parks? (Please mark only ONE response.)

Table 10. Q11. Getting to parks

	Frequency	Percent
Walk	113	34.8%
Bike	36	11.1%
Personal vehicle	175	53.8%
Public transportation	0	0.0%
Other	1	0.3%
Total Valid	325	100%
No Answer/Refused	26	
Skipped	49	
Total Missing	75	
Total	400	

Q12. If you have children under 12 years old, what is the maximum distance you would allow your child to travel unsupervised to get to a City of Laramie park?

Table 11. Q12. Distance to park children under 12 are allowed to travel

	Frequency	Percent
0 blocks	56	58.3%
4 blocks (1/4 mile)	29	30.2%
8 blocks (1/2 mile)	7	7.3%
More than 8 blocks	4	4.2%
Total Valid	96	100%
No Answer/Refused	65	
Skipped	49	
N/A – no child under 12	190	
Total Missing	304	
Total	400	

Trails, Paths, and Bike Lanes

Trails maintained by the City of Laramie include OFF-STREET trails and paths (such as next to Garfield St. and the Green Belt) as well as ON-STREET bike lanes (such as on 9th St. and Harney St.).

Q13. Have you or members of your household used OFF-STREET trails in or around the City of Laramie in the past 12 months?

Table 12. Q13. Use of off-street trails

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	249	68.0%
No	117	32.0%
Total Valid	366	100%
No Answer/Refused	8	
Don't know/Not sure	26	
Total Missing	34	
Total	400	

Q13A. If yes, did you use OFF-STREET trails for recreation, transportation, or both?

Table 13. Q13A. Use of off-street trails for recreation, transportation, or both

	Frequency	Percent
Recreation	156	63.7%
Transportation	9	3.7%
Both	80	32.7%
Total Valid	245	100%
No Answer/Refused	12	
Skipped	143	
Total Missing	155	
Total	400	

Q14. Which of the following amenities are important to you with regard to OFF-STREET trails/paths? (Mark all that apply.)

Table 14. Q14. Off-street trails important amenities

	Frequency	Percent*
Smooth and clean surface	269	81.5%
Overlook/observation areas	79	23.9%
Information/Way Finding signs	91	27.6%
Linkage to City Parks	128	38.8%
Linkage to downtown and business districts	119	36.1%
Separate lanes for bikers and walkers	126	38.2%
Bicycle Racks	52	15.8%
Restrooms	161	48.8%
Other	23	7.0%
Total Valid	330	
No Answer/Refused	70	
Total Missing	70	
Total	400	

*Percentages total more than 100% (multiple responses are possible).

► See Appendix B for complete listing of “other” responses to Q14.

Q15. What barriers or difficulties do you experience when using OFF-STREET trails or paths?

► See Appendix B for complete list of responses to Q15.

Q16. Do you or members of your household ride a bicycle within the City of Laramie?

Table 15. Q16. Ride a bicycle within City of Laramie

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	258	66.3%
No	131	33.7%
Total Valid	389	100%
No Answer/Refused	9	
Don't know/Not sure	2	
Total Missing	11	
Total	400	

Q16A. If yes, when riding your bike in the City of Laramie, how frequently do you use ON-STREET bike lanes?

Table 16. Q16A.Frequency of on-street bike lanes use

	Frequency	Percent
All the time	60	23.5%
Most of the time	90	35.3%
Some of the time	82	32.2%
None of the time	23	9.0%
Total Valid	255	100%
No Answer/Refused	12	
Don't know/Not sure	2	
Skipped	131	
Total Missing	145	
Total	400	

Q17. Which of the following amenities are important to you with regard to ON-STREET bike lanes? (Mark all that apply.)

Table 17. Q17. Important amenities for on-street bike lanes

	Frequency	Percent
Painted and swept	194	64.5%
Way Finding Signs	45	15.0%
Separate Bike Lanes from Parking	189	62.8%
Bike lanes marked at intersections	185	61.5%
Other	33	11.0%
Total Valid	301	100%
No Answer/Refused	99	
Total Missing	99	
Total	400	

*Percentages total more than 100% (multiple responses are possible).

► See Appendix B for complete listing of "other" responses to Q17.

Recreation Facilities and Activities

Q18. Have you or members of your household used a City of Laramie recreation facility in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the back of the COVER LETTER for a listing of City of Laramie recreation facilities.)

Table 18. Q18. Household use of a City of Laramie recreation facility

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	250	65.3%
No	133	34.7%
Total Valid	383	100%
No Answer/Refused	17	
Total Missing	17	
Total	400	

(Respondents who answered 'Yes' to question 18 proceeded to question 19, the rest skipped to question 20).

Q19. Which recreation facilities have you or members of your household most often used in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the map on the back of the COVER LETTER and enter the number that corresponds with up to the THREE recreation facilities you most often use.)

Most often used:

Table 19. Q19_1. Most used recreation facilities

	Frequency	Percent
Ice & Events Center	18	7.3%
Recreation Center	153	62.2%
UW Jacoby Golf Course	26	10.6%
Laramie Soccer Complex	5	2.0%
Sandy Aragon Softball Complex	8	3.3%
UW/City Cowboy Field	4	1.6%
UW/City Little League Complex	8	3.3%
UW/City Rec. Fields	8	3.3%
UW/City Tennis Courts	9	3.7%
Community Garden at Greenhill Cemetery	4	1.6%
Other	3	1.2%
Total Valid	246	100%
No Answer/Refused	20	
Skipped	133	
None	1	
Total Missing	154	
Total	400	

Second most often used:

Table 20. Q19_2. Most used recreation facilities

	Frequency	Percent
Ice & Events Center	42	26.4%
Recreation Center	38	23.9%
UW Jacoby Golf Course	17	10.7%
Laramie Soccer Complex	13	8.2%
Sandy Aragon Softball Complex	14	8.8%
UW/City Cowboy Field	8	5.0%
UW/City Little League Complex	6	3.8%
UW/City Rec. Fields	5	3.1%
UW/City Tennis Courts	8	5.0%
Community Garden at Greenhill Cemetery	8	5.0%
Total Valid	159	100%
No Answer/Refused	99	
Skipped	133	
None	9	
Total Missing	241	
Total	400	

Third most often used:

Table 21. Q19_3. Most used recreation facilities

	Frequency	Percent
Ice & Events Center	12	16.9%
Recreation Center	17	23.9%
UW Jacoby Golf Course	7	9.9%
Laramie Soccer Complex	6	8.5%
Sandy Aragon Softball Complex	5	7.0%
UW/City Cowboy Field	5	7.0%
UW/City Little League Complex	5	7.0%
UW/City Rec. Fields	4	5.6%
UW/City Tennis Courts	6	8.5%
Community Garden at Greenhill Cemetery	4	5.6%
Total Valid	71	100%
No Answer/Refused	176	
Skipped	133	
None	20	
Total Missing	329	
Total	400	

Q20. What barriers or difficulties do you face in using current recreation facilities and activities that are offered in our community?

► See Appendix B for complete list of responses to Q20.

Q21. Are there any deficiencies in recreation facilities or activities in Laramie?

► See Appendix B for complete list of responses to Q21.

Q22. What other types of recreation facilities and activities would you like to see in Laramie?

► See Appendix B for complete list of responses to Q22.

Natural Areas

Natural areas are defined as lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, open space, preservation of unique topography, visual aesthetics or some other resource that has been determined of value to the community.

Q23. Have you or members of your family used a City of Laramie natural area in the past 12 months?

Table 22. Q23. Use of a City of Laramie natural area

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	175	46.2%
No	204	53.8%
Total Valid	379	100%
No Answer/Refused	21	
Total Missing	21	
Total	400	

Q24. Do you feel that natural areas should be maintained by the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department?

Table 23. Q24. Natural areas maintained by City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	276	78.0%
No	78	22.0%
Total Valid	354	100%
No Answer/Refused	46	
Total Missing	46	
Total	400	

Q25. Should natural areas allow public access or should some natural areas restrict access?

Table 24. Q25. Natural areas restrict access

	Frequency	Percent
All public access	110	40.6%
Some Restriction	161	59.4%
Total Valid	271	100%
No Answer/Refused	22	
Don't know/Not sure	107	
Total Missing	129	
Total	400	

Q26. Overall, how satisfied are you with the following?**City of Laramie Parks:**

Table 25. Q26A. Satisfaction level

	Frequency	Percent
Very satisfied	209	56.5%
Somewhat satisfied	124	33.5%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	26	7.0%
Somewhat dissatisfied	9	2.4%
Very dissatisfied	2	0.5%
Total Valid	370	100%
No Answer/Refused	16	
N/A - Do not use	14	
Total Missing	30	
Total	400	

City of Laramie OFF-STREET Trails:

Table 26. Q26B. Satisfaction level

	Frequency	Percent
Very satisfied	93	29.9%
Somewhat satisfied	129	41.5%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	57	18.3%
Somewhat dissatisfied	26	8.4%
Very dissatisfied	6	1.9%
Total Valid	311	100%
No Answer/Refused	19	
N/A - Do not use	70	
Total Missing	89	
Total	400	

City of Laramie ON-STREET Bike Lanes:

Table 27. Q26C. Satisfaction level

	Frequency	Percent
Very satisfied	56	18.8%
Somewhat satisfied	95	31.9%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	67	22.5%
Somewhat dissatisfied	59	19.8%
Very dissatisfied	21	7.0%
Total Valid	298	100%
No Answer/Refused	20	
N/A - Do not use	82	
Total Missing	102	
Total	400	

City of Laramie Recreational Facilities/Activities:

Table 28. Q26D. Satisfaction level

	Frequency	Percent
Very satisfied	117	38.4%
Somewhat satisfied	98	32.1%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	51	16.7%
Somewhat dissatisfied	27	8.9%
Very dissatisfied	12	3.9%
Total Valid	305	100%
No Answer/Refused	22	
N/A - Do not use	73	
Total Missing	95	
Total	400	

City of Laramie Natural Areas:

Table 29. Q26E. Satisfaction level

	Frequency	Percent
Very satisfied	58	22.7%
Somewhat satisfied	96	37.6%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	76	29.8%
Somewhat dissatisfied	19	7.5%
Very dissatisfied	6	2.4%
Total Valid	255	100%
No Answer/Refused	24	
N/A - Do not use	121	
Total Missing	145	
Total	400	

Q27. Please tell us what priority should be placed on each of the following items with regard to funds allocation.

City of Laramie Parks:

Table 30. Q27A. Priority with regard to funds allocation

	Frequency	Percent
High priority	224	62.4%
Moderate priority	115	32.0%
Low priority	11	3.1%
Not a priority	9	2.5%
Total Valid	359	100%
No Answer/Refused	20	
No opinion/Not sure	21	
Total Missing	41	
Total	400	

City of Laramie OFF-STREET Trails:

Table 31. Q27B. Priority with regard to funds allocation

	Frequency	Percent
High priority	87	26.2%
Moderate priority	176	53.0%
Low priority	47	14.2%
Not a priority	22	6.6%
Total Valid	332	100%
No Answer/Refused	33	
No opinion/Not sure	35	
Total Missing	68	
Total	400	

City of Laramie ON-STREET Bike Lanes:

Table 32. Q27C. Priority with regard to funds allocation

	Frequency	Percent
High priority	107	32.2%
Moderate priority	153	46.1%
Low priority	51	15.4%
Not a priority	21	6.3%
Total Valid	332	100%
No Answer/Refused	26	
No opinion/Not sure	42	
Total Missing	68	
Total	400	

City Of Laramie Recreational Facilities/Activities:

Table 33. Q27D. Priority with regard to funds allocation

	Frequency	Percent
High priority	144	44.2%
Moderate priority	126	38.7%
Low priority	38	11.7%
Not a priority	18	5.5%
Total Valid	326	100%
No Answer/Refused	37	
No opinion/Not sure	37	
Total Missing	74	
Total	400	

City of Laramie Natural Areas:

Table 34. Q27E. Priority with regard to funds allocation

	Frequency	Percent
High priority	73	23.9%
Moderate priority	113	37.0%
Low priority	88	28.9%
Not a priority	31	10.2%
Total Valid	305	100%
No Answer/Refused	31	
No opinion/Not sure	64	
Total Missing	95	
Total	400	

Q28. Do any children under the age of 12 live in your household?

Table 35. Q28. Children under the age of 12

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	81	20.8%
No	309	79.2%
Total Valid	390	100%
No Answer/Refused	10	
Total Missing	10	
Total	400	

Q29. What is your age?

Table 36. Q29. Age

	Frequency	Percent
18-24 years	33	8.4%
25-34 years	73	18.6%
35-44 years	52	13.3%
45-54 years	66	16.8%
55-64 years	81	20.7%
65-74 years	63	16.1%
75 years or older	24	6.1%
Total Valid	392	100%
No Answer/Refused	8	
Total Missing	8	
Total	400	

Q30. What is your employment status? (Mark all that apply.)

Table 37. Q30. Employment status

	Frequency	Percent*
Full time employed	213	54.5%
Part time employed	51	13.0%
Student	55	14.1%
Retired	91	23.3%
Not Employed at all	23	5.9%
Total Valid	391	
No Answer/Refused	9	
Total Missing	9	
Total	400	

*Percentages total more than 100% (multiple responses are possible).

Q31. In which of the following income ranges does your household's income fall? (Please indicate the category that best describes your household's total income before taxes in 2011.)

Table 38. Q31. Household income

	Frequency	Percent
Less than \$10,000	23	6.4%
\$10,000 to \$24,999	42	11.7%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	98	27.2%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	74	20.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	49	13.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	45	12.5%
\$150,000 or more	29	8.1%
Total Valid	360	100%
No Answer/Refused	40	
Total Missing	40	
Total	400	

Q32. Comments:

► See Appendix B for complete list of responses to Q32.

Appendix B. Volunteered Comments and Responses to the Open-Ended Questions

Appendix B.1. Additional Volunteered Comments.

Volunteered comments hand-written by respondents in the margins of paper completions are listed by question. Only very minimal editing for typographical errors, grammar, and content has been applied.

Question 1. In which area of the City of Laramie (and surrounding area) do you currently live? (Please refer to the map and enter the number that corresponds with the area in which you live.)

- Just over viaduct.

Question 2. Are there areas of the City in which you would like to see new parks developed? (Please refer to the map to the right and enter the number that corresponds with the areas you would like to see new park development.)

- No more taxes. Lower the taxes instead of spending more money!
- Notably lot #29 Foothills Street soon because of the weeds and blowing dirt in block #7.

Question 3. Have you or members of your household used a City of Laramie park in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the back of the COVER LETTER for a listing of City of Laramie parks.)

- We have enough.

Question 5. When using City of Laramie parks, how often do you visit the parks?

- Use undeveloped areas daily.

Question 7. For what reasons do you use City of Laramie parks?

- Band concerts and special events.
- Barbeques with friends.
- Bike riding and hanging out.
- Bike riding, Frisbee playing, dog walking, and general hanging out.
- Bike riding, kayaking, and dog walking.
- Bike riding, walking, and general exercise.
- Bike riding.
- Bike trail (Greenbelt).
- Biking, walking, and hanging out.
- Birding and exercise-Greenbelt.
- Child playgrounds, walking, picnicking, parties, volunteering, exercising, bird watching, nature watching, pet walking, athletics, sitting, and reading.
- Children fishing, and eat lunch.
- Children.
- Children's play equipment and to exercise by walking.
- Children's play equipment.
- Children's entertainment and exercise.
- Church picnics, family gatherings or picnics, and 4th of July.

- Community events, friends, and/or family gatherings.
- Community gardens, reading, playing catch, farmers markets, and festivals.
- Disc golf and walking track.
- Dog exercise and my exercise.
- Dog park area.
- Dog training.
- Dog walking and exercise.
- Dog walking, disc golf and picnic.
- Dog walking, grandchildren swimming, exercise for me, and picnics.
- Dog walks and special events.
- Dog walks, exercise, dog swimming, and community gardening.
- Dogs and Frisbee golf.
- Dogs. (2)
- Events and walking dog.
- Events occurring in the parks and city sports leagues.
- Exercise (running, basketball), and for fresh air.
- Exercise and dog exercise.
- Exercise and dump yard debris in the dumpsters.
- Exercise and recreation.
- Exercise and socializing.
- Exercise and ultimate Frisbee.
- Exercise and walking.
- Exercise for both my dog and I. It is very nice to be outside without having to drive excessively or at all.
- Exercise for me and my dog and social gatherings.
- Exercise like walking, therapy like visual of people and trees, gardens (community), and dogs.
- Exercise my dog, playing volleyball and Frisbee, running, and walking.
- Exercise my dog.
- Exercise walking on the paved paths.
- Exercise, games, and bird watching.
- Exercise, meeting friends, walking the dog, and BBQ.
- Exercise, picnicking, and the playground.
- Exercise, playground, and social functions.
- Exercise, recreation, and picnic.
- Exercise, volleyball, and Frisbee.
- Exercise. (5)
- Family and friends.
- Family reunion.
- Farmer's market and picnic.
- Fitness and recreation.
- For family gatherings and just to enjoy the nicer weather when we have it.

- For kids to play, kids soccer, and t-ball.
- For my child to play.
- For my children to play and for me to walk/exercise.
- For my children to play and to be with other families.
- For my daughter to play in, to visit the farmer's market, and to attend community events.
- For my dogs to walk and my one year old and three year old to play.
- For our daughter to play on the equipment.
- For picnics or take the grandkids to play.
- For the kids! We occasionally head to the Greenbelt for walking/running.
- For walks and riding my bike.
- Freedom has a birthday (Washington), Wednesday concerts (Washington), relaxing in sun (Washington), relaxing (Undine), tennis (Undine), and also LHS tennis courts (when available).
- Freedom Has a Birthday, exercise, and concerts.
- Freedom Has a Birthday.
- Fresh air, recreation, and bicycling.
- Frisbee, Freedom has a Birthday, walk around with friends, and eat fast food outside.
- Frisbee, skateboarding, and walking dogs.
- Fun to longboard through.
- Fun, to play, and enjoy family time.
- Get together and exercise.
- Grandchildren play.
- Granddaughter plays on equipment and splash pad.
- Grilling/cooking out, walking, and socializing.
- Group meetings and take grandchildren to play.
- I have a daughter so playing, biking, and walking.
- I job on the Greenbelt trail three to four times per week. Mostly just “days in the park” at the others.
- I just see it driving through.
- I love the open spaces.
- I take my dog to the park and I appreciate the running tracks which I use a couple of times a week.
- I use these parks for running most every day and for my kids to play! Skate park we use a lot and t-ball and soft ball fields! We also use the splash pad!
- I walk my dog at the parks, play volleyball, and run!
- I walk.
- Keeps the kids happy!
- Kids go there to play.
- Kids like skateboarding at LaBonte and dogs like walking on Greenbelt trail.
- Kids play, soccer practice, and running.
- Kids play.
- Large gatherings, events, play on playgrounds, and ride bikes.
- Let the kids play or have a picnic with friends

- Lounging, walking, basketball, other sports, city events, drawing, and painting.
- Mainly for recreation, disc golfing at LaPrele, and running on the green belt trail. My wife and I go to relax and walk at LaBonte.
- Mainly walking and biking. I really like the Greenbelt on the west side of town, which will also get me to the north or center of town. It's off the streets, much safer, and the air quality is better than walking or biking on city streets.
- Meeting friends and attending gatherings.
- Mostly for the playground and grassy areas for my kids to play in.
- Mostly for walking and exercising.
- Mostly recreation (e.g., basketball, ultimate Frisbee, disc golf); I also use Laramie parks when I dog sit.
- Mostly to picnic or get some exercise.
- Moved close to mountains and the parks here have toxic sprays which I don't tolerate.
- Music concerts, 4th of July, and church picnics.
- Music on Wednesday evenings and walking.
- Open space and dog exercising.
- Parties, gatherings, walk dog, 4th of July, school field day, and graduation parties.
- People watching, greenery appreciation and sex.
- Picnic and playgrounds.
- Picnic, band concert, and walking.
- Picnic, children's fishing, children's pool, and children's facilities.
- Picnic, playground, splash pad, fishing, and play with dogs.
- Picnics and concerts.
- Picnics and dog walks. (2)
- Picnics, band concerts, walking path, and office (group) parties.
- Picnics, basketball, and playground.
- Picnics, BBQ's, sports, family get togethers, and walks.
- Picnics, city celebrations, and concerts in Washington Park.
- Picnics, Family functions, and celebrations.
- Picnics, walk dog, and events.
- Picnics, walking dogs, and playgrounds.
- Place for my son to play.
- Play with children and exercise with dog.
- Play with children, exercise, and walk where it is green and has shade.
- Play with our kid and jogging.
- Playground equipment and water features.
- Playground equipment, dog walking, and civic band concerts.
- Playground equipment, splash pad/water features, picnics, bike riding, and walking.
- Playground equipment, sports events (soccer and baseball), and relax.
- Playground, fish pond, disc golf, and sand volleyball.
- Playground, fishing, picnic, soccer, and events like Freedom Has a Birthday.

- Playground, softball, walking, and biking.
- Playground, water parks, farmer's market, and Greenbelt/river.
- Playground, water splash pad, picnic, and farmer's market.
- Playground.
- Playgrounds and other entertainment for our toddler.
- Playgrounds and splash pad.
- Playgrounds for grandchildren and walks.
- Playgrounds with my children, sporting events (t-ball, soccer), splash pad, and community events (FHAB, farmer's markets).
- Playgrounds, basketball, and picnics.
- Playgrounds, grassy areas, and splash pad to take my two boys to play.
- Playgrounds, soccer, Frisbee, walking, splash pad, fishing, picnics, wandering, b-ball, tennis, climbing trees, socializing, and events.
- Playgrounds, splash pads, fishing, walking, 4th of July, sports, and birthdays.
- Playgrounds, trails, grass, and events.
- Playing with our children, playing in the splash pad, and running.
- Playing, farmer's market, walking, and fishing.
- Playing, walking, picnics, and fresh air.
- Plays with dogs, Frisbee activities, enjoy the beautiful outdoors, and longboarding.
- Pools for babies/kids, freedom in park, and walking with dog or alone.
- Quiet, relaxing, and a little walking.
- Really do not use the parks much now that the children are grown and moved away.
- Rec.
- Recreate with grandchildren, picnic, and meet others.
- Recreation and exercise.
- Recreation and play.
- Recreation and soccer practices.
- Recreation and walking.
- Recreation for young children.
- Recreation, bird watching, swimming, and relaxing.
- Recreation, fitness, and play.
- Recreation, quiet reflection, spiritual experience/worship, walking for exercise, and children use of playground/splash pad/splash pool.
- Recreation, sports, fitness, and youth sports.
- Recreation. (5)
- Recreation: Fishing, playground, riding bikes, walking dogs, picnicking, and sports (Frisbee, baseball, volleyball).
- Recreation; personal or as part of parks and rec activities.
- Recreational uses.
- Relax and recreate.

- Relaxation and observation.
- Relaxation, farmer's market, walking, and picnicking.
- Relaxation, nature, and walking.
- Ride bike, walk dogs, and play soccer.
- Riding bicycle and walking.
- Running and playing with the kids.
- Running the dog and kids playing on play structure.
- Running, picnic, socialize, and take my dog out.
- Running, walking, and farmer's market (Undine).
- Running, walking, playground equipment, splash pad, sports, picnic, and laying in the grass.
- Running.
- Sitting, picnic, walking, playing, and biking.
- Size, location, and soccer fields.
- Skating, biking, walking dogs, and taking kids to play.
- Soccer fields and walking.
- Soccer games.
- Soccer, running, basketball, and swings.
- Social and sporting events.
- Softball, riding bikes, and walk our dogs.
- Splash park, children, and children's sports.
- Sports and walking.
- Stop to eat lunch.
- Stroll and relax.
- Swing sets, or just to take a walk around, just be in nature with the trees and grass without having to drive far.
- Take grandkids to play.
- Tennis and walking.
- The playgrounds are the most important part of the park because our children play on those the most. We also use Washington and Undine parks a lot in the summer because of the water (Undine's splash pad and Washington Park's pool).
- To be outdoors, close to home so we can walk/bike in good weather.
- To enjoy the outdoors.
- To exercise, for social gatherings, and to hang outside on a nice day.
- To exercise; run, walk, we use the exercise stations, to relax, to eat lunch, and to spend time with friends.
- To have a relaxing lunch and walk.
- To play disc golf and to run on or from.
- To play games, hang out with friends, have cook-outs, use the paths, play volleyball, and run around.
- To relax or go have fun.
- To run, layout in the sun, and play tennis.
- To take dogs for a walk, to play with kids, to lounge and read, and to exercise.
- To walk our dog and enjoy the community garden.

- To walk.
- Volleyball and Frisbee.
- Volleyball, soccer, lunch breaks, gymnastics, and Frisbee.
- Waling, municipal band concerts, and Freedom Has A Birthday.
- Walk and run dog.
- Walk and walk dog.
- Walk around the paths for exercise.
- Walk dogs, use Huck Finn pond, play in Laprele, and playground equipment in Washington.
- Walk dogs.
- Walk my dog and go running.
- Walk the dog and play soccer.
- Walk the dog, kids play, and bike riding.
- Walk the dog, let dog run and play in river with other dogs, change of scenery, and get away from traffic.
- Walk, events, and school activities.
- Walk, rollerblade, Undine market, and biking.
- Walk, run, and sports.
- Walk. (2)
- Walking.
- Walking and band concerts.
- Walking and barbeques.
- Walking and bicycling.
- Walking and birding.
- Walking and eat lunch.
- Walking and exercise. (2)
- Walking and exercising our dogs.
- Walking and golf.
- Walking and grandkids.
- Walking and group picnics.
- Walking and kids birthdays.
- Walking and lunch at picnic tables.
- Walking and meeting friends.
- Walking and picnics. (3)
- Walking and play with children.
- Walking and playground. (2)
- Walking and playing with dog. (2)
- Walking and skateboarding.
- Walking and socializing.
- Walking and summer band concerts.
- Walking and taking my grandchildren to play.
- Walking and use of playground equipment for my grandson (10 years old).

- Walking around the parks, group picnics, and family picnics.
- Walking dog, taking walks, farmer's market, events (music, arts in the park), and looking at the flowers.
- Walking dogs, croquet, bocce ball, barbecuing, and community events such as; FOUP, Arts in the Park, Freedom has a Birthday, and Brewfest.
- Walking mostly, taking younger kids to play, music in the park, family cookouts in the summer, and swim at the Rec Center.
- Walking my dog mostly and also attending events at the parks.
- Walking my dogs and running.
- Walking our dog.
- Walking path and band concerts.
- Walking paths, Greenbelt biking trail, sitting outdoors, and picnic tables.
- Walking the dog and exercise.
- Walking track.
- Walking trails, picnics, and attend events.
- Walking with or without our dogs and events.
- Walking, 4th of July, band concerts, birding, and picnics.
- Walking, attend parties, farmer's market, drop off garden trash, and playground.
- Walking, bikes, and recreation.
- Walking, biking, events, play with grand kids, eat lunch, and to watch sporting events.
- Walking, children's playground, and picnic.
- Walking, cycling, and fishing.
- Walking, fresh air, and regroup the senses.
- Walking, picnicking, concerts, and take grandchildren to playground.
- Walking, picnics, and family gatherings.
- Walking, picnics, enjoying the beauty of Laramie's parks.
- Walking, picnics, jogging, and letterboxing.
- Walking, playgrounds, and water.
- Walking, playing ball, and reading.
- Walking, playing Frisbee, playing with our dog, walking our dog, and meeting up with friends.
- Walking, reading, and people watching.
- Walking, relaxation, enjoying nature, and children's playgrounds.
- Walking, relaxing, and viewing nature.
- Walking, relaxing, exercise, and events.
- Walking, taking nieces and nephews.
- Walking. (12)
- Walking/exercising dogs and cookouts with organizations.
- Walking/running, volleyball, and picnics.
- Walks and to take my kids to.
- Walks and walking the dog.
- Walks, let children play, and the splash pad.

- Water and grass areas for my dogs.
- We have dogs, so we use the Greenbelt to walk our dogs and we also use the (pathetic excuse for a dog park) gated area for our dogs to play with other dogs (if any other animal shows up). We use Kiwanis park as it is located within a few block of our home. We use Washington park as that is where most events are held for the public.
- We use Washington Park on 4th of July and to listen at the band shell.
- Weddings, lunch, and fun.
- Weekly band concert in summer.
- With my children.

Question 8. Which of the following amenities have you used while at City of Laramie parks? (Mark all that apply.)?

- Band shell.
- Barbeque pit.
- Benches, creeks, lakes, rivers, and trees.
- Benches.
- City band concerts.
- Concerts.
- Disc golf course.
- Disc Golf.
- Enjoy native plant garden at LaBonte Park.
- Exercise stations.
- Farmer's market.
- Fishing pond.
- Fishing.
- Fitness course.
- Grills.
- Horseshoes.
- Huck Finn Fish.
- Huck Finn Pond at LaPrele.
- Huck Finn.
- Improved restrooms and more restrooms.
- Lawn areas.
- Picnic tables.
- Rec Center swimming.
- Rivers, ponds, and large wild field areas.
- Tables and benches.
- To relax.
- YOUNG playgrounds!

Question 9. What other amenities, if any, would you like to have access to at City of Laramie parks?

- A better dog park for large dogs.

- A better dog park with more than just mud and rocks. For instance, the new Rock Springs dog park is a fantastic park for animals and people.
- A larger, better maintained dog park.
- A nice dog park with grass.
- A senior circuit in one or more of the parks.
- A sledding hill.
- Access to greater amounts of running water. Perhaps a water pump or some other device located at or near a park shelter. Also, different and more stable backboards for the basketball courts and lines painted into the court for more competitive play.
- Adult playgrounds and parks for dogs.
- All the parks need mutt mitts so dog owners will pick up the poo!
- An outdoor public pool.
- Another splash pad, bigger and open for older children.
- Bathroom at Harbon Park and toddler park equipment. Most parks are 5-12 and lots of people have young families with 1-5 ages.
- Bathrooms with locks and toilet paper.
- Bathrooms with locks and walking paths.
- Benches at playgrounds, splash pads, and wading pool for parents!
- Benches at the dog park! There is nowhere to sit inside of the current dog park.
- Better, cleaner restrooms.
- Bigger, more splash pads, and sledding hills during winter.
- Bike areas, no smoking areas, and better off-leash control/signage (saw off-leash pit bull at city park, kid didn't know it was illegal).
- Bike paths and hiking paths.
- Bike paths.
- Bike trails connected through the entire city and a longer Greenbelt.
- Bike trails, more benches, walking trails, and exercise places.
- Bike trails.
- Boats at LaBonte and public transportation.
- Botanical gardens would be nice, but possibly not feasible due to the climate.
- Calisthenics course or park. Very few adult monkey bars or pull up/dip bars.
- Children's village (like in Cheyenne).
- Cities like NYC, Chicago, Atlanta, etc. have exercise stations that are quite contemporary as to the respective type of exercises. I think that sort of thing would be put to good use by the public in Washington and LaBonte Parks, and perhaps in Huck Finn as well.
- Cleaner restrooms, more restrooms in Undine, more community gardens in more parks, and a bike path in LaBonte.
- Community gardening for more flower beds (perennials make sense since the cost is mostly at the start up).
- Connectivity - make multi-use paths between parks and work and shopping areas!!
- Disability parking.
- Dog park with limited leash restrictions.

- Feel there are ample amenities at the parks.
- Fire pit and grills.
- Fishing and paddle boats.
- For dog park; larger, shade, water fountain inside, and obstacles for dogs. Maybe an obstacle park made for paintball/airsoft guns.
- Golf.
- Greenbelt/trails connecting parks for walkers and bikers would be great!
- I live in West Laramie. I believe a paved walking path around Kiwanis Park (similar to the one at Washington Park) would be a GREAT benefit. With few paved roads, walking/running/stroller rides can be very difficult due to mud, puddles, etc. My children even have difficulty learning to ride their bikes without paved roads to practice on. A paved path would be accessible to so many residents and useful for so many as well. We do have the Greenbelt in West Laramie, but that is on the far east side, and many people still have to walk/bike on muddy roads (or the very busy Snowy Range Road) to get there. I do not know how much it would cost to install and maintain a path around Kiwanis, but I'm sure the citizen use in an area with little to no pavement would make this a worthwhile project.
- I think all need a paved walking trail. Kiwanis in particular could use one, especially with the occasional muddy dirt roads.
- I think the City of Laramie does a great job.
- I would like another disc golf course in the city of Laramie. Most cities this size have at least two choices for disc golfing. Disc golf is a fairly popular and inexpensive sport.
- I would like to see a path around Undine.
- I would love to see another park playground dedicated to children under 5. I feel that the overwhelming majority of parks and recreation activities are geared to school aged children, not giving parents of small children many resources. I would also LOVE to have a park within walking distance to my house. We live in the Coughlin Pole Mountain development near 22nd and Reynolds. With all the new homes going up in this area, I would love it if the city and/or developer would plan a park as well as a safe walking path to Indian Paintbrush for this area.
- I'd love to have more water available for dogs. Some cities have dog drinking fountains next to the ones for their owners. I would love to have something like this at our parks.
- Improved bathroom facilities.
- Improved Dog park, more off-leash areas.
- Indoor tennis.
- Kiwanis needs a walk path around the park. The drainage is horrible and there are always mud holes in the streets. I was told by the parks department in 1998 that Kiwanis would have a walk path within 2 years. It would be nice to have a water feature in this park also. If not a wading pool at least the splash pad.
- Laprele drinking fountain.
- Larger dog parks. The one at Optimist Park is too small.
- Larger Greenbelt system for biking.
- Longer bike path and Greenbelt.
- Longer bike trails.
- Maybe more benches for resting.
- More athletic fields.

- More basketball courts at all parks.
- More benches and/or picnic tables.
- More bicycle racks.
- More bike paths that extend for more miles.
- More biking trails would be wonderful.
- More community gardens and running trails! We need more leash-less dog parks!
- More decorative sitting areas, water fountains, outdoor art, and sculptures.
- More dog areas please!
- More dog areas.
- More dog park/off leash areas especially on eastside of train tracks.
- More dog parks. (2)
- More dog parks and dog agility like parks in Wisconsin have.
- More dog runs.
- More drinking fountains and city provided pooper scoopers.
- More drinking fountains and walkway at LaBonte.
- More drinking fountains and water parks.
- More hiking trails, especially in north east part of city.
- More kid age fishing.
- More nature trails and mountain bike trails.
- More off leash areas and better enforcement of those areas that are not off leash.
- More paths and trails available to bicyclists.
- More picnic tables would be nice. There never seems to be enough during the summer when families are outdoors more with their children.
- More pools.
- More restrooms in big parks. East side LaBonte really needs one!
- More restrooms on Greenbelt.
- More restrooms. (2)
- More shelters.
- More swings would be nice, they tend to be in short supply at Washington and there are none at LaPrele.
- More trash barrels on Greenbelt.
- More trees and a wider variety of species of trees. Specifically, Oak (all varieties), deciduous pine trees (Western Larch), Maple (all varieties), Dutch Elm resistant American Elm, Honey Locust, Scotch Pine, Red Box Elder, and Linden. All of these species can currently be found thriving within Laramie's city limits.
- More walking paths like Washington Park has around perimeter.
- More walking/running trails and more dog parks.
- More water fountains needed and a better dog park, like the one in Rock Springs, WY.
- More young playgrounds in LaBonte Park.
- N/A. I think we have a lot of great things at each park.
- Nature trails and more water pools.
- New workout equipment at the trails.

- None really, but more accessible areas for wheelchairs would be nice.
- None, great parks!
- Nothing - I believe the City and County have more important funding needs.
- Open space areas and mountain biking. A whitewater kayaking park on the Greenbelt would also be nice.
- Operational drinking fountains.
- Outdoor archery.
- Outdoor pool.
- Picnic tables.
- Putting green.
- Restrooms earlier in the Spring.
- Restrooms on the Greenbelt.
- Restrooms open year round and nicer, cleaner restrooms.
- Restrooms that are actually open.
- Restrooms.
- Soccer goals/nets.
- Soft surface running trails, not asphalt or concrete. Runners and joggers need soft surface trails to prevent injury.
- Something south of 130/230 in West Laramie.
- Splash pool.
- Swings, children play equipment, shade, and green space. Mini parks aren't enough, big areas (city block at least).
- Table tennis and biking paths.
- Tennis courts all parks.
- The volleyball court of Undine is only lit till 10:30. It would be great if it stayed open later lit.
- Trail/circuit training around Kiwanis. .
- Trees, shrubs, and restrooms.
- Water never works.
- Wheelchair access at Undine (south east side).
- Wi-Fi access.
- With the new leash laws for dogs, we would like a place to let our dogs run loose. I would like to see a few dog parks scattered throughout town.
- Would be nice if the water fountain on the Greenbelt worked (near the territorial prison access trail).
- Would love to see restrooms other than a port-a-potty on the "covered" playground at LaBonte.
- Xeriscaping, reducing costs, and water use.
- YMCA and public outdoor-heated pool.
- You're doing fine.

Question 10. What barriers or difficulties do you experience when using City of Laramie parks?

- 100% crutch dependent and very limited walking.
- A line at the swings and older kids using the swings.
- A park within walking distance to our home.

- Anal people that (Expletive Removed) about dogs at park with no bratty kids.
- Areas always crowded.
- Avoid parks known for residents who don't pick up after their dogs.
- Bathrooms need toilets adjusted. For girls, when using and you flush when you get done it wets you at times.
- Boredom.
- Chemicals (weed killers, bug killers, etc.) A sweet gentleman use to call me when the parks and courthouse were going to be sprayed but no one does that now. I use to visit parks.
- Daycares using neighborhood parks and not enough playgrounds built for toddler aged children (i.e. toddler swings).
- Distance from house.
- Do not use much but have the say the restrooms are not that great.
- Dog (Expletive Removed) throughout the parks, especially Laprele.
- Dog excrement.
- Dog poop and trash.
- Dog poop from lazy owners. Stench and bugs from LaBonte.
- Dog waste is too prevalent.
- Dog's poo (Marbow) and bad smell from the lake (LaBonte).
- Dogs not on leashes and dog poo.
- Dogs off leash!
- Dogs out of control. That is why we don't frequent them more often. If there are good dog parks, there should be no reason for having dogs in our other fine parks.
- Dogs running loose without leashes and using it as their personal "dropping" spot.
- Dogs. They seem to have more rights than I do.
- Few restrooms for patrons, unclean restrooms for patrons, and no soap in restrooms for patrons.
- Flooding on trail (Greenbelt) and no indoor tennis courts.
- Fresh water.
- Handicap accessibility not real good.
- Having to bring coals for the BBQ pit.
- Having to go all the way to the west side to let my dog run free like all the foxes and other animals do around up here. Use to be able to let them run and call them as we walked.
- Heat prevents the use of slides during part of the day. Orient slides so they are on the shady side instead of being in the blazing sun.
- Herbicide and insect spraying.
- I don't know if it is still true, but the women's restroom at Washington Park that has no doors on the stalls is/was an embarrassment.
- I find it frustrating that dogs are allowed off leash in so few parks. It is difficult for any dot to get enough exercise while on a leash.
- I hate the smell and appearance of STINK LAKE.
- I have to commute to 5 area for a park age appropriate for my kids when I live across the street from LaBonte!
- I haven't really experienced any yet.

- I usually bike or ride to the park, there really isn't a park very close to our house. The park that is close is very small and for older kids.
- If grass isn't cut slows down soccer ball. People don't always clean up after pets and bathrooms can be unsanitary.
- In the Winter the Washington Park path is often icy in some spots and not cleared well.
- Kids get bored, there is not enough to keep them entertained.
- LaBonte is often very smelly. It would be nice to drain that "lake" and make it a manmade pond with a working fountain. Also, I miss the ice skating in winter.
- LaBonte park gets quite smelly and can be unpleasant.
- LaBonte Park Pond-foul smell.
- Lack of bathrooms/locks on the doors.
- Lack of dog friendly areas and unfriendly patrons.
- Lack of restrooms for children, especially those I feel are clean and safe.
- LaPrele park is poorly maintained on the south side without grass and playgrounds.
- Leash laws.
- Letting dog go off leash.
- Lighting at nights when having a BBQ with family/friends.
- Limited bike access in the parks, and routes to the parks not always the most bike-friendly, especially with children.
- Limited parking at Greenbelt.
- Loose dogs and dog poop.
- Loose dogs are a problem! I am elderly and have been knocked down by dogs and clothing ripped.
- Loose dogs.
- More water fountains.
- Mostly parking for special events.
- Mud and parking.
- My only gripe is people who don't pick up after their dog.
- Need to drive to most of them. Nothing available where I live.
- No bathrooms.
- No lighting on volleyball courts at Washington Park.
- No lights at night on running trails or basketball courts.
- No sidewalk or path around the north east side of Undine Park or perimeter of park.
- No soccer goals, busy but that's okay.
- No swing set at Kiowa, crazy!
- None, but would also be nice if Greenbelt connection trails were completed.
- None, other than it is now illegal to let your dog off the leash anywhere and there is no alternative available, other than driving to public land to let your dog run.
- None, other than smoke/dog least/poo.
- Not close to where I live.
- Not enough fields for youth sports.

- Not enough places to sit and no place to ride bikes.
- Not enough space to let dogs run. Sometimes playground is too small for number of kids, same with splash pad.
- Occasional dog poop and sometimes the trash cans are overly full.
- One of my favorite parks is LaBonte (most used). Unfortunately, it smells disgusting. Is there any way to help reclaim that area so it doesn't smell so bad?
- Optimist Park is a longer drive from home and it would be nice to have a dog park closer in area 6.
- Other than non-age appropriate play areas, I find many of the larger parks (Washington in particular) become very busy with daycares and large groups of children that are not closely monitored by adult supervisors. I avoid Washington park in particular because I don't feel it is a safe play environment.
- Overcrowded and unsupervised children.
- Parents not watching their children.
- Parking and bathrooms are dirty.
- Parking around parks during special events. The park near Huck Finn has a somewhat dangerous bridge, needs updating.
- Parking sometimes.
- Parking when it is busy.
- Parking.
- Playgrounds too small and too many restrictive rules.
- Poorly maintained paths, no parking for my handicap accessible van's ramp to fold out.
- Restroom facilities locked.
- Restrooms are not always clean.
- Restrooms are seldom available at many parks. I understand that people trash them, so I don't know the solution to this problem.
- Restrooms closed, restrooms are dirty, and only port-a-potties.
- Restrooms during the winter.
- Restrooms not open.
- Restrooms.
- Riverside and Greenbelt, safety due to remoteness and located close to a neighborhood with registered sex offenders.
- Sometimes there is too much sand and dirt collecting on the Greenbelt, especially on the Curtis Street bridge.
- Sometimes they are crowded.
- Sticky plant matter at LaBonte on the grass.
- That the only off leash area is in west Laramie.
- The dog park is very small and there are no parks that allow dogs off leash.
- The lack of dog friendly parks.
- The lake at LaBonte smells terrible.
- The leash law.
- The leash law. Dogs should be allowed to play fetch and Frisbee off leash if they are under voice command. Exercise makes better dogs.
- The most significant barrier to using Laramie City Parks is the ubiquitous presence of dog feces.

- The only “dog park” in this town is a piece of crap. Why can’t a few acres be donated by UW?
- The only thing I have noticed is dog poop in the fields. We might need to place more doggie-bag carriers around the parks, so people are more inclined to pick up after their dogs.
- The playground equipment is for kids 5 and older. We NEED playground equipment for 2-4 year olds! No benches!
- The sidewalks are hazardous. Bike lanes are scattered and inconsistent.
- The sprinklers come on too early (around 9 p.m.) in the evening, but outside of this, the parks are great!
- The sun is very strong here in Laramie during the warm months. The sun heats up the playground equipment and makes it too hot to play on at times. I think adding more large trees to shade the playgrounds would be helpful, or adding a canopy, like the one recently added to LaBonte Park.
- The weather.
- There is no access to 287 South on the Greenbelt. Any access to 3rd street south of Garfield would be nice.
- Too few volleyball courts. Always people there. Two volleyball courts for 50,000 people.
- Too many dogs in the gated dog areas.
- Too many people with very large dogs.
- Too much dog poop.
- Undine splash park should be textured cement so kids don’t slip and fall so often. I saw four slips, falls, or injuries in one hour.
- Uneven grass areas.
- Very dirty and unkempt dog park.
- Walking trails, sidewalks.
- Wind.
- Wish one was a little closer to use more often.
- Would be wonderful if all trails were eventually connected.
- Would let kids go more often but the streets are too busy for them to cross safely.

Question 11. How do you MOST OFTEN get to City of Laramie parks? (Please mark only ONE response.)

- Jog.

Question 12. If you have children under 12 years old, what is the maximum distance you would allow your child to travel unsupervised to get to a City of Laramie park?

- Great grandchild is two years old, she goes nowhere unsupervised.
- Kids not safe, too many ex-cons.
- Thank God I don’t have kids.
- Too Young.

Question 14. Which of the following amenities are important to you with regard to OFF-STREET trails/paths? (Mark all that apply.)

- Adequate bike lanes, marked.
- Benches and drinking fountains.
- Drinking fountains.
- Eliminate dogs.
- Experience, nature, and get away from city.

- Further loops for riding.
- Keep the park up good.
- Lights.
- More distance.
- More signs regarding pet rules.
- Nature, access to natural areas.
- Need more bad dispensers for dog owners to pick up after their pets.
- Need soft surfaced but developed trails and paths.
- No chemicals, weed killers, and bug killers.
- No dogs.
- No need use USFS.
- No people whining about dogs.
- Open space and wildlife.
- Picnic areas.
- River trail needs to go over head of road. It's watered out most of the time, can't use it anyway.
- Safety and supervision.
- Safety.
- Separate lanes for bikes and cars. Bike lanes NOT on main roads.
- Something different than a normal park.
- Swimming (optimist).
- Walkway over Spring Creek at school.
- Water fountains. (2)
- Water place.
- Water.

Question 15. What barriers of difficulties do you experience when using OFF-STREET trails or paths?

- 4-wheelers, scooters, and bikes.
- A loop or something for children learning to ride. The walking paths are great at some parks. I would love to see beginning riders allowed to use them.
- Access, where do they start? Where can I get on them and park car close to?
- Accessibility from our home.
- All are hard surface, either asphalt or concrete.
- ATV's on off street trails despite signage.
- Bicycle hazard and dogs.
- Bicycles.
- Bike with training wheels not able to use with uneven surface.
- Bikers and walkers sharing paths and inadequate linkages to downtown.
- Bikers should make noise before blowing past walkers.
- Bikers that have no respect and think they can go as fast as they like and not have to stop for anyone.
- Bikers.
- Cars!

- City vehicles in the way. City employees who are rude and have bad attitudes!
- Clean chairs.
- Connections among different parts of town without using streets.
- Crowding.
- Difficult to get to Greenbelt.
- Distance from home.
- Distance from house, I'm not close to one.
- Dog cops. I want to run my dogs without getting in trouble.
- Dog poop on the walk ways is unpleasant. No barriers to get there. shame on those who don't clean up after their animals.
- Dogs
- Dogs not on leashes and dog poo.
- Dogs off leashes!!!
- Dogs running at large and bicycles practically running over walkers.
- Don't all clearly connect. Fear of motor vehicles.
- Drivers who do not tolerate bike riders. This is a cultural issue that needs to change with marketing and education so people in Laramie are more accepting of bike riders. Then perhaps more people would feel safe to ride their bikes!
- During the winter; cold, wind, and snow.....I don't expect the city to fix that.
- Everything was very good.
- Finding signs especially on Greenbelt.
- Flooding blocking trails.
- Flooding in Greenbelt and not enough paths.
- From promise to hope to frustration to abandonment ... Where is the promised continuous Greenbelt trail around Laramie? Laramie ranks in the bottom 5% for off-street multi-use path development for cities with population over 20K in the USA between 1990 and 2010. For a college town, that is most remarkable.
- Gaps between paths such as gravel, and parking lot on Greenbelt.
- Generally speaking, Laramie's large number of trees make it difficult to keep even-keeled and clean paths to ride on.
- Given how many huge trucks park on the street, a bike lane becomes rather small. Separate bike lanes from parking lanes would be safer.
- Greenbelt is often closed for one reason or another and part of it is often underwater.
- Greenbelt snakes.
- I believe bikes do not belong in the road. Pedestrians and bikes may equal injury but bikes and cars equal injury and death. Also, bikes now ride on icy roads next to vehicles and do not follow the rules of the road. Very irresponsible!
- I didn't know where all the trails were.
- I don't know where they are.
- I feel uncomfortable running on the Greenbelt because I can't see over the willows.
- Ice or snow in the winter and loose dogs are an occasional problem.
- If I go to Greenbelt car parking is difficult.

- In particular, regular maintenance and cleaning of the Greenbelt is lacking. It is often covered with gravel, mud, and dog waste. This makes the use of wheeled recreation (bikes, strollers, and rollerblades) difficult. Also, the Greenbelt is heaving and cracking in many places. It seems to me that the city spends money on construction and installation of recreation infrastructure but does a very poor job with operation and maintenance after the fact. The same can be said for the paths around Washington and LaBonte Parks. They aren't as dirty, but they do need maintenance.
- Irresponsible bikers. Pedestrians, especially seniors, have to really watch out.
- It is in city not the same.
- Just the occasional whiner about dogs.
- Lack of availability on our side of town.
- Lack of bicycle lanes and crossing areas on 3rd and Grand streets. NEED city hiking/mountain bike trails.
- Lack of linkage to various locations around Laramie.
- Lack of maintenance.
- Lack of restrooms at the Greenbelt.
- Lack of restrooms.
- Lighting in early morning/evening.
- Linkage.
- More separate lanes for bikes and cars.
- Need more trails.
- No access from West Laramie to Laramie for bikes except Curtis and Clark Street bridge since bikers need to walk their bikes on Garfield footbridge.
- No maps of complete trail on the trails (like the one that crosses Garfield).
- No maps.
- No police presence EVER!
- No restrooms.
- None are close to where I live.
- None, except when the Greenbelt is flooded.
- Not enough available in all parts of Laramie.
- Not enough of them.
- Not enough parking and parking lot is not maintained; muddy, pot holes, etc.
- Not enough trails/paths around town.
- Not having information or way finding signs.
- Not much parking at some.
- Not smooth surfaces make transit hard.
- Not sure where they go, where to park, how they connect; what times to avoid i.e. if snakes emerge in spring along the river trail.
- Off-leash dogs.
- On the Greenbelt sometimes it is icy and not cleared under the interstate bridge.
- Only the sand and trash that collect on the Curtis Street bridge.

- Out of control/off leash dogs. As stated prior; if there are dog parks within the city, there should be no need to have dogs in the remainder of the parks, unless they are well-policed. That is currently the problem. There is no enforcement of the leash laws within the parks we have today.
- Out of the way to get to from where we live. No easy access point to Greenbelt from our neighborhood.
- Parking on Curtis.
- People allowing dogs to run free in areas where dogs are supposed to be on leash, no recall, dogs get close to bike. Walkers refusing to move when asking to pass.
- Poorly educated riders.
- Restrooms when provided are not clean. Lack of information/enforcement of vehicle traffic along routes.
- Riding through car traffic to get to the trails.
- Rough spots and holes in paths.
- Safe access.
- Safety is a possible issue at night on the Greenbelt. There are places where there have obviously been squatters camping.
- Shut down most of the time. What a waste of money and time.
- Smoothness and cleanliness is very important when trying to longboard on any surface. Gravel and dirt is not acceptable for these methods of transportation and it must either be a sidewalk or asphalt.
- Snow on surfaces and too much traffic.
- Some areas not wide enough to passing others on bikes.
- Sometimes I don't feel safe using the Greenbelt because of the isolation.
- The bikers not making room or yielding to walkers/runners.
- The bridges on Greenbelt are very uneven and problematic on rollerblades.
- There are not many off-street trails close to our house.
- There are simply not enough trails to use.
- There aren't enough of them! I do enjoy the bike lanes as well.
- They are beautiful, but they don't link any place I am, to where I want to go. Usually they are their own destination.
- They are not in our area so we don't use them as they are inconvenient to get to.
- They are poorly connected.
- They are still isolated, not a connected system.
- They aren't close to most places I want to go. There are not as many as I would like in town.
- They aren't long enough.
- They aren't very long for biking.
- They don't go where I need to travel.
- They suddenly end at some points then starts again later up the road. One continuous path would be nice.
- Think there should be some kind of bike trail/bridge by I-80 to connect with 3rd street.
- Too far to ride my bike to the Greenbelt, so I have to use a car to tow my bike to it. It would be great if we had more off-street trails similar to the Greenbelt in other areas of town. I think the golf course would be a great place to have one, for example, or in that general area. Or, past the north end of 9th Street there seems to be plenty of space for one. Those would both be within biking distance for many people.
- Too many rules, areas were better before development.

- Too short for biking.
- Trail closures for flooding under Highway Bridge.
- Trails don't extend far enough.
- Truck, car exhaust and blowing diesel sprays, if the trails are close to the road which they seem to be.
- Uncontrolled Dogs.
- We walk along the undeveloped area beside Spring Creek from 9th Street to about 15th Street; uneven terrain and overgrown vegetation are barriers. Many people use this stretch to walk their children to Spring Creek Elementary school and/or their pets.
- Weather and mosquitos.
- When using off-Street trails there are not separate paths for bikers and walkers/runners, so most of the time we find ourselves trying to dodge bikers.
- Would like more off-street trails and paths.
- Would love to see where we are able to use bike trails for our transportation.

Question 16A. If yes, when riding your bike in the City of Laramie, how frequently do you use ON-STREET bike lanes?

- Not often
- They are dangerous.
- They are on busy streets.

Question 17. Which of the following amenities are important to you with regard to ON-STREET bike lanes? (Mark all that apply.)

- Allow slow riding on sidewalks.
- At the moment in this economy I want none.
- Better law enforcement.
- Bicyclists need to obey traffic rules.
- Bike lanes not on streets that are heavily used by autos seem a natural.
- Bike lanes on busy roads such as 15th through UW campus.
- Bikers should use them! Why aren't they cited?
- Connection to off-street trails.
- Continuity across intersections.
- Cyclists that actually obey traffic laws.
- Enforcement/encouraging bikers to obey traffic laws; stop signs, not using sidewalks or street at convenience.
- Existing at all is not important.
- Good lighting.
- Have cars/trucks park further back from the intersection as they obstruct view.
- Information/enforcement to keep vehicles aware and away.
- Lanes should be non-arterial streets.
- More bike lanes on more streets.
- MORE BIKE LANES.
- More lanes for popular Laramie locations.

- More roads with bike lanes.
- Motor vehicle operator awareness.
- Need more bike lanes to get bikes away from cars/pedestrians.
- Need to make bikers obey stop signs, always run them.
- None of these are important to me.
- People driving too fast.
- Side street away from traffic.
- Signage for biker consideration to others.
- Signs telling cars that they are bike lanes, not turn lanes!
- Smooth.
- Smoothness, NO POTHOLES!
- They should be able to ride on the sidewalk.
- When cars park in bike lanes need easy way to get bikes onto sidewalk so kids don't ride in the traffic.
- Wide bike lanes.

Question 18. Have you or members of your household used a City of Laramie recreation facility in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the back of the COVER LETTER for a listing of City of Laramie recreation facilities.)

- Too expensive.

Question 20. What barriers or difficulties do you face in using current recreation facilities and activities that are offered in our community?

- "A place for everyone" has turned into a club for those who can afford it. Scholarships seem ineffective. A lower price for entry would really help.
- Access fees to use the Rec Center.
- Access to the softball fields during non-game nights.
- Again, sometimes the walkway into the Rec Center is not cleared early in the morning when it snows. It can be icy. With double knee replacements, I can't afford to fall. When I have asked for snow melt/salt, the staff has been gracious to have that taken care of.
- As a student, I already pay lots of fees to go to the UW facilities such as Half Acre. Why would I pay more money to go to City amenities?
- Bathrooms at Laramie soccer complex are lacking.
- Bike access between town and the Rec Center that is safe for kids.
- Bike riders on foot bridge do not pay attention to pedestrians who are walking. Bike riders do not have bike lights or wear light clothing at night.
- Bikers.
- Bikes and dogs on the leash.
- Can be crowded.
- Can't afford fee on Medicare existence.
- Children playing in swimming lanes.
- Cost for low income.
- Cost of facility.

- Cost of Rec Center fees.
- Cost to go to the Rec Center.
- Cost to use Rec Center is too high.
- Cost too much.
- Cost. (3)
- Cost. Rec Center cost is too high for single to use only occasionally.
- Did not know about them.
- Difficulty walking.
- Distance and crowded during peak times.
- Distance.
- Don't know cost or location.
- Expensive. (3)
- Fees and non-central location.
- Golf and recreation fees are too high.
- Golf is very expensive.
- Grass not always cut at LSC, only one restroom, and no benches or seating.
- High prices at the Rec Center and lack of coaches for City Rec leagues.
- High prices.
- I can't afford a membership to the Rec Center.
- I have heard from several people that Rec Center membership is quite expensive. Also, it is in the opposite end of town from where we live.
- I have to use the stroller to walk where we go and the bike lane is unsafe and sidewalks are horrid.
- I live thirty miles out of town.
- Iceberg day doesn't happen as frequently as I would like.
- Icy parking lot is dangerous in the winter.
- Inaccessible to most children and expensive.
- It would be a huge benefit if the Rec Center's outdoor pool opened earlier in the day. Opening at noon does not give families very much time to use the pool before the frequent afternoon clouds/storms roll in. I think opening at 10 or 11 and closing one or two hours earlier would allow the community to more fully enjoy the awesome outdoor pool!
- It's expensive.
- Lack of night hours at Ice Center.
- Lack of open tennis courts during the summer mornings.
- Limit inner tube usage in Rec pools to certain times so that lazy river can be shared by all.
- Live out of town so not available and the cost since I don't have a membership.
- Money.
- More tennis courts around town would be nice.
- Need fences behind soccer goals on Rec fields. Chasing balls across street all the time.
- Need more businesses and jobs.
- Need more tennis courts!

- No baby changing station at Cowboy field.
- No indoor tennis.
- No outdoor lap swim.
- No parks around Rec Center (outdoors).
- No problems.
- None in our neighborhood and all too far away for regular use.
- None, we just don't use it.
- None. Use UW facilities more often.
- Not enough sport facilities.
- Not enough tennis outdoor courts for public use.
- Not much. The park on 130 N has very little.
- Nothing for those of us that are just starting to get back in shape.
- Nothing. I am rather active in the community and participate and utilize the facilities on a regular basis. For someone who does partake in a variety of activities it gets rather expensive, but I still feel Laramie does a rather good job of keeping opportunities available.
- Off-leash/out of control dogs as stated before are really our only impediments to a quality visit to any of the outdoor parks/recreational facilities in the city.
- Often crowded.
- Parking. (3)
- People loaded with perfume products, too far away from me, and chemicals.
- Pool accessibility.
- Price, shade at soccer complex, and lack of acceptable restrooms at soccer complex.
- Price/affordability. (3)
- Prices at the Rec Center.
- Restrooms need to be open and available for use and water fountains need to be on, especially during softball and baseball tournaments.
- Restrooms sometimes locked.
- SACC kids aren't well watched in pool, need more adults. We try to avoid them so we don't have to parent them.
- Some of the activities are not offered long enough. Broomball season is too short, same with curling.
- Sometimes the whirlpool is inaccessible.
- The cost of the Recreation Center is very high to a lot of citizens in Laramie.
- THE COST to get into the Rec Center! The class schedules don't allow working parents to get children/themselves to classes on time, the classes are too early in the evening or during work hours.
- The distance from my apartment to the disc golf course.
- The hot tub in the Rec Center has way too much chlorine! Please consider cleaning it the same day of the week every month. It changes constantly and is not advertised well, when the hot tub will be closed. The outdoor pool opens at noon? Silly when summer thunderstorms often happen in Laramie starting at 3.
- The Ice and Event Center does not have a long enough season.
- The lights for the tennis courts turn off at 10 pm. I like to play at night and wish there was a way to turn them on if they are to be used later.

- The orientation of Aragon East with respect to summer sun needs to be addressed. Consider installing fabric on the back stop or curtains that can be raised between the light poles. Or do not schedule games during times with high probability of blinded infielders.
- The parking lot at Optimist Park/Greenbelt. The ballpark bathrooms and parking lots are needing some help. Everything is on the east side of town. It's very costly to transport all the time. The higher income folks live on the east side and have less distance to travel. I feel we have short changed the west side where 1/3 or more of the population of Laramie live. I truly wish we would have built our Rec Center, hockey, etc. at the Territorial Prison site. There is more land and more centrally located to all residents. A child has to bike or walk over 7 miles from the west side of town to the rec center. I'm not opposed to that for older children, but 10 years and under don't do it well.
- The parks and areas we would use are not located close enough to access easily without driving.
- The price for swimming at the Rec Center. I wish you didn't have to buy a day pass since I can only stay an hour or two.
- The Rec Center is expensive to use, even for just a day pass to the outdoor pool. It's too much money that our family is willing to pay for a few hours of fun. And we don't have a membership either because it is way too expensive.
- The Rec Center is too expensive.
- The Rec Center needs some major upgrades! First the weight area is too small for people to use, in a comfortable manner. Second, there needs to be more free weights instead of machines. Third, personally I feel that a sauna would benefit the Rec Center. I say this only because while I was in college (I was a college athlete) after I had a good workout, I would jump in the sauna to relax my body. I don't know of anywhere in Laramie that has a sauna. Finally, the membership prices are more than they should be, due to the quality of the facilities and equipment. If the facilities and equipment were upgraded, I certainly would pay the prices, if not more!!!
- The Recreation Center lap pool is usually too cold.
- The soccer fields have uneven, hard surfaces that make them dangerous to play on.
- They are designed for the rich people and people on the east side of town.
- They need a place to roller skate and to play roller derby year round.
- Time when swimming lessons are offered (too late).
- Times open.
- Too crowded during peak times.
- Too far away, 5+ miles one way.
- Too high of fees (long-term) for senior membership.
- Too many university students use the facility.
- Unsupervised children, single/handicapped people using/taking up family facilities (i.e. shower at Rec Center), school children using family facilities (i.e. Rec Center).
- Use Rec Center daily, lots are not promptly clean in winter.
- We just moved here and need to get memberships.
- Wet areas around pool and changing rooms at the Rec Center.
- When pools are closed to public use at the Rec Center.

Question 21. Are there any deficiencies in recreation facilities or activities in Laramie?

- Aside from making sure restrooms and water are available, not especially. But my activity in these facilities is essentially limited to baseball and softball tournaments.
- Bike paths are not frequently cleaned.
- Continue to provide more bike paths, McCue to Pierce under interstate.
- Cost.
- Equipment at the Rec Center is old and outdated, some of the stationary bikes are so worn that I don't use them. Treadmills make sounds while running. Also, if I want to watch what is on the TV's most of the jacks do not work.
- Exercise equipment frequently broke down and slow to repair.
- Expand weight area at Rec Center and include some free weights.
- Facilities not well maintained and in need of updating, and fields are not prepped.
- Family changing rooms not very clean.
- Fees and non-central location.
- Golf course needs lots of work. Most communities in Wyoming subsidize golf along with other recreation activities. The City of Laramie does NOT. This hurts our community for business recruiting.
- Greenbelt connected to all parts of Laramie.
- Handicapped parking at Rec Center isn't very close for someone using a cane/ walker and can only walk limited distance before sitting and resting.
- Hard edges on benches located in the outdoor swimming pool.
- Having to pay separately for group work art classes even if you're a member at the Rec Center.
- I do think the youth sports programming could be improved. In the past year I've moved my son from the Little Sluggers and Little Kickers programs to other programs offered in the community (Laramie Youth Baseball and Blizzard Soccer Polar Bears). These programs are much more organized, have better trained facilitators, and my son learns so much more from them. I do realize that parent volunteers make up a good portion of the city youth sports, but even just holding an hour long orientation for them before the start of each season would add a lot to the programs. As a parent (both volunteering and simply observing) I often felt that the program manager didn't really care about the youth programs or put much effort into them. I would like to have stuck with the city programs, but when higher quality options are offered, we have little choice but to participate there instead.
- I feel we have covered most everything.
- I regularly use the restrooms near the tennis courts and they are often unkempt.
- I went to a Laramie Colts baseball game in June and was appalled at the condition of Cowboy field. It used to be so well manicured and now there were patches of dead grass in the field and it just looked bad. I think that shows a lack of pride in our town, especially when that facility hosts so many out of town guests.
- I would like to see another disc golf course put in. Overall, Laramie is very good with recreation.
- I would like to see more fitness classes offered at the Rec Center!
- I would love to see some diving classes at the recreation center. But other than that, there is a wonderful array of offerings.
- I would love to see some rec programming suited to smaller children. I know of programs offered by other city recreation programs such as music, beginning dance, beginning gymnastics, art, etc., and as a mom with lots of mom friends, I feel as though programs such as these would be highly utilized! I also feel it would

truly benefit Laramie as a community to offer more family oriented programs in that it would be a great asset to be used by companies and the University when recruiting new employees. My husband works at UW and has seen several qualified candidates turn down a job at UW because their spouse did not want to live in Laramie. I feel an active family recreation program would be a huge asset companies and UW could highlight!

- I'd like more tennis courts for summer use in the mornings and a bike trail encircling the city.
- I'm sure there are, but none that I can think of.
- Integrating and connecting bike lanes.
- Jacoby golf course is not as well maintained or run as it could be. The opening of the season was particularly mismanaged and a lot of the staff aren't very helpful.
- Lack of parks north of Reynolds Street. This is a huge issue for our family. Development MUST include park development also. We are seriously under served. Make developers include these amenities if the city cannot afford to develop them initially!
- Laramie has a ton of opportunities. Perhaps too many, if the cost has to keep going up.
- Less taxes.
- Locks on bathroom doors.
- Membership is not affordable.
- More courts!
- More free weights and barbells at Rec Center.
- More lakes/water/fountains.
- More parking spaces at soccer fields.
- N/A. Everything looks great.
- Need a roller rink.
- Need adult pool time at the outdoor pool, only 1 hour a week would be great.
- NEED an indoor BMX bike riding place. We have the outdoor skate park, but so many youth need a place to ride their bicycles indoors with ramps, etc.
- Need indoor walking facilities at lower cost.
- Need more free time.
- Need more tennis courts.
- No shelter from sun or rain at Sandy Aragon Softball complex (big enough for everyone at bleachers).
- No soft surface trails or paths for runners and joggers. Soft surface trails and paths prevent injuries.
- No, nice variety.
- No, they are excellent.
- None, more free water.
- Not enough baseball, soccer, youth football, basketball facilities, and poor maintenance.
- Not enough community gardens.
- Not enough Greenbelt trails.
- Not enough walking paths.
- Nothing for beginners.
- Only golf course in town, not always available, need another nine holes added.

- Open space such as that between Spring Creek and I-80 (West of Spring Creek Park) should remain as open space not be developed as is currently occurring. Should make attempts at limiting or halting all motor vehicles in such areas. This land likely doesn't belong to the city of Laramie, but would be an intelligent purchase.
- Plenty to do.
- Pool is great but some lifeguards are really sticklers for the rules, others never say "don't run". Kids get a bit confused sometimes.
- Rec Center does not have child care at convenient times or machines close to an area where kids could play. I would like to see more workout class offered at different time and with child care.
- Rec Center inadequate weight training area, free weights, and small aerobics area.
- Rec Center leisure pool is over chlorinated and burns eyes.
- Recreation Center is becoming run-down and unclean, especially unclean after swimming lessons.
- Restrooms at field are very limited or very gross.
- Roller skating for all.
- Roller skating.
- Same as above.
- Seems that the hours of operation at the Rec Center should be extended to earlier a.m.
- Should have a shooting range for the public.
- Still could do more activities for those over forty. Maybe some clubs for skiing, biking, etc.
- Tennis courts.
- Thank you for surrounding our sand volleyball with pine trees with shark needles.
- The dirt road from Cortrell to 17th on the south side of Spring Creek is still open to vehicles endangering all the people and pets who walk there.
- The handicap shower chairs are of no real use. They about put me on the floor every time I use them. Try being handicap and getting them down to sit on. Then try that shower head nightmare.it should have a hand that turns it on and off. Then try and sit in those chairs in there to get dressed, should have a handle to help you up.
- The hours of operation at the Rec Center are not conducive to the general public. Summer hours should go until 10 PM and the outdoor pool should open at 10 AM! Rather over staffed as well. The Ice and Events Center should be included in a Rec Center membership. Two more softball fields should be built to complete the Aragon complex.
- The recreation center desperately needs to expand the weight lifting area.
- The spin bikes at the Rec Center have fallen into disrepair, last use was way end of April.
- The weight lifting area at the Rec Center is small and oddly placed.
- There are no racquet ball courts.
- There are not enough dumbbells and barbells are completely lacking at the Recreation Center.
- They are great!
- They are way too expensive for the amount of revenue that they bring in or that we receive via sales tax.
- They're not spread out enough in the town. They're all clustered in the east part of town.
- Water is too cold.

- We need more basketball facilities (free of charge for our youth). If the Civic Center is part of the recreation program, they should set a free time throughout the evening and weekends for our young people to play on for free.
- We really need year round ice!
- When football games by kids play at UW football field bathrooms are locked. Hard to play ball or watch when you got to pee.
- Working parents can't take kids to summer programs because of start times.
- Would love more choices.
- Would love to see more of the river trail paved/developed for things like kayaking.
- Year round tennis and more bike trails.
- Yes, we need more activities. Price is extremely high and prohibitive.

Question 22. What other types of recreation facilities and activities would you like to see in Laramie?

- A better variety of after work hours (5PM and on) at the Rec Center for adults. Yoga, Pilates, etc.
- A bike trail circling the city.
- A Frisbee golf course in Scout Park. Great location and the kids could use it during the day.
- A good miniature golf course.
- A modern mini golf course.
- A more centrally located public pool with more reasonably priced admission would be nice.
- A recreation/exercise facility in West Laramie.
- A steam room.
- Access for west side of town, central location.
- Affordable/free indoor tennis courts and indoor children playgrounds for winter use.
- An additional indoor pool located in a central area.
- An indoor playground for winter months would be great. (slides, swings, climbing structures, etc.)
- Another option for disc golfing.
- Archery and outdoor lap swim.
- Badminton.
- Baseball complex with more fields.
- Better dog park.
- Better outdoor pool facilities, as the summers are getting hotter and more people are going to the pool. I personally feel that the pool is becoming crowded, and outdated. We love the Greenbelt and during the fall we use it a lot. One facility we don't use the is the dog park because it is not maintained, and when we do use it our dogs come out even dirtier than when they go in. If there was one outside (non Rec Center) that needed an upgrade I would say that it needs to be the Dog Park.
- Better roads.
- Better tennis courts.
- Bike paths need to be extended.
- Bikes following rules of ROAD!
- Can't afford.

- City offers a tremendous variety of facilities and activities for all age levels. Maintenance of parks and facilities is excellent and a credit to the City.
- Climbing wall.
- Climbing wall. Honestly facilities are nice. Locker rooms could stand an upgrade, but really good rec.
- Concert hall and more concert acts in Laramie.
- Contact list of others who may be available for a game of tennis, etc.
- Create better fishing habitat in river.
- Decent dog park.
- Designated sledding hills IN TOWN during winter. Canoe/kayak rental near river.
- Educational, skating rink, dog park, and outdoor swimming pool not at Rec.
- Fenced in areas for dogs at other public parks than Optimist.
- Fine the way it is.
- Free activities for parents to do with their kids.
- Free for ALL to use.
- Frisbee golf, paintball/shooting area with clay pigeons, and hold more events at a park (music, festivals, carnival, etc.).
- Go-carts, bumper boats, archery range, and batting cages.
- Horse trails near Laramie.
- I have no idea where natural areas are located, but would use them.
- I like the recreation facilities, and I think they are very nice and important to our community.
- I think art/painting classes for adults would be extremely popular.
- I think we are doing OK.
- I think we have most everything other than a bigger pond or lake to paddle boat or activities like that. Instead of adding more I think we need to complete and maintain or improve what we have. It's unfortunate all the Rec activities ended up on the east side of town, all children must be transported. I personally grew up with the old ice rink two blocks from my house. My parents didn't transport me anywhere. I walked or rode my bike. What an added expense and air pollution to put all activities outside a residential area. I would like to see more activities and functions at the Territorial Park. What a price the taxpayers have paid and this facility is under used. I still like that area for the Rec Center better than where it is now. This is our first summer to enroll in the kid camps at the Rec Center. Our seven year old grandson has been one week and will attend another week in July. He has enjoyed it very much. The field trips are great. It would be nice to have neighborhood parks have activities, crafts or gardening also instead of transporting children. They don't learn to be responsible if parents are always chauffeuring.
- I want a racquet ball court.
- I would like some more parent night outs.
- I would like to see a mountain bike trails system implemented similar to the one in Curt Gowdy if the city were to purchase property over the aquifer.
- I would like to see funding go to reduced rates and greater accessibility before new facilities were added.
- I would Love to see a rock climbing facility in the area!
- I'm fine with the facilities. I would love to see the Greenbelt completed around the town in my lifetime. Not sure that will ever happen. And I would be happy to pay increased city tax to make that happen.

- Indoor playground.
- Indoor tennis courts and more bike/walking trails.
- It would be amazing to have some type of facility that has coin operated batting cages. Perhaps an addition to the Aragon complex.
- It would be nice to have a closed-in play area in the Rec Center that had equipment around it so you could work out and watch your kids at the same time. They have this at F.E. Warren's base.
- It would be wonderful to have designated mountain-bike trails accessible from bike paths within the city on nearby land.
- Just the addition of more bike trails.
- Larger workout rooms, free weights.
- Less downtown traffic and more signage for parking. We have plenty of empty parking downtown.
- More "free" use of gym floors for those who cannot afford to pay a fee to play.
- More activities for seniors.
- More availability and access to UW Rec Complexes.
- More cheap entertainment for SMALL kids!
- More community gardens and more dog parks.
- More community gardens.
- More courts!
- More Greenbelt trails and connecting system with the one we currently have.
- More leagues and outreach programs.
- More low-cost and/or free activities for children.
- More outside trails, bike and running trails, and more length of river, perhaps connect to Happy Jack.
- More things for kids.
- More toddler style playgrounds. Maybe even with that smooth rubber surface instead of wood chips.
- Motorcycle and/or ATV play area.
- Mountain biking trails accessible from the city.
- N/A. I think we have a lot of great places. I would just keep up on the maintenance of these facilities. Try to keep them clean and painted.
- New bike trail in west Laramie along the old railroad grade across the territorial prison lands.
- None that I would use.
- None, free use of current Rec Center.
- None...there are too many already.
- Not sure other than an indoor BMX bike riding place. The winters are long here and these kids need some place to ride other than campus, where they get fined for trespassing.
- Not that important. If you avoid main streets most other streets are very biker friendly.
- Only heard positive responses with regard to Men's C League softball division this year, please keep it.
- On-street, multi-use paths.
- Outdoor ice skating rink during winter.
- Outdoor pool.
- Places for unleashed dogs to run.

- Playgrounds for kids age 2-4.
- Pole dancing class.
- Public fishing for all.
- Public riding arena – indoor.
- Putting greens.
- Racquetball.
- Right now we use none, so this is N/A to us.
- Roller Rink.
- Roller skating rink. (2)
- Roller skating, rock climbing, and archery.
- Roller skating. Actually, Laramie does pretty nicely for recreation.
- Safe places for teens to recreate.
- See #21.
- Seems to be enough already.
- Skate park.
- Sledding.
- Small climbing walls (one you don't need a rope for) or a large climbing wall in the Rec Center.
- Soccer goals/nets and yoga.
- Tennis courts and racquetball courts.
- Tennis courts, dog parks, and just open space for baseball fields, soccer, etc.
- The space from the dirt road from Corthell to 18th south should be turned into a park. The springs could feed created lakes and flow into the stream that flows into Spring Creek. The bike courses could be more controlled and the damage to the hills by vehicles could be alleviated.
- Upgrade the golf course facility. We are seriously missing this in the city. It limits our pool when recruiting employees and business to Laramie.
- Water fountains for play areas.
- Water park.
- Water parks or pads.
- We need more volleyball courts! So hard to find an open court.
- What we need (although not part of this survey) is a developed RV park at territorial prison. It would bring more visitors!
- Winter outdoor ice skating. Any developed green space north of Reynolds.
- You can't keep Rec Center going as is and overpriced.
- You do a good job.

Question 23. Have you or members of your family used a City of Laramie natural area in the past 12 months?

- Are there any?
- Don't understand where these areas are.
- Southside of LaBonte Park?

- Where are these?
- Where are they?
- Where exactly are these city natural areas?

Question 24. Do you feel that natural areas should be maintained by the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department?

- Remove trash.

Question 25. Should natural areas allow public access or should some natural areas restrict access?

- Depends on reason for restriction. Nesting/breeding wildlife restrictions to prevent disturbance would be fine.
- Ft. Collins has many of these.
- I'm not sure where they are located.
- No dogs.
- No guns.
- No horses, they attract flies and their poo smells.
- Not an issue. Most people don't know they exist.
- You've already messed up all the natural areas. What natural areas are you talking about?

Question 26. Overall, how satisfied are you with the following?

- Fix city streets.

Question 27. Please tell us what priority should be placed on each of the following items with regard to funds allocation.

- Fix city streets.
- I don't believe the recreation center has enough free weights.
- No. We have amazing recreation facilities, better than any community I have lived in.

Question 28. Do any children under the age of 12 live in your household?

- But my grandchildren visit a lot and use the parks, Rec Center, etc.
- More golf courses.
- Roller skating.

Question 31. In which of the following income ranges does your household's income fall? (Please indicate the category that best describes your household's total income before taxes in 2011.)

- Why do you ask?
- Why would this mean anything to this survey?

Question 32. Comments?

- A connection from the Greenbelt to south of I-80 area.
- A more extensive bike/walking path would be a real asset to the city, even if it wasn't paved initially.
- As a dog trainer and landowner I can't understand why Laramie can't create a nice, pleasant dog park when most other large communities in Wyoming do so. With all of the vacant land around town, it would seem that a few areas donated would be a good tax write-off.
- As a resident and in comparison to other municipalities, I am very appreciative of the parks maintained throughout the City and efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department and their staff.

- As noted in other comments, the City of Laramie provides very little support (reduced water costs) to the golf course. Most communities in Wyoming support the municipal golf course as part of recreation in general. Jacoby Golf Course is one of the busiest yet poorest funded golf courses in the state. It would be appropriate to assist the golf facility more since it is mostly used by city residents. There should be more cooperation with UW because it is a community asset, not just a UW asset.
- At LaBonte the “n” in “no” is backwards. That is awful!
- Bike regulations need greater enforcement. You can have all the bike lanes you want but if there isn’t any enforcement of regulations they don’t amount to anything. Bikes run red lights, use city sidewalks, pedestrian crosswalks, etc. More education can help along with enforcement (elementary to college, non-college citizens).
- City council spending tax money on stuff we don’t need at this time. Tired of higher taxes always going up. Our water tastes bad and streets all over town are (Expletive Removed).
- Considering it is snowy and or cold most of the year, I believe more needs to be done to make activities for that time of year; sledding areas, outdoor ice rinks, snowball field, cross country skiing paths, snowshoeing paths, etc.
- Could we have activities for middle age people?
- Fix bike lanes for bikes and force people to fix sidewalks for strollers.
- Greenway connecting to somewhere, connection to Happy Jack, trail around city, dog facilities, pollinator plants, and pollinator educational signs.
- Household = myself + 1 roommate.
- I am 65 years old and disabled.
- I am disappointed that Mr. Nicholas intervened with the construction on the UW Jacoby Golf Course. It is unfortunate that one single person can interfere with a large project of such a magnitude because of his own personal image, status and use his "influence" to change a project. His actions are not worthy of a state representative! His actions increased the cost of the project in a time where funds for such projects are hard to find.
- I am handicapped so unable to use much of what is available. Tried the Rec Center but did not feel very welcome. I felt I was in everybody’s way. I was very active in years past and rode my bike, hiked, and skied, so was able to use everything, now can’t.
- I am very pleased with the range of activities offered for young kids of both genders, with the exception of First Tee.
- I appreciate the City of Laramie employees and the workers especially those who keep up the parks and streets. Our family recognizes the tasks they do every day to keep our city functioning and looking nice. As a mom of three I want to thank those who are up early shoveling snow off Washington Park walkways so I can exercise outside in winter.
- I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this survey. Recreational opportunities are the reason I live in Laramie. The opportunities for off-street and on-street biking paths are there but they need to be better maintained. When I bike around Boulder, Colorado, there is no comparing our off-street paths to theirs. Theirs are very well maintained and see much more use than our paths do. I would also like to see some dog parks since people have few if any options to let their dogs run loose within city limits.
- I based answers to part of this on a family member’s use of facilities, not my personal use. Hope this doesn’t invalidate my answers.

- I believe you guys do a great job taking care of our parks and making them a nice place for families. We have a lot of nice open space here which is great. However, I believe that the parks should be used for more events, such as movies in the park, and many more festivals.
- I do think the city roads to travel either via bike/walk/motor transportation is poor. There are a lot of pot-holes, uneven lanes and pavement; which also is a reason for not wanting to travel to a park or any destination.
- I don't know what you mean by natural areas. Give examples or mark them on map.
- I feel Paul has done a great job of maintaining our parks. My absolute favorite is the Greenbelt. It's free and everyone including the handicapped can access if not all at least parts of the Greenbelt from Optimist Park. I do feel the parking area is challenging for those in wheel chairs or scooters. It would be nicer if it were paved. The rock perimeter along the Laramie River is VERY Nice. Now we can get to the water's edge. Thank you for that. Paul does a nice job with the island between Highway 130 and 230. I myself walk an average 20 miles a week using the Greenbelt mostly, or other park paths, so I feel I do have some constructive input. I have grown children, but I have three grandchildren who live one block from me. We use the Greenbelt a lot and Kiwanis Park. They are ages 4, 7 & 11 years old. I'm old school and want my children to walk, bike, and play outdoors as much as possible.
- I feel that natural areas should be of highest priority, particularly in ensuring that people are not destroying them. However, I feel that it is primarily a county or state duty to maintain and ensure the safety of those natural areas, not so much the city's.
- I have grandkids so even though they don't live with me they come visit and am glad we have parks.
- I live on north Railroad, couldn't find it on map, so I didn't answer question one and two. I am also very upset about bike riders on the foot bridge that do not pay attention to walking citizens. It is very dangerous for bike riders on bridges and also I have noticed skateboards on bridges that shouldn't be.
- I love my garden plot at the Greenhill Cemetery. Thanks to all those that make the garden plots available. Thanks especially for working on the gopher problem! Laramie city parks are beautiful and so well kept. They are the hallmark of our great city. Well done!
- I love our parks and playgrounds. We are moving to a new town in a couple months and I'm very sad that this new town doesn't put as much emphasis on their parks as Laramie does. We will truly miss the Laramie parks. Keep up the excellent work!
- I mentioned this earlier, but I wish all of the parks had walking/ running paths around them. Especially in the area around Kiwanis where a lot of us live. It's very muddy in that area.
- I think that the Greenbelt could be expanded to include surrounding land that is currently unused to create a really amazing park. Imagine a four mile long park through the middle of town. That would be awesome! Something needs to be done about stink lake or LaBonte. It is an eye sore and health hazard and it smells awful. When visitors come to town they can't believe that we have a park built around a cesspool.
- I use the parks mostly when I watch my grandson (17 months) at least twice a week. I feel the playgrounds are very good yet would like to see areas for smaller kids in all the parks if possible.
- I was amazed to see a Texan consultant tell us we are under average in park area/capita, never taking into account thousands of acres of near-by USF and BLM lands, heavily used by our residents. Frankly, our City has more important problems to deal with. With regard to bike trails, road center trails on non-arterial streets makes sense. Currently our, main arteries are clogged, with no rational solution in sight. Adding bike lanes will only encourage an unsafe condition. Put the bike lanes over one block and be done with it. Keep them off the sidewalks and enforce the usual traffic laws.

- I wish there were more dog parks in Laramie. We have to drive across town right now and I wish there was one within walking distance.
- I would like to see dog parks where they can be off leash.
- I would like to see more "free" times for our teenage youth to use facilities (avoid the low income/reduced rate status) since a lot of parents of these children do not utilize reduced fees.
- I would love to see some sort of maintained and signed trail system for biking, hiking, or running that is on the western side of town.
- I would really like the city to pursue the purchase of the Casper Aquifer area for the protection of our water source and for the development of public use, including hiking and biking trails.
- I would really like to see expansion in the development of natural areas and trails around Laramie especially in areas where greater protection of our drinking could also be accomplished. This seems like a no-brainer.
- I'm impressed with the parks etc. considering our taxes. Thank you!
- In regard to more RV parks, we travel a lot and find that if we can stay at a particular attraction the more likely we are to stop. Wasted space at Territorial Park. Actually only need water/electric hook-ups, as there is a dump station available.
- In your previous page, in the introduction, you need a space between the words, "of", and "unique". And also, a nice addition to any of the Laramie parks would be some posts with those dog crap bag-boxes attached. Thank you.
- It would be nice if the few bike lanes we do have stretched farther.
- It would be nice to have hiking, biking access to the hills east of Laramie. Perhaps use stiles over fences to prevent livestock migration & motor vehicle use.
- Keep up good work! Thanks for your management efforts.
- Kudos to the director of parks and rec department. I think Laramie parks and cemetery are in top five best kept in the state of Wyoming. They are the crown jewels of city's governments publicly funded departments.
- Laramie has great parks.
- Laramie needs safer bike lanes. I know a number of people who have been hit by cars while on their bikes this summer and in years past. Also, there needs to be more dog friendly (off leash) parks. We have a high volume of bikers and dog owners who need a safe place to ride and to play fetch without getting a ticket.
- Laramie parks and rec is doing a great job! I live in West Laramie and would really like to see a off-street bike trail built on the old railroad grade across the territorial prison land.
- Laramie's parks and outdoor recreational facilities are embarrassing and pale in comparison to other Wyoming towns.
- Limit hours for large dogs in parks such as 1-2 pm and 5-6 pm, 7-8 pm only.
- Love beautiful Laramie parks. Do something about "stink lake" in park. Keep snow removed from trails.
- More publicity for natural areas and increased protection. It's not safe to ride a bike in town. Neither bikers nor drivers respect each other and the rules of the road. We need more protection of the prairie east of 30th and the town's aquifer. Too many people drive vehicles, ATV's, and dump trash out there. It should be limited to foot/bike traffic.
- My age limits use of several facilities.
- Natural areas need some work. They need regular trash maintenance. Also, they need manicured regularly. Some areas are very ugly and overgrown.
- Need to extend the winter activities; broomball and curling. Need to add another ice arena.

- No children at home. Don't use local parks.
- No soft surface but developed trails or paths, as well as dog (Expletive Removed) throughout Laprele and other parks are my concerns.
- Not sure what a "natural area" is or where one would be in Laramie besides the Greenbelt which is a park. I love the parks in Laramie!
- Not sure what city natural areas are. Why are on-street bike lanes shown twice in the questions? (Marking bike lanes such as on 30th Street or Iverson is a waste of money and may lull bike riders into a false sense of safety. Cars won't run over bikers without the bike lanes.) Some kid on a bike riding eastward along the sidewalk on Grand is going to get killed at that Taco John's drive-through exit.
- Not sure what is meant by "natural areas". If this includes points along the Greenbelt we have used some.
- Over all we have a great park system. Small upgrades only make it better.
- Overall I am pleased with the parks here in Laramie. The only suggestion I have is to upgrade the Rec Center or drop the prices. The facility has a lot of potential and is not being properly utilized.
- Overall our family enjoys Laramie's parks. They are very well maintained. We would like to see development of a more extensive trail (bike/walk) system. Also, LaBonte Park is our neighborhood park. The drainage of polluted street water (run-off with lots of oil, etc.) has turned the pond into a stinking mire. It really detracts from all the amenities of the park. Please make this a priority. There must be a solution. What do other cities do? It is even so established that Google maps has it labeled Stink Lake.
- Overall the Laramie parks system is fantastic. We enjoy using them often and are thankful they are a priority for the city.
- Parks and Rec do a great job. The parks always seem clean when I visit. The personnel are easy to work with. I love the farmer's market.
- Parks are beautiful and well-kept here! Rec Center should have OPEN free day to Laramie. Don't like the membership fees there.
- People who walk dogs in and around the parks (or otherwise) should be fined for not picking up their dog's poop and disposing of it in plastic baggies.
- Please control/enforce off leash dogs in parks.
- Please extend the Greenbelt through Spring Creek and to the north and west to the Coop.
- Please fix the water fountain along the Greenbelt path.
- Please get bikes off the road!
- Rec Center is wonderful. Keep up the good work. Love the river in the pool, it's good for legs!
- Serious thing about the nets it's a shame not to have them, it does not promote play, bunny reservation, and squirrel caretakers.
- Should enforce leash laws and get tougher on enforcing bike laws, i.e. running stop signs and riding on sidewalks except for kids under 12.
- Silly survey for those of us who live way out in the county. We don't even get to vote for anything in the city. Waste of money and stamps for us.
- Sorry about answer on #11. Mostly I run from my house to the Greenbelt and along the Greenbelt.
- Streets and roads need work before parks.
- Thank you for creating this survey.
- Thank you for this survey. Very pleased to see this sign of life.

- Thanks for providing the opportunity to give some input!
- Thanks for the requested input.
- Thank-you for providing an arena for feedback. Overall, we are happy with our outdoor experiences in the city, but wish there were more grants being secured for more greenbelt/natural areas like we see in many other comparably sized cities in the country.
- The addition of a walkway over Spring Creek located at the elementary school would allow a safe access for children walking to school from the residential area south of Spring Creek. A walkway along Spring Creek from 9th to about 15th Street would be a real plus to residents in this area who bike and walk.
- The city council is doing a terrible job. This is a skewed survey. There is no option for objecting to more funds being spent on parks.
- The city park crews do an excellent job.
- The disc golf course in Laprele gets lots of use. Please keep it going!
- The step ladder going up to the slide is broken at the top.
- There is too much dog poop in the parks and there needs to be much more enforcement of loose dogs in the parks. It's a big problem. I walk all the time and I never, never see animal control at the parks.
- This city sucks when it comes to what the majority of the people want. Whoever pays their way to the top controls everything as usual. The more money you have the more control you have. It's always been that way and we all know it so why even survey.
- This is poorly written survey - it appears to be designed to show the more funds should be allocated to parks and recreation facilities. The funds used for this could have been used for more pressing concerns.
- This was a hard to understand survey and the map wasn't much help.
- To me all bike lanes should be on the other streets like they use to be. Fifth Street was a bike lane and Garfield was a bike lane. We tried not to have bikes where people walked except for young children and they rode on the sidewalks. Nobody cared because they were kids learning to ride. 13th Street was a straight shot for university bike riders to get to campus from the south and the same on Tenth Street to Lewis Street.
- Two things I wish this town had; out of town bike path, maybe up to Happy Jack or along 130. It is so dangerous to ride along the shoulders. Also, natural spaces where people can run and let dogs run off leash. It doesn't need to be maintained, just set aside for that use. Suggestion would be field along Spring Creek near Laprele park. So many people walk/run there but it is starting to be taken over by new houses. Sad to see!
- Vehicles must be banned from the dirt road between Corthell and 17th south of Spring Creek. In addition to endangering people and pets, the surface of the road is damaged by them. The road should then be graded and seeded with resilient grasses (no need for paving) and another stretch of greenbelt will be completed. At least two dams should be built to contain the spring waters to create lakes landscaped with water plants. The bike ramps and challenges should be moved south and left for the kids to create.
- We do need a nice park in Grand View Heights soon.
- We have lived across the street from Washington Park for 52 years. The city does a marvelous job of maintaining and improving the parks. Jacoby Golf Course is now a credit to the town and the Rec Center is top notch in all respects. We live four to five months in Tucson during the winter and our facilities here are far superior.
- We love Laramie parks; clean, fun, and safe! Thank you!

- WE love the large amounts of city parks and how well the Parks and Rec Center is maintained. WE don't know what we would do without it.
- We really enjoy the parks and trails in town. Although there are things that would be nice to improve, I am overall satisfied with the quality and quantity of parks in Laramie. Thank you!
- We spend way too much money that we don't have on recreation. The Rec Center is a perfect example of that. Its revenues don't match its cost, even now. When it gets older and maintenance becomes an issue it will be hard to keep up. Don't get me wrong, these are wonderful facilities for the people of Laramie, but we are driving a Cadillac when we should be driving a Ford Focus. Time will prove me right.
- When marking bike lanes on streets, mark the street centerline first and most clearly. The bike lane stripes force traffic toward the center of the street. Without a centerline it is too easy to drift into the oncoming lane.
- When the Greenbelt was originally started it was open to horseback riders, why is it no longer so?
- Why are tax dollars allocated to dog parks? Shouldn't these places be funded by licensing fees? It's like welfare for dogs and their owners. Why can't there be cat or iguana parks?
- Why do you want to know income?
- Would like to see a sidewalk along Snowy Range Road from I-80 to Optimist Park.
- You do a good job. I cannot get out though.

Appendix C. Survey Instrument

2012 CITY OF LARAMIE PARKS & RECREATION SURVEY

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your participation in this survey is voluntary. Refusal to participate will have no effect on any benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Fill in bubbles completely using either pencil or pen (blue or black ink), but please do NOT use a felt-tip marker.

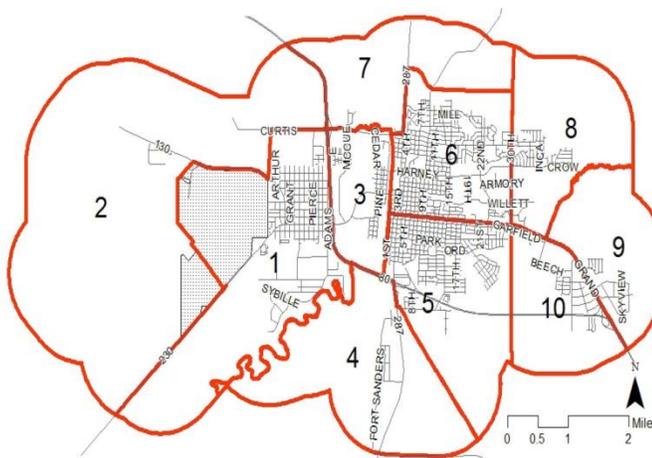
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NOT Like This ✗ ✓

1. In which area of the City of Laramie (and surrounding area) do you currently live? (Please refer to the map and enter the number that corresponds with the area in which you live.)

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2. Are there areas of the City in which you would like to see new parks developed? (Please refer to the map to the right and enter the number that corresponds with the areas you would like to see new park development.)

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PARKS

3. Have you or members of your household used a City of Laramie park in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the back of the COVER LETTER for a listing of City of Laramie parks.)

Yes No → Skip to question 13.

4. During which seasons do you typically use City of Laramie parks? (Mark all that apply.)

Summer Winter
 Fall Spring

5. When using City of Laramie parks, how often do you visit the parks?

Daily Weekly Monthly Yearly

6. Which parks have you or members of your household most often used in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the map on the back of the COVER LETTER and enter the number that corresponds with up to the THREE parks you most often use.)

1.

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 (Most often used.) 2.

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 (Second most often used.) 3.

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 (Third most often used.)

7. For what reasons do you use City of Laramie parks?



8. Which of the following amenities have you used while at City of Laramie parks? (Mark all that apply.)

- Park Shelters/Gazebos
- Park trails for running, biking or walking
- Baseball/softball fields
- Dog Parks
- Basketball/volleyball/tennis/horseshoe courts
- Skate Parks
- Athletic Fields for various activities (e.g. soccer, lacrosse, Frisbee, football, archery, etc.)
- Community Gardens
- Restrooms
- Splash Pads/wading pools
- Playgrounds
- Drinking Fountains
- Sidewalks for accessibility
- Other (Specify) _____

9. What other amenities, if any, would you like to have access to at City of Laramie parks?

10. What barriers or difficulties do you experience when using City of Laramie parks?

11. How do you MOST OFTEN get to City of Laramie parks? (Please mark only ONE response.)

- Walk
- Personal vehicle
- Other
- Bike
- Public transportation

12. If you have children under 12 years old, what is the maximum distance you would allow your child to travel unsupervised to get to a City of Laramie park?

- N/A - no child under 12
- 4 blocks (1/4 mile)
- More than 8 blocks
- 0 blocks
- 8 blocks (1/2 mile)

TRAILS, PATHS, & BIKE LANES

Trails maintained by the City of Laramie include OFF-STREET trails and paths (such as next to Garfield St. and the Green Belt) as well as ON-STREET bike lanes (such as on 9th St. and Harney St.).

13. Have you or members of your household used OFF-STREET trails in or around the City of Laramie in the past 12 months?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know / not sure

13a. If yes, did you use OFF-STREET trails for recreation, transportation, or both?

- Recreation
- Transportation
- Both

14. Which of the following amenities are important to you with regard to OFF-STREET trails/paths? (Mark all that apply.)

- Smooth and clean surface
- Separate lanes for bikers and walkers
- Overlook/observation areas
- Bicycle Racks
- Information/Way Finding signs
- Restrooms
- Linkage to City Parks
- Other (Specify) _____
- Linkage to downtown and business districts

15. What barriers of difficulties do you experience when using OFF-STREET trails or paths?

16. Do you or members of your household ride a bicycle within the City of Laramie?

- Yes No Don't know / not sure

16a. If yes, when riding your bike in the City of Laramie, how frequently do you use ON-STREET bike lanes?

- All the time Most of the time Some of the time None of the time

17. Which of the following amenities are important to you with regard to ON-STREET bike lanes? (Mark all that apply.)

- Painted and swept Bike lanes marked at intersections
 Way Finding Signs Other (Specify) _____
 Separate Bike Lanes from Parking

RECREATION FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

18. Have you or members of your household used a City of Laramie recreation facility in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the back of the COVER LETTER for a listing of City of Laramie recreation facilities.)

- Yes No → Skip to question 20.

19. Which recreation facilities have you or members of your household most often used in the past 12 months? (Please refer to the map on the back of the COVER LETTER and enter the number that corresponds with up to the THREE recreation facilities you most often use.)

1. (Most often used.) 2. (Second most often used.) 3. (Third most often used.)

20. What barriers or difficulties do you face in using current recreation facilities and activities that are offered in our community?

21. Are there any deficiencies in recreation facilities or activities in Laramie?

22. What other types of recreation facilities and activities would you like to see in Laramie?

NATURAL AREAS

Natural areas are defined as lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, open space, preservation of unique topography, visual aesthetics or some other resource that has been determined of value to the community.

23. Have you or members of your family used a City of Laramie natural area in the past 12 months?

- Yes No

24. Do you feel that natural areas should be maintained by the City of Laramie Parks and Recreation Department?

- Yes No

25. Should natural areas allow public access or should some natural areas restrict access?

- All public access
 Some restriction
 Don't know / Not sure



26. Overall, how satisfied are you with the following?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	N/A - Do not use
City of Laramie Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Laramie OFF-STREET Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Laramie ON-STREET Bike Lanes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Laramie Recreational Facilities/Activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City of Laramie Natural Areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. Please tell us what priority should be placed on each of the following items with regard to funds allocation.

	High priority	Moderate priority	Low priority	Not a priority	No opinion / not sure
City of Laramie Parks	<input type="radio"/>				
City of Laramie OFF-STREET Trails	<input type="radio"/>				
City of Laramie ON-STREET Bike Lanes	<input type="radio"/>				
City of Laramie Recreational Facilities/Activities	<input type="radio"/>				
City of Laramie Natural Areas	<input type="radio"/>				

28. Do any children under the age of 12 live in your household?

- Yes
- No

29. What is your age?

- 18 – 24 years
- 25 – 34 years
- 35 – 44 years
- 45 – 54 years
- 55 – 64 years
- 65 – 74 years
- 75 years or older

30. What is your employment status? (Mark all that apply.)

- Full time employed
- Part time employed
- Student
- Retired
- Not employed at all

31. In which of the following income ranges does your household's income fall? (Please indicate the category that best describes your household's total income before taxes in 2011.)

- Less than \$10,000
- \$10,000 to \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 or more

Comments:

Thank you for your participation! Please mail the completed survey in the envelope provided to:
 University of Wyoming, Survey Research Center, Dept. 3925, 1000 E. University Ave., Laramie, WY 82071

Appendix D. Laramie Areas Map

