

PARKS RECREATION & CULTURE



A MASTER PLAN

For
Creating Spaces
&
Building Community

THIS IS A GUIDE

This publication is intended for the Board of Trustees, the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Staff, the Public, and Grantors to understand the priorities and goals for public Recreation & Congregation, for Marketing & Economic development, and for the Enjoyment of the Citizens of the Town of Silt.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The revised 2021 Draft Parks, Recreation, & Culture Master Plan (PRCMP) presents facts and recommendations resulting from a comprehensive analysis of recreational and open space parcels, improvements, infrastructure, programming, and capacity. By understanding the progression of land uses within the area, it provides a context for the vision of the Town of Silt going forward.

The process was initiated in 2019, and follows a directive that is outlined from the 2017 Comprehensive Management Plan. It is not certain, but speculated, that the unforeseen global pandemic, prevented the completion of the 2019 Draft PRCMP and the delay in the analysis of its recommendations. The effort was picked up in the Spring of 2021, and continued to follow a similar prescribed methodology of providing guidance in the decision making process of allocating material, human, and financial resources.

“Silt will strive to become a progressive, sustainable town that embraces the positive aspects of directed growth while capitalizing on a western, rural legacy of self sufficiency and strong community connections”

A number of goals were defined during this period and they were compartmentalized into three broad visions for the community:

1. Conservation
2. Health, Safety, & Lifestyle
3. Community Building

These three visionary topics were also found to be relevant when seeking a direction for the Town's park and open space resources, community events, and cultural provisions. These however are applied more narrowly in scope than what was outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Plan is divided into (5) sections, presenting an introduction to the Town of Silt and its land use over time (Section 1.0), an inventory assessment (Section 2.0), financial considerations for the funding of park resources (Section 3.0), an analysis of community input regarding resource priorities (Section 4.0), and finally guiding recommendations to assist in resource allocation decisions (Section 5.0).

An inventory of developed parks within the Town's boundary were assessed for appropriate programs and features. The parks were then grouped into categories based on the provisional services valued by the community: High Level, Mid-Level, and Low Level Service value. Value is based on the criteria of proximity to users, the condition of the amenities and programmed use.

Park Service Assessment Rating		
High Level Service	Mid-Level Service	Low Level Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Flying Eagle</i> <i>Mesa View</i> <i>Roy Moore</i> <i>Stoney Ridge</i> <i>Spruce Meadow</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Veterans</i> <i>Community</i> <i>Eagle View</i> <i>Painted Pasture</i> <i>Tara</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Scherar</i> <i>Hairpin</i> <i>Gateway</i>
Unique Services Provided		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Silt Island Preserve</i> <i>Silt Island (Dog Park)</i> <i>Silt Historical Park</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Main Street Wetlands</i> <i>16th Street Wetlands</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Community Garden</i> <i>Center Townhome</i>

The Culture and Public Art elements are a matter of providing identity and interest to the community, but have been limited in their expression or elevated to a level of importance. It can not be expressed enough in this minor notation that heritage and



community pride is best represented by how well its past and identity is remembered.

The inventory of resources highlighting opportunities and constraints, brings to point the financial responsibility to sustain those resources. Beyond the annual operating budget and Capital Improvement Fund, several other funding vehicles will need to be accessed to help offset some of the over-riding costs to meet the responsibility of providing these services and future growth.

The community was surveyed in this regard and their responses helped to identify what was important to their quality of life, and met their recreational needs. This portion of the PRCMP was most telling in determining recommendations to the future planning and resource allocation. In total 147 responses were collected and demonstrated a demographic median age between 40-49, with 70% having children under the age of 18. The majority participate on a regular basis in recreation and leisure activities. The breadth of age groups represented spanned the ages of 20 to 89, indicating a necessity of providing various activity and event options.

Upon complete analysis of existing inventory, financial considerations and community input the overarching recommendations to be considered when proposing the budget in years to come prioritize the following:

1. Maintain and Improve existing parks and facilities
2. Expand youth sport programs and facilities
3. Combine Community events and improve planning
4. Allocate Funds for a Community Recreation Center
5. Develop Design Standards and Guidelines to reflect Community Identity
6. Conserve natural areas and open space

Over time and considering the financial resources available, decisions should address the components in temporal periods of short term, medium term and long term. This Management Plan provides a guiding document to the management of the resources found described within its pages. The PRCMP is a fluid document evolving to capture changing conditions and circumstances. It is intended to be added to and at times subtracted from when deemed necessary or no longer relevant to the progression of time.



Operations, Maintenance & Capital Improvements Strategies

Short Term 1-2 Years	Medium Term 3-9 Years	Long Term 10+ Years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address Immediate Park Needs - Prioritize Top, Middle, Bottom • Repair & Improve Park Trails/Access • Improve Crosswalk Safety • Implement Conservation Strategies: Low Water, Xeric, No-Mow • Decommission Under-utilized Amenities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct or improve Restroom & Parking Facilities • Diversify Playground Equipment and Sport Fields • Install new Sustainable Landscapes • Construct / Upgrade Existing Buildings to serve as Gym facility • Expand Pathway System • Relocate Maintenance Facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Department personnel • Increase Equipment Budget & Acquisition • Review Short & Mid Term Strategies • Coordinate and Construct a Regional Path System to Connect Valley Communities to Silt
*POTENTIAL ALLOCATION NEED RANGE		
\$300,000 - \$600,000	\$3,000,000 - \$5,000,000**	\$3,000,000 - \$5,000,000**

*The potential allocation need ranges provided in all tables are gross estimates only. Specific research and budget development will need to be employed to provide specific & accurate funding estimation needs for priorities identified as a part of the Town of Silt financial and budgeting processes.

**Does not include Land Purchase Agreements or Architectural Design & Construction Costs.



Community Programs

Short Term 1-2 Years	Medium Term 3-9 Years	Long Term 10+ Years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Focus Planning on 1-2 Impactful Events</i> • <i>Combine Events</i> • <i>Limit Holiday Events to help with planning</i> • <i>Consider Unique Events to avoid conflicting Valley Events</i> • <i>Offer Youth T-Ball, Base/Softball, & Volleyball Programs</i> • <i>Trial an Adult "Fun" League</i> • <i>Review & Revise Landscape Design Standards & Guidelines</i> • <i>Locate Potential Land Purchase Opportunities</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expand Successful Events</i> • <i>Trial Additional Events or Separate Previously Combined Events</i> • <i>Offer Older Age Sport Leagues</i> • <i>Expand Adult Programming</i> • <i>Re-Assess Available Resources</i> • <i>Initiate Land Purchase Agreements and Develop Regional Community Park Plan</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Execute Successful Events at quality venues</i> • <i>Expand Sport leagues to all age groups</i> • <i>Lease facilities to outside organizations for events and sports.</i> • <i>Construct a Community Recreation Center / Visitor Center</i> • <i>Establish a Regional Recreation District to include river access</i> • <i>Continue to coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions to have a regional trail / multi-modal network.</i>
*POTENTIAL ALLOCATION NEED RANGE		
\$100,000 - \$200,000	\$200,000 - \$300,000**	\$300,000 - \$500,000**

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Of course looking over the progression of time, the long term vision should inform all actions related to the short term priority strategies. To accomplish this successfully and continue to improve the offerings of programs, health and safety and overall quality of life for the citizens of Silt, a series of next steps should begin to formulate during the short term actions. These steps can be clearly outlined as:

1. Develop a set of Design Guidelines and Standards that will begin to define the values and identity of the Town of Silt.
2. Park Planning with Conceptual Design Plans to detail the amenities, programs, and themes expressed in each park. Plan for a system of trails connecting the parks as part of a greater multimodal system.
3. Prepare and plan for constructing a Community Recreation Center.
4. Establish the feasibility of a greater Regional Park District.



1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 HISTORIC LAND-USE

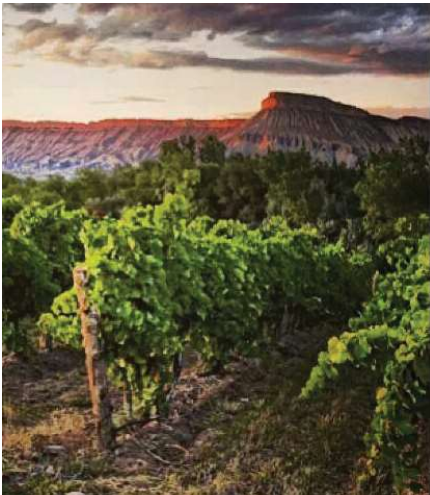
1.1.1 Native Beginnings

To truly understand the purpose of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan is to understand the historical perspective of its growth and land use. Originally the Silt area was home to the Northern Ute Indians, known as the “Blue Sky People,” the only Native American tribe truly native to the area.



Prior to acquiring the horse, these Utes lived off the land establishing a unique relationship with their ecosystem. Many of today’s transportation corridors and trails are a result of the Utes use of familiar sites and well established routes, such as the Ute Trail that can still be seen in the forests of the Grand Mesa. Their nomadic tendencies and seasonal food supplies taught the Utes to alternate between hunting and food gathering sites allowing the environment time to replenish. In early spring and into the late fall, men would hunt for large game and the women would trap smaller game animals in addition to gathering wild plants such as berries and fruits. Wild plants such as the amaranth, wild onion, rice grass, and dandelion supplemented their diet. This is an early representation of cultivating land use for sustainable communities.

Into the winter, the Northern Utes would make their camps along the White, Green and Colorado Rivers. Winter was a time of rejuvenation and the Utes would gather around their evening fires visiting and exchanging stories about their travels, social, and religious events. This example of community events reinforced tribal



customs, as well as established rituals of creating and maintaining family structure for the following season's cycle.

1.1.2 18th & 19th Century

In the 18th century, the Spanish explored the area, trading extensively with the Ute and opening up the territory for other European adventurers. Discovering the abundance of the natural beauty and resources of the area, fur trappers continued to trade with the native people and thrived from the abundance of beaver in the area and its profitability back East.

It was not long after the publishing of Ferdinand Hayden's surveys of the region in the 1870s, *The Atlas of Colorado*, that many settlers coming for mineral riches settled on the exploits of a temperate climate and possible farming opportunities. The region provided what would be considered endless populations of wild game, large coal deposits, and ample grassland for grazing. The richness of resources made homesteading a sustainable way of life in the area.

Homesteaders mastered the nuances of high altitude farming of fruits and vegetables on lands formerly covered with sagebrush. Fruit farms in particular held promise, and corporations such as the Grass Valley Land and Water Co. sprang up to promote orchards. A distinguishing geologic feature called the Grand Hogback flanks this orchard area which became known as Peach Valley. In the 1880s waves of immigrants from Italy, Wales, Ireland, Austria, and Germany found work in the local coal mines, and around the same time, cattlemen used the abundant grasses of the Western Slope for grazing and ranching.





1.1.3 20th Century

The boom in sugar beet agriculture that began to dominate in the early 1900s, not only brought more people but people that needed entertainment. Annual events such as rodeos, a popular form of organized sport, and events such as Flag Day and Apple Pie Day established the “Peach Valley” as a place of belonging.

All this activity brought the need for moving people, goods, and greater services. The Denver and Rio Grande Railroad arrived in 1889, and the Town of Silt began as a way-point with a railroad depot. Stores and a post office grew up, the Silt depot boasted a population of 15 by 1906.

The Town incorporated in 1915, and by 1921 hosted over thirty businesses. The natural surroundings gave way to the needs of larger towns anchored by its rail depot - beet dumps and scales, a flour mill, houses, the Belvedere hotel, the First State Bank of Silt, a post office, commercial stores, and a town newspaper called The Silt Leader extended its town limits and population.



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1.1.4 Today

Today, the Town's spectacular western landscape situated between Glenwood Springs to the east and Grand Junction on the west as accessed by Interstate 70, serves 3,200 citizens, with a healthy service area of between 5,000 and 8,000 people within a three-mile radius on the outskirts of Town. The Town has long been a "Bedroom Community", serving the tourist economy in the upper valley towns and the industrial and agricultural economy of the Piceance Basin and Peach Valley, respectively.

Silt is perfectly situated to be a "Bedroom Community" to these growing industries. As a gateway to outdoor recreation - such as hunting, fishing, skiing and snowboarding, camping, biking, and hiking - thousands of individuals frequent the Town's parks, special events, and trails. In addition, citizens and visitors enjoy clean air, scenic views, large expanses of undeveloped land, and opportunity to observe wildlife including the Town mascot, the Great Blue Heron.

Industrial, agricultural, and tourism interests bring economic resources in the form of employment growth, housing demand, labor cost, and infrastructure support such as flood control, storm water, and transportation. Silt, as a "Bedroom Community" for these industries, relies on new construction to generate sales tax that is to help pay for General Fund items such as parks maintenance and recreational programming. The TOS is a home-rule municipality and with residential development as the primary industry within the Town, the Board ensures that through the Silt Municipal Code the Town will receive new, adequately improved parks, open space, and trails upon subdivision and development of a parcel. In the Subsection 16.04.530, Dedication and

To Enhance the Quality of Life for Citizens of the Silt Region by Providing Public Facilities and Services in a Safe, Well-Planned, and Sustainable Community.



Reservation of Parkland for Recreational Purposes, applications for subdivision or re-subdivision have generally resulted in smaller neighborhood parks, rather than larger community serving parks. The TOS has managed, thanks in part from both a developer and the school district, to provide more space for recreational and community events, but annual maintenance allocation must be prioritized. All of this puts the Town of Silt (TOS) at an important turning point for managing its Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources.

1.2 LEGISLATIVE GUIDANCE

1.2.1 Statutory Authority

As excerpted from the 2017 Silt Comprehensive Plan, Colorado State Law (CRS 31-23-206) provides the framework for “master plans” or comprehensive plans within the State. This document complies with the State statute by providing for planned and orderly development and balancing basic human needs for a changing population with legitimate environmental concerns. It is the policy of the State of Colorado “...to clarify and provide broad authority to local governments to plan for and regulate the use of land within their respective jurisdictions.”

In similar fashion as The Comprehensive Plan, which further states it’s legal status in that once adopted, “...no street, square, park or other public way, ground or open space, public building or structure, or publicly or privately owned public utility...” may be built or authorized without review and approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission (CRS 31-23-209). In keeping with this definition, the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan for the Town of Silt will guide the recreational and leisure activities, amenities, and facilities associated with the Town’s overall land use tied to its development and growth.

1.2.2 Home Rule Charter

The TOS lays out its mission statement: To enhance the quality of life for its citizens of the Silt region by providing public facilities and services in a safe, well-planned, and sustainable community. With this as the Town’s guiding principle, TOS has established its Home Rule Charter to reflect such purpose.

"We, the citizens of the Town of Silt, Colorado, believing that the government of Silt exists to serve the people of the Town of Silt, desiring to preserve the heritage of Silt – its river, wildlife habitat, open spaces, and historic small town character; seeking to enable effective citizen participation and to promote involvement in the political process; committed to securing the benefits and advantages of the Constitution of Colorado and to availing ourselves of the rights and privileges of home-rule and self-government in local affairs to the fullest possible extent; do hereby adopt this chapter."

"The Board of Trustees shall provide for the development and adoption of a capital improvements plan each year...in time to be considered in the preparation and adoption of the Town's annual budget."

Silt will strive to become a progressive, sustainable town that embraces the positive aspects of directed growth while capitalizing on a western, rural legacy of self-sufficiency and strong community connections

1.3 VISION & GOALS

1.3.1 Goals of The 2017 Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Silt Planning & Zoning Commission, in its 2017 Comprehensive Plan, states that "Silt will strive to become a progressive, sustainable town that embraces the positive aspects of directed growth while capitalizing on a western, rural legacy of self-sufficiency and strong community connections". Specifically, the Comprehensive Plan speaks to goals which address the Town's interests in:

- Colorado River
- History
- Community and Special Events



- Open Space
- Trails
- Recreation
- Land Use
- Public Art

Of these particular areas that the Comprehensive Plan identified, the outlined goals can be categorized into a broader focus where the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan can directly provide services to the community. The Broader vision of those goals are the promotion of:

- Conservation
- Health, Safety and Lifestyle
- Community Building

2017 Comprehensive Plan Vision & Goals

V1 : Conservation

Colorado River

- Create viable conservation standards for the Colorado River and its tributaries with regards to weeds, salinity, sedimentation, invasive animals, invasive plant species, and water quality standards
- Preserve the important riparian zone adjacent to the Colorado River by discouraging development within one-hundred feet of the river's edge
- Explore educational opportunities related to the river habitat, through methods such as educational kiosks along the walking trail that provide information about the Colorado River and related wildlife and vegetation in the area;
- Encourage reclamation of sand and gravel mining operations to include the dedication of lands to appropriate State agencies such as the Division of Parks and Wildlife; facilitate connectivity between reclaimed sand and gravel operations and the State Wildlife area
- Acquire strategic floodplain lands along the Colorado River and investigate the possibility of having these lands managed by the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife
- Inventory sensitive lands and potential environmental impacts of development around the riverfront to determine areas to protect and areas best suited for development, including such considerations as floodplains, riparian areas, view sheds, and wildlife habitat

History

- Interpret the history, culture, nature of the area in various areas with signage and story boards;
- Incorporate public education in public spaces including community buildings, trails, parks, open spaces, etc., with help from the Silt Historical Society and other Civic or non-profit organizations
- Citizens feel it is important for all community members to learn about Silt's history, nature of the area and build upon Silt's western legacy
- Identify opportunities to tie into other regional networks, such as famous railroad events or other historical points of interest.

Open Space & Trails

- Defer development in highly sensitive land areas, preserving that area as wildlife habitat and open space amenities;
- Continue to enhance the Silt River Preserve as a means of protecting the critical wildlife habitat and decrease erosion on the property;
- In low density rural residential reserve areas, encourage rural subdivisions and cluster development that preserve and protect natural resources, agricultural lands and open space
- Develop scenic loop roads for bicycle and vehicular traffic
- Coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions, State and Federal land owners (Bureau of Land Management, Division of Parks and Wildlife, State Parks, etc.), agencies and organizations (outfitters/guides, Trout Unlimited, Colorado Water Conservancy Board, etc.), and nonprofit trails groups like LoVa (Lower Valley Trails Group) to integrate open space and trail systems at the regional level

Public Art

- Develop a public art program and public/private funding mechanism (for example, the Town could dedicate some percent of public improvement projects allocated for public art) to further the historic and cultural heritage of the community



V2 : Health, Safety & Lifestyle

Colorado River

- Promote visibility of a riverside walk, in addition to trails throughout the community that encourages healthy lifestyles

Open Space & Trails

- Promote visibility of a riverside walk, in addition to trails throughout the community that encourages healthy lifestyles
- Create safe pedestrian routes throughout town for healthy lifestyles, safety, enjoyment and functional connectivity
- Promote a multi-agency relationship to address the impact to Town's streets, including the existing I-70 interchange, from county traffic, taking into account the importance of multi-modal links and alternatives to driving
- Advertise the multi-modal transportation network in as many different arenas as possible, to encourage a healthy lifestyle
- Link the north and south sides of town that augment the 16th Street underpass trail for multi-modal traffic traveling between downtown and new riverfront
- Discourage the parking of vehicles and equipment on trails throughout the town, in order to avoid unsafe conditions and the degradation of the trails, as well as to encourage the public to utilize the trails for healthy and gas-saving purposes

Recreation

- Promote the development of a recreation framework to provide quality multi-modal connections

V3 : Community Building

Colorado River

- Promote development opportunities along the Colorado River Corridor, while preserving the floodplain, open lands, historic values and sensitive riparian environment
- Collaborate with the School District, Silt Historical Society and other parties to educate the public about the value of the river corridor, with educational programs in the schools, interpretive signage, and by supporting public environmental education programs
- Strengthen tourism potential by working collaboratively with organizations throughout the community to capitalize upon Silt's environmental resources, wildlife habitat, and unique recreational and cultural assets
- Advertise/promote the wide variety of natural features, sight-seeing opportunities, and back country access available to residents and visitors, such as the Colorado River, Rifle Gap Reservoir, Harvey Gap Reservoir, Rifle Mountain Park, Rifle Falls, and White River National Forest.
- Promote high quality retail and commercial opportunities along a riverfront walking trail, including businesses that relate to riverfront activities such as bike and watercraft rental

History

- Continue to support local historical events like Silt Hey Days that bring the community together to appreciate the area;
- Create a Silt visitor's center at an appropriate, highly visible, highly accessible location, such as along State Highway 6. The center shall highlight local history and direct visitors to walking tours, amenities, other significant destinations in the Silt area, and house or direct people to the Historical Park;
- Investigate the feasibility of moving Silt Historical Park to a more visible location, in conjunction with a visitor's center, along State Highway 6;
- Develop a program for the visitor's center, which might include such features as living farm exhibits and other attractions;
- Silt has a strong cultural and historic background that should be shared with residents and visitors to facilitate civic identity and economic sustainability
- Develop and support existing cultural facilities and events that contribute to a sense of community



Community & Special Events

- Residents agree that community participation and leadership in town activities, cultural festivals and celebrations is crucial to creating a community of shared values and goals that boost the local economy and provide a positive experience for all community members
- Promote cultural events for families and other community members, such as outdoor concerts, farmers markets, theater, and park events, and develop/enhance amenities for hosting such events
- Promote community-building events, such as volunteer clean-ups or community improvement, that bring together citizens of different backgrounds;
- Promote and coordinate community activities in and around Silt, as feasible and appropriate;
- Encourage other entities such as parent groups, service clubs and church organizations, to become actively involved in organizing and attending Town events and activities;
- Encourage local businesses to participate in or sponsor community events

Open Space & Trails

- Create an interconnected multi-modal transportation network with distinctive road, bicycle and pedestrian pathway development that supports a grid pattern and ½ mile connected road system
- Create trail and hiking maps of the local area amenities as a means to attract tourists
- Work to become a Complete Streets community, which acknowledges multi-modal transportation

Recreation

- Silt residents strongly support the use of signage systems to introduce visitors to the range of recreational activities, natural features, and historic sites available in the area, as well as promote local businesses and attractions and to guide people to civic institutions

Land Use

- Plan neighborhoods in clusters that are self-contained if feasible; have identifiable environments; and are centered around parks, civic uses, neighborhood convenience services and community facilities, all within walking distance to residents who live in and near those clusters

Public Art

- Encourage the formation of an Arts Council to develop an art in public places program;
- Encourage community-wide public art, such as murals, installations, and sculpture, throughout town and at public buildings, to contribute to Silt's identity and image

1.3.2 2019 Board Retreat Goals

In response and in line with the Comprehensive Plan, the Board discussed the following goals related to Parks, Recreation, and Culture within the Town, and as expected they too identified the broader vision of promoting Conservation, Health, and Community.

Parks, Recreation, Culture Vision & Goals	
V1 : Conservation	V2 : Health, Safety & Lifestyle
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Analyze condition of existing utility infrastructure (water, wastewater, irrigation), with emphasis on water shortagesDetermine best practices to alleviate the stresses of droughts, aging irrigation infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Replacement/Upgrade/Addition of playground equipment and structuresFocus on both safety and desirability of play equipmentLook to install trails and paths in those areas under-served by sidewalksExplore the possibilities of adding team sports to the TownDetermine a location for, as well as the size and type, of a splash pad
V3 : Community Building	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Analyze the effectiveness and efficiency of the Town's Special Event budgetEvaluate the use of Nonprofit groups to help offset impact of special eventsInitiate an outdoor promotional (marketing) program, with emphasis on the Colorado River, the Silt Island Park, the Silt River Preserve, and the businesses that serve recreational and hospitality purposesLook into commissioning a River Park Study, to better attract commercial users and tourists.	

Out of this retreat, and by evidence of the desired vision and goals for Parks, Recreation, and Culture it was also decided upon to develop a master plan that would help guide the resources needed to ensure implementation through fiscal budgetary planning phases.



1.4 MASTER PLAN PROCESS

1.4.1 Purpose

The 2009, 2011, and 2017 Comprehensive Plan offered insight into how Silt could move forward and manage these converging trends while preserving its small-town western legacy, provide adequate public services, diversify the local economy, and create a strong sense of community today and into the future. Similarly, the Town of Silt Park, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan (PRCMP) takes the opportunity to evaluate and further address the management of its existing and growing needs.

Parks, recreation, and culture master planning provides the community with a comprehensive vision of public amenities for the community leaders, its staff, and its citizens to address infrastructure deficiencies, recreational and facility needs, and prioritize based on budgetary constraints and quality of life issues. The Board of Trustees addresses in this document both short- and long-term goals, priorities, recommendations, and challenges, never losing sight of what the community wants and needs.

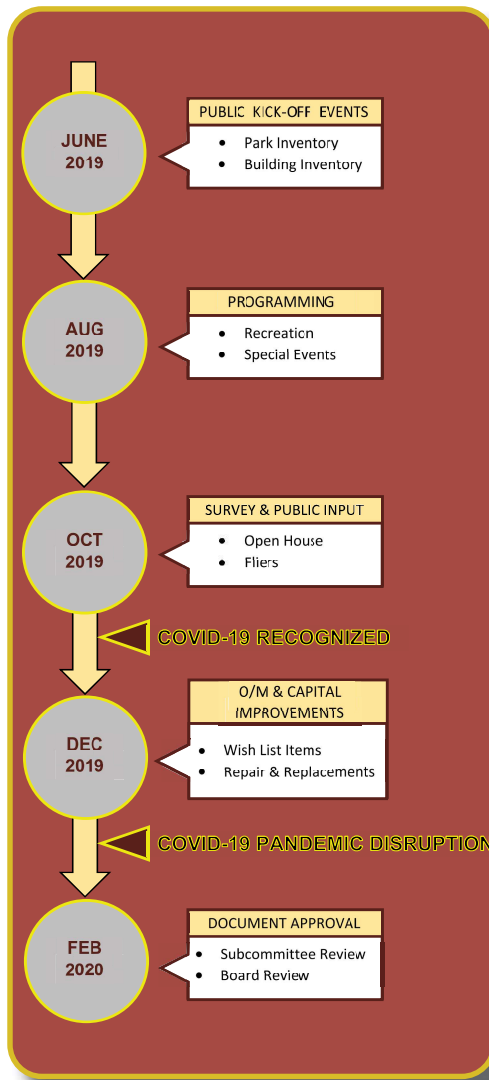
1.4.2 Board Subcommittee

To continue to guide and meet the vision between the Board of Trustees and the growing needs of the community as it relates to the development of the Town, the Board of Trustees formed and appointed Trustees to the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan Subcommittee. The Subcommittee was most interested in determining:

- The Town's capability to provide timely and adequate maintenance
- Needs and Desires of the community stakeholders
- Responsible fiscal allocation toward existing and proposed amenities and facilities
- Long and Short Term strategies

These four key responsibilities set the course for developing the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan. In the following sections of the PRCMP, the Subcommittee is presenting the necessary supporting information that drove the recommendation of short to long term strategies to fulfill the outlined vision. Within the strategic recommendations the Town intended to address the conservation of the natural and cultural heritage, while providing recreational enjoyment, safe and healthy lifestyles for

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its community members. The inherent concerted effort was to manifest a sustainable pride that provides for a strong and vibrant community. The Committee relied heavily on citizen desires and needs, gleaned from community surveys.

It was expressed by the Subcommittee that long term strategies for existing and future facilities be adopted. Safety concerns of existing facilities and aging amenities prompted questions regarding the need for long term capacity and an acquisition plan for multi-use buildings and spaces. The Subcommittee underscored their concerns that the Town not expand past its abilities to deliver timely and adequate maintenance and services to parks, buildings, open spaces, conservation easements, play fields, recreational amenities and adaptable use spaces such as storm water drainages.

This Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan, with Subcommittee oversight and influence, provides the Board and the citizenry with a blueprint of small to large projects that meet the Town's goals of recreational sports, active and age-appropriate play fields and playgrounds, serene wildlife areas for hiking and bird watching, responsible management of drainage areas and wetlands to treat storm water

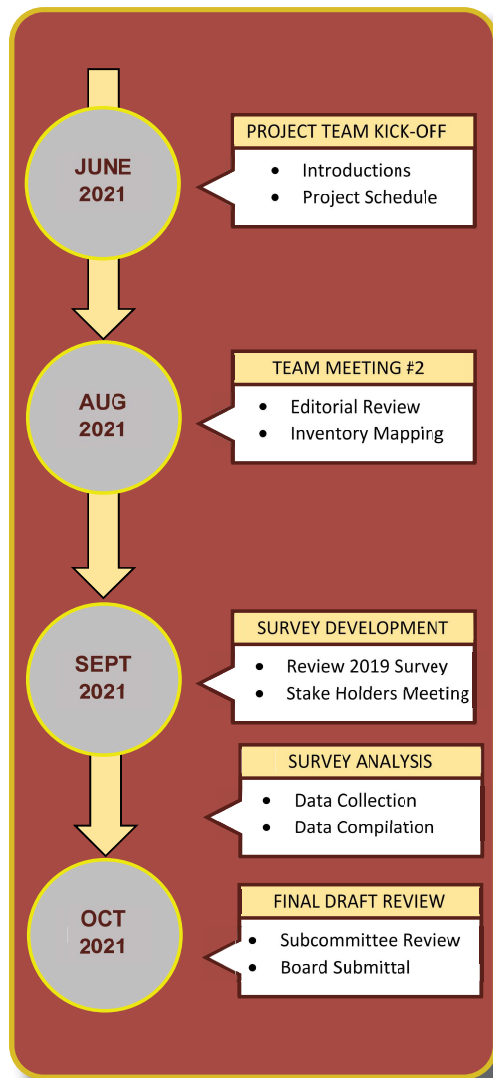
and harbor wild animals, and an array of special events that encourage citizens to enjoy their community.

1.4.3 Process

The Town began the PRCMP in June, 2019. The Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan is a living, breathing document, intended for updates and revisions, as necessary. This process combined staff research and presentation, contributions



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and direction from the Board subcommittee, public opinion generation, and Board of Trustee consideration. Every three to four weeks, staff would present another subset of the master plan to elicit comments and direction, while extensively advertising the master plan effort on the Town's website, the Town's Facebook page, notes on utility bills, fliers through Cactus Valley Elementary, the Town's electronic message board on 9th Street, banners throughout the Town, and Town Administrator newsletters. The Subcommittee's recommendation is derived from a comprehensive, data driven process that seeks to determine which facilities and acreages are most supported by the community.

To this data driven effort, The Town generated and distributed a twelve-question survey via the Town's Facebook page, website, and Town newsletters, asking the public to weigh-in regarding their satisfaction with Town parks and buildings, including the overall Town stewardship of facilities. The survey also asked whether activities were adequate or deficient, what uses should be added/detracted, and what priority should be put on specific improvements.

Although the Board of Trustees reviewed and approved the document on January 27, 2020, following a public hearing, the advent of COVID-19 prevented an interpretation of the survey results and recommendations for the long and short-term actions did not materialize.

This effort was re-initiated in June 2021. The final PRCMP as is presented, built upon the previous 2019 process by engaging leaders within community groups and surveyed residents to further understand their needs. Complete with an inventory and assessment of existing and future planned park resources, as well as, the financial considerations, recommendations towards short to long term strategies are now included in this 2021 Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan.



2.0 INVENTORY & NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This Master Plan process is important to advise the Board and the public as to the type and condition of amenities within public spaces, public buildings, open spaces, conservation easements, play fields, recreational amenities, and drainages. An original assessment was completed in 2019 and was further reviewed for updates in 2021. The assessment reviews acreages, uses, improvements, deficiencies, vegetation, etc., for each of the Town's designated areas. The findings identify facilities that have opportunities and constraints related to the amenities function. Inventory of the equipment and associated infrastructural condition, age appropriate provisions such as size and use, and location of resources are evaluated. This plan seeks to determine whether the Town repurposes underutilized spaces to another use, or invests in the maintenance, improvement and operations to enhance function to serve the community best.

The assessment of these resources when looked at within the context of the Town's fiscal obligations (Section 3.0), and consideration of community input (Section 4.0) creates a framework of recommendations can be advised to assist in improving the experiential quality among all parks, recreation amenities and cultural features based on priorities of funding.

2.1 GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

The Town's generation of sales taxes helps to pay for General Fund items such as park maintenance and recreational programming. The Board ensures, through the Silt Municipal Code, that the Town receives new, adequately improved parks, open space, and trails upon subdivision and development of a parcel at the rate of seven acres per one thousand proposed residences. As most subdivisions have been small (under one hundred units), the parkland dedication requirement has generally resulted in smaller neighborhood parks, rather than inclusive community parks (Park Locations see APPENDIX A).

The Town has been a beneficiary of numerous land donations and offerings. One such example, was the gain of a large parcel of land from both a developer and from the school district, Stoney Ridge Park. This park, located north of Orchard Avenue between



7th Street and 10th Street, now contains multi-use recreational facilities including: the Skate Park, the Pavilion and greenroom, the horseshoe pits and the baseball field, as well as proving vital to the Town's annual special events.

The Town also obtained property known as the Silt Wetlands, which is an important component of the Town's storm water drainage system, storing and removing contaminants from historic and channelized storm water before proceeding downstream to the Colorado River. It is also home to many hydrophilic species of plants and animals, serving as critical habitat and a buffer to development.

These large parcel donations and purchases can only serve the community within the limited attributes of the properties location or prior use constraints (i.e. wetlands). In addition, leased properties are limited in use to that directed by the landowner, preventing improvements or return on investment since youth sport fees and event revenue pay in part these lease agreements.

The Town's vibrant community has in the past presented many opportunities for various events, and in turn marketed to outside groups to bring a greater economic interest and quality of life to the Town itself. These events are limited by space availability, infrastructure, amenities on site, and competing neighboring communities. Low attendance, "No Fee" sponsored events, and calendar timing create fluctuations in popularity. Provisions of quality facilities and marketable appeal will benefit future community gatherings providing prioritized planning and resource allocations.

It is emphasized that the quality provision and condition of the available parks, recreation and cultural offerings are an indicator of a community's vitality. This section lists an inventory of provided amenities by the Town of Silt.

2.2 INVENTORY

2.2.1 Developed Parks


The Town has thirteen developed parks on 14.4 acres and five undeveloped/natural parks on 189.02 acres. These developed and undeveloped parks are integral to the community in terms of recreation and buffers between land uses. These spaces were assessed by the Town of Silt's Maintenance, Operations, & Capital Improvements



Division for their needs of general appearance and equipment upkeep, a letter grade was assigned to each of the elements and based on academic scoring (A = 4.0, A- = 3.67, B+ = 3.33, etc.) a number value was assigned. A highly functional park resource equals a 4.0 and complete deficiency being equivalent to a 0.0 or failing. To achieve a better than average score or to achieve a next higher rating, a list of needs were provided. Undeveloped parks, open spaces and wetlands were not scored in this manner but are listed as part of the inventory of future resources. These values were then averaged based on the number of items scored (Full Table in APPENDIX B).

There are some general costs for potential improvements provided in the 2019 Draft Report. These costs originally provided by the Public Works department should be updated to address the current conditions and economic environment.

Spruce Meadow Park is located within the Spruce Meadows Planned Unit Development south of Harness Lane and west of 1st Street. This 1.83 acre parcel is considered a neighborhood park, as it is geographically separated from other residential areas and practically serves only the residents of Spruce Meadows Planned Unit Development.

Spruce Meadow Park	
PLAYGROUND	
	Description Built 2002-2003 1.83 acres Play Structure (Ages ≤12)
	Attributes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12' x 14' Shelter with Concrete Pad • Permanent restroom • Charcoal Grill • Cultured landscape
	Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restroom closed due to vandalism • Picnic tables in poor repair • Irrigation system non-functioning • Compacted fall zone • Trail/sidewalk in poor condition
GRADE: B-	

The developer of Spruce Meadows Park installed this park in 2003, with:

- A 12' x 14' open-air shelter with a metal roof and posts on a concrete surface
- Two vinyl-coated picnic tables
- Bathroom facility with a toilet and sink
- Half basketball court
- Large playground structure on a compacted pea gravel surface

The park is bounded by an 8' wide asphalt trail on the west and a 4' wide concrete sidewalk on the north and east sides. The park includes a few mature trees and sod, with an automatic irrigation system. The shelter structure and bathroom are in good condition, but the picnic tables are old and in poor repair. The bathroom facility is locked to the public, due to extensive vandalism including gravel placed in the toilet. The vinyl-coated trash container is in satisfactory condition. The steel and plastic playground equipment is showing some signs of wear. The sodded areas are not in good repair, as the irrigation system seems to be non-functioning in some areas, perhaps due to vandalism.

The pea gravel playground area is compacted and not suitable as a fall surface unless rototilled annually. The 2" depth asphalt trail is in poor repair, with ruts and cracks. The Town anticipates that repairs to the asphalt (2" lift) are approximately \$15,000. The cost of repairing the irrigation system is anticipated at \$7,500.

Tara Park is a 1.35-acre neighborhood park located on the western extension of Home Avenue, within the Tara Planned Unit Development and installed in 1982 by the original developer, including:

- Irrigation pond
- Wood play structure
- Wood-framed shelter
- Small toddler play structure on a pea gravel surface
- 12' x 16' wood framed structure on a dirt/sod surface
- Two resin-covered metal picnic tables, one wooden picnic table, and one wooden trash container



The park's 0.5 acre irrigation pond is used for storage and natural beautification. The Town purchased and installed the existing steel post and plastic play structure with a Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) grant in 2002, replacing the original wood play structure. There are no pedestrian facilities (trail or sidewalk).

The landscaping within the park is fully mature, including cottonwood trees, shrubs, and sod. Landscape maintenance requires dead limbs to be trimmed, removal of noxious weeds on the edges of the park and close to the pond. The pond stores irrigation water for a lower irrigation zone and needs to be improved on the edges, as erosion has occurred. All landscaping is served by an automatic irrigation system, but the system is old and in need of repair in the amount of \$15,000.

The play structure is almost twenty years old and showing signs of wear on the resin coated steps and certain connection components. As this piece of equipment is designed for toddlers, it is undersized and underutilized in the neighborhood. The park furniture is also old and in poor repair, with splintered wood surfaces and rusting resin coatings. Although recently stained, the shelter structure indicates a failing roof and

Tara Park

PLAYGROUND

Description

Built Shelter 1982
Playground 2003
1.35 acres
Play Structure (Ages ≤8)

Attributes

- 12' x 16' Shelter
- Mature Landscape
- Pond

Needs

- Equipment nearly 20 years
- Splintered wood surfaces and rusted metal
- Irrigation system non-functioning
- No Trail/sidewalk

GRADE: C+




decaying wood on the overhead structure and the posts. The fall surface (pea gravel) is not compacted and is not in need of repair.

The Town could consider removing all structures and repurposing the park. Some respondents to the 2019 survey suggest that the park be repurposed to a dog park, which might include a chain link fence costing approximately \$15,000. Removal of the equipment could be done by Town staff at a minimal cost.

Mesa View Estates Park

is located at the northern extension of Redtail Lane within the Mesa View Estates Subdivision. The park, installed partially by the developer and partially by the Town includes:

- Medium steel and plastic play structure
- Steel post and plastic slide structure
- Metal swing set (3 swings) on a compacted pea gravel base
- 10' x 12' wood-framed shelter attached to a concrete surface
- Two resin-covered picnic tables, a resin-covered trash container
- 8' wide asphalt trail from Red Tail Lane to Morning Star Drive
- 8' wide asphalt trail from Standing Deer Drive with concrete steps and steel handrail (west) to Morning Star Drive (east)

Mesa View Park		PLAYGROUND
  	Description	
	Built Shelter 1999 Playground 2001 0.75 acres Play Structure (Ages ≤8)	
	Attributes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10' x 12' Shelter with Concrete Pad • Charcoal Grill • Cultured landscape • Parking spaces 	
	Needs	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No restroom • New shelter roof • Irrigation system non-functioning • Compacted fall zone • Asphalt trail, stairs & handrail in poor condition • Vandalism sporadically 	
		GRADE: B



- Four space parking area off Redtail Lane

The Mesa View Park functions well as a neighborhood park for the residents of the subdivision, with age-diverse play structures in good condition and an appropriately sized picnic shelter. The open areas are adequate for ball-throwing and frisbee-throwing.

The picnic shelter roof is in poor repair and a new roof is valued at \$1,000. In addition, repairs to the asphalt trails (weed removal and another 2" lift of asphalt) are needed, valued at approximately \$40,000. The metal handrail on the western concrete steps are beginning to rust, requiring sanding and repainting at a cost of \$250. Repairs to the automated irrigation system are anticipated at \$5,000. Vandalism to the swing set occurs sporadically, aging the metal chains and the seat connections. The cost of repairing this equipment annually is approximately \$500. The Town should refresh the pea gravel fall surface at a cost of \$500.

The Town should ensure that the adjoining parking spaces are not utilized for personal use by the adjacent property owners, as this decreases the park's functionality.

Eagles View Park is located north of First Mesa Drive and west of Eagles Nest Drive. This 12.63-acre park includes:

- 8' wide asphalt trail from First Mesa Drive to Eagles Nest Drive and to Eagles View Court
- Open space and drainage areas
- Steel fitness course equipment
- Large steel post and plastic play structure on a compacted pea gravel surface and wood boundary
- Four steel and plastic toddler spring toys
- Metal swing set (6 swings)
- Three resin covered park benches, two resin covered trash cans, and one resin covered picnic table

The developed park is contiguous to open space on 7th Street, which functions to convey storm water from Eagles View Subdivision and upstream lands in the county.

The play structure is dated and worn in some places, including the resin-covered steps and the plastic components on the slides and the tunnels. Although these components can be separately repaired, the cost may be more than the cost of a new play structure. The swing set is in fair condition, except for occasional vandalism and wear on the metal chains.

The park includes mature landscaping, with large cottonwood trees. However, the sprinkler system needs repair, at the cost of approximately \$20,000, including the open areas on 7th Street and the drainage immediately adjacent to First Mesa Drive. Additionally, the Town needs to trim some trees and remove others. Lastly, the Town should remove weeds and repair/replace the asphalt trail, as well as the wood boundary and pea gravel fall surface.

Both the open areas and the park have noxious weeds that should be removed. The park is adequately sized with age-diverse equipment, functioning as a neighborhood park. The fitness course is not well used and could be removed, if deemed unnecessary.

Eagle's View Park

PLAYGROUND

Description

Built 1997
12.63 acres
Play Structure (Ages ≤12)

Attributes

- Picnic Table & Benches
- Native & Cultured Landscape
- Scenic Trail
- Fitness Course

Needs

- Asphalt trail on Poor Grade
- No Restroom
- No Shelter
- Noxious Weeds

GRADE: C+



Flying Eagle Park and Soccer Field

is a 2.55-acre community park parcel located north of Grand Avenue, west of 16th Street, and south of Orchard Avenue. The developer of the Flying Eagle Estates Planned Unit Development dedicated the undeveloped park parcel to the Town in 1997, with no improvements except parking (9 regular and 2 handicapped perpendicular asphalt spaces on Orchard Avenue and 7 regular asphalt parallel spaces and 1 handicapped parallel space, plus a 6' wide concrete sidewalk on Grand Avenue), and a storm drainage ditch and apparatus on the southeastern portion of the property.

A nonprofit group and the Town improved this parcel over a several year span:

- 2002 - Soccer fields (U6 and U8), including fencing and an automated sprinkler system
- 2003 - installed two aluminum player benches, a basketball court and several pieces of steel playground equipment on a pea gravel base and block boundary
- Two climbing structures, a digging apparatus, a swing set (4 swings), and a full

Flying Eagle Park



MULTI-USE

Description

Built 2002-2019
2.55 acres
Soccer Fields (U6-U8)
Play Structure (Ages ≤8)

Attributes

- High quality playing fields
- Parking
- Basketball courts
- Players benches
- Cultured Landscape
- Well maintained

Needs

- Asphalt areas including parking in poor condition
- No Restroom
- No Shade

GRADE: B-

basketball court with asphalt surface

- 2012 - another developer installed a six-foot wide concrete sidewalk and trees on the west side of the park
- 2018 - the Town installed a steel post and plastic medium playground structure on a pea gravel base and concrete border

With the addition of the medium play structure in 2018, the park is age-diverse and user friendly. The asphalt parking spaces and basketball court need another lift of asphalt, costing approximately \$35,000. The Town needs to replace several trees, at a cost of approximately \$1,000. The Town should refresh the pea gravel fall surface underneath the older playground equipment, at a cost of approximately \$500.

Painted Pastures Park is a neighborhood parcel located east of North Overo Boulevard in the Painted Pastures Subdivision, north of State Highway 6 (Main Street). The developer installed the .69-acre park in 2009, which includes:

- Both small and medium playground structures on a pea gravel base and concrete boundary

Painted Pasture Park	
	PLAYGROUND
	Description Built 2009 0.69 acres Play Structure (Ages ≤12)
	Attributes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newer Equipment• Cultured Landscape• Parking• Sidewalk access• Shade Structure nearby
Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Picnic Table or Benches• No Permanent Restroom• Sparse Developed Area	
GRADE: B+	



- 8' x 14' wood framed shelter over postal kiosks with concrete base
- Four asphalt parking spaces.

The park has mature landscaping, including sod, trees, and shrubs, with an automated irrigation system. The park also includes a 6' wide concrete sidewalk from North Overo Boulevard east to the park, and a 6' wide concrete sidewalk on the west and east sides of the parking lot and postal kiosk.


This new neighborhood park is both large enough and has age-diverse equipment in a nice park setting. As the subdivision is relatively young and has few units built, the play equipment, pea gravel fall surface, and concrete are in good shape.

Stoney Ridge Pavilion, Skate Park, and Ball Field

are located on a 12.21-acre parcel east of 7th Street and north of the Roy Moore Re-2 parcel, south of the Eagles View Subdivision and the Stoney Ridge Planned Unit Development parcel.

The series of improvements began with the following:

- 2003 - The developer of Stoney Ridge PUD and the RE-2 School District dedicated the ball field and Pavilion area
- 2004 - The developer, the

Stoney Ridge Park	
MULTI-USE	
	Description Built 2004-2011 12.21 acres Stage, Sports Field, Alternative Recreation
	Attributes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Area • Skate Park, BMX Track, Disc Golf • Event Stage • Modern Facilities • Lighted Ball Fields
	Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Field Capacity • Trail Connections
GRADE: B-	

Town, and grantors funded the ball field construction

- 2011 - The Town built the Stoney Ridge Pavilion 30' x 40' concrete and wood framed stage in the northern portion of the property
- 2011 to 2016 - The Town built the three phases of the Skate Park, including the 90' x 140' concrete surface
- 2012 - The Town installed the BMX dirt track on the northeastern portion of the property
- 2013 - The Town installed the pre-fabricated 15' x 30' Green Room to the east of the Pavilion stage, which includes a bathroom, small kitchen, and main room
- 2015 - The Town installed the 16-hole disc golf course
- 2016 - The Town installed two horseshoe pits

The Stoney Ridge Ball field is a Little League regulation field with 60' bases, two 8' x 20' chain-link dugouts, two – 10' x 60' chain-link batters' cages, clay infield, grass (sod) outfield, and chain link backstop and perimeter fencing.

- 2004 - The Town installed an electronic scoreboard.
- 2005 - The Town installed a flagpole in concrete base, with a 50-amp circuit
- 2012 - The Town installed (4) 50-amp power receptacles for vendors on the right field fence line
- 2016 - The Town installed the first phase of stadium lighting (4 lamps) and installed the second phase in 2019 (2 lamps)
- 2020 - The Town was to replace the infield

The Ball Field is also used as a seating and vending area for the Town's special events. Additionally, this area is used for events hosted by other groups/individuals, including, but not limited to the Law Enforcement Appreciation (Torch Run), the Raptor Festival, the Party at the Pavilion concert series, the Silt Hey Day festival, the Kiddie Carnival, the Pumpkin Chuckin' event, the Pig Roast benefit, the Rockin' Blues Festival, and the Camp Badge junior police academy. The field is important as the seating area, the staging areas, and the vendor areas for these events. The Pavilion and Ball Field is a picturesque and acoustically suitable area that draws attendees from the state of Colorado and other neighboring states.




The primary use of the field, however, is youth baseball and softball, but it is also used for Pee Wee Football and soccer practice when needed. Survey respondents state that they would like to see an expansion of team sports, such as recreational baseball and softball for adults and youths. Additionally, as there is only one regulation youth baseball field, scheduling is challenging and limits the Town to just a few teams. Certainly, the stadium lighting enlarges the possibilities on the field, but the Town should consider a location for other baseball field(s) as the Town grows.

Scherar Park is a 0.27-acre neighborhood park located north of State Highway 6 (Main Street) and the western terminus of Fawn Court. Dedicated and improved in 1995 by the developer of Lyon Residential Planned Unit Development, the parcel contains:

- 16' x 20' wood-frame shelter with concrete base
- Resin-covered picnic tables, a resin-covered trash can, and a resin-covered park bench
- (4) asphalt parking spaces adjacent to Fawn Court.
- The park landscaping is mature, with sod, trees, and shrubs, with a 3-rail, split rail fence on the perimeter of the park

Scherar Park is named for a World War II war veteran and Town father, Ray Scherar, who served on the 1950s Board of Trustees that

Scherar Park	
PICNIC	
  	Description Built 1996 0.27 acres Picnic Shelter
	Attributes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultured Landscape • Bus Stop • 15'x15' Shade Structure over concrete • Parking Spaces
	Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular maintenance • Under-utilized • No Defined Use
GRADE: C	




approved the installation of permanent ductile iron water distribution lines throughout much of the downtown, replacing the former wood water lines installed in the early 1920s. Mr. Scherar's legacy also includes serving as a founding member of the Town's first volunteer fire department.

Scherar Park serves mainly as a shelter for the adjacent bus stop on State Highway 6 (Main Street). Since there is no playground equipment within the park, it is underutilized by the subdivision's and Town's residents. The cost to improve the asphalt parking is anticipated at \$10,000, while the shelter and park furniture updates are likely to be around \$5,000.

Conversion of this parcel to another use, such as an off-leash dog park, could cost approximately \$15,000 in chain link fence materials and labor.

Veterans' Park is a 1.5-acre community park located north of Home Avenue and south of Grand Avenue, west of 6th Street and east of 5th Street, dedicated to the Town in the 1950s by Municipal Court Judge Collins. The park contains:

- Wood-frame gazebo (15' x 15')
- 20' x 24' wood-frame shelter with concrete base

Veterans Park		COMMUNITY
  		Description
		Built 1960 1.5 acres Central Gathering Space
		Attributes
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultured Landscape • Central Location • Well Shaded • Parking Spaces • Gazebo Stage • Kitchen Facility
		Needs
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Restrooms • Structural Age • Gazebo Replacement • Limited Use to Community Events • Trail Repairs • Irrigation Repair
		GRADE: C



- 8' wide asphalt trails on the south, north, and west sides of the park
- The park also has a granite memorial bench and a lighted flagpole in a concrete base
- The park has an automated irrigation system

The gazebo and the shelter show signs of decay and splintering of wood, including a failing roof. The kitchen in the base of the gazebo was decommissioned several years ago, due to the difficulty in obtaining health department and insurance approvals. However, the park is still used extensively by the Town and its citizens for special events, family get togethers, and recreational purposes. Rebuilding of the gazebo is anticipated to be over \$65,000. As the shelter has a metal roof, the Town may be able to simply replace posts and crossbeams at a cost of \$3,000. The trails are in poor repair, as well, and are anticipated to cost \$50,000 to resurface.

The large trees on the edges of the park are Siberian Elm, a noxious weed. The Town should take steps to remove and replace these trees (estimated at \$1,500 per tree), as this would both allow for more viable tree species, but would also decrease the impact of the Elm Seed Beetle infestations. The trees, however, have been lauded as a great asset during such events as the Silt Hey Day festival and the Silt Ambulance Pig Roast, when those events were held in the park. The Town should strategically remove and replace the trees with a larger caliper than 2", the general standard. Repair/Replacement of the irrigation system is anticipated to cost \$60,000.

Gateway Park is a .81-acre parcel located on the eastern boundary of the Lyon Residential Planned Unit Development, north of State Highway 6 (Main Street) and southeast of Pioneer Drive (cul-de-sac). This property has:

- Mature landscaping (2 trees, sod)
- Automated sprinkler system
- A 3-rail split rail fence is on the southern boundary
- 8' asphalt/roto-milled surfaced trail extends to the western boundary
- The park is little used, as there is no park equipment or other amenities

The Town might consider this parcel as another option for an off-leash dog park parcel,






with a potential inclusion of a chain link fence at a cost of \$15,000. A downside to this potential use would be the lack of parking.

The Town could add more landscaping to this park, at a cost of between \$1,500 to \$10,000. The irrigation system is reaching the end of its usable life and must be replaced at a cost of \$15,000.

Community Park (originally known as Community Center Park, opposite page) was acquired by the Town of Silt in the early 1950s, a full block of property located between 4th Street and 5th Street, and between Grand Avenue and Ballard Avenue. This park compliments Veterans' Park as it sits diagonally to the northwest. Over the years, the Town improved the property:

- Full basketball court (asphalt surface and six hoops)
- Two plastic-surface tennis courts surrounded by 9' tall chain link fence
- A metal swing set (4 regular and 2 toddler swings) on pea gravel
- A sand-surface court with metal posts and volleyball net, a small metal post and plastic playground structure on pea gravel
- A medium metal post and plastic playground structure on pea gravel
- A 12' x 14' wood frame picnic shelter, and an 8-foot wide asphalt trail
- Park furniture includes: two resin-covered picnic tables, two older wooden benches,

Gateway Park	
OPEN SPACE	
  	Description Built 1995 0.81 acres Central Gathering Space
	Attributes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Space Buffer • Canal Waterway • Trail Connection
	Needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Amenities • Under-utilized • Trail Repairs • No Parking Nearby • Irrigation system
GRADE: C+	



four resin-covered trash cans, two 8-bicycle racks, all on a 30' x 30' concrete surface

- The park has mature landscaping and an automated sprinkler system. On street parallel parking surrounds the park, and there are five asphalt regular off-street parking spaces and one asphalt handicapped off-street parking space on the east side of the park

The Town demolished the Community Center on the southeast portion of the property, due to structural issues. Revenue was generated by renting this building to the public for events since its installation in 1982. The citizens would

like to see a replacement

to the Community Center. Only the Town Center and the Town Hall currently provide indoor congregation. Constraints to rebuild a new community center, include too small a building envelope, ADA accessibility, adequate parking, a size to accommodate future populations, and adequate setbacks from playground equipment and tennis courts.

Community Park is well used by the public, and while the public appreciates the recent addition of the picnic shelter, there are complaints about the condition of the playground equipment (installed in 2001 (small structure) and 2003 (medium structure), the asphalt

Community Park



MULTI-USE

Description

Built 1950s
City Block
Courts & Playground

Attributes

- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Tennis Courts
- Playground
- Location, Connection to Veterans Park

Needs

- Razed Community Center
- No Restrooms
- Noxious Weeds
- General Maintenance
- Court Resurfacing
- Aging Playground

GRADE: C

surface for the basketball court (installed in the 1980s), and the tennis court surface (resurfaced in 2004). The central location, combined square-area with veterans' Park could see improvements and other uses such as a tennis backboard, new horseshoe pits, pickle ball courts, and a water fountain (splash) park.

Center Townhome Park is located north of State Highway 6 (Main Street) and at the eastern extension of Domelby Court, on eastern edge of the Center Townhomes subdivision that was approved in the early 1980s. Owned by the Center Townhomes Homeowners' Association until 2004, this 1.61-acre parcel serves mainly the Center Townhome residents but is also used by visitors of the adjacent motel. The park includes:

- Two metal climbing structures
- Metal and wood-seat see-saw
- Digging apparatus
- Metal and plastic spring toy
- Pea gravel surface and a wood boundary
- Landscaping consists of a two-rail wood fence on the southern boundary, mature landscaping, an automated irrigation system
- Resin-covered picnic table and a resin-covered trash container



This park is adequately sized for the neighborhood, but lacks functional playground equipment. The see-saw should be removed immediately, as the Town's insurance carrier deems them unsafe. The two metal climbing structures show signs of wear and the Town should monitor them closely for safety. A medium metal post and plastic play structure would suffice for several years (approximate cost of \$8,000 to \$15,000), as would replacement of the wood play area boundary (approximate cost of \$2,000). The pea gravel surface is compacted in several areas and grass is beginning to take over, and therefore should be refreshed at a cost of approximately \$500.



Community Garden parcel is located at the northern extension of 5th street, south of the Cactus Valley (Grand River) Ditch. Deeded to the Town in 1984, this .28-acre parcel is intended for a park and the Town holds that the community garden concept, instituted in 2002, works well in the residential area. The Town leases a plot measuring approximately 10' x 10' to interested parties annually for \$15. A volunteer in the community serves as a quasi-manager, assigning plots and enforcing maintenance rules on lessees.



Weed species are present throughout the parcel and the Town should be diligent to both eradicate and maintain in a sustainable fashion annually. As well, soil conditions vary between plots, not only encouraging weeds, but making the growth of desirable species difficult. The plots are also not well placed or delineated (no aisles), making it difficult for lessees to maintain plots.

The Town should rehabilitate the garden by establishing distinct (numbered) plots, installing an automated sprinkler system and adequate signage, and adding rich humus topsoil. Planned correctly, the Town could add ten or more plots and create a fruitful and productive area to the Town's inventory that also encourages the population to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. Although several long-term plot lessees might be slightly inconvenienced, the overall production and gained efficiency should compensate.

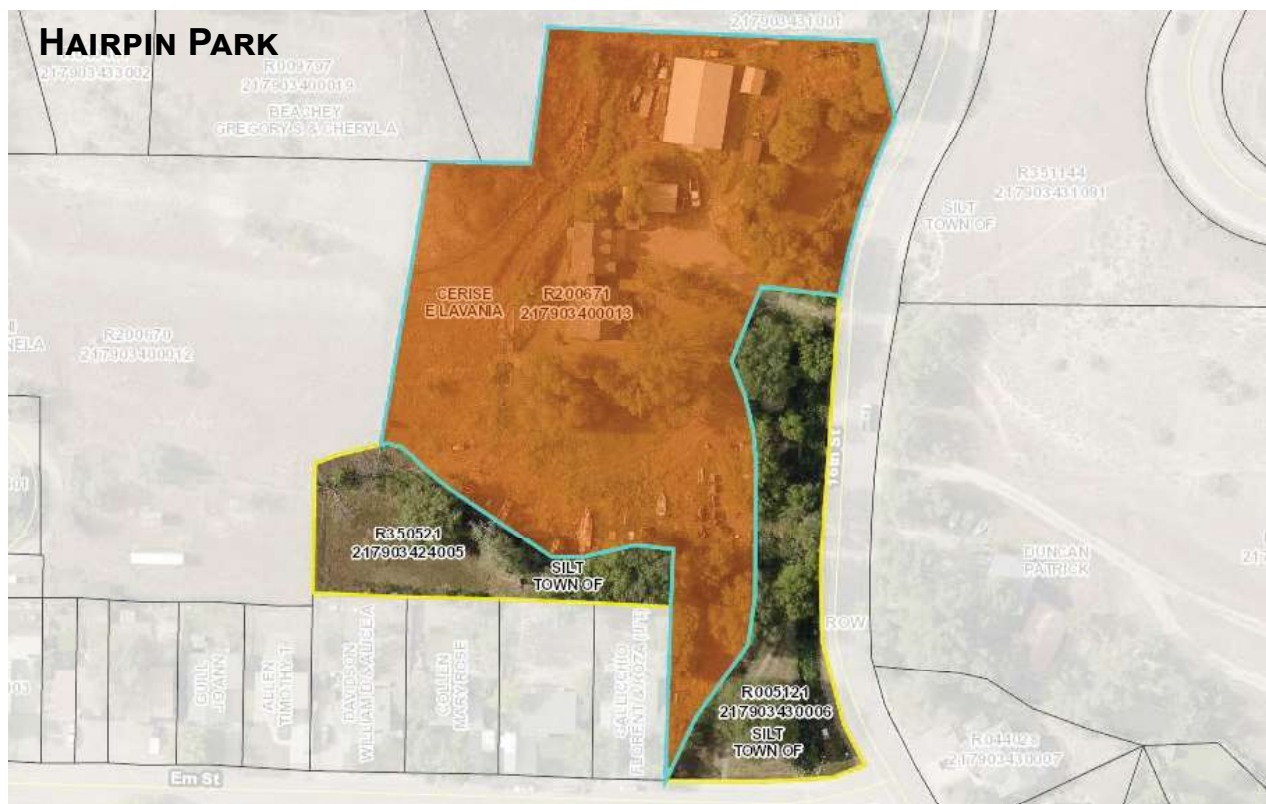
2.2.2 Future Parks & Undeveloped Spaces

A number of proposed parks and vacant parcels exist within the Town's inventory. These parcels have certain specific attributes and opportunities to contribute to the Town of Silt land holdings for future development. As new developments are being proposed, a number of additional neighborhood parks are expected to be installed by future developers. It is advised that each PUD park is limited in its use per age group and further stretches the maintenance capabilities of the Town's Public Works department.

Other parcels that are constrained by either their environmental setting or wetland designation would require significant permitting effort to develop. However these areas contribute to the natural setting and open space buffer to controlled growth of the Town. Consideration of incorporating a multi-modal trail system to connect these areas would enhance the experience of the community and its value.

Hairpin Park is a 0.34-acre parcel located to the north of the Stevens Park Planned Unit Development Plat, west of 16th Street and north of Em Avenue. Although the parcel is dedicated as open space on the subdivision plat, there is no legal access to this parcel, either from North 16th Street or from Em Avenue, and since the Town cannot access and maintain the parcel, it is overgrown with noxious weeds and dead trees.

To be developed into a manicured park, the Town must first secure legal access to the parcel from North 16th Street and/or from Em Avenue. This likely would occur with the annexation of the County parcel to the east and north that currently bars legal access.



As one can see from the graphic layout, the open space parcel ends at the eastern extension of Lot 4. The out-of-town parcel blocks the Town from accessing the parcel by its triangular extension down to Em Avenue. It is desirable, perhaps, for the Town to begin negotiations for the purchase of an easement or property from this adjacent county property owner, if only for maintenance of the parcel.

Silt Island (Dog) Park is located .25 miles south of River Frontage Road on County Road 311. In 2007, Garfield County deeded this 36.25-acre parcel, including the shifting



landforms caused by water flows, to the Town. The park has no designated use and as such was not necessarily developed to a specific user group. The Town offers this park as an off-leash dog park, however it is used by many other groups as well. The park does not allow camping or overnight stays.

Boaters and rafters enter and exit the Colorado River at the boat ramp on the southeastern portion of the property. Although used throughout the year, most activity occurs in the summer months. As the Town has parking for trucks and boat trailers, many out-of-town residents also utilize the facility. Various users of the park generally coexist peacefully, but the demand for spaces is sometimes high and conflicts do occur occasionally. The Town has contemplated paving this parking lot, but citizens have

voiced a concern for the park to remain as natural as possible.

Amenities currently listed on the property include:

- 40' x 16' concrete boat ramp on the northwest boundary, a 12' x 16' wood frame shelter with picnic tables and three metal trash cans
- 8' wide crusher fine/dirt trail in loop around park
- 0.5-acre pond
- Gravel-surfaced parking lot with 12 truck/trailer spaces and 12 car/light truck spaces.

There is severe erosion on the northern bank of this island. The Town partially mitigated this problem in 2014. As several feet on the northern edge of this property erode each year, it is in the Town's best interest to mitigate this problem soon. The Town did research the viability of placing an erosion barrier on the northern shore but has yet to implement a solution.

As an off-leash dog park, the property shows wear and tear related to dog owners failing to pick up after their dogs. Although the Town stocks plastic bags for this purpose, not all dog owners adhere to the park standards, placing a higher burden on conscientious dog owners and the Town maintenance.

The park is well used, and the natural trail needs maintenance, such as a surface treatment and reestablishment of native species in overused areas. Additionally, the Town would be wise to designate specific routes, rather than allowing users to cut in new paths and trails, as this diminishes wildlife habitat and increases erosion. Upon designating such routes, the Town could amend the entry signage to advise patrons of the route and discourage 'off-trail' behaviors.

Beyond the trail maintenance responsibility, much of the native vegetation is maintained by concerned citizens and nonprofit groups who help by trimming trees, removing weeds, and reporting the park's condition to Town officials. These altruistic acts help the Town to better afford maintenance on other parks, but the Town recognizes that this method must be augmented by the Town's consistent monitoring and maintenance of the park. The Town may consider the implementation of a daily fee for users, such as the City of Rifle implemented in its Rifle Mountain Park, to mitigate the impacts and demands for service in this park.



The existing pond is poorly maintained and could be a mosquito habitat, if not treated. Survey respondents suggest that the Town could rehabilitate the pond to both function as a scenic improvement and a fishing pond. Stocking the pond with fish species might be a viable option but would necessarily require an annual budgetary appropriation.

The Town's Economic Development Subcommittee suggested that the park be repurposed as a water recreation area, with an artificial beach and recreational amenities.

Iron Horse Mesa Park is a 7.167-acre parcel is located within the Iron Horse Mesa Planned Unit Development, in the northwestern portion of the subdivision and west of Belgian Loop. The developer proposes to develop the park in Phase II of the development; at this time there is no proposed timeline for completion. The developer plans to dedicate the park to the subdivision's Homeowners' Association, and the Town shall have an easement for the park for public access. The park is to include:

- Automated irrigation system
- 8' wide asphalt trails



- The park area currently has weed species and is sometimes used as a dumping ground for furniture and discarded household materials. The parcel is currently privately owned by the developer. It is the responsibility of the owner to monitor the park's condition regularly to avoid the property becoming dangerous to the community.

Camario Park is 1.02-acre parcel is located within the Camario Planned Unit Development, north of Grand Avenue and adjacent to and west of the proposed northern extension of Pickett Lane. The developer proposes to install:

- [illegible]



- (6) non-exclusive parking spaces on the northeast edge of the park.
- Landscaping and an automated irrigation system
- Dual storm water detention/open play area proposed for the southwest corner of the property

There is no proposed timeline for completion, as the park is within undeveloped Phase II.

2.2.3 Nature Preserves & Wetlands

Silt River Preserve is a 132-acre wildlife conservation easement located south of the Colorado River and the Town's Water Treatment Plant/Wastewater Treatment Plant parcel, with an access easement from County Road 346. The Town acquired the parcel in 2010, using a grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (Colorado Lottery) and help from numerous other contributors: Garfield County, Aspen Valley Land Trust, the Gates Family Foundation, Bill Barrett Corporation, the Colorado River District, Williams Energy, EnCana Natural Gas, and Antero Resources. The Rising Sun Ditch and the



Loesch Crann Ditch run east to west through the property. The southern ditch, Rising Sun, provides the bulk of irrigation water for the property.

Once part of a larger agricultural parcel, the conservation property includes, but is not limited to:

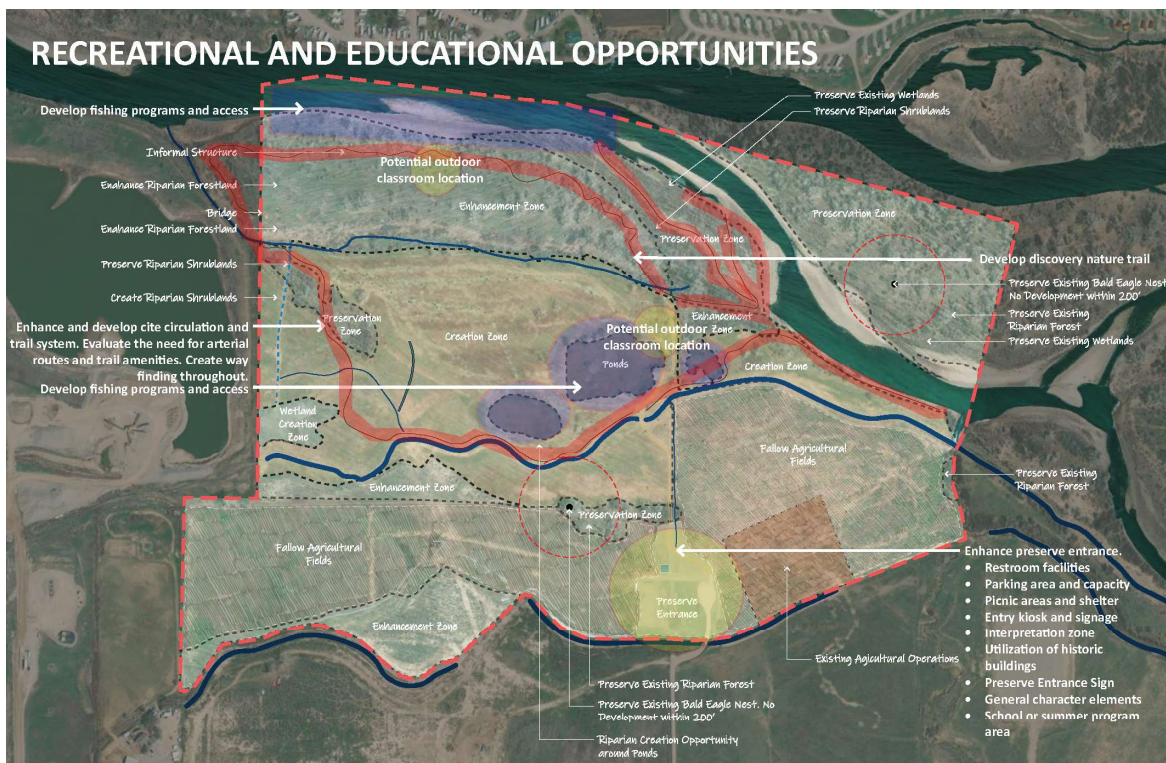
- 39-acre riparian area
- 16-acre semi-desert shrubland
- 55-acre agricultural hay production area
- 3-acre pond basin, a 1-acre community garden
- 4-acre, parking area/open area
- 4-acre ruderal (permanently disturbed) ground area
- 2011 - the Town installed a gravel parking lot for approximately fifteen vehicles and a two-rail split rail fence on its perimeter
- 2014 to 2019 - the Town installed irrigation to over sixty acres, including the 1-acre community garden

An old, dilapidated barn located in the middle of the property is a popular photography prop, displaying the heritage from days past. The goals of the Silt River Preserve Conservation Easement and accepted by the Town of Silt include:

1. Preservation of the biodiversity of plants and wildlife along the Colorado River
2. Providing for the sustainable access to the Colorado River
3. Balancing the recreational demand with the protection of the significant riparian plant communities and wildlife
4. Restoring the native grasses that have historically been overgrazed by cattle
5. Managing angler use through commercial permits, signage, and outreach
6. Educating commercial guides on the preservation goals
7. Continuing and expanding noxious weed control throughout the Preserve
8. Monitoring activity to assess passive and active recreational impact
9. Providing environmental education through interpretive signs, Division of Parks and Wildlife, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife professionals, and trained volunteers



The Silt River Preserve has large recreational potential, including river fishing, wildlife and scenery viewing, picnicking, hiking, and boating, but these uses must be offset by the Town's conservation and preservation efforts. The Town, with the help of Aspen Valley Land Trust, Garfield County (Youth Corps), and the Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers, built over a mile of natural trail in a loop in the northwest portion of the property. The Town contemplates other sections of natural trail throughout the Preserve, such as a length between the parking lot and the Colorado River, and a loop on the eastern portion of the property. The Town intends to apply for grants to rehabilitate the three ponds by establishing native species along the ponds' natural contours, filling and stocking the ponds, and providing a walking trail around the pond area. This improvement will cost approximately \$75,000. The trail from the parking area to the Colorado River is likely to cost approximately \$10,000. The trail on the east portion of the property is anticipated to cost approximately \$40,000. These forecasted costs may change with the use of nonprofit groups and volunteers.

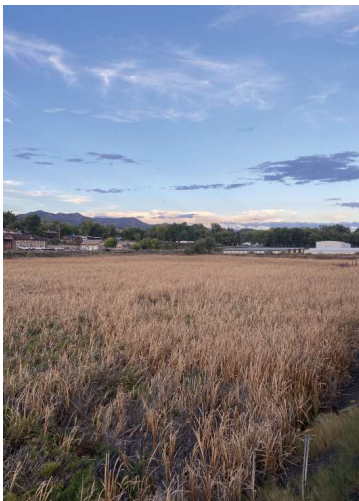


The Silt River Preserve is one of the Town's richest assets and should be conserved and improved according to the Silt River Preserve Management Plan, the Silt River Preserve Conservation Easement provisions, and in best practices to maintain healthy ecosystems (see APPENDIX C: 20210401 PRESENTATION).

Main Street Wetland is comprised of two current parcels of the original 9+ acre parcel gifted to the Town in 2002 by the Gilstrap family. The 7.32-acre parcel is located south of State Highway 6 (Main Street), north of the Union Pacific Railroad, and west of Garfield County commercial outparcels that access S. 16th Street. In 2013, the Town subdivided the 9-acre parcel, separating the 7.32-acre wetland from a 1.91-acre developable parcel adjacent to and east of the existing convenience store. The wetland



parcel is subject to the United States Army Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction and provides a basin for deposition of a portion of the Town's storm water from the 16th Street drainage. The parcel acts as a natural barrier between more intensive county uses to the east and the busy Interstate-70 intersection to the west. Treating a portion of the Town's storm water in advance of it reaching the Colorado River, the wetland parcel provides an environmental and ecological component as well as a critical habitat for bird and mammal species. In fact, this important storm water detention area allows the Town to avoid detention in other, more commercially valuable areas on the east side of Town.



In the southeast corner of the parcel where the land is slightly elevated, the Town reestablished wetlands as a mitigation for wetlands removed in the construction of the Town's Water Treatment Plant. The subdivided commercial parcel adjacent to and east of the convenience store is not subject to Corps jurisdiction as a wetlands, and between 2013 and 2015, the Town placed structural fill on this portion and raised the elevation to allow for construction of commercial infrastructure and a building. The Town receives offers for the property occasionally but has yet to convey the property for a B-2 Highway Business zoned



use, such as retail, office, or government purposes. The Comprehensive Plan calls for this parcel to either sustain a retail commercial use or a Visitor Center. As a wetland, The Gilstrap family suggested a park concept in 2002, with a boardwalk through the wetland, nature interpretive signs, and picnic areas. The Town still possesses the original boardwalk concept drawing with Corps-sanctioned pier footing design. This would need to be assessed as a wetland to still be a relevant option.

16th Street Wetland and Drainage Channel is a historical drainage responsible for detaining and conveying storm water from County lands north of and including Mesa View Estates subdivision. In 1998, the Town approved the 89-unit single-family development Mesa View Estates, with its primary access on N. 16th Street, over 0.6 mile of new roadway from Grand Avenue to the newly proposed Morning Star Drive.

This wetland is an important habitat for both plant and animal species. Storm water moving south from this wetland is eventually conveyed to the Town's Main Street wetland.

The proliferation of weed species on the edges of and within the wetland are becoming problematic, as the weeds tend to kill native plant species, clog waterways, and decrease the cleansing quality of the wetlands. Revegetation on the east and west side

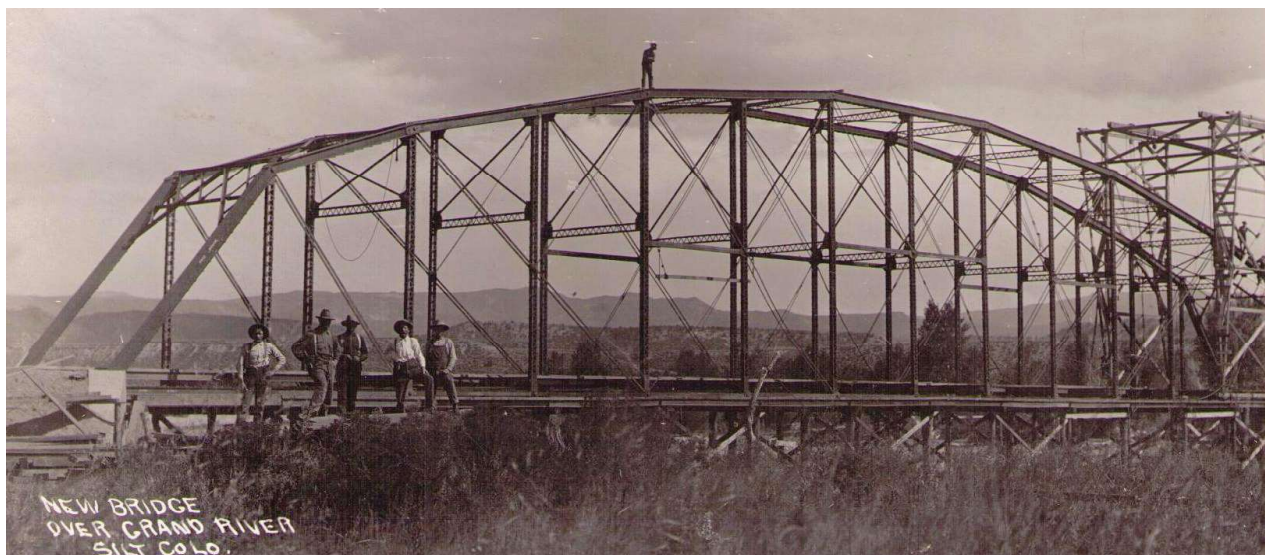


of the winding North 16th Street has been difficult due to the steepness of the hillside and the lack of irrigation water.

The Town currently trims a 4' wide section of this property immediately adjacent to the sidewalk, but large weed areas still remain just outside of the mower's swath. Russian knapweed, a particularly hardy weed, is evident on private properties up North 16th Street.

2.2.4 Town Culture & Art

Silt Historical Park got its start in the early 1980s, following a request by interested citizens, the RE-2 School District donated 0.462 acres to the newly formed Silt Historical Society, Inc. (501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation) for the relocation of several historical buildings and equipment. A clause within the deed states that this property will revert to the school district should it cease to be a historical park. The Silt Historical Society recently requested, and the Town approved, a rezone application to place Public Utility zoning on the property to more accurately reflect the actual uses of the property and to allow for legal expansion of the historical park. Through donations and earned income (events and merchandise), the Silt Historical Society, Inc. earns just enough money to keep the doors open. A subcommittee of the Silt Historical Society holds the Silt Hey Day Festival each year as a fundraiser for the Park, but this event does not always generate enough to cover the costs of the event. It must be noted that this is not a Town organized event, but support is provided in the form of security and safety, space

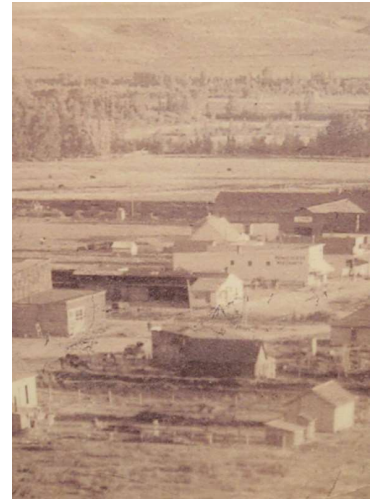


provision, and in-kind support. In 2013, the Town began donating to the Silt Historical Park all proceeds and tips generated from the Town's operation of the beer/wine tent at that event.

The Silt Historical Park serves the community in the following capacity:

- Storing historical documents
- Staging period furniture and implements
- Architectural examples
- Instruments of the Town's culture and heritage
- Chautauqua at the Silt Historical Park, an educational and costumed event displaying turn-of-the century garb and practices
- Demonstration blacksmithing, farming practices, and day-to-day activities

The Silt Historical Society, Inc. contends that the losses of historical records and institutional memory are both regrettable and avoidable, and therefore, the organization strives to present historically accurate events, offer its knowledge to the public, and preserve and share its vast historical archives. In order to establish a stream of revenue to perpetuate its efforts, the Silt Historical Society, Inc. supported a recent taxing initiative that could have given all museums in western and northwestern Colorado operational funds. Although the measure did not pass, the Silt Historical Society continues to maintain and operate the Park with donations and proceeds from public and private sources.



The current property owned by the Silt Historical Society, Inc. does not have associated off-street parking that it owns – instead, it uses another RE-2 School District parcel to the east of the park that the District is unwilling to sell. If the District was to put another use on the parking parcel, the Silt Historical Society would experience some discomfort, relying on street parking for its patrons and volunteers.

The Silt Historical Park has little room for expansion on its current parcel. There are discussions of relocating the Historical Park, and a number of alternative could be considered. The proposed locations each have their unique opportunities and constraints and should be further evaluated. Those locations for consideration include:

- Repurposing of the Town Shop parcel
- Main Street Wetland area
- Roy Moore Elementary Vacant parcel



Public Art in the Town was commissioned and an original work was placed at the 9th Street Roundabout landscape area. In 2009, upon construction of the round-about, the Town placed the faux stone, wildlife-faced sculpture in the center of the landscape area. The sculpture drew regional and national attention for its uniqueness and modern flair, but sadly, vandals damaged the art work several times, costing the Town unbudgeted funds to repair. After having resided at the roundabout for over six years, the Town relocated the sculpture to a more secure location at the Town's Water Treatment Plant, south of Interstate-70.



Just prior to the Town's Centennial in 2015, the Town held a contest to elicit from area residents, businesses, and the Coal Ridge High School art students their opinions on the Town's re-branding. As winners of the contest, the Coal Ridge High School art students provided ideas for a Great Blue Heron as the Town's mascot, in tribute to the Town's former rookery. With refining by a



local printing company, the new logo (Front Cover) was born and adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2015.

As part of the Centennial celebrations, the Town also commissioned the second piece of art for the 9th Street Roundabout, a bronze sculpture of two Great Blue Herons. This sculpture is vibrantly colored and smaller in stature than the first sculpture, helping with visibility and providing room for future addition of more sculptures and landscaping components.

2.2.5 Park Service Assessment Rating

The developed and uniquely identified parks described in Section 2.0 are rated based on the level of service provided to the community. The parks and open spaces are rated on the criteria of their proximity to users, the operations and maintenance grades, and program potential of each. Those parks rated highest provide a greater service to the residents, are newer and thus have less maintenance, and can have multiple potential uses. Low level service indicates parks that lack programming or minimally

Park Service Assessment Rating		
High Level Service	Mid-Level Service	Low Level Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Flying Eagle</i> <i>Mesa View</i> <i>Roy Moore</i> <i>Stoney Ridge</i> <i>Spruce Meadow</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Veterans</i> <i>Community</i> <i>Eagle View</i> <i>Painted Pasture</i> <i>Tara</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Scherar</i> <i>Hairpin</i> <i>Gateway</i>
Unique Services Provided		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Silt Island Preserve</i> <i>Silt Island (Dog Park)</i> <i>Silt Historical Park</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Main Street Wetlands</i> <i>16th Street Wetlands</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Community Garden</i> <i>Center Townhome</i>

used, require maintenance and operations resources without adding value beyond equitable real estate in their current condition. Those parks that have not yet been built or are in early planning stages (not rated) should be reviewed in an effort not to duplicate already provided services while also stretching the vital resources of the operations and maintenance department. These undeveloped parks and open spaces also provide great opportunity to consider a more expansive and connected park system.

The Park Assessment Rating provides guidance in Section 5.0 in the discussion of Short Term Operations, Maintenance, and Capital Improvements. This rating should be used to measure the success of resource allocation, and gauge the necessity and importance of programming and treatments of existing and future park development.



3.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

Parks and Recreation facilities and programs add value to a community's economy and quality of life. The success of the Town of Silt's Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan is ultimately measured by the Town's ability to implement the recommendations and provide quality parks and services that meet the needs of the citizens of Silt. To a large extent this will be governed by the ability of the Town to effectively finance the Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

This chapter identifies and defines the various financing methods that are available for capital projects and summarizes the funding sources that the Town has used and some thoughts about what other sources can be used in the future.

General Fund, Park Impact Fee Fund, Construction Impact Fee Fund and Beautification Fund are the primary funding sources that have been tapped in the past for parks and recreation capital improvements projects. The Conservation Trust Fund, a funding mechanism of State government, has also been used from time to time as grants have been awarded. Grants, donations, and user fees comprise the balance of the funding sources used in recent years. The Town actively seeks grants and donations for capital projects, operating expenses and special events.

Parks, Recreation & Culture Funding Sources

- ***General Fund***
- ***Beautification Fund***
- ***Park Impact Fee Fund***
- ***Construction Impact Fee Fund***
- ***Conservation Trust Fund***

3.2 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FINANCING ALTERNATIVES

As noted above, the Town's General Fund, Park Impact Fee Fund, Construction Impact Fee Fund, Conservation Trust Fund and Beautification Fund are the primary funding sources that have built Silt's parks and recreation programs.

Increasing the contributions from the above-mentioned funds would require different actions by the Board of Trustees and/or voters, for example:

- **Beautification Fund:** Voter action would be required to raise the lodging tax rate. Many Towns that have this kind of tax have authorized a much higher rate.
- **Park Impact Fee Fund:** This fee was created by ordinance and is reconsidered by the Board each year when it authorizes the Town's fee schedule. It could be raised during this process.
- **Construction Impact Fee Fund:** This fee was created by ordinance and is reconsidered by the Board each year when it authorizes the Town's fee schedule. It could be raised during this process.
- **Conservation Trust Fund:** The Town's ability to increase funding to projects from this fund is limited by the grant applications it has the ability to write and whether or not funding is awarded.

3.2.1 General Fund

The General Fund supports the Board of Trustees, Administration, Community Development, Public Safety, Public Works, Youth Recreation, Events, Town Attorney and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Fund's primary revenue source is Sales Tax, with significant contributions from property taxes and use taxes. The Town's combined sales tax rate is 6.9%, all of which is deposited into the General Fund. One third of the sales tax proceeds are reserved for street improvements with the rest going to other operations.

3.2.2 Beautification Fund

This Fund was established in the wake of a successful 2008 Town citizen election in which voters approved of the imposition of a 2.5% lodging tax on accommodations to be



spent on “development and marketing of visitor improvements and attractions, special events, Town beautification, historic preservation, and general promotion of the Town.”

3.2.3 Park Impact Fee Fund

The Park Impact Fee Fund was created by ordinance in 2011. The ordinance directed that new single and multi-family residential units be assessed a “park and recreation impact fee per dwelling unit” in order to “defray the costs of improving parkland within the Town as a result of such new construction.” The Board is to review the fee “as often as is necessary to reflect the true capital costs to parks and recreation, and shall set such fee by board resolution periodically.”

3.2.4 Construction Impact Fee Fund

Construction Fee Funds were created by ordinance in 2011. Applicants for annexation that are anticipated to impact existing town facilities, staff and other resources are subject to a construction impact fee. The fund was created, in compliance with CRS. 29-1-801 et seq. as amended, to account for these funds collected and expended by the Town to address these needs.

3.2.5 Conservation Trust Fund

The Conservation Trust Fund was established after the Colorado Legislature enacted HB 74-1084 which authorizes each municipality to create it for the acquisition, development and maintenance of new conservation sites or for capital improvements or maintenance for recreational purposes on any public site. A public site is defined by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs as a publicly owned site, or a site in which a public entity/local government holds an interest in land or water.

In an amendment to the state constitution in 1992, this fund became the vehicle to which lottery funds were deposited and used.

State Lottery funds for Conservation Trust Fund use are administered by the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). DOLA receives 40 percent of state Lottery proceeds (\$53 M in 2017). The funds are distributed in proportion to each entities’ population so that every town, city, county and special district in Colorado benefits.

3.2.6 Additional Alternatives

- **Special Taxing District, or Metropolitan District:** Bands together with neighboring towns to form a special district, to levy a property tax for the purpose of supporting parks and recreation (CRS Title 32, Special Districts). . This would require a long-term view, building relationships, developing a plan and, in the end, a vote of all of those in the new district's boundaries.

It would be desirable to include rural areas within the “area of influence” into the district of the Towns involved since it is highly likely that citizens in that area use Town facilities and programs at the same rates and fees charged to in-town residents. It would also be helpful to have the additional property tax revenue. This would likely double the number of taxpayers in the district than currently exist in the Towns.

- **Property Tax Increase:** Proposing a property tax for the purpose of supporting parks, recreation or even just a component, i.e., a recreation center or water play area at Silt Island Park. This would require a vote of Silt's taxpayers. It could be proposed with a “sunset”, meaning it would be discontinued when the facility was complete or reassigned as carry over to be used for operation and maintenance.
- **Sales Tax Increase:** Proposing an increase in sales tax would also require a vote and could resemble the same features as the property tax. The Town currently requires that 1% of sales tax revenue be spent on street projects. It could do the same with recreation facilities.
- **Activity Fees:** Increase activity fees with a portion going to a “recreational facility fund”. Charge a higher fee to non-residents than to residents.
- **Bond Issue:** Proposing General Obligation Bonds to develop recreation facilities. These are generally paid back by the use of taxes and require a vote of taxpayers. This kind of financing would not be suitable for operations, such as salaries or supplies, but would be most appropriate for building or renovating recreation facilities, i.e., a pool or recreation center.



- **Lease/Purchase Option:** Use a “lease purchase financing” arrangement in which public facilities are financed and built by a separate entity and leased back to the Town. Certificates of Participation and Sales Leaseback arrangements are common ways to fund these facilities and using the Town’s status in the Federal opportunity zone may make it attractive for investors. This option does not require a vote of taxpayers.
- **Private Operators:** Attracting a private concessionaire to provide and operate recreation facilities has been done elsewhere and may deserve a look.
- **Revenue Bond:** The bonds for building a facility such as a paid entry “wave park” or “water play area” may be secured by the revenue collected by the operation. Revenue bonds are secured and paid off by revenue from the operation. They do not require a vote by the taxpayers.
- **Land Sale-Facility Fund:** Converting the revenue from the sales of Town-owned property to a “recreational facility fund”. The Town owns two larger development lots that, when sold, could be used to support recreation facilities. Similarly, if any parks are decommissioned as part of this process, the land could be sold for development, the proceeds of which could be used for parks and rec.
- **Supplemental Grants:** Relying solely on grants to fund recreation facilities and programs does not provide a consistent income stream, but as a supplement, it is a good practice. It is important, though, that the Town either contract with or hire a grant-writer. The Town does not have the bandwidth to write multiple grant applications as in past years when it focused almost solely on the Federal Mineral Lease District for grant funds.

Clearly, the Town should not rely on just one of these means of funding parks and recreation. Rather, it should develop a combination of them to fully fund the program. Community input and prioritization of desired projects will dictate the combination of funding vehicles used to establish a successful and sustainable capital improvement strategy for the near and long term goals.



4.0 COMMUNITY SURVEY

4.1 DESIGN

A diverse group of stakeholders were invited to participate in the process to develop survey questions that best answered the community's interest in how the Town allocates its financial resources toward maintenance, operations, and capital improvement of park and recreation amenities and future projects. The collective involvement helped to ensure that 1) the recommended allocation of resources for implementation by this planning effort have broad impact to the community, 2) the diverse community interests are party to the promotion of specific planning recommendations, and 3) benefits from recommended projects and programs are both maximized and sustainable.

Stakeholders represented the following organizations and constituencies:

- The Town of Silt Community Development Department
- The Town of Silt Historical Society
- The Public Institutions
- Business Leaders
- The Garfield County School District
- Sports League Officials

On September 3rd, 2021, an anonymous community survey was launched through a link on the TOS web page and provided in the local newsletter bulletin to obtain feedback from community members on the value they place on their park, recreation and cultural resources. Their responses will help to guide the planning and implementation of short and long-term projects. Their input further elucidates issues and concerns the Town may be facing to achieve future goals and objectives. The survey consisted of 18 questions related to the local park use, community events and recreational opportunities, and future program development.

Several questions allowed comments to be provided by the community constituents to share specific ideas and thoughts regarding their resources. The survey was reviewed and revised by the planning team before distribution to the general public.



4.2 DISTRIBUTION

The survey was available Online through the use of Survey Monkey website via a link from the TOS website. An option was provided for paper copies completed and collected at the TOS Town Center Building. After two weeks the data was analyzed, and a team meeting was convened to review the responses to date and determine a sufficient length of time to keep the link open. Additional data was incorporated in the final analysis. Complete Survey questions and results can be found in APPENDIX D.

4.3 SUMMARY OF RESULTS

During the two weeks that the survey was open for response, approximately 117 surveys were completed, with an 85% completion rate. The survey was extended an additional two weeks, in which a total of 147 responses have been recorded with 84% completion.

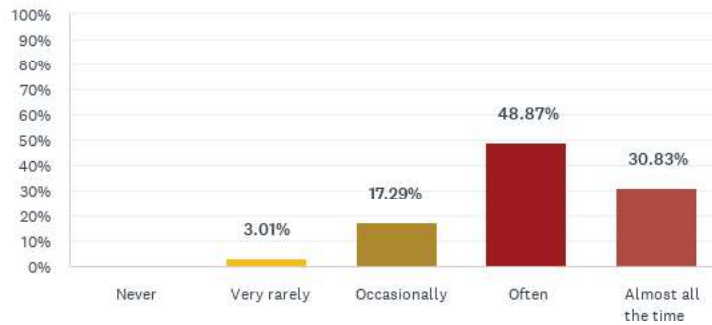
4.3.1 Town of Silt Demographics

The household demographics associated with the survey respondents represented a median number of people living in each household as 4 with at least 2 of those being under the age of 18. Overall, greater than 78% of the respondents also indicated that they engage in leisure or recreational activity. Taking into consideration the survey takers age, it is seen that the majority are between the ages of 30 and 49, with the later age bracket of 40-49 being the median. Nearly an additional third of those taking the survey were over the age of 50 including 10 over the age of 70.

Household Population Demographic		
# of People	# of Responses	# Under 18
0	-	35
1	11	12
2	29	39
3	18	17
4	35	7
5	18	3
>5	19	5
TOTAL	130	118



The Percentage that Engage in Leisure or Recreational Activities



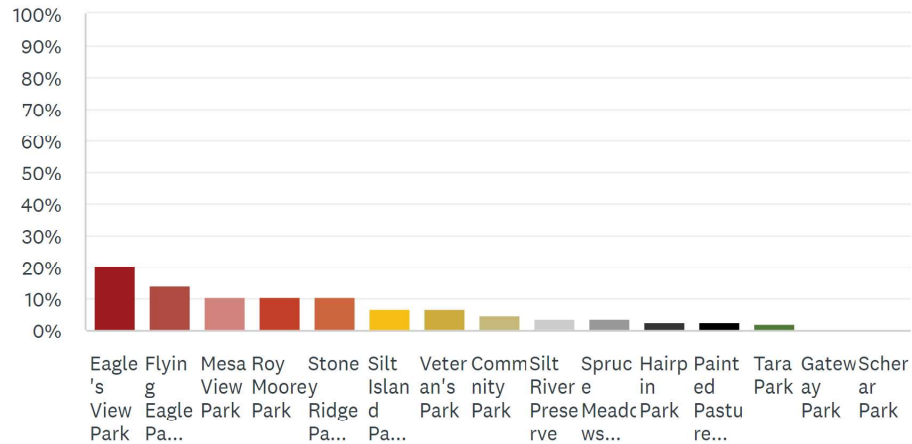
Respondent Age Demographic		
Age	# of Responses	Percent
<20	0	0.00
20-29	8	6.02
30-39	39	29.32
40-49	45	33.83
50-59	13	9.77
60-69	18	13.53
70-79	7	5.26
80-89	3	2.27
90+	0	0.00
TOTAL	133	100 %

On a broad representation of the Towns population, these age brackets and the number having children should bear the greater consideration when planning for community parks, recreation and culture. When planning, the resources allocated to this demographic will continue to promote the area to future residents and businesses.

4.3.2 Park Values

In understanding the quality and value to the community of any PRCMP, it is important to recognize the perception of the parks to those who use them the most, and in some regards what could be missed opportunities for better serving the community members. The following data shows that within the inventory of parks there are only 5 particular

The Proximity of Respondents to Parks



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Eagle's View Park	20.28%
▼ Flying Eagle Park & Soccer Field	13.99%
▼ Mesa View Park	10.49%
▼ Roy Moore Park	10.49%
▼ Stoney Ridge Park Complex	10.49%

parks that the majority of the population lives closest to. Two of the parks, Gateway Park and Scherar Park, had no respondents. This could be a result of their condition or their location within the city limits. Neither of these two parks have a prescribed program of use.

The top 5 parks all have playgrounds and/or prescribed activities to warrant their popularity. Proximity does not necessarily represent residential use, but it could be inferred that the parks and their programmed use result in a more desirable location and

3★

average rating



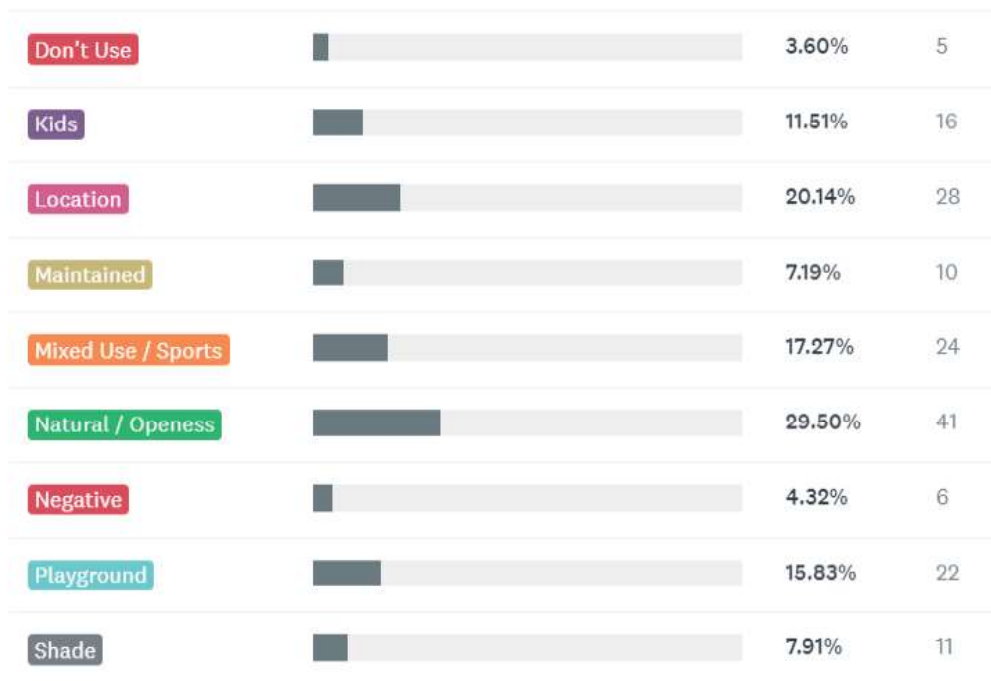
▼ ☆	POOR ▼	BELOW AVG ▼	AVERAGE ▼	ABOVE AVG ▼	EXCELLENT ▼	TOTAL ▼	WEIGHTED AVERAGE ▼
	8.97% 13	16.55% 24	33.10% 48	27.59% 40	13.79% 20	145	3.21



may reflect home values to relocating families. Additionally, the overall value of **all** the parks as a collective, rated a better than average quality score (3.21 out of 5).

When asked to describe the reason they valued the park accordingly, the responses described the locations as having a more natural or spatial quality to it, and there were facilities of mixed abilities and programs. This highlights the importance of allocating resources to ensure all ages are represented in the equipment and size of amenities. These parks also were indicated as having some form of landscape treatment that appealed to the majority as being a very natural setting with space to spread out. These parks may simply borrow the view of the distant mountains and river to give the overall experience of being natural.

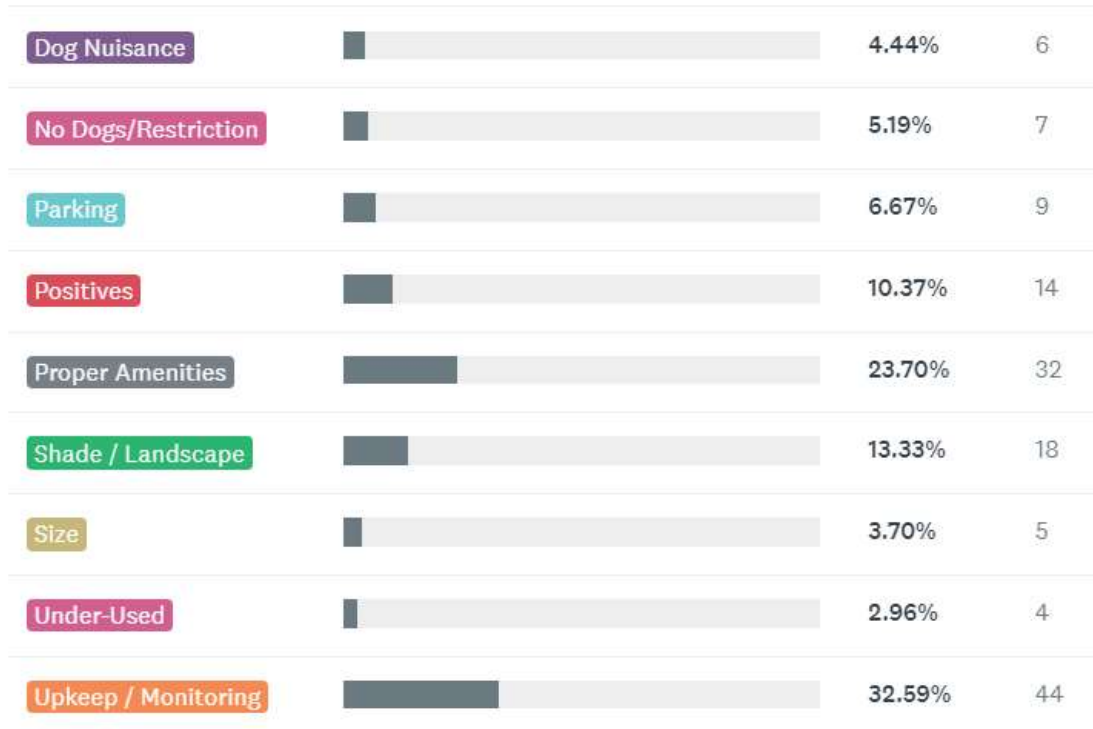
Valued Attributes Represented by the Parks and Recreational Facilities



The parks and facilities also presented qualities in need of improvement or constraints contributing to lesser value to the community they served. The characteristics were described as not having the proper facilities, such as restrooms, ADA accessibility, improper sized equipment, not enough field space, or events accommodations.

Maintenance or upkeep of the designated amenities will always be noticed and in similar fashion the popularity of use will be an expression of how well and often it is maintained. Almost hand-in-hand with maintenance and operational upkeep is the ability to monitor or police the areas for vandalism, parking considerations, and general repair requirements. Any capability to report and receive a timely response would greatly improve the perception and value of these features.

Constraints of Negative Perception Represented by the Parks and Recreational Facilities

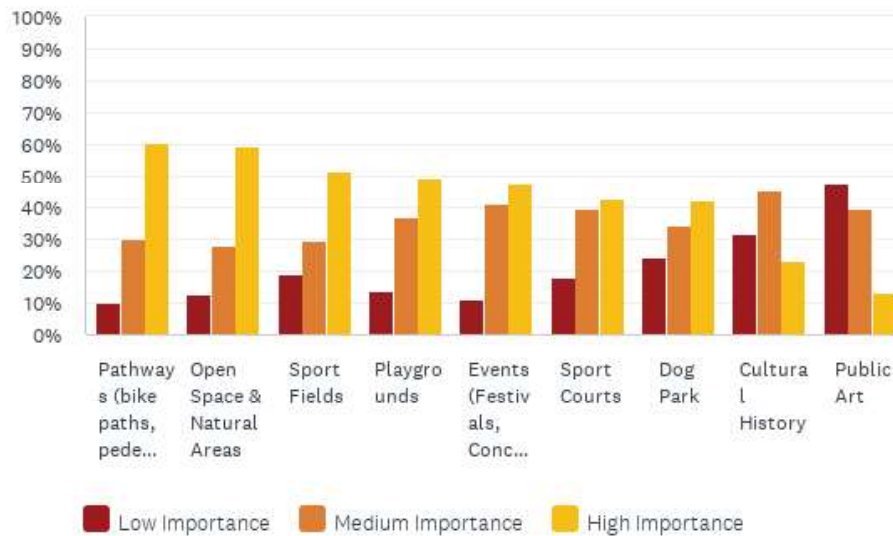


4.3.3 Park Programming & Resource Allocation

The survey asked a series of questions that were meant to get to the heart of what the community needed, a list of where they felt the budgetary resources, space provisions, and amenities were best suited to improve their community. Specifically, they were asked to rate the importance of the Town's current Recreation & Leisure facilities/activities. These responses will help facilitate the decision making process as to where the Maintenance, Operations & Capital Improvement can focus their resources, as well as, determine future expansion to meet a growing community.

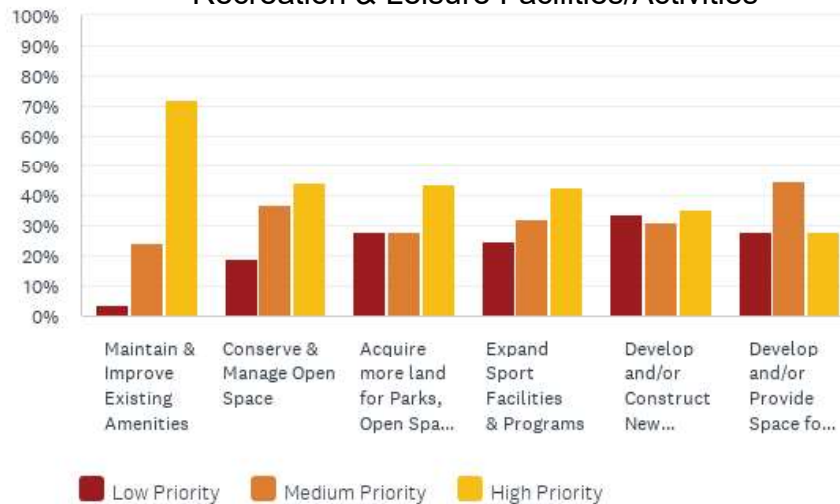


The Importance of the Town's Current Recreation & Leisure Facilities/Activities



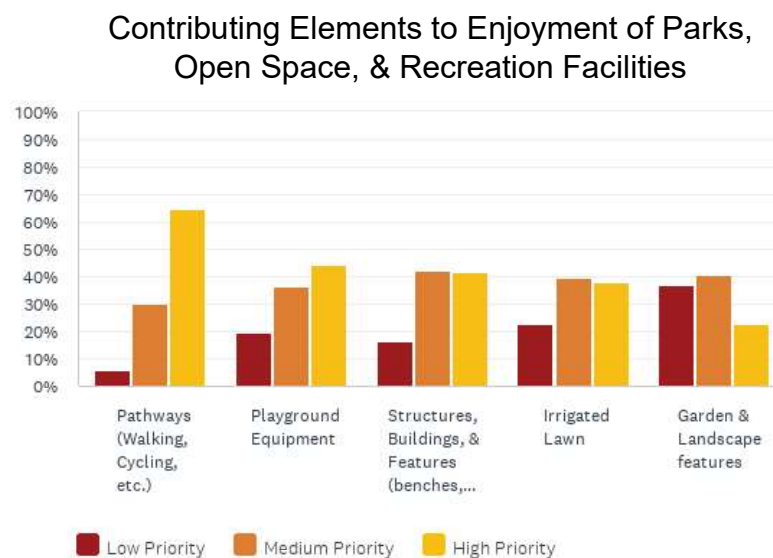
The chart shows (in descending order) that there is a high priority placed on the Pathway connections throughout the Town of Silt followed by the value placed on Open Space and Natural Areas, Sport Athletic Fields, and Playgrounds, respectively. However, when asked to place a financial importance value to future park operations and improvements, it was expressed that financial resources are most important in the efforts to maintain and improve existing amenities, over 72% of respondents concur.

The Priority of Financial Allocation to the Town's Recreation & Leisure Facilities/Activities



Further financial obligations are then considered a priority toward conserving and managing open space, or in the acquisition of more land to expand parks and open space.

To further gather understanding as to what within the parks is believed to be of higher importance, that to which resources should be applied, the survey asked to rate the elements found in those amenities. The existence of trails or pathways outscored traditional elements such as irrigated areas and formal designed landscapes. Almost 65% prefer pathways, and 44% prefer playground equipment over the expenses of irrigation or tree/shrub plantings which generally require annual maintenance.



In an effort to expand offerings and add to the community recreational facilities that have not already been provided, multiple preferences for a major capital improvement project have been identified. These Capital Projects have the capacity to promote a family friendly environment that can also help to boost healthy lifestyles, quality of life, and economic investment to the community.

Five representative images were displayed and the questionnaire asked for the respondents to select their preference as an added benefit to the Town.





- Adventure Playground
- River Play Park
- Community Recreation Center
- Indoor/Outdoor Pool
- Multi Purpose Field Complex

In addition two other options were provided which require capital but would not result in a built project. Those were:



- Maintain & Improve existing Facilities
- Open Space Acquisition

The selection favored to maintain and improve existing facilities of over 90% of the respondents when considering moderate to very interested. Edging out a Community Recreation Center by the same comparison of moderate to very interested of 87%. Maintenance of existing also recorded the lesser of “Not Interested” in the investment, 9.86% vs. 13.57% against a Recreational Center.



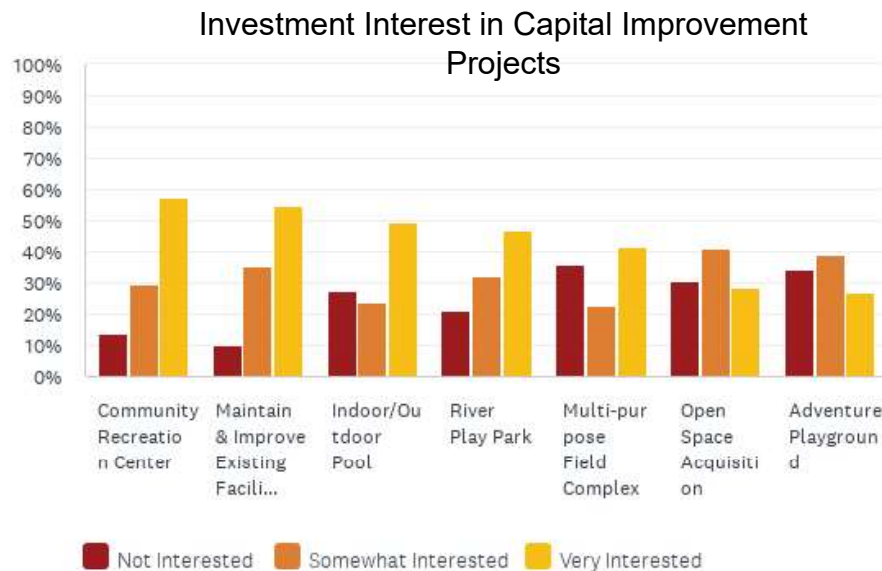
This is a further indication that resources are valued in the improvement of what the Town of Silt has to offer, but in the event that financial resources can be expanded to invest in capital projects then there is a desire to add amenities. Additionally, it should be noted that if land were to become available, a regional recreation center could be built out in phases to include more than one of the representative examples for consideration.



4.3.4 Recreation & Event Offerings

The Town of Silt has in the past and present been offering a number of different recreational sports to the youth of the community. There are no formal adult leagues, and considering the space requirements would be difficult to do





currently. The Town has also hosted numerous events throughout the years, either town sponsored or outside contracted organizers. This has met with mixed results in regards to revenue generation and public interest.

When surveyed to suggest additional sport league offerings to the youth within the Town of Silt, it was very positive that more could be included. Again, space limitations were not taken into consideration, because community feedback would inform the necessary resources and planning. The overwhelming majority was in favor of offering baseball, softball, or T-ball along with the already existing soccer and basketball programs. Other suggested sports were volleyball, swimming, and football. It should be recognized that not all activities use the same facilities at the same time, and this is a consideration when planning time and space allocation.

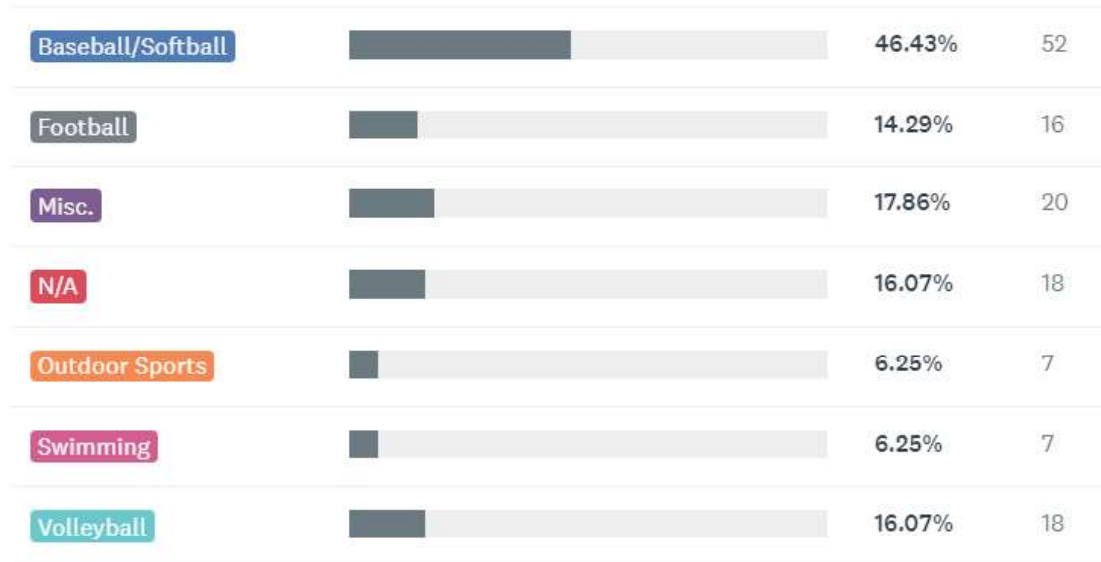
“The Town should consider leading an effort to establish a recreation district to include neighboring towns.”

-Community Survey Response



All the responses were evaluated and tagged for word popularity and a third category is highly represented by the term “miscellaneous”. Programs falling into this category represent a greater diversity of the community, as not everyone participates in

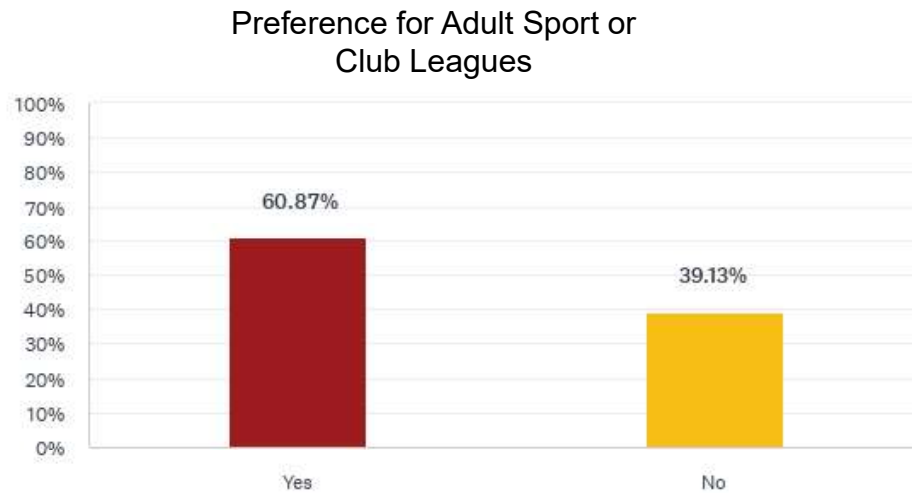
Preference for Additional Recreational Youth Sport Offerings



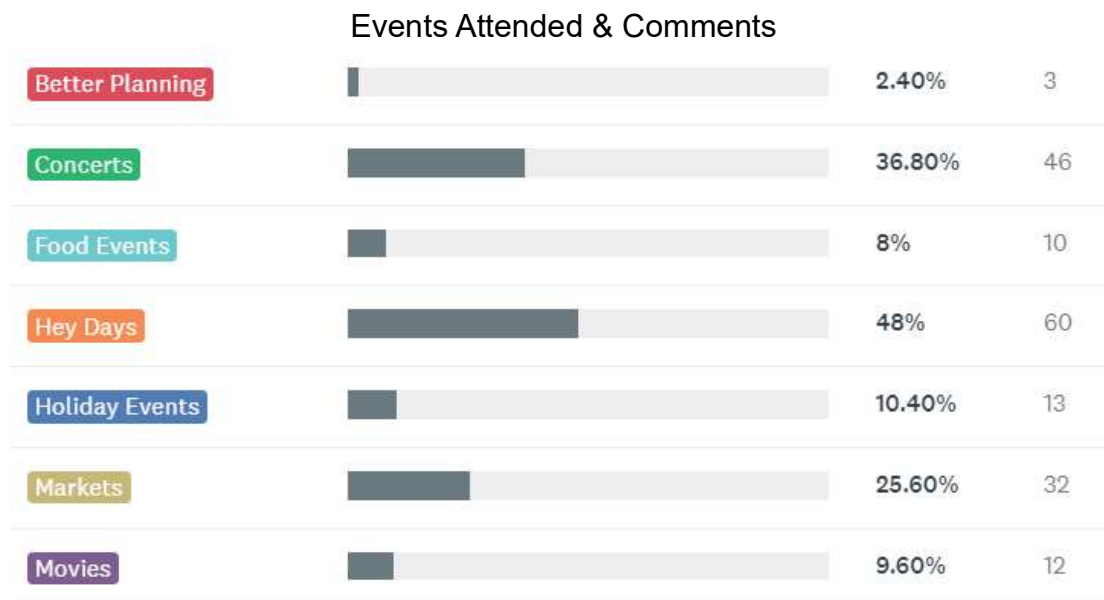
traditional sports. This category represented members who had interests in dance, martial arts, craft organizations, electronic/board games, and clubs such as cooking or movie/book. Some sports such as hockey, golf or ski clubs require greater travel and more modern facilities than what can be provided. Certain activities may require more protected space, such as tennis courts or shooting ranges.

Similarly, adults are also interested in sport or club leagues, and although preferences generally align with those activities of the youth programs, there are also more social gathering related leagues such as pickle ball, kickball, disc-golf, corn hole or community bonding events.

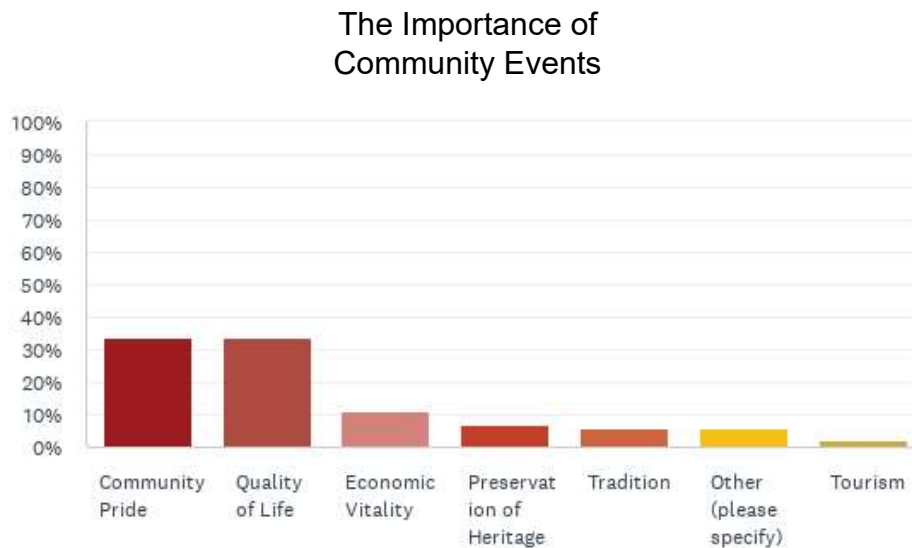
Over 90% (data not shown, see APPENDIX D) of the community respondents have attended community events, or experienced events in neighboring communities.



Despite the number of different events that have been hosted by the Town, there have only been a handful that are well attended or enjoyed. Those events that have been well remembered are the annual Hey Days, farmers market, movies and concerts. Based on the responses, planning efforts placed toward those events that elicited greater interest should be a focus in future discussions. The community at large



represented by the survey respondents believe that these events contribute greatly to community pride and quality life, a benefit to all that live in the Town of Silt.



4.4 SURVEY UTILIZATION

The survey has provided critical information into the community's expectations and desires for maintaining and growing their park, recreation and culture resources. The results represent the population and the extent of their interest in activities, amenities, and future development projects. Their responses should be the corner stone to the decision making process provided it is in line with the available financial resources. The analysis of the collected data can also be utilized by the community to facilitate referendums that will help supplement budgetary planning and implement the listed financial considerations in Section 3.0.

Additionally, the community along with Board of Trustees can use the survey responses as a tool to measure success in meeting the wants and needs. A specific and targeted approach can develop planning guidelines and design standards which address the highlighted concerns for all amenities and facilities within the Town.



5.0 GUIDING RECOMMENDATIONS & CONCLUSION

In the totality of the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan, the intent was to provide a framework to assist in developing a clear path of decision making which in turn is to benefit the community at large. The pathway is determined by understanding how the Town has grown from its past and in what capacity it can serve its constituents in the present and foreseeable future. The inventory of the Towns designated spaces utilized by its residents and an assessment of those spaces' conditions helps to elucidate the impending needs to meet a growing demand.

Those needs and wants do not manifest themselves without consideration of costs, or financial sustainability to maintain the basic services provided by the local governing body. Thus it is imperative that budget evaluation can plan for the wishes of the community whether that is in the short term or long term fiscal planning. Numerous vehicles of funding can be employed in addition to the Town's annual operating budget to make the general public wishes more of a reality. By investing in the recommended priorities strategically, the Town can begin to establish a family friendly community that prides itself on providing quality recreation and leisure for a healthy lifestyle; the TOS also promotes itself for economic growth, community pride and an overall quality of life that most citizens and residents value.

The community input extrapolated from the survey further progresses the decision making process when considering resource allocation. The overall appeal of the Town is determined by those who desire to take up residence. Those voices carry up and down the Valley and promotes the quality of life, the economic vitality, and the amenities by which the Town of Silt can provide.

It can not be forgotten that the Board of Trustees, and the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Sub-committee has outlined their vision dedicated to Conservation, Health, Safety, & Lifestyle, and Community Building. What has become apparent in the review of public and Town leadership input is that there are (2) components to focus resource allocations toward in the short, mid, and long term development process.

- Operations, Maintenance, and Capital Improvement
- Community Programs



5.1 OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

5.1.1 Short Term (1-2 Years) Strategies

The ability for Operations, Maintenance, and Capital Improvements (O/M/CI) to effectively maintain the current inventory of resources been stretched due to the number of smaller parks spread across the entire Town limits. Developers have been required to install parks based on the size of the proposed developments and in the past have resulted in neighborhood parks that duplicate other amenities already provided. The O/M/CI Department must maintain none the less.

The annual budget must consider the strained resources for upkeep and either increase funding available or consider concentrating efforts or improving efficiencies in maintenance. Recognizable in priority is to address the immediate needs as outlined in the assessment. Considering the Park Service Assessment Rating described in Section 2.0, allocation of O/M/CI resources should maintain the top 1/3 in its current state. This will allow a more prescribed focus to the middle 1/3 of park inventory. These parks will need to address more intensive upgrades and improvements to be at par with the top tier. This however, will allow those parks to provide a greater diversity of use and deviate from what has been redundant.

O / M / CI
Short Term (1-2 Years)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Address Immediate Park Needs - Prioritize Top, Middle, Bottom</i>• <i>Repair & Improve Park Trails/Access</i>• <i>Improve Crosswalk Safety</i>• <i>Implement Conservation Strategies: Low Water, Xeric, No-Mow</i>• <i>Decommission Under-utilized Amenities</i>
*POTENTIAL ALLOCATION NEED RANGE
\$300,000 - \$600,000

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Those parks that rate in the bottom 1/3, should be considered for redesign, reprogramming, or decommissioned to reduce an already strained O/M/CI department. Decommissioned land can then be sold for park capital improvement fund or exchanged for an alternate land parcel that better serves the



Parks Development plan.

Additionally, and currently the inventory of parks lack a formal or designated trailway structure. In all parks, pathways and connections need to be safe, well lighted and ADA accessible. As the Town looks to develop a more well connected and multi-modal travel system, the existing conditions should be addressed to meet those future standards. The park trails should have at a minimum:

O / M / CI **Mid-Term (3-9 Years)**

- *Construct or improve Restroom & Parking Facilities*
- *Diversify Playground Equipment and Sport Fields*
- *Install new Sustainable Landscapes*
- *Construct / Upgrade Existing Buildings to serve as Gym facility*
- *Expand Pathway System*
- *Relocate Maintenance Facility*

***POTENTIAL ALLOCATION NEED RANGE**

\$3,000,000 - \$5,000,000**

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- Smooth, even surfaces with good traction
- Meet minimum ADA standards
- Well designated and signaled pedestrian crosswalks
- Decommission unused or unsafe travel paths

5.1.2 Medium Term (3-9 Years) Strategies

There are obviously some deficiencies of available resources, and a larger budget and longer term strategy will need to be implemented to serve the needs as expressed here. A number of parks lack proper restroom facilities, parking, and accessibility. Play equipment needs to be replaced or repaired, and no longer serves the appropriate age level. As the near term priorities are being met and budgeted for, the future concerns are in providing more space and mixed-age facilities.

Therefore it is recommended that the Capital Improvement Fund have allocated finances available to address the needs of increased sports programming, providing for the construction of larger multi-purpose field and court space, an intermediate gym space (an auxiliary recreation center to be provided while a longer term plan is developed to construct a Community Recreational Center), and installation of redesigned - repurposed - reprogrammed park spaces.

Pathway connections should now be extending out beyond the local park level and into a greater community system of multi-modal travel corridors throughout the Town's parks and open space. Easy access to the Silt Island Park and river access should evolve through planning efforts. Proper lighting, appropriate trail routes that offer safety and security, and effective signage or mapping kiosks should be installed.

Due to the expanded inventory of spaces, buildings, and travel corridors, the O/M/CI

O / M / CI Long Term (10+ Years)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Increase Department personnel</i> • <i>Increase Equipment Budget & Acquisition</i> • <i>Review Short & Mid Term Strategies</i> • <i>Coordinate and Construct a Regional Path System to Connect Valley Communities to Silt</i>
*POTENTIAL ALLOCATION NEED RANGE
\$3,000,000 - \$5,000,000**

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Department will have an increased responsibility of upkeep and maintenance. The Old Town Shop has outlived its designed use and should be replaced. It is entirely possible that the whole maintenance facility should be relocated to accommodate the need for additional field space.

5.1.3 Long Term (10+ Years) Strategies

At this juncture, the Town of Silt has greatly increased its land holdings and the population of the community it serves. The O/M/CI department will be more involved in the maintenance and upkeep of an expanded trail system, regional park system, and open space management.

Therefore, it is expected that the budget allocation must meet the demand of equipment costs, labor, and material to facilitate the ongoing annual maintenance. A review of the short term and medium term strategies should guide the state of the parks, recreation, and culture resources maintained by this department.

5.2 COMMUNITY PROGRAMS PRIORITIES

5.2.1 Short Term (1-2 Years) Strategies

The Town has offered numerous events in the past, but per survey results, only a handful are well attended



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Short Term (1-2 Years)

- *Focus Planning on 1-2 Impactful Events*
- *Combine Events*
- *Limit Holiday Events to help with planning*
- *Consider Unique Events to avoid conflicting Valley Events*
- *Offer Youth T-Ball, Base/Softball, & Volleyball Programs*
- *Trial an Adult "Fun" League*
- *Review & Revise Landscape Design Standards & Guidelines*
- *Locate Potential Land Purchase Opportunities*

*POTENTIAL ALLOCATION NEED RANGE

\$100,000 - \$200,000

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or received. Thus it is recommended that a reduction in the number of events will allow the Town to focus on impactful events that are uniquely part of Silt's heritage and community pride. Reduction in hosted events will allow greater time for planning events that provide a positive impression of the community. An impactful event by definition has the effect of inspiring or changing perception. In these terms, events should be seen as a high quality of life function and spur investment in the form of volunteerism, business support, and visitor engagement. Seasonal events such as Farmers Markets or Concerts in the Park can continue to be provided by volunteer services, and operated at the same time to extend the period of interaction among the Town's people. This may help to grow the popularity and provide outside community marketing opportunities to highlight the TOS for economic growth.

Holiday events are popular but also compete with a number of other Valley sponsored activities, and many travel out of town during those times. The preference for these events instill a sense of pride in the community and rates highly in providing a quality of life structure. It is recommended that these events be limited to 1 or 2 highly popular holidays, and provide enough time between them to improve preparation and planning endeavors. Alternatively, unique events that would not compete across the valley communities could be considered.

At this time there are not enough multi-use fields and facilities to engage larger recreation groups than that currently offered to the youth. However, as the youth programs begin to grow in popularity and programs,



there will be a need to expand the necessary amenities to older age groups. This is a good time to expand sports programs, especially expressed through the survey, would be the inclusion of T-Ball to complement the soccer and basketball programs. Existing outdoor resources are available to offer Volleyball and Tennis programs as an alternative season. These of course are weather dependent in an outdoor setting and could be scheduled in the morning or evening from late Spring through early Fall.

Space limitations in size prevents many Adult sized accommodations to be provided at this time, however adaptation to traditional rules, or so called “sand-lot” style of play could accommodate leagues of Whiffle ball, kickball, corn-hole, and pickle ball.

In the short term, it is an appropriate time to consider the review and revision of the Town’s Landscape Design Standards and Guidelines. During events the Town is putting their community on display and marketing the quality of life that the Town provides. Public events draw the crowds not only from the local residents, but also the greater Valley Region, and visiting friends and relatives.

The Silt Historical Park & Museum should be heavily consulted in development of what the Town identifies as. The historical context provided can be utilized to create a sense of place. Similar to how the Town’s mascot of the Blue Heron, all design elements incorporated into maps, trail markers, interpretive kiosks and park structures can represent an expression of the Town’s ethos.

It is also best to begin putting the financial vehicle in place that will facilitate the purchasing of land for future programming growth. Considering the natural resources needed to maintain large sport facility fields, Silt’s location along the Colorado River gives it an advantage to capitalize on river oriented recreation along with much provided cooling by running water, irrigation that can be recirculated through ground water filtration, and the appeal of the natural setting. The Town should prioritize locating and budget for the acquisition of land to develop a community Recreational District, complete with recreation center, sports fields, river access, and visitor center.

5.2.2 Medium Term (3-9 Years) Strategies

After several years of focused planning of events, a relative idea of their success will



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Mid-Term (3-9 Years)

- *Expand Successful Events*
- *Trial Additional Events or Separate Previously Combined Events*
- *Offer Older Age Sport Leagues*
- *Expand Adult Programming*
- *Re-Assess Available Resources*
- *Initiate Land Purchase Agreements and Develop Regional Community Park Plan*

*POTENTIAL ALLOCATION NEED RANGE

\$200,000 - \$300,000**

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allow for growing the programs with resource allocation, and venue size. These events may now be revenue generators for future programming or to be allocated to future parks, recreation, and culture amenities.

Events that may have been combined to conserve resources, may now be separated and be stand alone events, increasing the quality of life programming throughout a greater part of the year. Additional events or activities can be placed in a trial position to see if the community wants to engage, but should be well planned and advertised.

Obviously, the success of the youth programs will have begun to age up, and provided that the facilities have been planned for and/or constructed more sports leagues and clubs can be added to the community offerings. Of course, if the adult "Fun" leagues have been met with success they too can be expanded. Adult traditional sports such as Softball, basketball, and maybe even soccer can be made available provided that facilities have been acquired or installed.

Population growth and revenue generation is a critical piece to the ability of the Town to commit and expand their available offerings. Therefore, it is imperative that the available resources are assessed and considered for a long term strategy. It is without a doubt the overall intent of providing more recreational opportunities and Community Cultural events is to show case the family friendly, small town appeal, and high quality of life that can be provided. Purchasing an appropriate piece of land and developing a phased development plan

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Long Term (10+ Years)

- *Execute Successful Events at quality venues*
- *Expand Sport leagues to all age groups*
- *Lease facilities to outside organizations for events and sports.*
- *Construct a Community Recreation Center / Visitor Center*
- *Establish a Regional Recreation District to include river access*
- *Continue to coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions to have an established regional trail network.*

*POTENTIAL ALLOCATION NEED RANGE

\$300,000 - \$500,000**

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for a Community Recreation Center and Recreational Complex can only further progress Silt's economic sustainability within the Valley.

5.2.3 Long Term (10+ Years) Strategies

The long term outlook and guiding strategies as it relates to the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan is to establish the Town of Silt as a healthy, high quality living and family friendly community that is sustainable for generations to come. Growth on the Western Slope is inevitable, and in the competition to lure businesses and residents which will help the economic status of any community, the provision of public facilities and services are crucial. The Town of Silt has this opportunity with good planning and astute accounting practices to become an enviable entity of the Western lifestyle.

It is perceivable that the actual construction of a Recreation Center as a hub of community activity will further promote the health, quality of life and bring economic growth. The Recreation Center is simply the first step and with smart planning, additional phases will be installed concurrently or over time to create what would function as a Regional Recreation District. **The Silt Island Park and Silt Island Preserve are uniquely situated to facilitate this recommended step forward.**

The Regional Sport District, developed in phases, would provide a world class venue to host sport tournaments and river events. A regional trail system connecting communities upstream and downstream would further market Silt's quality of life as a recreational center point and family first community.



5.3 CONCLUSION

Throughout the development of the Town of Silt Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan an effort was made to evaluate the existing elements of what constituted an appropriate approach to determining the allocation of resources. Those resources consist of the physical condition of the inventory of parks and open space amenities, the available maintenance obligations, the community input and the fiscal planning needed to implement a decision pathway. Overall, the community is supportive of the maintenance and management of the Town's department but to remain sustainable and serve a growing community, guidance in the decision making process must be outlined.

Evaluation of aforementioned criteria has produced such an outline, where steps can be taken in the short term to long term approach to improve the community's park and recreation programs and build quality community events to heighten the well being of the Town's citizenry.

The priorities in the short term are to maintain and improve upon the existing resources within a fiscal responsible manner (Today's Budget). Focus is to accentuate the elements that work, consolidate efforts to reduce operating waste, and plan for future development. In seeing success at the short term level, progress can be assured at the mid term stages by implementing a process that will expand on those early successes and provide a pathway to economic growth through a growing tax base that can improve upon the services provided. The ground work has been laid out to implement a greater vision of what the Town can become in relation to its Valley neighbors in the form of identity and self promotion. Obviously, in the long term it is imperative that the community distinguishes itself as an enclave of recreational and leisure activity not easily achieved or experienced elsewhere in the Valley.

The successful outline of goals and priorities outlined in the Silt Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan is a critical step towards implementing the vision communicated by the community and the town administrators. The process of careful inventory, survey, and analysis of the system and the community goals provides the outline for how to proceed with priorities that meet the short to long term vision. This process has culminated in specific short-term, mid-term, and long-term priorities in the

areas identified in this section. Operational, Maintenance and Capital Priorities and Community Program Priorities provide the road map to implement the Master Plan. The vehicle to complete that work is the financial capabilities of the various funding sources currently utilized, as well as the additional funding sources identified for potential utilization identified and described in Section 3.0 - Financial Considerations.

5.3.1 Funding Allocation

In order to provide a financial framework for future budget allocations, the Town of Silt Board of Trustees and Town Administration will need to identify not just the various sources of funding and the opportunities and constraints that come with them, but also the capacity of those funding sources in terms of annual appropriation ability of dollars towards the prioritized short to long term goals. The Silt Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan is the vehicle to communicate the short to long term funding priorities, but traditional capital and operational budgeting programming will be the correct process to identify specific allocation abilities and funding amounts for each priority. The Silt PRCMP should be used in tandem with the annual budgeting process. The financial performance of various sources of funding can be allocated to the specific priorities for the community.

A very gross estimate of funding needs, at a high level, can be communicated based upon the current Town of Silt funding allocations towards existing Parks, Recreation, and Culture infrastructure combined with programming funds and general knowledge of the cost allocation of various priorities in the operations, capital, and programming arena. The very gross estimates shown above are simply a starting point for the Town of Silt Board of Trustees and Town Administration to begin to see the scale of dollar allocations that will need to be thought through carefully. The Town Administrator and Financial Team will need to provide more in-depth allocation research as priorities and budgetary items are more specifically identified that include direct cost allocation data and information.

5.3.2 Next Steps

In order to pull the recommendations and allocate funding effectively into a cohesive order that the community can rally around, it is imperative to consider the next stages toward implementation. The short term priorities and relevant actions should be



informed and guided by the long term strategies.

1. Develop a set of Design Guidelines and Standards that will begin to define the values and identity of the Town of Silt. These standards should be implemented with each new installment and improvement of existing facilities.
2. As a series of parks are being recommended for decommissioning and repurposed, a Conceptual Design Program should be employed. The Conceptual Design Program will detail the the amenities, programs, and themes expressed in each park. The Conceptual Design Plan will also layout a system of interconnecting pathways to help elucidate the disconnect of one part of the town from the other, helping to bring the community together.
3. Finalize the intention of constructing a Community Recreation Center. Land should be identified, assessed, and strategy to acquire be implemented. When the land has been identified, efforts can begin to develop a site plan and architectural designs.
4. The final stage of persuing the next steps is consideration and action of establishing a greater Regional Park District that can connect neighboring communities up and down the Valley. The Regional Park District will become a hub for recreation, outdoor experiences, and economic growth.





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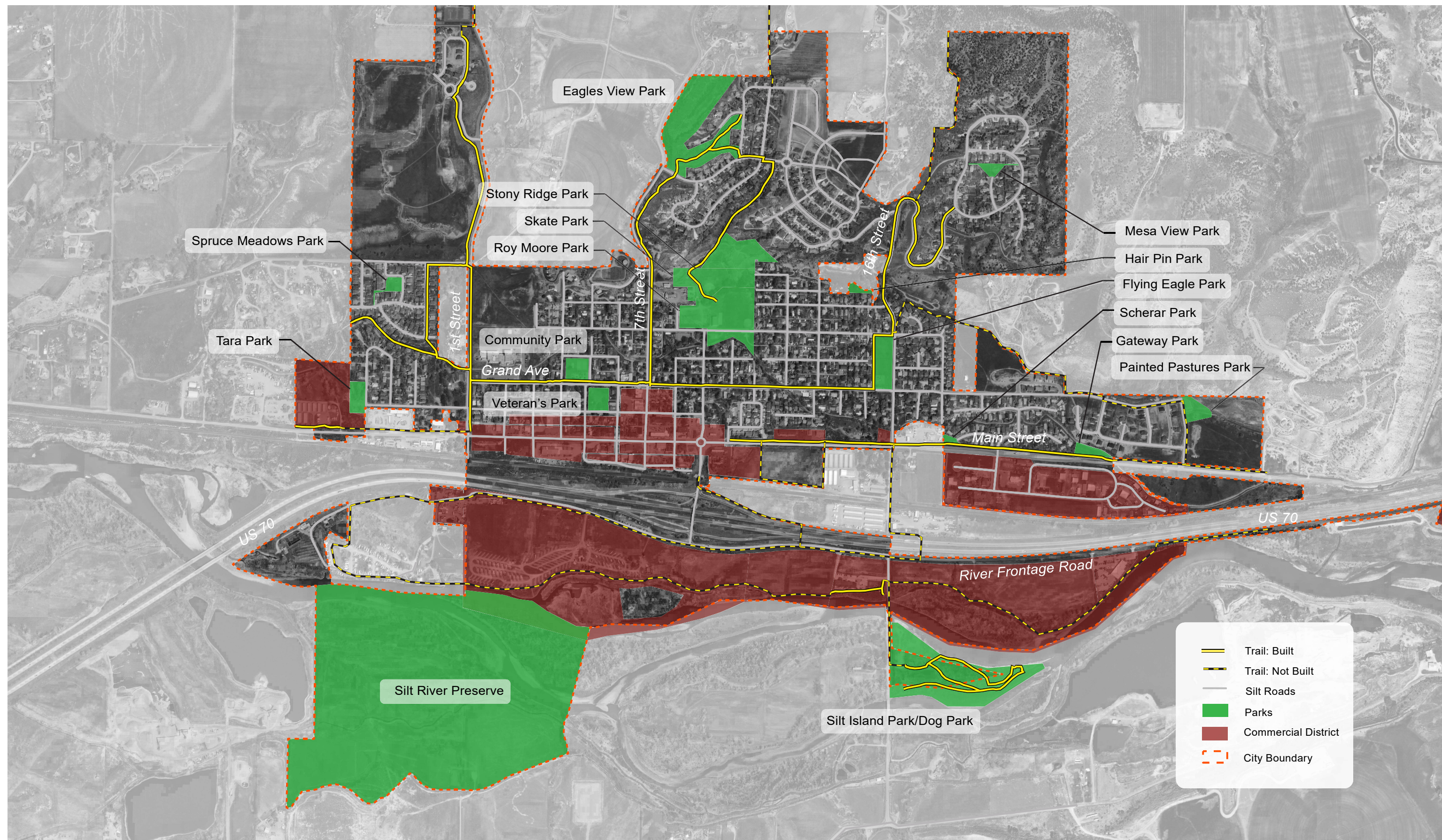


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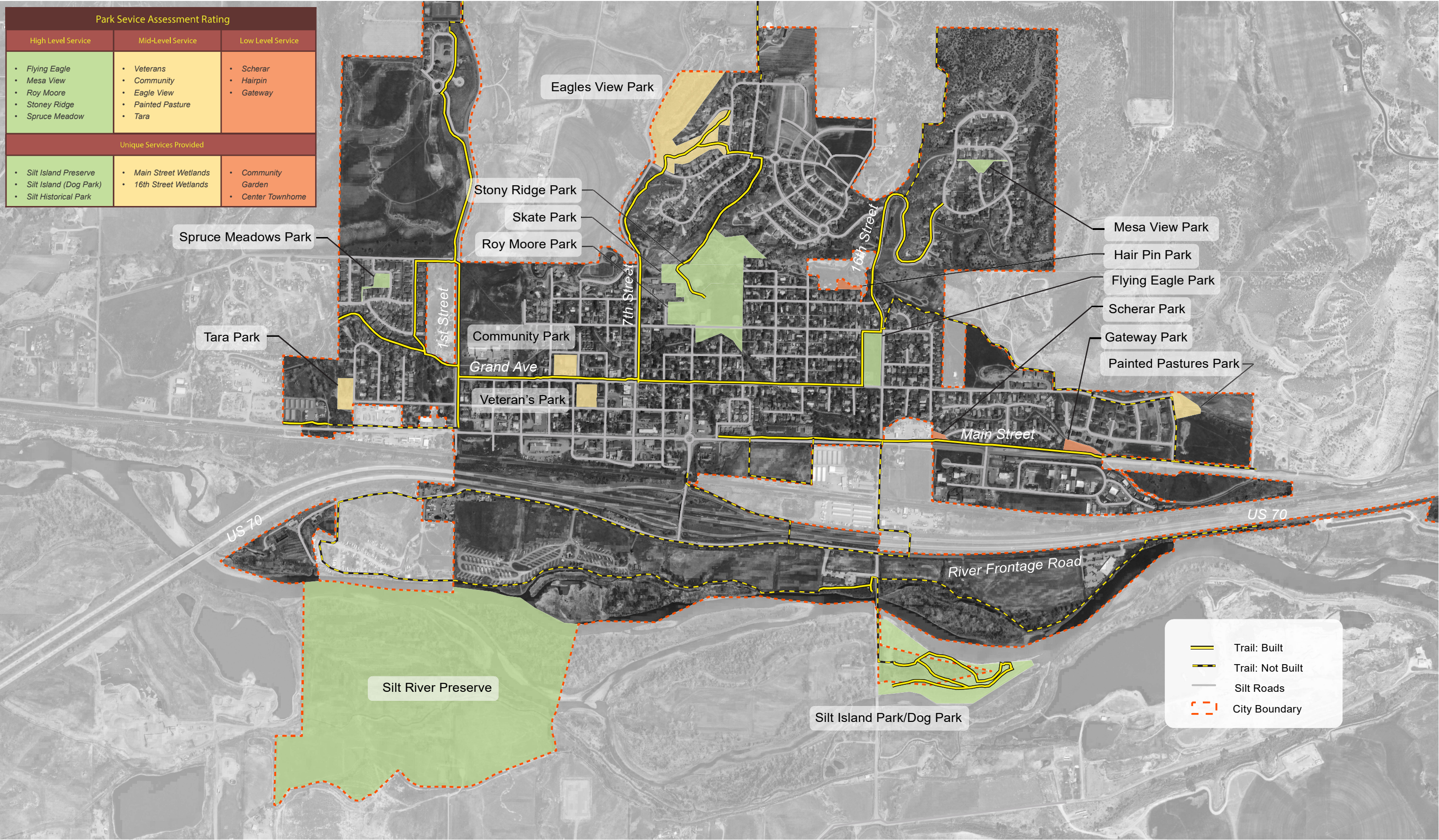
- 1. Park Location Map**
- 2. Park Service Assessment Map**







Park Service Assessment Rating		
High Level Service	Mid-Level Service	Low Level Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flying Eagle Mesa View Roy Moore Stoney Ridge Spruce Meadow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans Community Eagle View Painted Pasture Tara 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scherar Hairpin Gateway
Unique Services Provided		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silt Island Preserve Silt Island (Dog Park) Silt Historical Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Street Wetlands 16th Street Wetlands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Garden Center Townhome



APPENDIX B: Inventory Assessment Table





Park Name	Acreage	Year Built or Approved	Native Landscaping	Cultured Landscaping	Automated Sprinkler System	Trail/Sidewalk	Play Structure Size	Play Structure Materials	Base Material	Basketball Court	Freestanding Slide
DEVELOPED PARKS											
Spruce Meadows Park	1.83	2002-2003	No	Yes - Trees/Sod (Grade C-)	Yes (Grade B)	4' concrete sidewalk on north and east; 8' trail on west and south (Grade C-)	Large (Ages 1-12) (Grade A)	Metal posts, plastic & resin; 2 slides; climbers (Grade B-)	Compacted earth, pea gravel, wood boundary (Grade C)	40' x 40' asphalt surface with 1/2-court basketball (bent pole) (Grade D)	No
Bristlecone Way; S. of Harness				1.67	3	1.67	4	2.67	2	1	
Tara PUD Park	1.35	1982 (shelter) 2003 (playground)	Yes	Yes - Trees/Sod (Grade B)	Yes (Grade B)	No	(Grade F)	Small (Ages 1-8) (Grade B-)	Metal posts, plastic & resin; climbing structures, 2 slides, monkey bars (Grade B-)	Pea gravel, wood boundary (Grade B+)	No
W. extension of Home Avenue				3	3	0	2.67	2.67	3.33		
Mesa View Estates Park	.75 acres	1999 (shelter) 2001 (playground)	No	Yes - Trees/Sod (Grade B)	Yes (Grade B)	8' asphalt trail N/S and E/W through park (Grade C-)	Medium (Ages 1-8) (Grade A)	Metal posts, plastic & resin; 2 slides; climbing structures; (Grade A)	Compacted earth, pea gravel, wood boundary (Grade C)	No	Metal posts, plastic & resin (Grade B)
NE part of town; off Red Tail Ln				3	3	1.67	4	4	2		3
Eagle's View Park	12.63	1997	Yes	Yes - Trees/Sod (Grade C)	Yes (Grade B)	8' asphalt trail from Richards along 7th Street; through park to Eagle's Nest Drive; to Eagle's View Court; and from First Mesa Drive to Stoney Ridge Ball Field (Grade D)	Large (Ages 1 to 12) (Grade A)	Metal posts, plastic & resin; 3 slides; climbing structures; fitness course (Grade B)	Compacted earth, pea gravel, wood boundary (Grade C)	No	
Between 7th St./Eagle's Nest				2	3	1	4	3	2		
Flying Eagle Park	2.55	2002 (soccer fields) 2005 (metal playground equip) 2019 (medium play structure)	No	Yes - Trees/Sod (Grade B+)	Yes (Grade B)	6' concrete sidewalks (south & west); (Grade A-)	Medium (Ages 1-8) (Grade A)	Metal posts, plastic & resin; 4 slides; climbing structures; monkey bars; balancing apparatus (Grade A on new; Grade C on old)	12" pea gravel on new; compacted pea gravel on old; concrete or paver boundary (Grade C)	Full-court (Grade B-)	No
Between Orchard/Grand@16th				3.33	3	3.67	4	3	2	2.67	

Park Name	Climbing Apparatus	Swing Set	Shelter	Picnic Tables	Benches	Permanent Bathroom	Charcoal grill	Spring Toys	Trash Can	Pond/Irrigation Structure	Soccer Field
DEVELOPED PARKS											
Spruce Meadows Park	No	No	12' x 14' wood-frame, metal sided shelter under 15' x 20' concrete pad (Grade A-)	2 resin-metal (Grade B-)	No	Unisex 6' x 6' 1-stall bath-room - closed due to vandalism (Grade B)	Yes (Grade A-)	2 (Grade B)	1 metal (Grade B+)	No	No
Bristlecone Way; S. of Harness			3.67	2.67		3	3.67	3	3.33		
Tara PUD Park	No	No	12' x 16' wood frame shelter (Grade B-)	2 resin-metal (Grade B-)	1 wood (Grade D-)	No	Yes (Grade A-)	No	1 wood (Grade D-)	Yes 1/2-acre irrigation pond (Grade B)	No
W. extension of Home Avenue			2.67	2.67	0.67		3.67		0.67	3	
Mesa View Estates Park	No	Metal swing set (2) (Grade B)	10' x 12' wood frame shelter (Grade B-)	2 resin-metal (Grade B-)	No	No	Yes (Grade A-)	No	2 plastic (Grade B)	No	No
NE part of town; off Red Tail Ln		3	2.67	2.67			3.67		3		
Eagle's View Park	No	Metal swing set (6) (Grade C)	No	1 resin-metal (Grade B-)	2 resin-metal (Grade B-)	No	Yes (Grade A-)	4 (Grade B)	2 resin-metal (Grade B-)	No	No
Between 7th St./Eagle's Nest		2		2.67	2.67		3.67	3	2.67		
Flying Eagle Park	Metal (Grade B-)	Metal (2 reg; 2 toddler) (Grade C)	No	2 resin-metal (Grade B-)	2 aluminum player (Grade A-)	No	No	No	1 wood (Grade D)	No	U6 soccer field measuring approximately 108' x 114'; U10 soccer field approximately 150' x 210' (Grade B-)
Between Orchard/Grand@16th	2.67	2		2.67	3.67				1		2.67

Park Name	Parking Spaces	Fitness Course	Flagpole	Bleachers	Dugout	Pitching Cage	Bases	Fence	Avg Score
DEVELOPED PARKS									
Spruce Meadows Park	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Bristlecone Way; S. of Harness									2.719231
Tara PUD Park	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
W. extension of Home Avenue									2.335
Mesa View Estates Park	6 asphalt parking spaces off Red Tail Lane (Grade B-)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
NE part of town; off Red Tail Ln	2.67								2.95
Eagle's View Park	No	No	No	No	NO	No	No	No	
Between 7th St./Eagle's Nest									2.64
Flying Eagle Park	7 asphalt parking spaces and 2 handi-capped spaces on the north; 9 asphalt parking spaces on the south (Grade C)	No	No	No	No	No	No	Chain Link around soccer (Grade C)	
Between Orchard/Grand@16th	2							2	2.69

Park Name	Acreage	Year Built or Approved	Native Landscaping	Cultured Landscaping	Automated Sprinkler System	Trail/Sidewalk	Play Structure Size	Play Structure Materials	Base Material	Basketball Court	Freestanding Slide
Painted Pastures Park	0.69	2009	Yes	Yes - Trees/Sod (Grade A)	Yes (Grade A)	4' to 6' concrete sidewalk up to playground (Grade A-)	Small (Ages 1 to 6); Medium (Ages 1 to 12) (Grade A)	Metal posts, plastic & resin; 3 slides; climbing structures (Grade A)	Pea gravel, concrete boundary (Grade A)	No	No
N. Overo Blvd				4	4	3.67	4	4	4		
Stoney Ridge Pavilion	12.21 acres	2011	Yes	Yes - Trees/Sod Flower Pots (2) (Grade B)	Yes (Grade B)	8' asphalt trail in front of stage (Grade C-)	No	No	No	No	No
E. of 7th St; N. of Orchard				3	3	1.67					
Stoney Ridge Ball Park		2004	Yes/No	Yes - Trees/Sod (Grade B)	Yes (Grade B)	8' asphalt trail to west of ball field (Grade C-)	No	No	No	No	No
E. of 7th St; N. of Orchard				3	3	1.67					
Scherar Park	0.27	1996	No	Yes - Trees/Sod (Grade B-)	Yes (Grade B)	8' asphalt trail to south of park (Grade D)	No	No	No	No	No
W. extension of Fawn Court				2.67	3	1					
Veterans' Park	1.5	1960	No	Yes - Trees/Sod (Grade D)	Yes (Grade B)	8' asphalt trails on west, north, and south (Grade D)	No	No	No	No	No
Between Home/Grand:5th/6th				1	3	1					
Gateway Park	0.81	1995	No	Yes - Trees/Sod (Grade B)	Yes (Grade B)	8' asphalt trail to western boundary; rotomill trail to eastern boundary (Grade D)	No	No	No	No	No
E. of Lyon Sub; N. of Hwy 6				3	3	1					
UNDEVELOPED PARKS											

UNDEVELOPED PARKS

Park Name	Parking Spaces	Fitness Course	Flagpole	Bleachers	Dugout	Pitching Cage	Bases	Fence	Avg Score
Painted Pastures Park	4 asphalt parking spaces by postal kiosks (Grade B-)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
N. Overo Blvd	2.67								3.37625
Stoney Ridge Pavilion	Eastern gravel lot with approx. 30 spaces & 2 concrete handicapped spaces (Grade C)	No	Flagpole w/ concrete base and electricity (Grade A)	No	No	No	No	No	
E. of 7th St; N. of Orchard	2		4						3.037778
Stoney Ridge Ball Park	Eastern gravel lot with approx. 30 spaces & 2 concrete handicapped spaces (Grade C)	No	No	2 - 4-row, 15' aluminimum (Grade B)	2 - 8' x 20' chain link (Grade B-)	2 - 10' x 60' chain link (Grade B-)	60-foot bases (Little League) (Grade C)	4'-5' chain link around baseball field; 16' backstop (Grade C)	
E. of 7th St; N. of Orchard	2			3	2.67	2.67	2	2	2.320417
Scherar Park	4 asphalt parking spaces west of Fawn Court (Grade D)	No	No	No	No	No	No	3-smooth rail on southern boundary (Grade B-)	
W. extension of Fawn Court	1							2.67	2.186667
Veterans' Park	3 asphalt parking spaces, including 1 handicapped space, off Home Avenue (Grade D)	No	Flagpole w/ concrete base and electricity (Grade A)	No	No	No	No	No	
Between Home/Grand:5th/6th	1		4						2.034
Gateway Park	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	2-split rail fence on southern boundary (Grade C)	
E. of Lyon Sub; N. of Hwy 6								2	2.4
UNDEVELOPED PARKS									

Park Name	Acreage	Year Built or Approved	Native Landscaping	Cultured Landscaping	Automated Sprinkler System	Trail/Sidewalk	Play Structure Size	Play Structure Materials	Base Material	Basketball Court	Freestanding Slide
Camario Park	1.02	2012	No	Required - Not built	Required - Not built	Required - Not built	Required - Not built	Required - Not built	Required - Not built	Required - Not built	Required - Not built
Iron Horse Mesa Park (HOA) 1st and Belgian Loop	7.17	2008	No	Required - Not built	Required - Not built	Required - Not built	Required - Not built	Required - Not built	Required - Not built	N/A	N/A
Hairpin Park N. of Stevens PUD	0.34	1982	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Island (Dog) Park S. of RFR; E. of CR 311	36.25	1960's	Yes	No	No	8' crusher fine and dirt trail loop & throughout (Grade C) 2	No	No	No	No	No
Silt River Preserve S. of CO River; N. of CR 346	131.93	2010	Yes	No	Yes (Grade B) 3	Natural trail loop and trail to river (Grade C) 2	No	No	No	No	No
16th Street Drainage North N. 16th St; west of Mesa View	3.5	1997	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
16th Street Drainage South N. 16th St; west of Mesa View	2.51	1997		Natural landscaping trees and shrubs; wetlands	No	None	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Main Street Wetlands E. of 9th St; S. of Main Street	7.32	2002		Wetlands		None	None	N/A	N/A	N/A	
7th Street Drainage	2.63	1997		Natural and mature landscaping; trees, shrubs, and sod; fully automatic sprinkler system							

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Park Name	Parking Spaces	Fitness Course	Flagpole	Bleachers	Dugout	Pitching Cage	Bases	Fence	Avg Score
Camario Park	Required - Not built	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Required - Not built	
Iron Horse Mesa Park (HOA) 1st and Belgian Loop	Required - Not built	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Required - Not built	
Hairpin Park N. of Stevens PUD	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
Island (Dog) Park S. of RFR; E. of CR 311									2.666667
Silt River Preserve S. of CO River; N. of CR 346	Gravel parking lot with 18 spaces (Grade C) 2	No	No	No	No	No	No	2-split rail around parking lot (Grade C) 2	2
16th Street Drainage North N. 16th St; west of Mesa View	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	#DIV/0!
16th Street Drainage South N. 16th St; west of Mesa View									
Main Street Wetlands E. of 9th St; S. of Main Street									
7th Street Drainage									

APPENDIX C: Silt River Preserve Presentation







Silt River Preserve

Master Plan Charrette

April 1, 2021



DHM DESIGN



Meeting Goals:

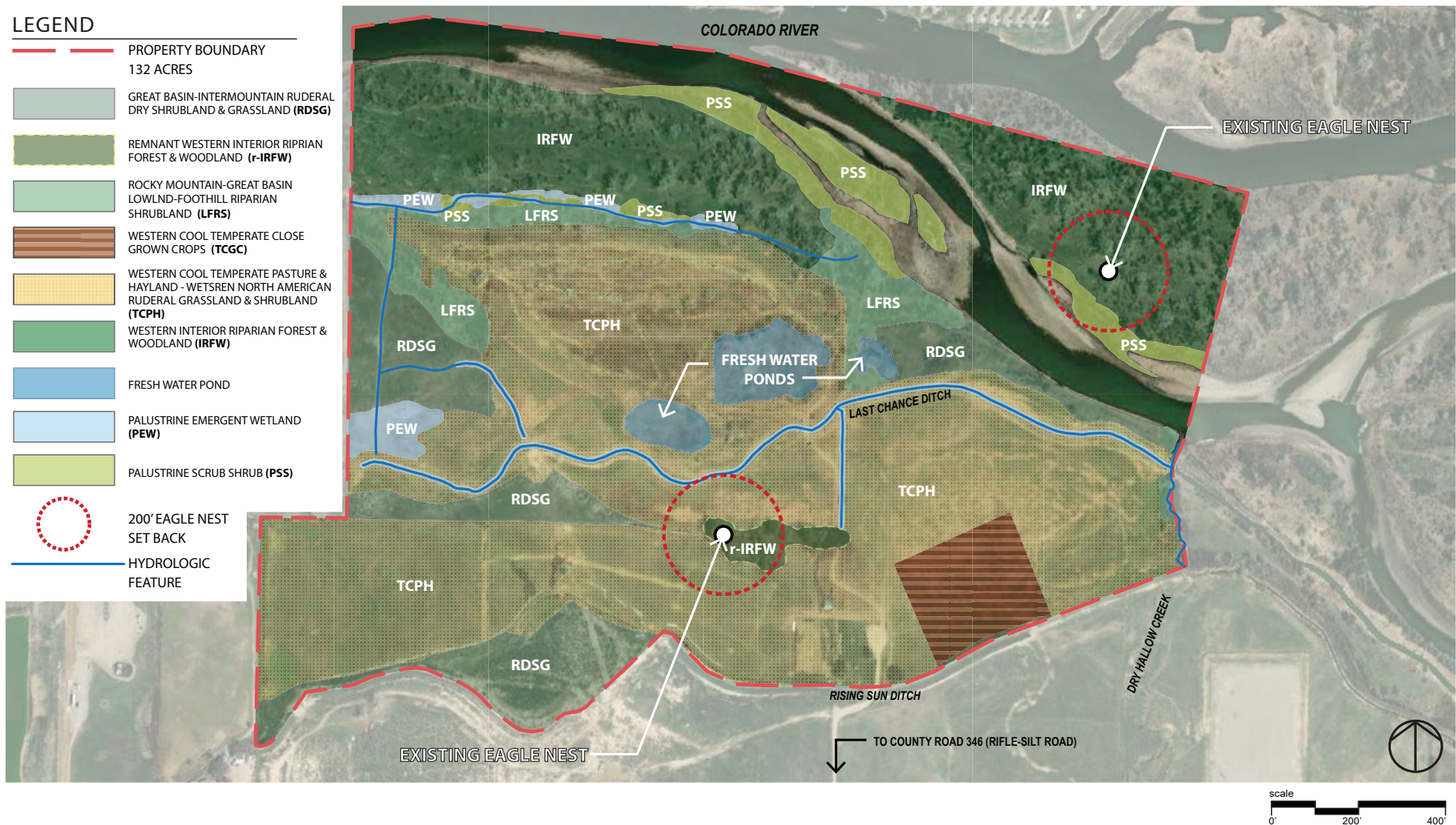
1. To review the Ecological Analysis Report and answer any outstanding questions.
2. To discuss opportunities and constraints at the property. Building on findings from the Ecological Analysis and adding cultural, recreational, agricultural and additional wildlife values to the Master Plan.
 - **Determine** desired Master Plan Elements
 - What are the projects or programs you would like to see implemented?
 - **Locate** those elements on the preserve
 - Where would those projects or programs be located?
 - What size or scale would they be?
 - **Prioritize** the implementation/timing of those elements (Will be discussed in more detail in Stakeholder Meeting #2)
 - When would those projects be implemented?
 - Are there other projects or programs that would need to occur before or after to make the project or program feasible?

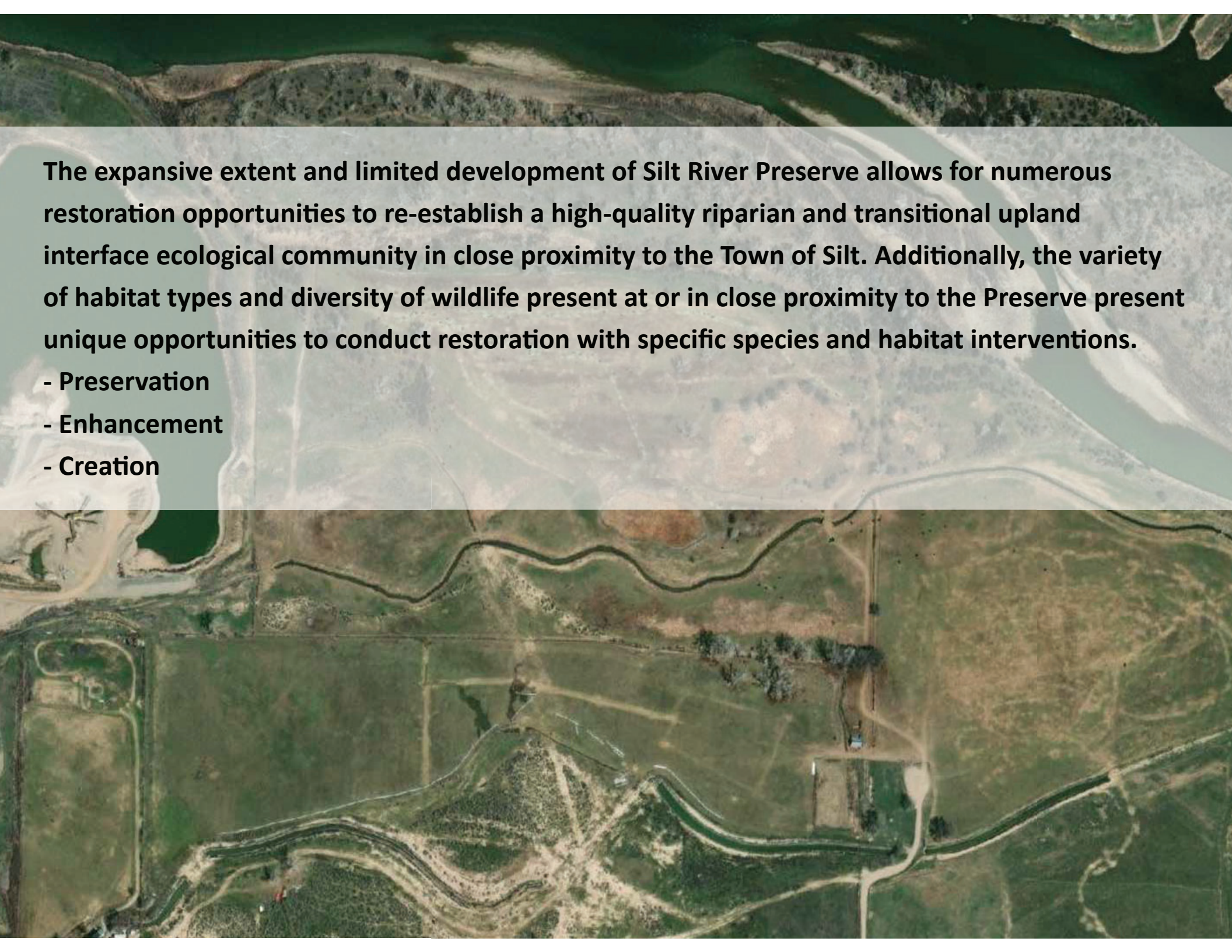
Examples:

Dedicated fishing access designed for a wide range of users on the Colorado river would be great. I think the best place would be where the channels merge near the downstream edge of the property. This is my highest priority for the Preserve because I think we could successfully get grant funding to implement fishing access and it would bring a lot of community value to the Preserve.

I would like to see a long term vision for extending agricultural operations, implemented in a way that would involve the local community and help manage noxious vegetation. I think we could expand the current agricultural acreage by 50% to the north of the current farm. It would be great to partner with our local 4-H. I think the timeline for something like this would be 5-10 years and we would have to get the irrigation in place first.

Existing Ecological Conditions

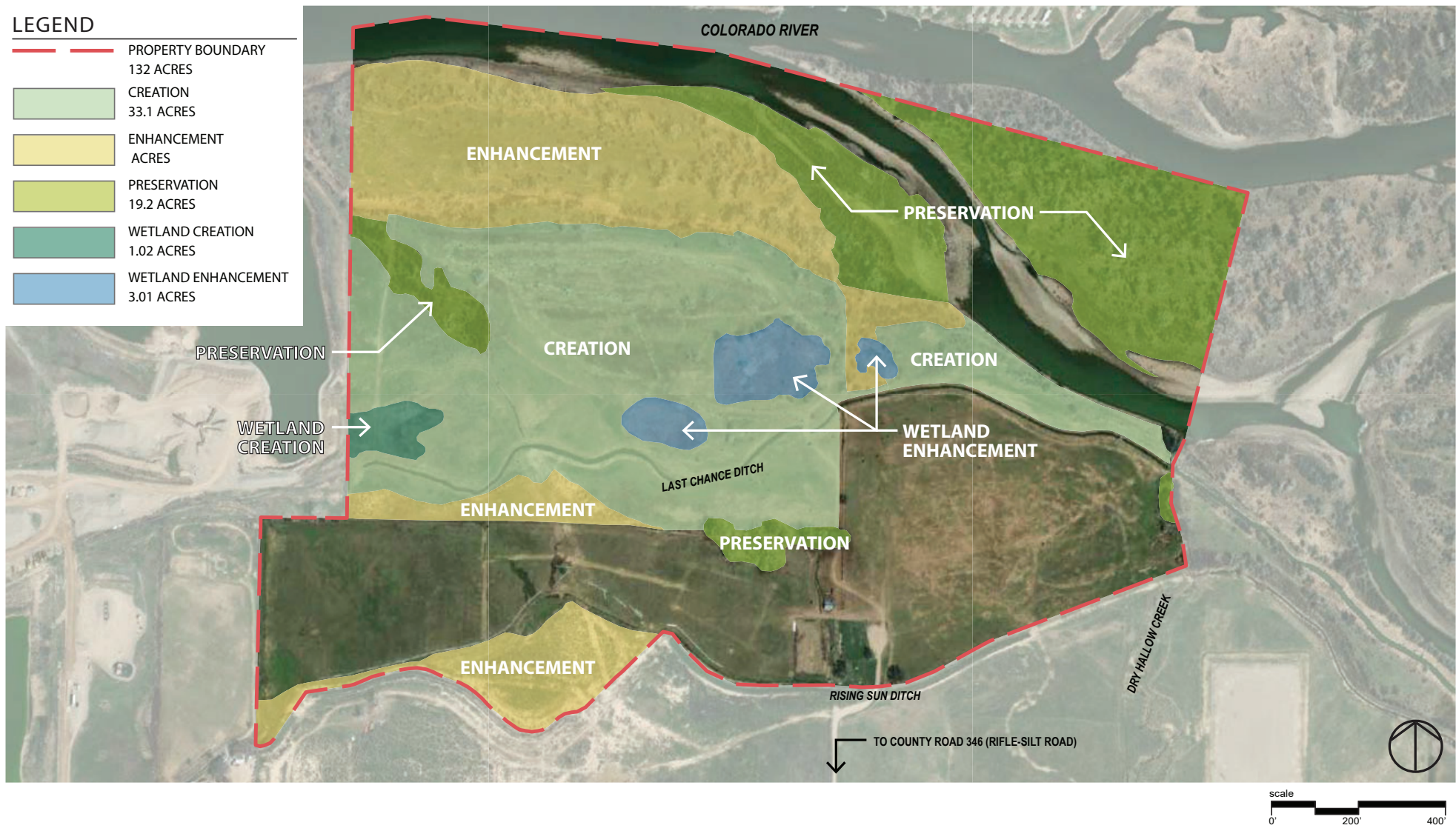


An aerial photograph showing a wide river with a light-colored, sandy or silty bed. The river flows from the top left towards the bottom right. On the left bank, there is a large, light-colored area that appears to be a dry riverbed or a large sandbar. The surrounding landscape is a mix of green fields and brown, bare earth. A semi-transparent grey box is overlaid on the upper half of the image, containing text.

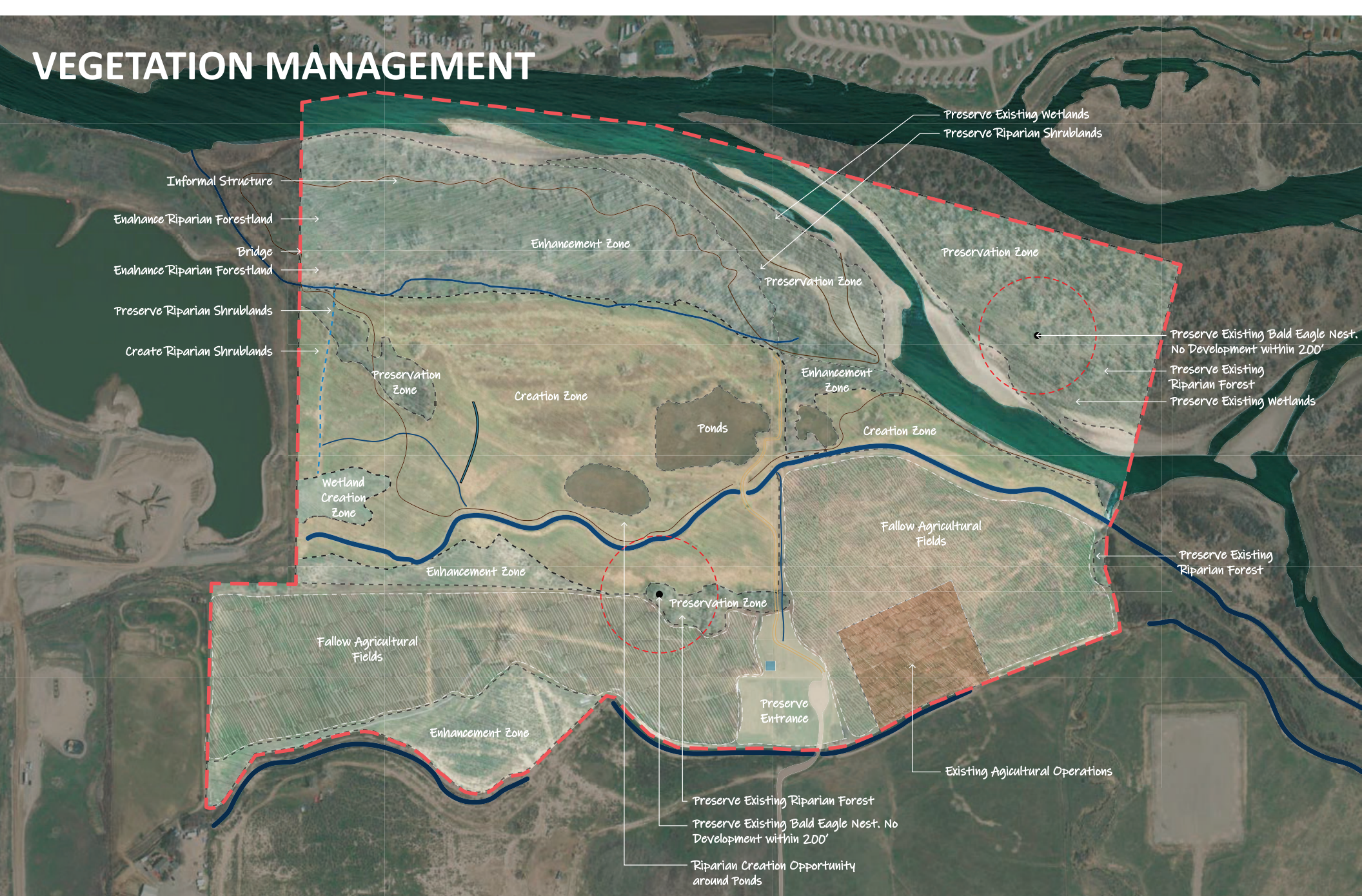
The expansive extent and limited development of Silt River Preserve allows for numerous restoration opportunities to re-establish a high-quality riparian and transitional upland interface ecological community in close proximity to the Town of Silt. Additionally, the variety of habitat types and diversity of wildlife present at or in close proximity to the Preserve present unique opportunities to conduct restoration with specific species and habitat interventions.

- Preservation**
- Enhancement**
- Creation**

Restoration Opportunities



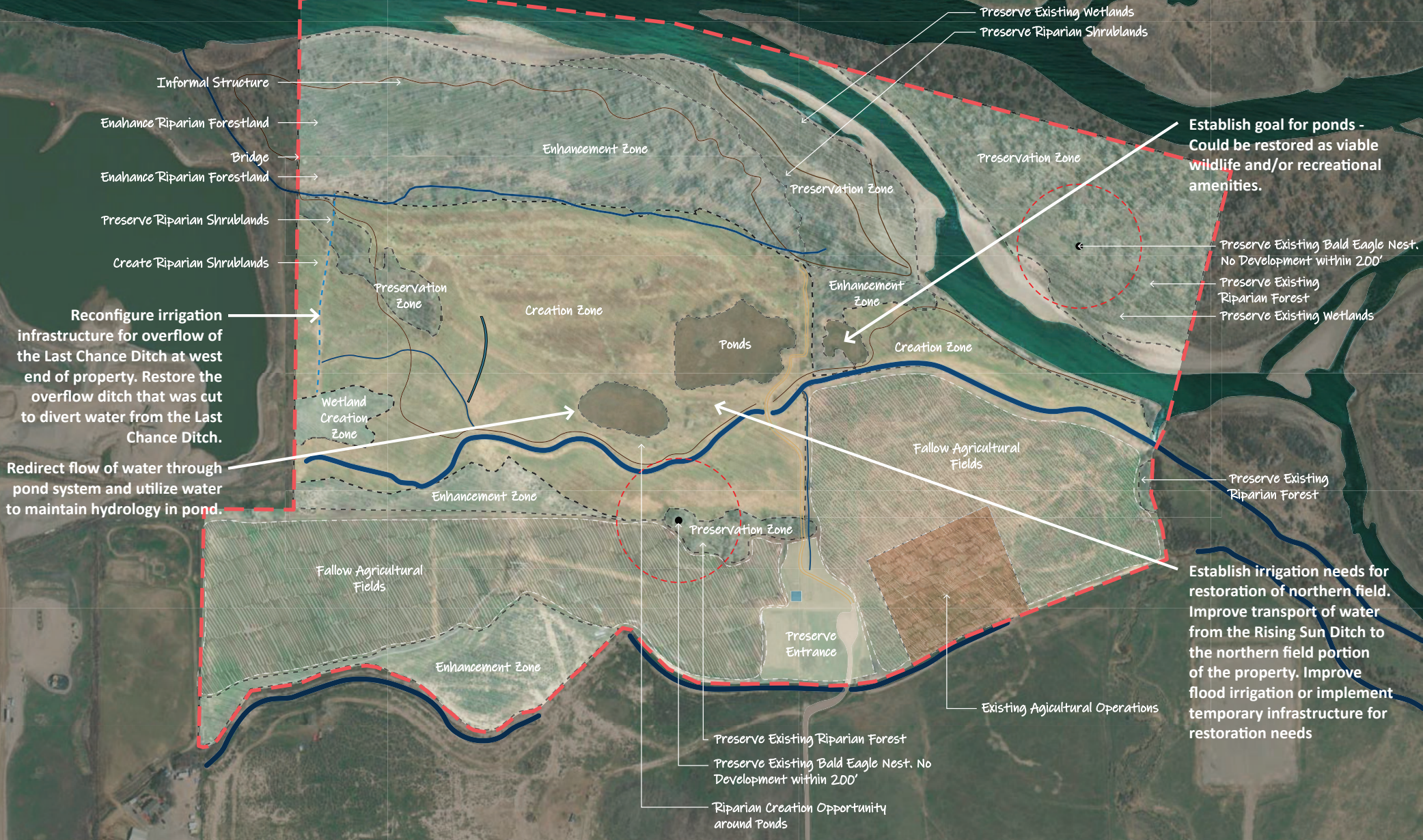
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



Topics:

- Site-wide Noxious Vegetation Management (adaptive management strategies to promote establishment of native vegetation)
- Woody Vegetation Removal and Management (remove all Siberian elm, Russian olive, and salt cedar from the property in 5 - 10 years)
- Utilization of goat grazing
- Hazard Tree Management: (in areas used for recreational activities, monitor and manage trees for removal of hazardous limbs and hazardous dead snags or standing trees)

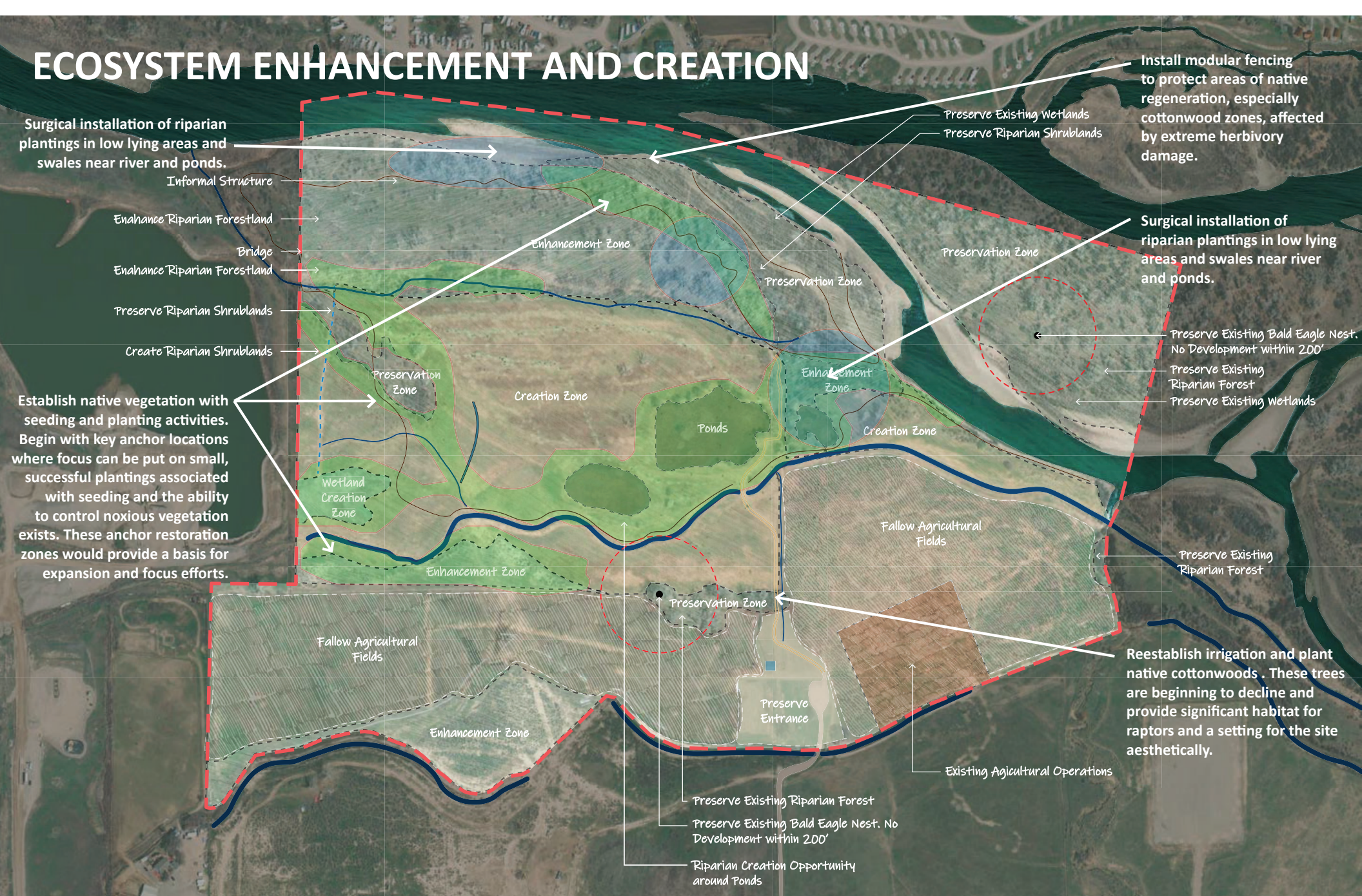
WATER MANAGEMENT



Topics:

- Irrigation infrastructure (Improvement or establishment of new infrastructure to improve transport and storage of water for restoration, recreation or agricultural purposes.)
- Water Rights (Review and change use of water waters to better fit the current and future land use of the property)
- Use and function of ponds (Recreation, Wildlife Habitat, Restoration Opportunities)

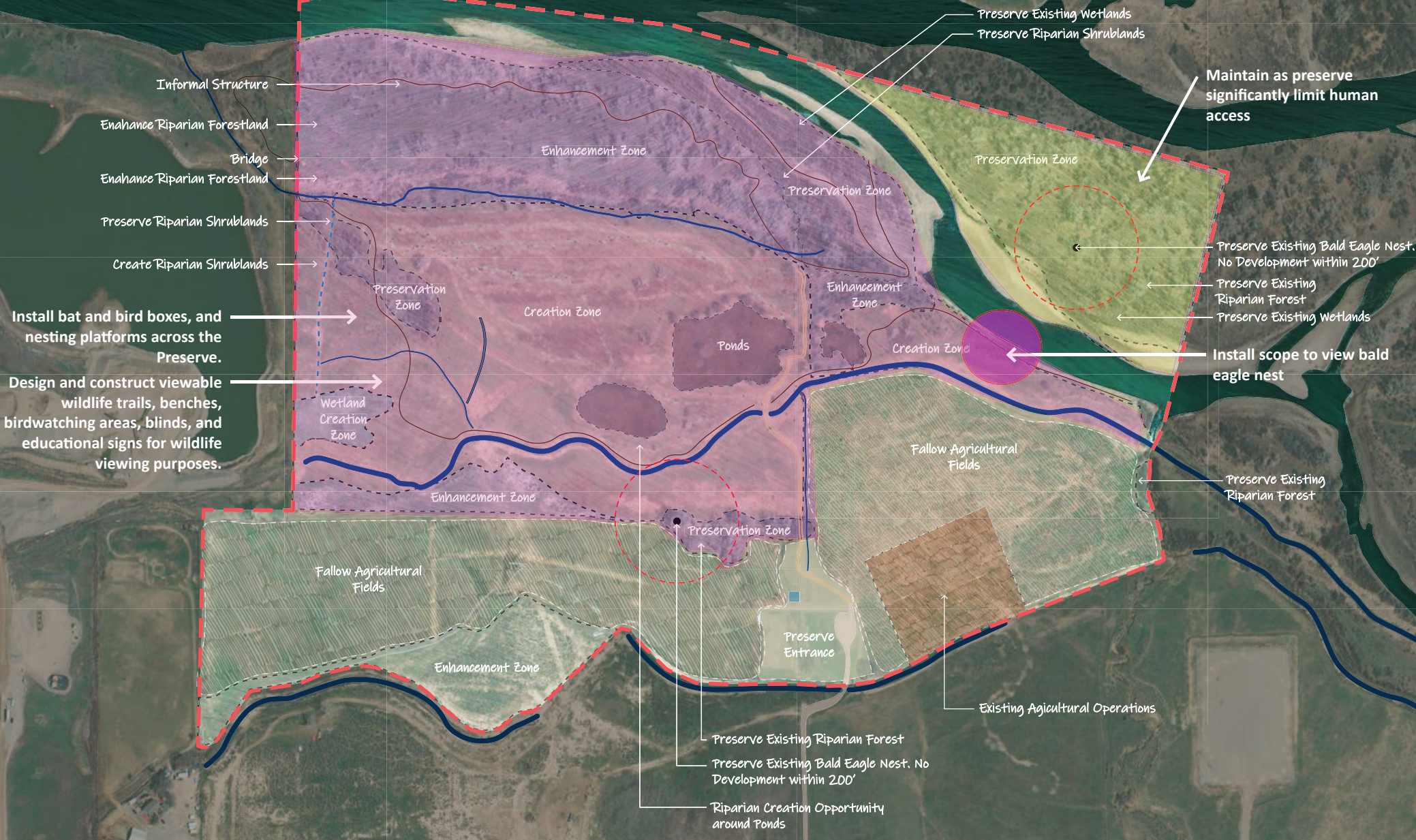
ECOSYSTEM ENHANCEMENT AND CREATION



Topics:

- Terrestrial Restoration: Restore and enhance vegetative communities to improve ecological function of the site.
- Monitor establishment of native vegetation and manage noxious vegetation

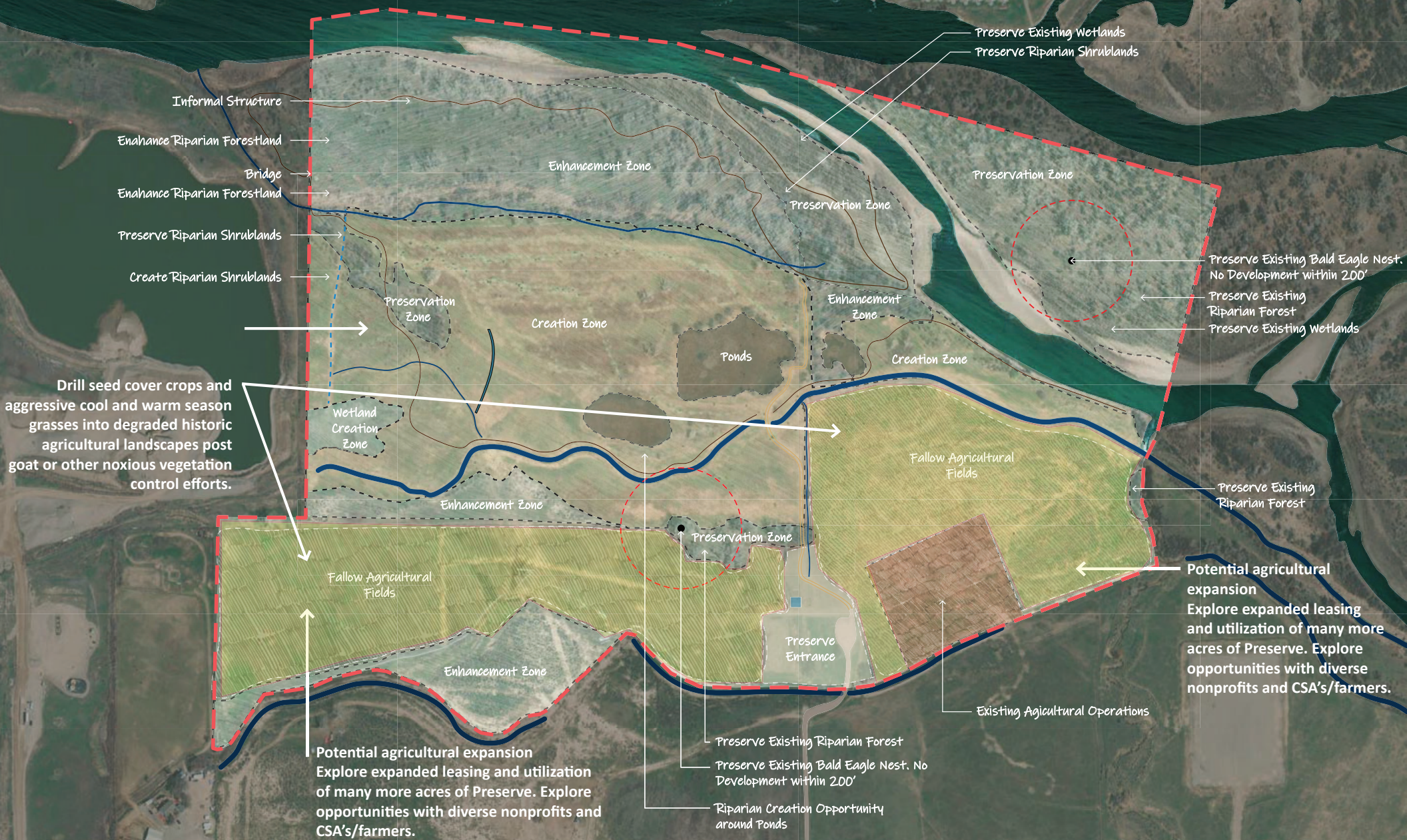
WILDLIFE



Topics:

- Focus monitoring efforts to include Amphibian (Northern leopard frog), avian/waterfowl, Migratory birds, Fisheries observations, water quality studies, large game species, and smaller mammals.
- Highlight wildlife resources on property. Watchable wildlife is a very special component of the Preserve.

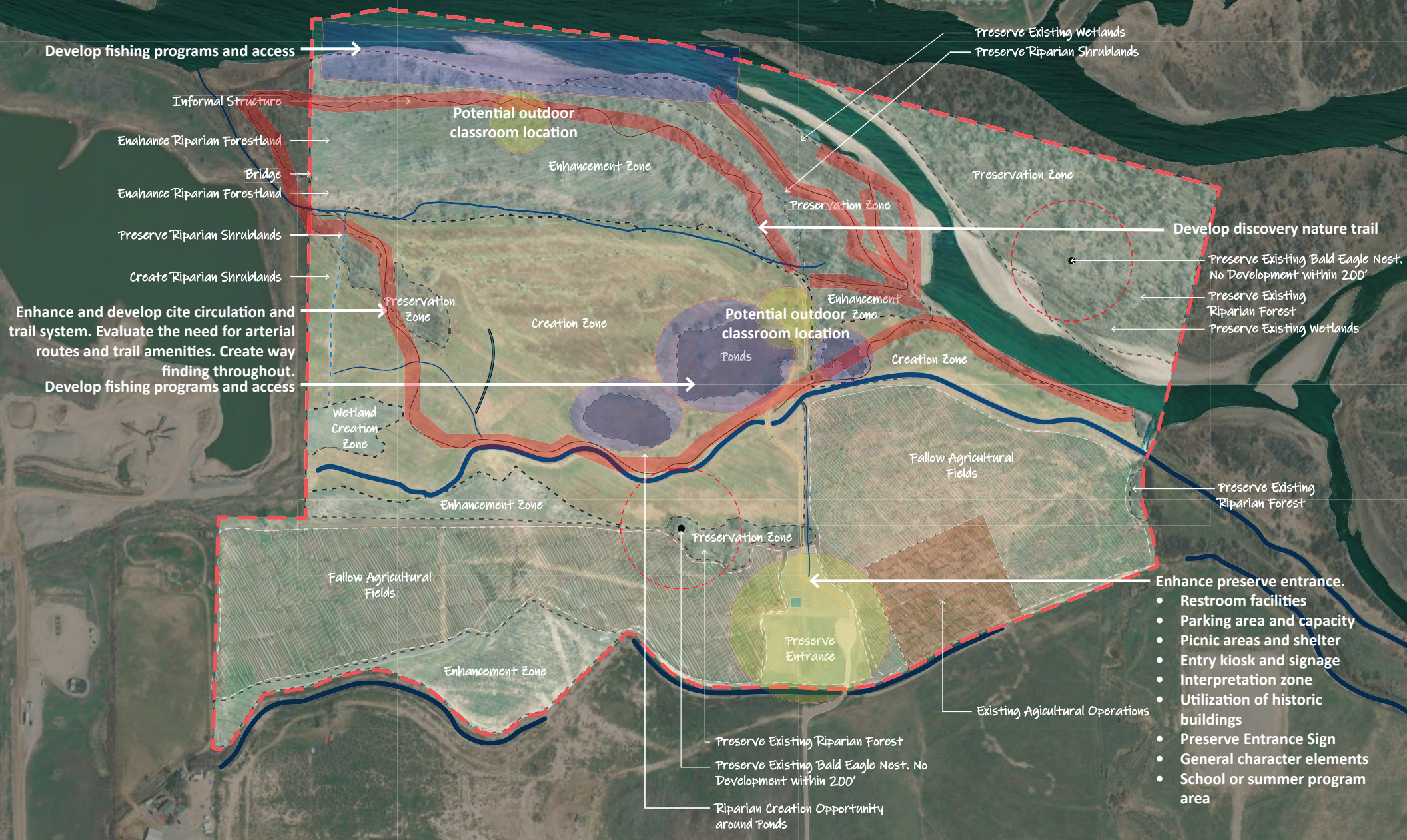
ARGRICULTURAL USE



Topics:

- Utilization and collaboration between agricultural users and partnerships
- Build ecological function contribute to restoration of the property through agricultural methods
- Overall Agricultural Study: Review irrigation/water usage needs for current operations and potential for expansion. Review how agricultural use could be used to build healthy soils for the property. Establish agricultural grazing needs and use for the benefit to promote ecological health. Discuss how to treat noxious vegetation to the extent needed for ecological restoration without detriment to agricultural practices and intentions (organic farming).

RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Topics:

- Enhance passive recreation opportunities
- Create interpretive and education opportunities that span the Preserve's assets from wildlife to agriculture.
- Remove the historic fencing to open up the property aesthetically and functionally.

APPENDIX D: Survey Questions and Results







TOWN OF SILT RESOURCE PRIORITY STUDY

Welcome to the Park, Recreation, & Culture Master Plan (PRC-MP) Survey

Thank you for participating in our survey.

Your Town of Silt is in the process of developing a Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan (PRC-MP). The Master Plan provides guidance in the decision making process to best serve the community.

This starts with you, and understanding how you use the parks and what ways they can become better. The Town wants to translate your values into a realistic, strategic, and actionable plan for present and future Parks' projects.

Your participation in filling out this survey, providing additional comments to the Town of Silt is a much appreciated step toward building a better community.

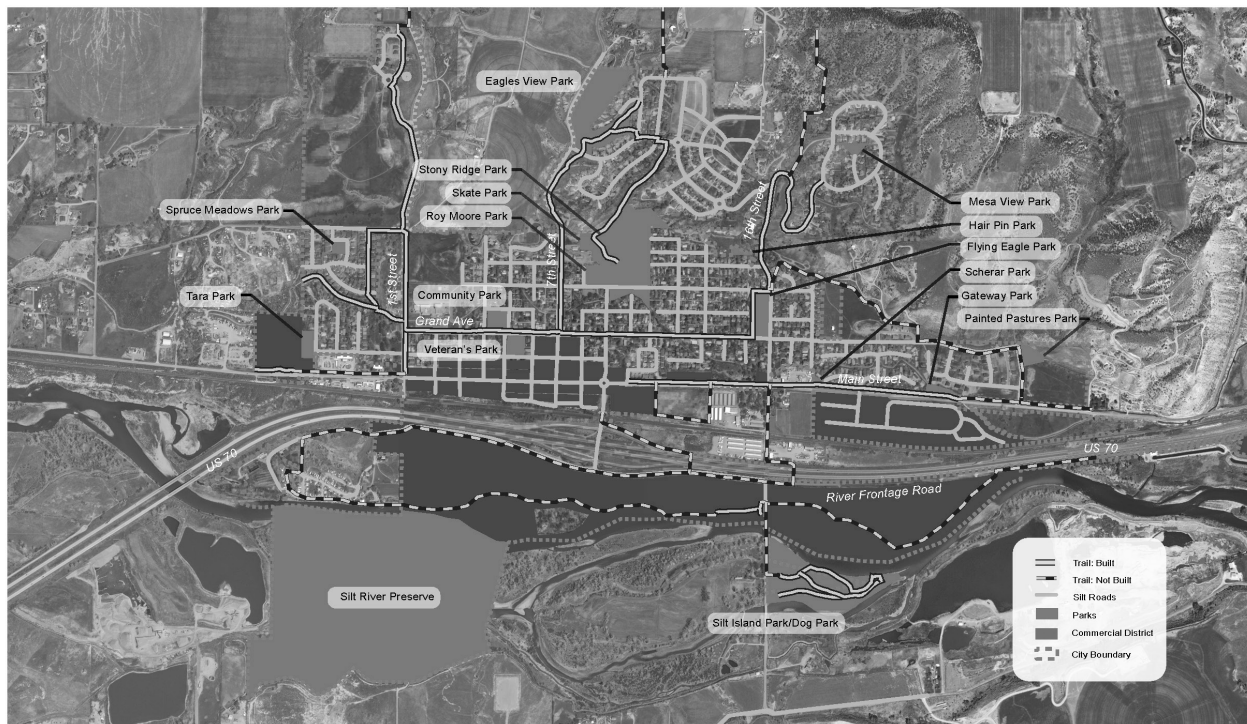
Your feedback is important for all of us.



TOWN OF SILT RESOURCE PRIORITY STUDY

Operations Assessment

Park Map



1. What Park, Open Space, or Recreation Facility is closest to where you live?

2. Rate the quality of the park you live closest to.

Poor

Excellent

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★

★

★

★

3. What do you like most about this Park, Open Space, or Recreation Facility?

4. What do you like least about this Park, Open Space or Recreation Facility?

5. Please rate the importance of the Town's current Recreation & Leisure facilities/activities?

	Low Importance	Medium Importance	High Importance
Events (Festivals, Concerts, Farmer Markets, Holiday Celebrations, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sport Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sport Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open Space & Natural Areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Art	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pathways (bike paths, pedestrian walkways, hiking trails, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural History	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Have you ever visited the Silt Historical Museum & Park?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Reasons & Recommendations...

7. What should be the Town's financial priority regarding Parks & Recreation activities?

	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Maintain & Improve Existing Amenities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Expand Sport Facilities & Programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop and/or Provide Space for Community Events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conserve & Manage Open Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop and/or Construct New Amenities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acquire more land for Parks, Open Space & Recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

8. How important are the following to your enjoyment of parks, open space, and recreation facilities.

	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority
Irrigated Lawn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garden & Landscape features	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pathways (Walking, Cycling, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playground Equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Structures, Buildings, & Features (benches, shade structures, signs, water features, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Should underused parks be repurposed/redesigned?

Please look at the following images and respond to Question #9 as to your preferred option.

River Park



Adventure Playground



Community Recreation Center



Multi-Purpose Field Complex



Indoor/Outdoor Pool



9. Of the example images that follow, How interested are you in these projects?

	Not Interested	Somewhat Interested	Very Interested
River Play Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adventure Playground	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Recreation Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Multi-purpose Field Complex	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indoor/Outdoor Pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open Space Acquisition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintain & Improve Existing Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

10. Currently the Town offers Micro-soccer and Youth Basketball. What other youth sports should the Town offer?

11. Should the Town offer Adult Sport Leagues?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12. What Adult sports or recreational leagues (Pickle Ball, Dodgeball, Kick Ball, Corn Hole, etc) would be of interest?



TOWN OF SILT RESOURCE PRIORITY STUDY

Community Involvement

13. Have you or anyone in your household been to a Town of Silt Community Event?

☐ Yes

☐ No

14. Name a Community Event you have enjoyed attending here or elsewhere.

15. Community events are most important for...

☐ Economic Vitality

☐ Community Pride

☐ Quality of Life

☐ Preservation of Heritage

☐ Tradition

☐ Tourism

☐ Other (please specify)

16. How many people currently live in your household?

17. Of those in your household, How many are under the age of 18?

18. How often do you engage in leisure or recreational activities?

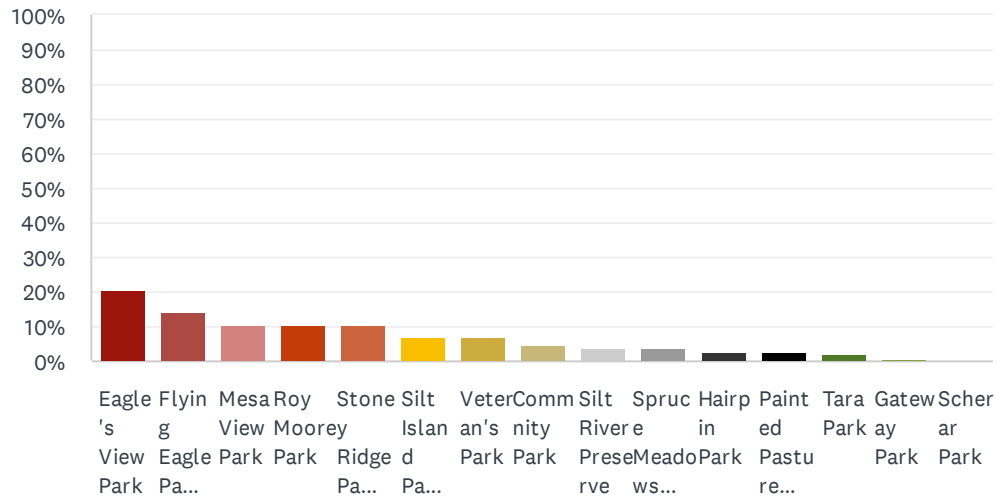
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Very rarely
- ☐ Occasionally
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Almost all the time

19. What is your current age?

- ☐ Under 20
- ☐ 20-29
- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70-79
- ☐ 80-89
- ☐ 90 or older

Q1 What Park, Open Space, or Recreation Facility is closest to where you live?

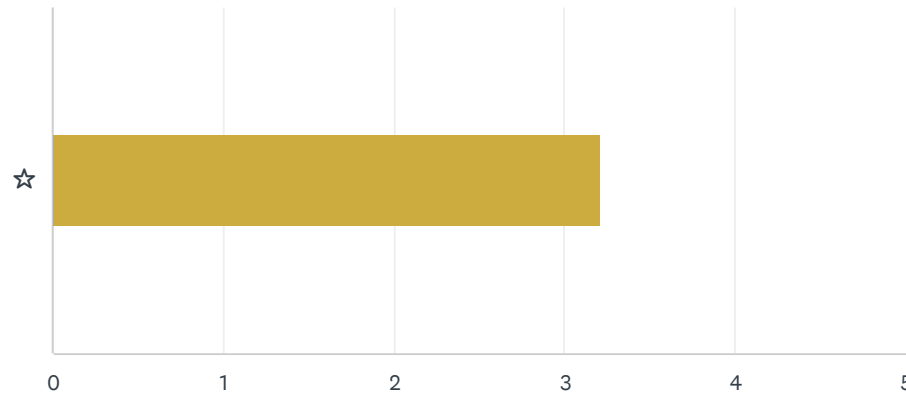
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Eagle's View Park	20.28%	29
Flying Eagle Park & Soccer Field	13.99%	20
Mesa View Park	10.49%	15
Roy Moore Park	10.49%	15
Stoney Ridge Park Complex	10.49%	15
Silt Island Park (Dog Park)	6.99%	10
Veteran's Park	6.99%	10
Community Park	4.90%	7
Silt River Preserve	3.50%	5
Spruce Meadows Park	3.50%	5
Hairpin Park	2.80%	4
Painted Pastures Park	2.80%	4
Tara Park	2.10%	3
Gateway Park	0.70%	1
Scherar Park	0.00%	0
TOTAL		143

Q2 Rate the quality of the park you live closest to.

Answered: 145 Skipped: 2



	POOR	BELOW AVG	AVERAGE	ABOVE AVG	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	8.97%	16.55%	33.10%	27.59%	13.79%	145	3.21
	13	24	48	40	20		

Q3 What do you like most about this Park, Open Space, or Recreation Facility?

Answered: 139 Skipped: 8

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Location Accesibility	10/6/2021 9:52 AM
2	Location Easy access off Divide Creek Road.	10/5/2021 10:13 AM
3	Maintained Grass. There needs to be trees and picnic tables.	10/2/2021 10:00 PM
4	Natural / Openess Space	10/2/2021 4:55 AM
5	Maintained The care of the parks this past year has improved. Good job!	9/30/2021 12:34 PM
6	Natural / Openess Open Space	9/28/2021 2:38 PM
7	Mixed Use / Sports The concerts they have in the summer/fall	9/27/2021 3:00 PM
8	Mixed Use / Sports Natural / Openess Open Field Space For Sports and Events	9/27/2021 12:17 PM
9	Location Maintained Central Location, Grass & Trees, Nicely Maintained	9/27/2021 12:10 PM
10	Location close to homes with lots of kids. I see them playing there frequently.	9/27/2021 9:21 AM
11	Maintained Mixed Use / Sports Open grassy area and nice for events.	9/26/2021 6:45 PM
12	Location Proximity, place for neighborhood kids to play	9/26/2021 11:43 AM
13	Natural / Openess Playground I like that it provides open space, a trail and playground equipment for kids.	9/25/2021 10:18 AM
14	Maintained Shade Its absolutely beautiful and shaded	9/24/2021 8:42 PM
15	Mixed Use / Sports The like thatnid used for different things	9/24/2021 8:36 PM
16	Maintained Well maintained, clean, good events	9/24/2021 7:42 PM
17	Location Its everywhere and accessible	9/24/2021 6:45 PM
18	Don't Use Not Enough For Seniors	9/24/2021 3:57 PM

19	Natural / Openness	The open space	9/24/2021 3:55 PM
20	Location	It's close to where I line and it's not crowded.	9/24/2021 3:51 PM
21	Natural / Openness	the Pedestrian path up to Eagles View	9/22/2021 8:45 AM
22	Natural / Openness	Beautiful wildlife and river access.	9/19/2021 6:14 PM
23	Natural / Openness	Playground Has a playground and the open fields	9/19/2021 11:55 AM
24	Natural / Openness	open space	9/18/2021 8:31 AM
25	Location	It's close to home	9/17/2021 5:57 PM
26	Location	It's close	9/17/2021 5:00 PM
27	Shade	There's shaded picnic tables.	9/16/2021 6:00 PM
28	Playground	amount of playground equipment	9/16/2021 12:12 PM
29	Kids	Mixed Use / Sports I like that it has a little pond, it's quiet, and in the winter if we get enough snow, has a nice little sledding hill for the kids. It's also nice and shady.	9/15/2021 3:00 PM
30	Location	Close, decent equipment	9/15/2021 10:52 AM
31	Location	Nothing but it is close to home	9/14/2021 7:04 PM
32	Mixed Use / Sports	Recreation	9/14/2021 6:52 PM
33	Mixed Use / Sports	Mixed use, green lawn, play equipment, tennis and basketball courts	9/14/2021 10:28 AM
34	Don't Use	We don't ever use it.	9/14/2021 9:50 AM
35	Negative	Not impressed!	9/14/2021 7:30 AM
36	Mixed Use / Sports	Stage, sports fields, skatepark, lots of parking for events	9/13/2021 2:50 PM
37	Location	proximity	9/13/2021 2:20 PM
38	Natural / Openness	Open Space to roam, quiet	9/13/2021 1:53 PM
39	Don't Use	I've never been to it.	9/13/2021 11:43 AM
40	Kids	Location Great for small kids, great location	9/13/2021 10:18 AM
41	Location	Nice location. Great for small children	9/13/2021 9:59 AM
42	Kids	Playground It is a great playground for little kids- as the kids have grown older- Eagle's View park does not meet my kids needs- we now use Roy Moore Park	9/13/2021 9:12 AM
43	Mixed Use / Sports	We play soccer there. Easy access	9/13/2021 8:42 AM
44	Mixed Use / Sports	horse shoes and skate park	9/13/2021 8:26 AM
45	Natural / Openness	It's size	9/13/2021 7:00 AM
46	Location	good location	9/13/2021 5:57 AM
47	Negative	Nothing	9/13/2021 5:36 AM
48	Kids	Playground A place for the kids young kids	9/12/2021 10:12 PM
49	Maintained	Maintained	9/12/2021 9:56 PM
50	Maintained	It's kept in fairly decent condition	9/12/2021 9:56 PM
51	Kids	Kids playing	9/12/2021 9:16 PM
52	Mixed Use / Sports	Skate park	9/12/2021 9:15 PM
53	Playground	Play equipment	9/12/2021 9:10 PM
54	Natural / Openness	open space	9/12/2021 7:07 PM
55	Location	It's close	9/11/2021 9:16 PM

56	Shade Covered sitting area	9/11/2021 9:13 PM
57	Natural / Openess Space	9/11/2021 8:38 AM
58	Natural / Openess Nobody is there	9/11/2021 8:27 AM
59	Location Proximity	9/10/2021 10:25 PM
60	Don't Use Don't use it.	9/10/2021 5:35 PM
61	Kids Mixed Use / Sports Place for kids to play ball instead of in the street	9/10/2021 10:04 AM
62	Playground Having a playground within walking distance.	9/10/2021 9:35 AM
63	Natural / Openess Shade The walking trails and shade trees	9/10/2021 9:13 AM
64	Location Close and hardly anyone uses it	9/10/2021 8:57 AM
65	Playground I used the park more frequently when my children were small. Don't use it at all anymore.	9/10/2021 8:54 AM
66	Kids Shade Kid friendly, shaded	9/10/2021 8:23 AM
67	Natural / Openess It's along the river	9/10/2021 7:18 AM
68	Negative I would appreciate you removing the racists from town council.	9/10/2021 5:56 AM
69	Maintained All of it!	9/9/2021 5:51 PM
70	Both	9/9/2021 5:43 PM
71	Shade The shade from the trees, the memorial and covered picnic area.	9/9/2021 1:55 PM
72	Mixed Use / Sports Open to the public and we can use the baseball field for club sports	9/9/2021 1:34 PM
73	Playground Shade I love the shade that is surrounding the play area	9/9/2021 1:11 PM
74	Natural / Openess It's near the river	9/9/2021 12:55 PM
75	Natural / Openess Shade The shade, mature trees, and open area for a variety of activities and groups.	9/9/2021 12:25 PM
76	Natural / Openess Shade Open space and shade	9/9/2021 12:15 PM
77	Negative We don't receive any benefit from that park as it isn't public it's a school park.	9/9/2021 12:06 PM
78	Natural / Openess Open spaces beautiful Riverside access	9/9/2021 12:01 PM
79	Natural / Openess open space	9/9/2021 9:52 AM
80	Natural / Openess How big it is	9/9/2021 7:17 AM
81	Kids Playground Good playground, great soccer fields for little kids	9/9/2021 7:05 AM
82	Location Cool location and backdrop	9/9/2021 6:59 AM
83	Natural / Openess Shade Open Area to hold large gatherings and shade!	9/8/2021 10:43 PM
84	Natural / Openess It breaks up all the houses and love watching the wildlife that goes in there	9/8/2021 10:29 PM
85	Playground The playground with the slide.	9/8/2021 9:31 PM
86	Kids Mixed Use / Sports Horseshoe pits, skate park for kids	9/8/2021 9:13 PM
87	Natural / Openess The wild space and river access	9/8/2021 8:05 PM
88	Mixed Use / Sports Soccer fields	9/8/2021 7:02 PM
89	Location Close to home	9/8/2021 5:05 PM
90	Kids They are a fun place to take my kids and they always have a blast.	9/8/2021 4:18 PM
91	Playground The playground and soccer fields are nice condition	9/8/2021 4:13 PM
92	Mixed Use / Sports The Soccer field	9/8/2021 3:11 PM

93	Negative Trail next to it other than the aggressive pit bull that is always loose at Ballard next to the park.	9/8/2021 2:46 PM
94	Natural / Openness grassy area	9/8/2021 12:35 PM
95	Natural / Openness Large grassy spaces for family time & games	9/8/2021 12:20 PM
96	Location Location	9/8/2021 5:18 AM
97	Natural / Openness Open space	9/7/2021 7:39 PM
98	Kids Playground The playground for the kids	9/7/2021 7:35 PM
99	Kids It's off the street so kids can play.	9/7/2021 6:52 PM
100	Playground The playground for the children.	9/7/2021 4:17 PM
101	Natural / Openness trees and shrubs	9/7/2021 2:46 PM
102	Kids Safe place for kids	9/7/2021 2:26 PM
103	Mixed Use / Sports Tennis - and volley ball area	9/7/2021 2:13 PM
104	Maintained Shade Shade trees, lawn upkeep, playground equipment is in good condition.	9/7/2021 11:30 AM
105	Mixed Use / Sports Recreation Facility	9/7/2021 11:29 AM
106	Natural / Openness open space	9/7/2021 11:03 AM
107	Negative All the free dirty needles.	9/7/2021 8:22 AM
108	Natural / Openness Lots of nature	9/7/2021 7:55 AM
109	Natural / Openness The green fields.	9/6/2021 10:08 PM
110	Location Walking distance	9/6/2021 6:30 PM
111	Natural / Openness Trees	9/6/2021 4:44 PM
112	Location Location	9/6/2021 4:31 PM
113	Playground The basketball court, the volleyball court, the tennis courts and playground all get used regularly	9/6/2021 2:11 PM
114	Natural / Openness Undeveloped open space	9/6/2021 9:56 AM
115	Kids Playground Playground equipment for kids and open space	9/6/2021 9:31 AM
116	Playground The playground	9/6/2021 8:55 AM
117	Playground It is used continually, basket ball, volley ball and tennis. Also the swings and playground equipment, there are all age groups playing at this park	9/6/2021 8:28 AM
118	Mixed Use / Sports Rec facility	9/6/2021 7:41 AM
119	Don't Use I don't use it	9/6/2021 5:56 AM
120	Natural / Openness Multiple trails, private	9/6/2021 4:58 AM
121	Location Close proximity	9/5/2021 10:13 PM
122	Mixed Use / Sports Love to see sports playing here	9/5/2021 10:08 PM
123	Natural / Openness Open fields are nice, equipment and basketball courts could be updated	9/5/2021 10:01 PM
124	Mixed Use / Sports The events and concerts	9/5/2021 9:20 PM
125	Location Proximity to residence	9/5/2021 9:18 PM
126	Mixed Use / Sports the potential of the space with easy access to old elementary school site	9/5/2021 4:56 PM
127	Kids Playground Open space for kids to run and the playground is nice.	9/5/2021 7:53 AM
128	Location Location	9/4/2021 10:49 PM

129	Natural / Openness	Allows dogs	9/4/2021 7:21 PM
130	Mixed Use / Sports	The disc golf course	9/4/2021 5:01 PM
131	Playground	Covered picnic area and new playground equipment	9/4/2021 3:48 PM
132	Natural / Openness	Play ground and open space	9/4/2021 3:30 PM
133	Mixed Use / Sports	Skate park, horseshoe pit, trees	9/4/2021 2:48 PM
134	Kids Location	Walking distance from house. Safe for kids because it is away from the streets.	9/4/2021 12:22 PM
135	Natural / Openness	Walking path through it	9/4/2021 12:08 PM
136	Playground	The playground equipment and the amenities for family gatherings.	9/4/2021 11:53 AM
137	Natural / Openness	It's nice to have River access but it is not very Walker or wheelchair friendly (just like all of the parks)	9/4/2021 11:25 AM
138	Playground	The proximity to my house and the playground	9/4/2021 10:39 AM
139	Location Natural / Openness	Close and big open field	9/4/2021 10:24 AM

Q4 What do you like least about this Park, Open Space or Recreation Facility?

Answered: 135 Skipped: 12

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Dog Nuisance People not picking up poop	10/6/2021 9:52 AM
2	Dog Nuisance Upkeep / Monitoring Seems poorly maintained - dog poop, signage is poor, weeds & trash, muddy lot with ruts.	10/5/2021 10:13 AM
3	Shade / Landscape No shaded spaces and no trees.	10/2/2021 10:00 PM
4	Upkeep / Monitoring Trash	10/2/2021 4:55 AM
5	Proper Amenities We need more athletic fields. I would like to see a basketball hoop installed in the Mesa View Park.	9/30/2021 12:34 PM
6	Proper Amenities Needs new gazebo	9/28/2021 2:38 PM
7	Proper Amenities not enough events planned	9/27/2021 3:00 PM
8	Proper Amenities Upkeep / Monitoring Basketball Courts need to be redone and the baseball diamonds need to be removed so the fields aren't littered with Goat heads.	9/27/2021 12:17 PM
9	Upkeep / Monitoring Abusive Teens, Destructive Behaviors on Pavilion and Tables. Need to appreciate & take pride in this park	9/27/2021 12:10 PM
10	Parking cars are always parked bumper to bumper along both street-facing sidewalks lining the park. makes it dangerous to drive there because of the possibility of kids darting out into the street	9/27/2021 9:21 AM
11	Proper Amenities No play equipment for children I believe and not too many picnic areas.	9/26/2021 6:45 PM
12	Upkeep / Monitoring Eroding hillsides	9/26/2021 11:43 AM
13	Upkeep / Monitoring I don't like that kids ride bikes and slide up and down the slopes above the park. This will lead to long-term erosion problems.	9/25/2021 10:18 AM
14	Positives Really nothing	9/24/2021 8:42 PM
15	Shade / Landscape The lack of shade	9/24/2021 8:36 PM

16	Positives	No bad things	9/24/2021 7:42 PM
17	Upkeep / Monitoring	Sometimes asphalt/concrete is a little rough but it never bothered me	9/24/2021 6:45 PM
18	Under-Used	Not Much Going On	9/24/2021 3:57 PM
19	Under-Used	The western part of the park isnt used for anything	9/24/2021 3:55 PM
20	Positives	Nothing Really	9/24/2021 3:51 PM
21	Upkeep / Monitoring	Litter	9/22/2021 8:45 AM
22	Proper Amenities	Unclear signage/trails for public users.	9/19/2021 6:14 PM
23	Shade / Landscape	Upkeep / Monitoring Has no shade. People leave their belongings and trash all about	9/19/2021 11:55 AM
24	Proper Amenities	recreation	9/18/2021 8:31 AM
25	Upkeep / Monitoring	It's not as well taken care of as it used to be	9/17/2021 5:57 PM
26	Shade / Landscape	The terrain	9/17/2021 5:00 PM
27	Proper Amenities	The bathroom situation.	9/16/2021 6:00 PM
28	Upkeep / Monitoring	weeds in the rocks	9/16/2021 12:12 PM
29	Upkeep / Monitoring	It is very run down and old. the playground equipment is for very little kids and not much to do for older 5-10 year olds. It needs to be bigger and better. Also the picnic area and bench need major maintenance and it feels like this park is almost forgotten.	9/15/2021 3:00 PM
30	Upkeep / Monitoring	Not taken care of very well	9/15/2021 10:52 AM
31	Upkeep / Monitoring	It's not being taken care of. The grass is always did the weeds are overgrown and the sprinklers don't work	9/14/2021 7:04 PM
32		Neither	9/14/2021 6:52 PM
33	No Dogs/Restriction	No dogs allowed, even on a leash	9/14/2021 10:28 AM
34	Upkeep / Monitoring	The last time we went by there there was graffiti and the basketball hoop was broken	9/14/2021 9:50 AM
35		Not impressed	9/14/2021 7:30 AM
36	Proper Amenities	Size I would love to see a big playground space with a major play structure in it for younger children.	9/13/2021 2:50 PM
37	Proper Amenities	no bathroom, playground equipment needs updating	9/13/2021 2:20 PM
38	Shade / Landscape	Not many places to sit and enjoy a picnic, grassy area, shade area, etc.	9/13/2021 1:53 PM
39	Under-Used	I don't know where it is.	9/13/2021 11:43 AM
40	Upkeep / Monitoring	playground equipment has been vandalized, not repaired/replaced	9/13/2021 10:18 AM
41	Upkeep / Monitoring	Lack of Maintenance to the playground equipment.	9/13/2021 9:59 AM
42	Proper Amenities	Lack of multi-purpose field for soccer and other field sports	9/13/2021 9:12 AM
43	Parking	Proper Amenities Parking and there are a million goatheads which destroy soccer balls	9/13/2021 8:42 AM
44	Proper Amenities	frisbee course doesnt have a map	9/13/2021 8:26 AM
45	Upkeep / Monitoring	Condition of ball fields and soccer fields	9/13/2021 7:00 AM
46	Positives	ñ/a	9/13/2021 5:57 AM
47	Shade / Landscape	There is no shade.	9/13/2021 5:36 AM
48	Size	To small of a Space can't even play soccer or softball with the kids	9/12/2021 10:12 PM
49	Positives	N/A	9/12/2021 9:56 PM

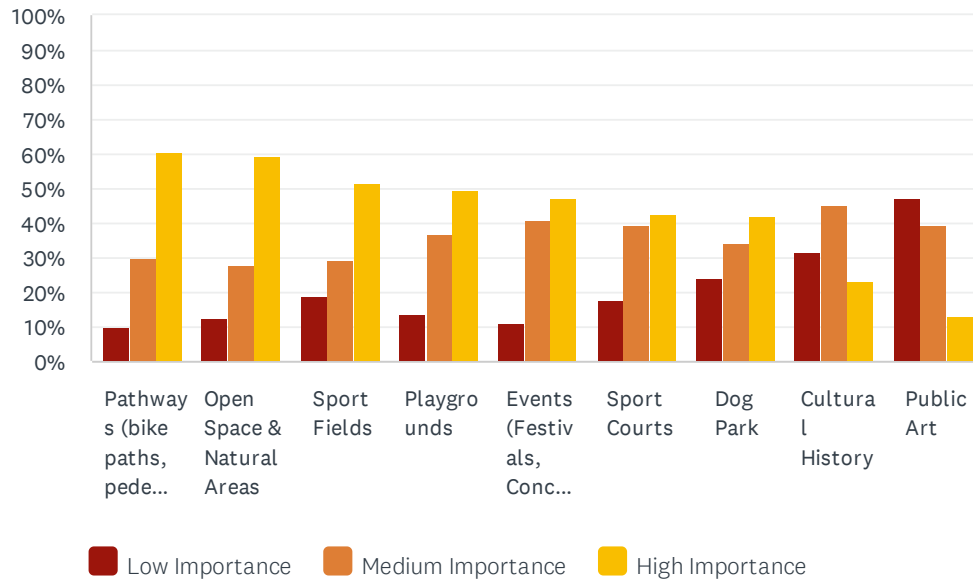
50	Proper Amenities	We don't have it set up for older children. No basketball courts, soccer fields, volleyball, etc. it only has a small playground and most of the kids in the neighborhood have out grown that.	9/12/2021 9:56 PM
51	No Dogs/Restriction	Not allowed to star gaze at night	9/12/2021 9:16 PM
52	Proper Amenities	Needs bathrooms	9/12/2021 9:15 PM
53	Size	Not enough space	9/12/2021 9:10 PM
54	Positives	NA	9/12/2021 7:07 PM
55	Proper Amenities	Lack of amenities	9/11/2021 9:16 PM
56	Upkeep / Monitoring	Not maintained very well	9/11/2021 9:13 PM
57	Size	Small	9/11/2021 8:27 AM
58	Proper Amenities	Not enough playground equipment for different age ranges	9/10/2021 10:25 PM
59	Upkeep / Monitoring	It's looking run down.	9/10/2021 10:04 AM
60	Upkeep / Monitoring	It badly needs to be updated and taken care of (cleaning). And maybe add a porta potty.	9/10/2021 9:35 AM
61	No Dogs/Restriction	Old equipment, cracked/uneven walkways, dogs required to stay on leash	9/10/2021 9:13 AM
62	Shade / Landscape	In a canyon and stays dark and snowy during winter	9/10/2021 8:57 AM
63	Positives	I really don't have any complaints about it. It just no longer serves me.	9/10/2021 8:54 AM
64	Upkeep / Monitoring	Condition - it is not well maintained. Lots of trash and weeds.	9/10/2021 8:23 AM
65	Proper Amenities	No pedestrian river crossing	9/10/2021 7:18 AM
66	Positives	Nothing	9/9/2021 5:51 PM
67	Positives	None	9/9/2021 5:43 PM
68	Upkeep / Monitoring	It needs to be cleaned up and painted.	9/9/2021 1:55 PM
69	Upkeep / Monitoring	Location. I dislike the skate park being so close and the kids seem to be so disrespectful. We have had things stolen and you have to be very careful with your kids walking around	9/9/2021 1:34 PM
70	Upkeep / Monitoring	run down play equipment. Dirty, broken, not kept up at all	9/9/2021 1:11 PM
71	Proper Amenities	Lack of noticeable accessibility	9/9/2021 12:55 PM
72	Upkeep / Monitoring	The gazebo and picnic area really needs to be cleaned.	9/9/2021 12:25 PM
73	Proper Amenities	Recreation facility	9/9/2021 12:15 PM
74	Parking Proper Amenities	Parking is usually an issue for all silt parks. Families need bathrooms that are clean and usable otherwise that park is a pointless experience for families.	9/9/2021 12:06 PM
75	Positives	I think it serves it's purpose well people love and I love the nature aspect	9/9/2021 12:01 PM
76	Proper Amenities	No bathrooms	9/9/2021 7:17 AM
77	Proper Amenities	The porta -potty is usually dirty	9/9/2021 7:05 AM
78	Shade / Landscape	Not much landscaping. Pretty bare.	9/9/2021 6:59 AM
79	Proper Amenities	Restrooms	9/8/2021 10:43 PM
80	Shade / Landscape	The big hill	9/8/2021 10:29 PM
81	Upkeep / Monitoring	The swings are broken and benches are gross and need to be replaced.	9/8/2021 9:31 PM
82	Upkeep / Monitoring	Lack of multiple trash cans	9/8/2021 9:13 PM
83	Dog Nuisance	People don't clean up after their dogs	9/8/2021 8:05 PM

84	Proper Amenities	Play equipment not large enough	9/8/2021 7:02 PM
85	Shade / Landscape	No shade	9/8/2021 5:05 PM
86	Upkeep / Monitoring	They can sometimes have trash and broken equipment from time to time	9/8/2021 4:18 PM
87	Upkeep / Monitoring	The basketball court.	9/8/2021 4:13 PM
88	Upkeep / Monitoring	The basketball court and rims need replaced.	9/8/2021 3:11 PM
89	Dog Nuisance	Parking There isn't enough parking during soccer games and it becomes dangerously crowded on the 1400 block of orchard. Also, the aggressive pit bull that is often loose and lives at the end of Ballard makes me not walk my dogs on the trail.	9/8/2021 2:46 PM
90	Proper Amenities	no water play, cheap plastic playground	9/8/2021 12:35 PM
91	Shade / Landscape	Siberian Elm trees	9/8/2021 12:20 PM
92	Proper Amenities	Not much there	9/8/2021 5:18 AM
93	Upkeep / Monitoring	Lack of maintenance	9/7/2021 7:39 PM
94	Upkeep / Monitoring	Maintenance of grass area and paving	9/7/2021 7:35 PM
95	Upkeep / Monitoring	There's a lot of trash there.	9/7/2021 6:52 PM
96	Shade / Landscape	The pond	9/7/2021 4:17 PM
97	Proper Amenities	Not developed	9/7/2021 2:46 PM
98	Upkeep / Monitoring	Trash on habitat home side	9/7/2021 2:26 PM
99	Upkeep / Monitoring	The landscape needs work	9/7/2021 2:13 PM
100	Upkeep / Monitoring	Overgrown weeds in the playground area, upper area not currently utilized.	9/7/2021 11:30 AM
101	Positives	It's appropriate for the area it serves	9/7/2021 11:29 AM
102	Proper Amenities	Recreation facility	9/7/2021 11:03 AM
103	Jfjfufjfigi		9/7/2021 8:22 AM
104	Parking	Not enough parking, not enough safe trails	9/7/2021 7:55 AM
105	No Dogs/Restriction	No dogs allowed	9/6/2021 10:19 PM
106	Shade / Landscape	No shaded areas to eat. Playground equipment is ok.	9/6/2021 10:08 PM
107	Shade / Landscape	Trees need trimmed	9/6/2021 4:44 PM
108	Shade / Landscape	More trees would be nice	9/6/2021 4:31 PM
109	No Dogs/Restriction	People can't have their dogs on a leash.	9/6/2021 2:11 PM
110	Upkeep / Monitoring	Dirt road to the skate park allows people to off road through the park.	9/6/2021 9:56 AM
111	Shade / Landscape	Needs more shade.	9/6/2021 9:31 AM
112	Parking	No sitting area for adults, too many cars parked in front of park, fairly far from home	9/6/2021 8:55 AM
113	Parking	Upkeep / Monitoring The sprinklers over shoot and hit the street at 10:30pm on Tues, Thur and Sunday. There are weeds in the cracks of the surfaces. The trash cans don't seem to hold enough trash. There is a large open area where the community building used to be that is under utilized. Parking around this busy park is limited to street parking. Why not make a little parking lot on that edge.	9/6/2021 8:28 AM
114	No Dogs/Restriction	Can't bring dogs	9/6/2021 7:41 AM
115	Under-Used	I don't use the park	9/6/2021 5:56 AM
116	Dog Nuisance	Folks with dogs not having voice control over them	9/6/2021 4:58 AM
117	Upkeep / Monitoring	No maintenance	9/5/2021 10:13 PM

118	Upkeep / Monitoring	Needs to be watered better, many dead spots in grass, and basketball courts are unplayable	9/5/2021 10:08 PM
119	Parking	Lack of parking	9/5/2021 10:01 PM
120	Positives	Nothing	9/5/2021 9:20 PM
121	Upkeep / Monitoring	Updated and lack of care	9/5/2021 9:18 PM
122		Town Shops spoils the vibe. It should move and park uses should fill in.	9/5/2021 4:56 PM
123	Dog Nuisance	People drive to fast on the roads and there are to many lose dogs in town.	9/5/2021 7:53 AM
124	Proper Amenities	Outdated	9/4/2021 10:49 PM
125	Shade / Landscape	Buggy at times and lots of distracting squirrels	9/4/2021 7:21 PM
126	Upkeep / Monitoring	Maintenance of the field where the disc golf course begins and areas in the trees is very low. Which it was better maintained.	9/4/2021 5:01 PM
127	Parking	The fact that I can never park there because the houses adjacent to the park use the parking spaces as their personal parking spaces. It would be great if the police could do something about it but they won't.	9/4/2021 3:48 PM
128	Positives	Nothing	9/4/2021 3:30 PM
129	Shade / Landscape	Lack of trees	9/4/2021 2:48 PM
130	Upkeep / Monitoring	All of the playground equipment is outdated. A mom even told me her child almost was hurt by slipping out of the swings.	9/4/2021 12:22 PM
131	No Dogs/Restriction	Closed to dogs	9/4/2021 12:08 PM
132	Positives	N/A	9/4/2021 11:53 AM
133	Proper Amenities	Walker and wheelchair access	9/4/2021 11:25 AM
134	Proper Amenities	The lack of things to do for very young kids - no baby swing or low to the ground equipment	9/4/2021 10:39 AM
135	Size	It's always has over run with soccer making it effectively closed for to everyone else	9/4/2021 10:24 AM

Q5 Please rate the importance of the Town's current Recreation & Leisure facilities/activities?

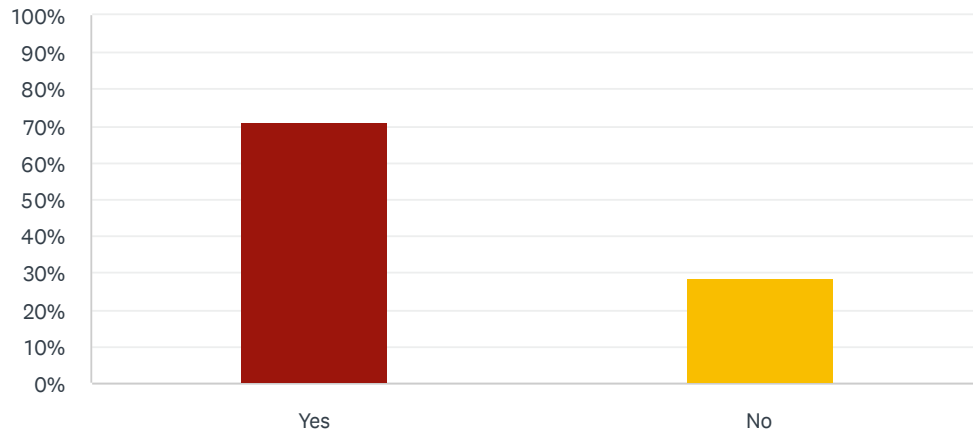
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	LOW IMPORTANCE	MEDIUM IMPORTANCE	HIGH IMPORTANCE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Pathways (bike paths, pedestrian walkways, hiking trails, etc.)	9.93% 14	29.79% 42	60.28% 85	141	2.50
Open Space & Natural Areas	12.77% 18	27.66% 39	59.57% 84	141	2.47
Sport Fields	19.01% 27	29.58% 42	51.41% 73	142	2.32
Playgrounds	13.48% 19	36.88% 52	49.65% 70	141	2.36
Events (Festivals, Concerts, Farmer Markets, Holiday Celebrations, etc.)	11.19% 16	41.26% 59	47.55% 68	143	2.36
Sport Courts	17.86% 25	39.29% 55	42.86% 60	140	2.25
Dog Park	24.11% 34	34.04% 48	41.84% 59	141	2.18
Cultural History	31.69% 45	45.07% 64	23.24% 33	142	1.92
Public Art	47.18% 67	39.44% 56	13.38% 19	142	1.66

Q6 Have you ever visited the Silt Historical Museum & Park?

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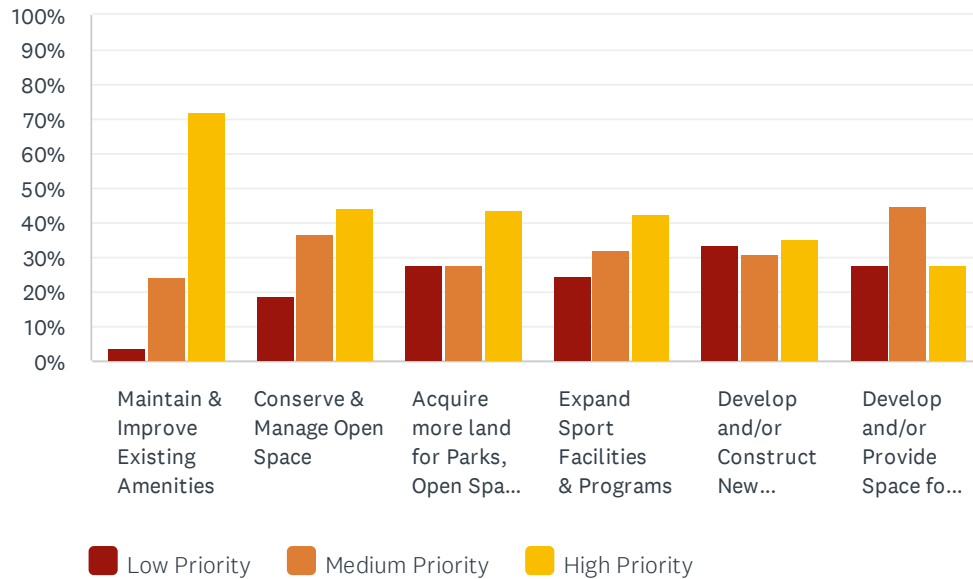
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.13%	101
No	28.87%	41
Total Respondents: 142		

#	REASONS & RECOMMENDATIONS...	DATE
1	I always miss the big event you do because there's low Advertising	10/6/2021 9:52 AM
2	No Time	9/28/2021 2:38 PM
3	When there are planned events there	9/27/2021 3:00 PM
4	Never Open	9/27/2021 12:17 PM
5	Nice Set Up For Programs	9/27/2021 12:10 PM
6	love it! great job for such a small space.	9/27/2021 9:21 AM
7	Newer to Silt-have lived here for 4 months now.	9/26/2021 6:45 PM
8	It's a great resource for our community.	9/25/2021 10:18 AM
9	Just a visit, enjoyed it very much	9/24/2021 8:42 PM
10	I absolutely love the history in Silt	9/24/2021 8:36 PM
11	Loved The Music	9/24/2021 3:57 PM
12	I want to	9/24/2021 3:55 PM
13	I enjoy looking at the old stuff	9/24/2021 3:51 PM
14	When is it open to walk through?	9/22/2021 8:45 AM
15	Have been by it, not sure how/when to visit!	9/19/2021 6:14 PM
16	I love it and think it should be advertised more!	9/16/2021 6:00 PM
17	I love it but could be more tourist friendly to bring in more visitors. More marketing maybe.	9/15/2021 3:00 PM
18	Never heard of it	9/14/2021 6:52 PM
19	Good start! Need to have events there! Need it open at certain times.	9/14/2021 7:30 AM
20	Have been there a few times with my children for holidays or events taking place there.	9/13/2021 2:50 PM
21	This is a cool place to do photo shoots	9/13/2021 9:12 AM
22	Don't know where it is	9/13/2021 5:57 AM
23	My kids have	9/12/2021 10:12 PM

24	School field trip	9/12/2021 9:56 PM
25	Too busy	9/12/2021 9:16 PM
26	I have heard that it is stressful to bring kids here. Maybe it's not very kidproof and the workers make it stressful.	9/11/2021 9:13 PM
27	Like history	9/10/2021 5:35 PM
28	It's important for people and kids to see how life has changed thru the years.	9/10/2021 10:04 AM
29	Lets me see what the the early days of Silt and Garfield County were like before it's all developed. Gives some continuity to life in the area. Town should invest more time and money in the park as it is unique in garfield County.	9/10/2021 8:57 AM
30	Doesn't seem kid-friendly.	9/10/2021 8:23 AM
31	It's a great local resource. The events being held before being locked down were brining people together in a good way.	9/9/2021 1:55 PM
32	For kids school events	9/9/2021 1:34 PM
33	Silt farmer's market, we had a booth there for 2 years	9/9/2021 12:55 PM
34	I started attending a sewing circle at the historical park when I was 9 and participated in Chautauqua for years until I was in my mid-20s. My family has been involved with it consistently and my brother still operates as the blacksmith for Chautauqua when he can	9/9/2021 12:25 PM
35	The historical society was very formative for me growing up in salt. I spent a lot of time with the group that would meet to knit and teach and crafts to the younger generations. Chautauqua days are always a huge benefit in learning the history of our area has encourage many local families	9/9/2021 12:06 PM
36	It's kind of off the beaten path. Don't really know much about it	9/9/2021 12:01 PM
37	Loved it! Fun to see what silt used to be.	9/8/2021 8:05 PM
38	Mac and Cheese Fest, live music, steam punk event, silt hey days quilt show, homeschool field trips, Halloween.	9/7/2021 6:52 PM
39	concerts and preservation of our history	9/7/2021 2:46 PM
40	The historical park is a community treasure and every effort should be made to help preserve and promote it.	9/7/2021 11:30 AM
41	not impressed	9/7/2021 11:03 AM
42	Farmers market	9/6/2021 10:19 PM
43	Went to a concert there, and went with my kids on a school field trip.	9/6/2021 6:30 PM
44	Festivals and concerts	9/6/2021 2:11 PM
45	Thanks for putting this on the survey. I am a volunteer at the SHP. We feel the facility could be used as a visitor center if the town were able to pay an individual to man it. Right now we are 100% volunteer and we can't afford to pay associates.	9/6/2021 8:28 AM
46	great sense of local history	9/5/2021 4:56 PM
47	I think it is a very nice place to visit.	9/5/2021 7:53 AM
48	My kids loved it!	9/4/2021 12:22 PM
49	Talk about native American history	9/4/2021 12:08 PM
50	Not Walker and wheelchair friendly	9/4/2021 11:25 AM
51	I don't quite understand the whole museum - do I need a ticket? Are there tours at certain times? Where exactly is the front entrance?	9/4/2021 10:39 AM

Q7 What should be the Town's financial priority regarding Parks & Recreation activities?

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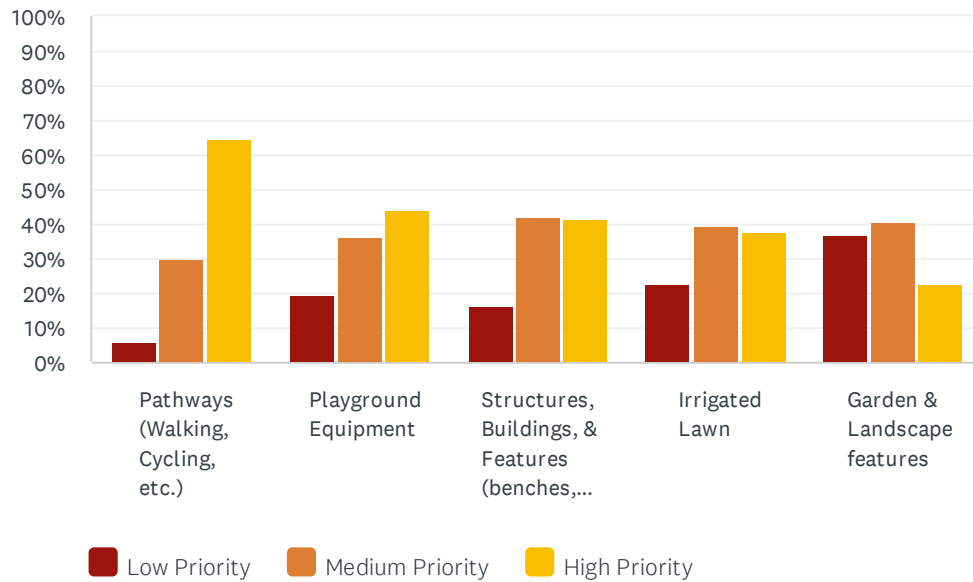
	LOW PRIORITY	MEDIUM PRIORITY	HIGH PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Maintain & Improve Existing Amenities	3.57% 5	24.29% 34	72.14% 101	140	2.69
Conserve & Manage Open Space	19.15% 27	36.88% 52	43.97% 62	141	2.25
Acquire more land for Parks, Open Space & Recreation	28.06% 39	28.06% 39	43.88% 61	139	2.16
Expand Sport Facilities & Programs	25.00% 35	32.14% 45	42.86% 60	140	2.18
Develop and/or Construct New Amenities	33.81% 47	30.94% 43	35.25% 49	139	2.01
Develop and/or Provide Space for Community Events	27.66% 39	44.68% 63	27.66% 39	141	2.00

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	River water park	10/6/2021 9:52 AM
2	Work on infrastructure instead!	10/2/2021 4:55 AM
3	I believe any new development should include parks or sports fields.	9/30/2021 12:34 PM
4	A Year around swimming pool	9/27/2021 12:10 PM
5	Pool	9/24/2021 3:57 PM
6	Community garden/orchard?	9/24/2021 3:55 PM
7	Take care of the poor sidewalks that cause hazards for little kids on bikes heading to parks	9/17/2021 5:57 PM

8	Please improve upon what we already have instead of investing in something new.	9/16/2021 6:00 PM
9	We desperately need to clean up, complete & maintain what is on the way to providing!	9/14/2021 7:30 AM
10	Indoor sports facilities please.	9/13/2021 11:43 AM
11	We need additional soccer fields	9/13/2021 10:18 AM
12	We need additional soccer fields	9/13/2021 9:59 AM
13	It would be great to see Silt do more for pre teen and teen kids. A skate park is all they really have in decent condition and honestly that's no where I would ever allow my kids to hang out. It's not a great environment!	9/12/2021 9:56 PM
14	Rec Center	9/12/2021 9:16 PM
15	Rec Center	9/12/2021 7:07 PM
16	Would love a splash pad!	9/11/2021 9:13 PM
17	We need bike paths!	9/10/2021 10:25 PM
18	Silt needs to develop the town before adding sports facilities, meaning a grocery store would be nice.	9/10/2021 10:04 AM
19	Help out Historical Park	9/10/2021 8:57 AM
20	A dog park would be nice, also a splash/water park.	9/10/2021 8:23 AM
21	Let private businesses develop these facilities.	9/9/2021 1:55 PM
22	Invest in what we have, we don't need more.	9/9/2021 12:25 PM
23	A recreation center or community center would be a huge benefit to silt. You are a family centric town and should honor the families trying to raise good citizens and not focus on artwork	9/9/2021 12:06 PM
24	Put bathrooms at your parks	9/9/2021 7:17 AM
25	There are plenty of playgrounds and kids amenities. We could use complete and safe travels for all ages to use.	9/8/2021 2:46 PM
26	Taxation is theft	9/7/2021 8:22 AM
27	Need more dog friendly spaces	9/6/2021 10:19 PM
28	More bike paths and walking paths	9/6/2021 5:57 PM
29	Make safe route to Coal Ridge HS	9/6/2021 2:11 PM
30	The area of Iron Horse Mesa could definitely use a park since the church playground is off limits for non members. It would also be great to see the walking path extended north	9/6/2021 8:55 AM
31	Subsidize an employee at the SHP to make that also the visitor center for the area.	9/6/2021 8:28 AM
32	Rec Center	9/5/2021 10:08 PM
33	Dog friendly with leash and trails	9/4/2021 7:21 PM
34	Let's take care of what we have first, then look to expand.	9/4/2021 3:48 PM
35	Areas for dogs in town. Allow dogs in some parks.	9/4/2021 12:08 PM
36	There are no playgrounds or parks that are Walker and wheelchair friendly and that is not up to ADA laws and standards	9/4/2021 11:25 AM
37	Provide more dog friendly trails and parks	9/4/2021 10:39 AM

Q8 How important are the following to your enjoyment of parks, open space, and recreation facilities.

Answered: 143 Skipped: 4



	LOW PRIORITY	MEDIUM PRIORITY	HIGH PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Pathways (Walking, Cycling, etc.)	5.67% 8	29.79% 42	64.54% 91	141	2.59
Playground Equipment	19.58% 28	36.36% 52	44.06% 63	143	2.24
Structures, Buildings, & Features (benches, shade structures, signs, water features, etc.)	16.20% 23	42.25% 60	41.55% 59	142	2.25
Irrigated Lawn	22.86% 32	39.29% 55	37.86% 53	140	2.15
Garden & Landscape features	36.96% 51	40.58% 56	22.46% 31	138	1.86

#	SHOULD UNDERUSED PARKS BE REPURPOSED/REDESIGNED?	DATE
1	Yes	10/6/2021 9:52 AM
2	Redesign	10/2/2021 10:00 PM
3	Don't know	10/2/2021 4:55 AM
4	Yes	9/28/2021 2:38 PM
5	maybe	9/27/2021 3:00 PM
6	YES	9/27/2021 12:17 PM
7	Yes	9/27/2021 12:10 PM
8	how to determine "underused"? if repurposed, what for?	9/27/2021 9:21 AM
9	It's worth looking into and either redesigning or repurposing.	9/26/2021 6:45 PM
10	Possibly. Need more specifics	9/26/2021 11:43 AM
11	Don't sell them! Consider redesigning them. Parks are essential elements of our town!	9/25/2021 10:18 AM
12	Yes	9/24/2021 8:42 PM
13	Yes	9/24/2021 8:36 PM

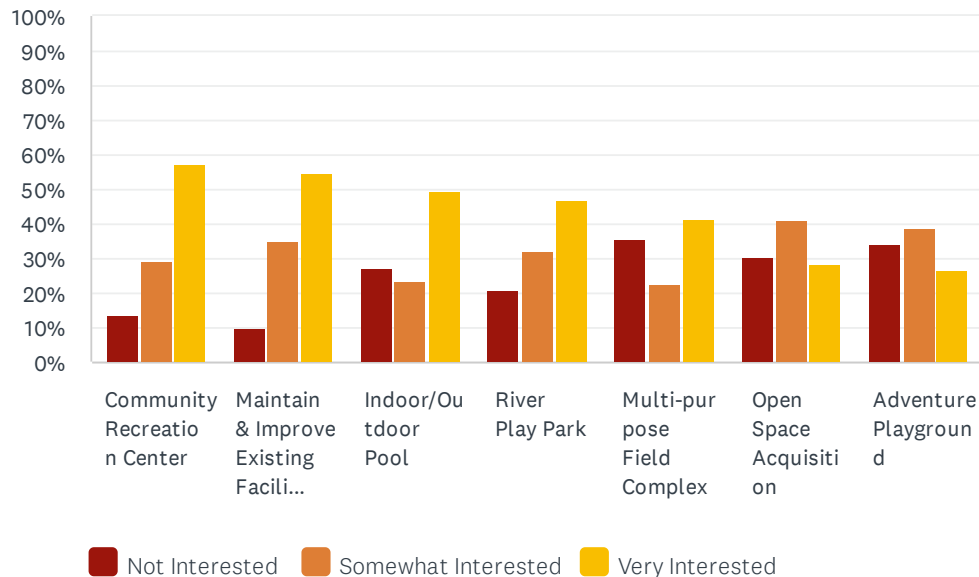
14	Yes	9/24/2021 7:42 PM
15	I would not have a problem with it but they are cool now	9/24/2021 6:45 PM
16	Yes	9/24/2021 3:55 PM
17	No	9/24/2021 3:51 PM
18	yes	9/22/2021 8:45 AM
19	Yes!	9/19/2021 6:14 PM
20	Should be considered	9/17/2021 5:57 PM
21	Yes	9/17/2021 5:00 PM
22	Yes, but please invest in upgrading the ones that are used first!	9/16/2021 6:00 PM
23	yes	9/16/2021 12:12 PM
24	yes, definitely. If they were redeisgned to be more inviting I think they would get used more. I know we would go to out little Tara Park more often if things were cleaned up, nicer and more fun for the kids in the middle ages of 5-12	9/15/2021 3:00 PM
25	Yes	9/14/2021 7:04 PM
26	Off topic but we should look forward to turf instead of natural grass and save some water	9/14/2021 6:52 PM
27	Yes	9/14/2021 10:28 AM
28	Yes	9/14/2021 9:50 AM
29	Yes! Just design them, restrooms, etc. Get rid of ther dirt & totally ugly surroundings!	9/14/2021 7:30 AM
30	Yes, but I would like to see it happen as an evolution of the space's usage, not a redo.	9/13/2021 2:50 PM
31	yes	9/13/2021 1:53 PM
32	Yes.	9/13/2021 11:43 AM
33	Yes	9/13/2021 10:18 AM
34	Yes	9/13/2021 9:59 AM
35	We should look at the most cost effective options for small areas that are considered parks but have no true definable function. Gateway, Hairpin	9/13/2021 9:12 AM
36	YES	9/13/2021 8:26 AM
37	Yes	9/13/2021 7:00 AM
38	Yes	9/12/2021 10:12 PM
39	Make a sports complex or design some fields to be utilized!	9/12/2021 9:56 PM
40	Yes	9/12/2021 9:16 PM
41	yes	9/12/2021 7:07 PM
42	Yes	9/11/2021 9:16 PM
43	Yes	9/11/2021 9:13 PM
44	Yes	9/10/2021 10:25 PM
45	No	9/10/2021 5:35 PM
46	Yes, why is Hair Pin even there?	9/10/2021 10:04 AM
47	Yes	9/10/2021 9:35 AM
48	Yes	9/10/2021 9:13 AM
49	Yes! More Xeriscape landscaping	9/10/2021 8:57 AM

50	Veteran's park would be a great venue for Farmer's Market, and would allow kids to play more safely.	9/10/2021 8:23 AM
51	Possibly.	9/9/2021 1:55 PM
52	Absolutely yes	9/9/2021 1:34 PM
53	No	9/9/2021 12:25 PM
54	Yes. Some water parks/splash pads would be an awesome addition	9/9/2021 12:06 PM
55	I think a lot of parks are not visit very often. It might be a good idea to repurpose these for a more usable use	9/9/2021 12:01 PM
56	Maybe it all depends what you have done	9/8/2021 10:29 PM
57	Yes	9/8/2021 8:05 PM
58	Yes	9/8/2021 7:02 PM
59	no	9/8/2021 4:18 PM
60	Yes, but only left there are left over funds to complete.	9/8/2021 3:11 PM
61	Yes	9/8/2021 12:35 PM
62	vague. need community input	9/8/2021 5:18 AM
63	Yes	9/7/2021 7:39 PM
64	Hey, can Silt get a grocery store?	9/7/2021 6:52 PM
65	Repurposed	9/7/2021 4:17 PM
66	yes	9/7/2021 2:46 PM
67	Yes.	9/7/2021 11:30 AM
68	It would be a great Idea to consider	9/7/2021 11:29 AM
69	no	9/7/2021 11:03 AM
70	Hell fucking NO	9/7/2021 8:22 AM
71	No	9/6/2021 10:19 PM
72	Yes.	9/6/2021 10:08 PM
73	Yes	9/6/2021 6:30 PM
74	No	9/6/2021 4:44 PM
75	Yes	9/6/2021 2:11 PM
76	Hairpin park is a joke. I'm not sure why it is classified as a park and why have one there when you have the soccer field so close.	9/6/2021 9:31 AM
77	Yes	9/6/2021 8:55 AM
78	I think some of the tiny parks should be converted into wildlife habitat rather than in lawn	9/6/2021 8:28 AM
79	Yes	9/6/2021 7:41 AM
80	Yes	9/6/2021 4:58 AM
81	Definitely	9/5/2021 10:08 PM
82	Yes	9/5/2021 10:01 PM
83	Yes	9/5/2021 9:20 PM
84	Depends	9/5/2021 9:18 PM
85	yes	9/5/2021 4:56 PM
86	Please allow dogs, it super unfriendly to have the majority of parks marked no dogs	9/4/2021 7:21 PM

87	Yes	9/4/2021 5:01 PM
88	If it means making other parks nicer, yes.	9/4/2021 3:48 PM
89	Yes	9/4/2021 3:30 PM
90	Yes. Underused parks should be turned into habitat and focus on parks where most use is.	9/4/2021 12:08 PM
91	Yes	9/4/2021 11:53 AM
92	Yes so they are Walker, wheelchair and stroller friendly. Kids in wheelchairs and grandmas with walkers would like to enjoy playgrounds together	9/4/2021 11:25 AM
93	Yes	9/4/2021 10:39 AM
94	Depends on what you are repurposing to	9/4/2021 10:24 AM

Q9 Of the example images that follow, How interested are you in these projects?

Answered: 143 Skipped: 4



	NOT INTERESTED	SOMEWHAT INTERESTED	VERY INTERESTED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Community Recreation Center	13.57% 19	29.29% 41	57.14% 80	140	2.44
Maintain & Improve Existing Facilities	9.86% 14	35.21% 50	54.93% 78	142	2.45
Indoor/Outdoor Pool	27.14% 38	23.57% 33	49.29% 69	140	2.22
River Play Park	21.28% 30	31.91% 45	46.81% 66	141	2.26
Multi-purpose Field Complex	35.71% 50	22.86% 32	41.43% 58	140	2.06
Open Space Acquisition	30.50% 43	41.13% 58	28.37% 40	141	1.98
Adventure Playground	34.04% 48	39.01% 55	26.95% 38	141	1.93

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Plan more events and advertise in the post independent	9/27/2021 3:00 PM
2	Pool with a modest building	9/27/2021 12:10 PM
3	Heated, Indoor & Outdoor	9/24/2021 3:57 PM
4	Community garden and orchard	9/24/2021 3:55 PM
5	recycling	9/22/2021 8:45 AM
6	Silt definitely needs a recreation center. It's so dang hot here in the summer and nothing to do but stay inside or go to Rifle. I would rather give my money to my town. :)	9/15/2021 3:00 PM
7	I Fantastic ideas...need to focus on cleanups, maintance of existing & adding that that will benefit most of our community!	9/14/2021 7:30 AM
8	More walking trails would be great.	9/10/2021 10:04 AM
9	Velodrome, whitewater park, mountain bike trails	9/10/2021 8:57 AM
10	Only using existing property.	9/9/2021 1:55 PM
11	Please can Silt get a grocery store?	9/7/2021 6:52 PM
12	FUCK the town of shit	9/7/2021 8:22 AM
13	I would like to see more dog friendly options.	9/6/2021 10:19 PM
14	Place that allows dog to play fetch in town.	9/4/2021 12:08 PM
15	Wheelchair, Walker and stroller friendly playgrounds and parks that are up to ADA standards and beyond. Universal design is important and lacking in Silt and surrounding areas.	9/4/2021 11:25 AM

Q10 Currently the Town offers Micro-soccer and Youth Basketball. What other youth sports should the Town offer?

Answered: 112 Skipped: 35

#	RESPONSES	DATE
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1	Don't need any, surrounding communities have better options, put money towards increasing taxes through tourism	10/6/2021 9:52 AM
2	Baseball/Softball T-ball / baseball / softball	10/5/2021 10:13 AM
3	Football Misc. Swimming Football, golf, swimming	10/2/2021 10:00 PM
4	N/A Don't know	10/2/2021 4:55 AM
5	Baseball/Softball Volleyball Volleyball Baseball/softball	9/30/2021 12:43 PM
6	Baseball/Softball Misc. Children crafts, baseball and softball, and community activities.	9/30/2021 12:34 PM
7	Baseball/Softball Football Misc. Outdoor Sports Swimming Volleyball Wrestling, Lacrosse, Volleyball, all sports	9/28/2021 2:38 PM
8	Baseball/Softball baseball/softball	9/27/2021 3:00 PM
9	Baseball/Softball Football Misc. Volleyball Baseball, Volleyball, Flag football, Wrestling	9/27/2021 12:17 PM
10	N/A no kids. not qualified to weigh in on this one.	9/27/2021 9:21 AM
11	Baseball/Softball Maybe a softball/baseball league.	9/26/2021 6:45 PM
12	N/A Not sure	9/26/2021 11:43 AM
13	Baseball/Softball T-ball, softball, baseball	9/24/2021 7:42 PM
14	N/A I'm not sure	9/24/2021 6:45 PM
15	N/A Na	9/24/2021 3:55 PM
16	Baseball/Softball Softball & Baseball	9/24/2021 3:51 PM
17	N/A Not sure	9/22/2021 8:45 AM
18	Baseball/Softball Softball/baseball	9/19/2021 6:14 PM
19	Baseball/Softball Tee ball, baseball	9/17/2021 5:57 PM
20	Baseball/Softball T-Ball	9/16/2021 6:00 PM
21	Outdoor Sports Rock Climbing!	9/15/2021 3:00 PM
22	Baseball/Softball t-ball	9/15/2021 10:52 AM
23	Football Football	9/14/2021 7:04 PM
24	Misc. Futsal	9/14/2021 6:52 PM
25	Outdoor Sports More soccer for older kids, river sports,	9/14/2021 10:28 AM
26	Baseball/Softball Baseball	9/14/2021 9:50 AM
27	N/A I'm not involved in this age group.	9/14/2021 7:30 AM
28	Misc. Depends on how many kids in those age groups there are in Silt, and what other nearby towns are already offering.	9/13/2021 2:50 PM
29	Misc. hockey, golf, tennis	9/13/2021 1:53 PM
30	Baseball/Softball Football Volleyball Baseball, volleyball, football, golf...	9/13/2021 11:43 AM
31	Baseball/Softball Maybe baseball	9/13/2021 10:18 AM
32	Baseball/Softball Baseball	9/13/2021 8:42 AM
33	Football Football, kids cornhole league	9/13/2021 8:26 AM
34	Football Football if interest supports it	9/13/2021 7:00 AM
35	Misc. A large variety of other sports.	9/13/2021 5:36 AM
36	Baseball/Softball Football Softball and football	9/12/2021 10:12 PM
37	Baseball/Softball Baseball	9/12/2021 9:56 PM

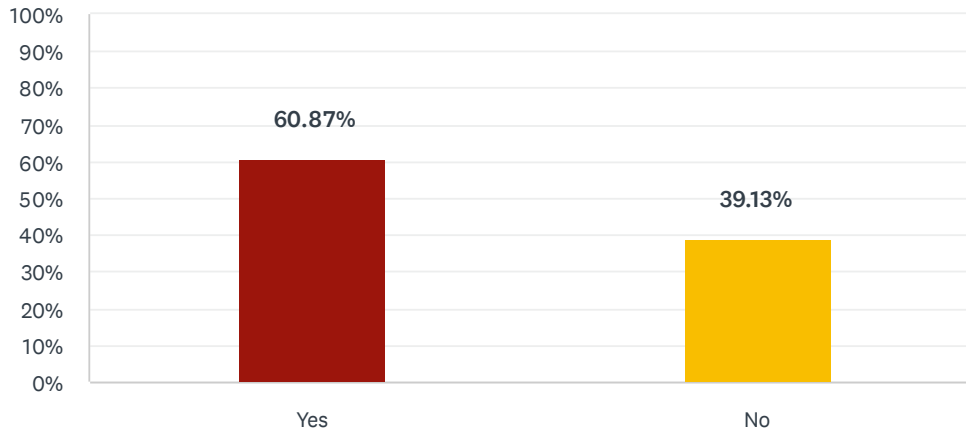
38	Baseball/Softball Football Volleyball	Girls softball, volleyball, football, baseball	9/12/2021 9:56 PM
39	Volleyball	Volleyball	9/12/2021 9:16 PM
40	Volleyball	Older soccer, volleyball, baseball	9/12/2021 9:10 PM
41	Misc.	Only offer sports for which the town can find referees. Don't expand sports until there is a plan to actually provide officials to make sporting events fair.	9/11/2021 9:16 PM
42	Baseball/Softball Football Volleyball	Volleyball, football, baseball & softball	9/11/2021 8:38 AM
43	Volleyball	Lacrosse, Rec soccer for older kids, volleyball, tennis	9/11/2021 8:27 AM
44	Outdoor Sports Volleyball	Volleyball , cycling, outdoor kid adventures	9/10/2021 10:25 PM
45	N/A	no opinion	9/10/2021 10:04 AM
46	Football	Youth football	9/10/2021 9:35 AM
47	Outdoor Sports Swimming	shooting sports, swimming	9/10/2021 8:57 AM
48	Misc.	My children enjoyed micro soccer but are too old for any additional offerings.	9/10/2021 8:54 AM
49	Baseball/Softball	Tee-ball	9/10/2021 8:23 AM
50	Baseball/Softball	Baseball	9/10/2021 7:18 AM
51	Misc.	Karate	9/9/2021 5:51 PM
52	N/A	N/A	9/9/2021 1:55 PM
53	Baseball/Softball	Introductory baseball league	9/9/2021 1:34 PM
54	Baseball/Softball Football	Youth T-ball Pee-wee Football	9/9/2021 1:11 PM
55	Football	Football	9/9/2021 12:55 PM
56	Misc.	When I was a kid I participated in baseball. I would check with the school and ask them to survey the kids. I attended silt's sports because my parents had to work and were not available to drive me to another town for practice and were not interested in paying the price of competitive sports. If you ask children of those types of parents at the school you would get a better idea of how best to serve the community.	9/9/2021 12:25 PM
57	Baseball/Softball Volleyball	T-ball, youth volleyball there on Grand	9/9/2021 12:06 PM
58	Baseball/Softball	Baseball, hockey, lacross	9/9/2021 9:52 AM
59	Baseball/Softball	Baseball, softball, older soccer local not traveling	9/9/2021 7:17 AM
60	Misc.	Tennis	9/9/2021 7:05 AM
61	Baseball/Softball Football	Football and baseball	9/9/2021 6:59 AM
62	Volleyball	Volleyball! Currently most of our daughters team is from silt and we travel to NC	9/8/2021 10:43 PM
63	Baseball/Softball	Baseball	9/8/2021 10:29 PM
64	Volleyball	Camps for kids during summer for sports. Volleyball	9/8/2021 9:31 PM
65	Baseball/Softball	Tball	9/8/2021 9:13 PM
66	Volleyball	Volleyball	9/8/2021 8:05 PM
67	Baseball/Softball Swimming	TBall, softball, tennis, swimming, archery, shooting sports	9/8/2021 7:02 PM
68	Baseball/Softball	T-ball/baseball/softball	9/8/2021 5:05 PM
69	Baseball/Softball	T-ball	9/8/2021 4:18 PM
70	Baseball/Softball	T-ball	9/8/2021 4:13 PM
71	Misc.	Very happy with both options.	9/8/2021 3:11 PM
72	Outdoor Sports	mountain bike trails	9/8/2021 2:46 PM

73	Baseball/Softball	T-ball, baseball	9/8/2021 12:35 PM
74	Baseball/Softball	T Ball	9/8/2021 12:20 PM
75	Baseball/Softball	Baseball	9/8/2021 5:18 AM
76	Swimming	Swimming	9/7/2021 7:39 PM
77	Baseball/Softball	Softball	9/7/2021 7:35 PM
78	Baseball/Softball	Tae Kwon Do, track and field, dance, baseball, softball, cheerleading,	9/7/2021 6:52 PM
79	Baseball/Softball	Volleyball Volleyball, softball.	9/7/2021 4:17 PM
80	Misc.	fix disk golf	9/7/2021 2:46 PM
81	Outdoor Sports	Archery	9/7/2021 2:26 PM
82	Volleyball	Volley ball	9/7/2021 2:13 PM
83	N/A	None. The Town should offer adult sports.	9/7/2021 11:30 AM
84	N/A	None, the parents should be responsible and offer any sports programs they want	9/7/2021 11:03 AM
85	N/A	NONE FFS	9/7/2021 8:22 AM
86	Baseball/Softball	Soccer past age 8. Softball/baseball	9/6/2021 10:19 PM
87	Misc.	Dance, art, cooking Classes- more things for kids not interested in sports	9/6/2021 10:08 PM
88	Baseball/Softball	When my sons were young there was baseball offered	9/6/2021 6:30 PM
89	Baseball/Softball	Softball	9/6/2021 4:44 PM
90	Misc.	Hockey	9/6/2021 4:31 PM
91	N/A	Unknown	9/6/2021 2:11 PM
92	Football	Football	9/6/2021 9:31 AM
93	Baseball/Softball	Tee ball	9/6/2021 8:55 AM
94	Baseball/Softball	baseball	9/6/2021 8:28 AM
95	N/A	Unknown	9/6/2021 7:41 AM
96	N/A	I don't have kids	9/6/2021 5:56 AM
97	N/A	Not sure	9/6/2021 4:58 AM
98	Baseball/Softball	ALL!! Baseball, wrestling, afterschool activities	9/5/2021 10:08 PM
99	Misc.	Wrestling	9/5/2021 10:01 PM
100	N/A	Not sure	9/5/2021 9:20 PM
101	Misc.	The Town should consider leading an effort to establish a recreation district to include neighboring towns. The district could afford to do more than is currently available in all the towns combined.	9/5/2021 4:56 PM
102	Baseball/Softball	T ball	9/4/2021 10:49 PM
103	Swimming	Swimming,	9/4/2021 7:21 PM
104	Baseball/Softball	Baseball/softball	9/4/2021 5:01 PM
105	Volleyball	Volleyball	9/4/2021 3:48 PM
106	Football	Football	9/4/2021 3:30 PM
107	Baseball/Softball	Volleyball Softball, basketball, volleyball	9/4/2021 2:48 PM
108	Swimming	Swim lessons if we get a pool, dance, cooking classes	9/4/2021 12:22 PM
109	N/A	NA	9/4/2021 12:08 PM

110	Misc.	Wheelchair basketball	9/4/2021 11:25 AM
111	Baseball/Softball	T-ball and some type of gymnastics/tumbling	9/4/2021 10:39 AM
112	Baseball/Softball	Softball/baseball	9/4/2021 10:24 AM

Q11 Should the Town offer Adult Sport Leagues?

Answered: 138 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.87%	84
No	39.13%	54
TOTAL		138

Q12 What Adult sports or recreational leagues (Pickle Ball, Dodgeball, Kick Ball, Corn Hole, etc) would be of interest?

Answered: 111 Skipped: 36

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	10/6/2021 9:52 AM
2	Softball	10/5/2021 10:13 AM
3	Corn Hile, Kick Ball	10/2/2021 10:00 PM
4	?	10/2/2021 4:55 AM
5	Corn hole.	9/30/2021 12:34 PM
6	Basketball	9/28/2021 2:38 PM
7	Corn Hole	9/27/2021 3:00 PM
8	Basketball, volleyball, and softball	9/27/2021 12:17 PM
9	Unsupervised facility OK	9/27/2021 12:10 PM
10	softball	9/27/2021 9:21 AM
11	Pickleball, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee	9/26/2021 6:45 PM

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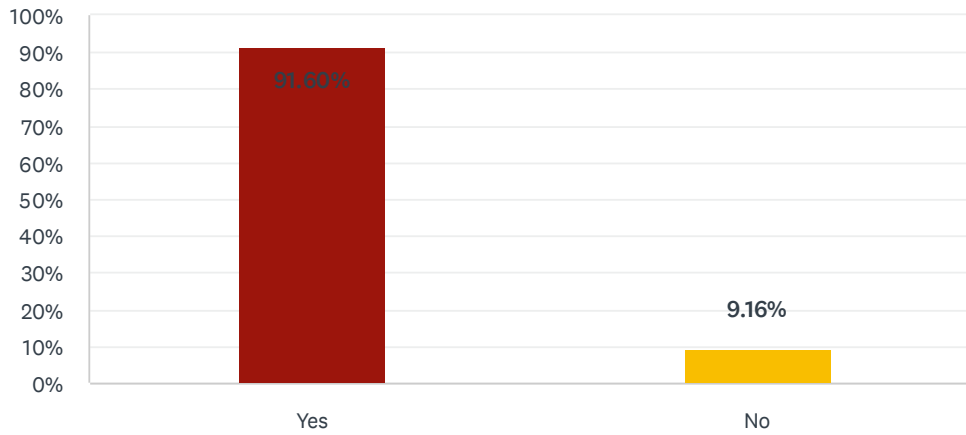
12	None	9/25/2021 10:18 AM
13	?	9/24/2021 8:42 PM
14	Volley ball, softball	9/24/2021 7:42 PM
15	Kick ball and corn hole	9/24/2021 6:45 PM
16	Crochet	9/24/2021 3:57 PM
17	Kickball, flagfootball, softball	9/24/2021 3:55 PM
18	Corn Hole	9/24/2021 3:51 PM
19	Any of these, and baseball	9/22/2021 8:45 AM
20	Dodgeball!	9/19/2021 6:14 PM
21	Pickle ball, corn hole	9/17/2021 5:00 PM
22	none	9/16/2021 6:00 PM
23	Softball, Soccer	9/15/2021 3:00 PM
24	Kickball	9/14/2021 7:04 PM
25	None	9/14/2021 6:52 PM
26	Soccer	9/14/2021 10:28 AM
27	Pickle ball	9/14/2021 9:50 AM
28	Pickle Ball & Corn Hole!	9/14/2021 7:30 AM
29	Corn hole, horseshoes, kick ball, all could be fun. Less traditional sports won't have to compete with adult sports in nearby towns.	9/13/2021 2:50 PM
30	tennis	9/13/2021 2:20 PM
31	golf	9/13/2021 1:53 PM
32	Softball	9/13/2021 11:43 AM
33	Corn Hole and Softball	9/13/2021 10:18 AM
34	Corn Hole, softball	9/13/2021 9:59 AM
35	Pickle ball and futsal would be awesome. If we could turn the tennis courts into a complex with either of these courts they would be much better utilized by community members.	9/13/2021 9:12 AM
36	Soccer	9/13/2021 8:42 AM
37	cornhole , horseshoes, softball	9/13/2021 8:26 AM
38	Horse shoes league	9/13/2021 7:00 AM
39	All the above	9/13/2021 5:57 AM
40	All of the above	9/13/2021 5:36 AM
41	Softball, corn hole and basketball	9/12/2021 10:12 PM
42	Softball cornhole kick ball	9/12/2021 9:56 PM
43	Futsal	9/12/2021 9:16 PM
44	Same issue as above. It's great unless paid officials are needed. Don't do like the soccer club and keep expanding with zero plan for actually getting officials.	9/11/2021 9:16 PM
45	Pickle ball	9/11/2021 8:38 AM
46	Any	9/11/2021 8:27 AM
47	Soccer, basketball , tennis, volleyball	9/10/2021 10:25 PM
48	none	9/10/2021 10:04 AM

49	bicycling, shooting, horseshoes	9/10/2021 8:57 AM
50	None	9/10/2021 8:54 AM
51	Any!	9/10/2021 8:23 AM
52	Volleyball	9/10/2021 7:18 AM
53	Kick ball, corn hole and baseball	9/9/2021 5:51 PM
54	Kick ball and baseball	9/9/2021 5:43 PM
55	N/A Let private groups offer these.	9/9/2021 1:55 PM
56	Just a place to congregate, take your kids to, and participate as an adult. An indoor pool and weight room would be great	9/9/2021 1:34 PM
57	Corn hole softball	9/9/2021 1:11 PM
58	Volleyball	9/9/2021 12:55 PM
59	Maybe dodgeball actually	9/9/2021 12:25 PM
60	Corn Hole, Dodgeball, Softball	9/9/2021 12:06 PM
61	Cornhole sounds fun	9/9/2021 12:01 PM
62	baseball, softball	9/9/2021 9:52 AM
63	Co Ed softball	9/9/2021 7:17 AM
64	Archery	9/9/2021 7:05 AM
65	Basketball, Flag football, softball	9/9/2021 6:59 AM
66	Pickle ball	9/8/2021 10:43 PM
67	Pickle ball, indoor soccer and kick ball	9/8/2021 10:29 PM
68	Volleyball cornhole	9/8/2021 9:31 PM
69	Cornhole, horseshoe, volleyball	9/8/2021 9:13 PM
70	Soccer, corn hole, softball	9/8/2021 8:05 PM
71	Softball, corn hole	9/8/2021 5:05 PM
72	Soccer, Volleyball, Softball	9/8/2021 4:18 PM
73	Basketball	9/8/2021 3:11 PM
74	corn hole	9/8/2021 2:46 PM
75	Pickelball would be a very via repurpose of the dilapidated existing tennis court	9/7/2021 7:39 PM
76	Corn hole	9/7/2021 7:35 PM
77	Corn hole	9/7/2021 6:52 PM
78	soft ball	9/7/2021 2:46 PM
79	Volleyball	9/7/2021 2:26 PM
80	Soccer	9/7/2021 2:13 PM
81	Kick Ball, volleyball, soccer	9/7/2021 11:30 AM
82	Volleyball	9/7/2021 11:29 AM
83	none	9/7/2021 11:03 AM
84	Eat shit Jannet A	9/7/2021 8:22 AM
85	Baseball	9/7/2021 7:55 AM

86	Softball	9/6/2021 10:19 PM
87	None	9/6/2021 10:08 PM
88	Pickle ball, softball	9/6/2021 5:57 PM
89	How about tennis? The town already has an existing court.	9/6/2021 4:44 PM
90	Softball	9/6/2021 4:31 PM
91	Perhaps softball	9/6/2021 2:11 PM
92	tennis	9/6/2021 9:56 AM
93	Pickle ball, Dodgeball, Corn hole, volleyball	9/6/2021 8:28 AM
94	Pickle ball	9/6/2021 7:41 AM
95	I am over age 60 so I don't play	9/6/2021 5:56 AM
96	Not sure	9/6/2021 4:58 AM
97	Pickelball	9/5/2021 10:13 PM
98	ALL	9/5/2021 10:08 PM
99	Dodgeball, corn hole and horseshoes	9/5/2021 10:01 PM
100	Corn hole	9/5/2021 9:20 PM
101	pickleball court	9/5/2021 4:56 PM
102	Pickle ball, corn hole, volleyball	9/5/2021 7:53 AM
103	Pickle ball, would have a big draw	9/4/2021 7:21 PM
104	Corn hole, disc golf, whiffle ball	9/4/2021 5:01 PM
105	Pickle Ball, softball	9/4/2021 3:48 PM
106	Horseshoes	9/4/2021 2:48 PM
107	Pickle ball.	9/4/2021 12:22 PM
108	The tennis court gives me migraines. I can't play on it.	9/4/2021 12:08 PM
109	Wheelchair basketball	9/4/2021 11:25 AM
110	Pickle ball, softball, corn hole or horseshoes	9/4/2021 10:39 AM
111	Softball, cornhole, volleyball	9/4/2021 10:24 AM

Q13 Have you or anyone in your household been to a Town of Silt Community Event?

Answered: 131 Skipped: 16



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.60%	120
No	9.16%	12
Total Respondents: 131		

Q14 Name a Community Event you have enjoyed attending here or elsewhere.

Answered: 125 Skipped: 22

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Food Events Ice cream social	10/6/2021 9:53 AM
2	Markets First Fridays, Farmers Markets	10/5/2021 10:14 AM
3	Better Planning None, all were ill planned	10/2/2021 10:02 PM
4	Hey Days Parade and hey day	10/2/2021 4:56 AM
5	Concerts Music at Stony Ridge	9/30/2021 12:36 PM
6	Movies Excited for polar express	9/28/2021 2:39 PM
7	Concerts The concerts - the whole family enjoys them	9/27/2021 3:02 PM
8	Markets Movies Farmers' Market, Easter Egg Hunt, Movie In The Park, Party At the Pavilion	9/27/2021 12:18 PM
9	Concerts Hey Days Markets Hey Day, Ice Cream Social, Farmers Market, Concerts, Programs At Historical Park	9/27/2021 12:12 PM
10	Concerts bike rodeo, band called alexis concert	9/27/2021 9:23 AM
11	Concerts Movies Outdoor movie, music in the park	9/26/2021 6:46 PM
12	Concerts Concerts, heydays, historic park, etc	9/26/2021 11:45 AM
13	Concerts Hey Days Concerts, Silt Hey Day, I love Mountain Fair & Strawberry Days	9/25/2021 10:19 AM
14	Hey Days Hey Days	9/24/2021 8:44 PM
15	Concerts Food Events Concerts, pumpkin toss, Chili cook-off	9/24/2021 7:43 PM
16	Hey Days Silt Hey Day	9/24/2021 3:58 PM
17	Concerts Concerts at the pavilion	9/24/2021 3:56 PM

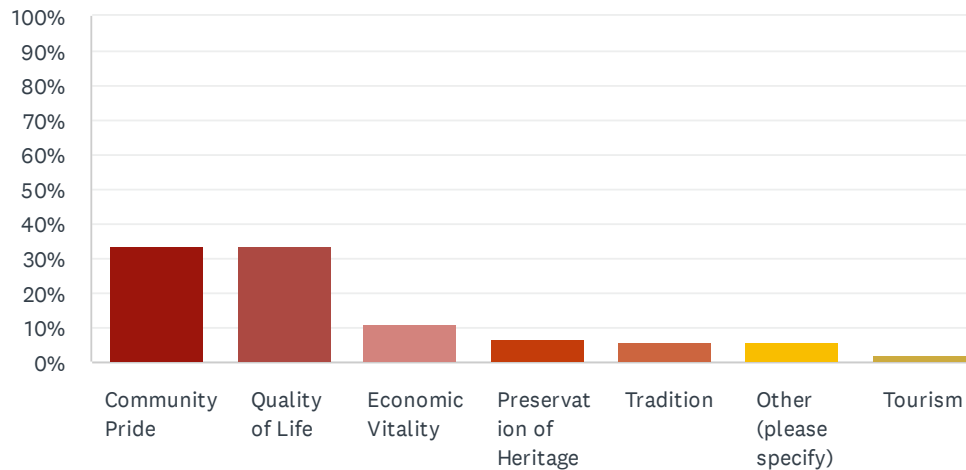
18	Hey Days Markets Hey Day and Farmers' Market	9/24/2021 3:52 PM
19	Markets Downtown market	9/23/2021 5:37 PM
20	Markets Community Market	9/22/2021 8:47 AM
21	Concerts Hey Days Holiday Events Markets Movies Most silt events	9/17/2021 5:58 PM
22	Concerts Food Events Hey Days Markets The chili cook off, pumpkin chuckin, hey days, concerts, farmers market	9/16/2021 6:02 PM
23	Concerts concert, youth sports	9/16/2021 12:13 PM
24	Concerts Movies Some of the concerts here town and movie in the park. The one thing that bothers me about some of the citizens in this community are their lack of welcoming new people and new ideas. It really bothers me and people can be quite rude if they think someone doesn't belong here.	9/15/2021 3:02 PM
25	Hey Days silt heydays	9/15/2021 10:53 AM
26	Na	9/14/2021 6:53 PM
27	Concerts Hey Days Halloween trick or treat downtown, Pumpkin chuckin, Hey Days, concert series	9/14/2021 10:29 AM
28	Hey Days Silt Hey Day	9/14/2021 9:51 AM
29	Concerts Hey Days Markets Hey Days many times, farmer's market, Historical Society events, concerts in the park, movies in the park.	9/13/2021 2:51 PM
30	Concerts music	9/13/2021 1:53 PM
31	Food Events Hey Days Chili cook off, Hey Day, too many to list.	9/13/2021 11:44 AM
32	Concerts Movies Movie in the park, concerts, festivals	9/13/2021 10:18 AM
33	Concerts Movies Concerts in the park, fall fest, movie in the park	9/13/2021 9:13 AM
34	Markets Pumpkin painting, farmers market and craft fairs	9/13/2021 8:44 AM
35	Hey Days silt hey days	9/13/2021 8:27 AM
36	Concerts Concerts	9/13/2021 7:02 AM
37	Concerts Hey Days Holiday Events Markets Movies I do not remember the official names of the events	9/13/2021 5:37 AM
38	Hey Days Silt hay days	9/13/2021 5:20 AM
39	Concerts Hey Days Concert and Silt hay day	9/12/2021 10:12 PM
40	Concerts Hey Days Hey days concerts	9/12/2021 9:57 PM
41	Hey Days Halloween trick or Treat, Silt Hay Days	9/12/2021 9:57 PM
42	Concerts Large Concerts	9/12/2021 9:17 PM
43	Holiday Events Hometown Holodays	9/12/2021 9:12 PM
44	Concerts Markets Farmers market and concert	9/12/2021 7:08 PM
45	Markets Farmers market, parades, carnival	9/11/2021 9:19 PM
46	Holiday Events Easter hunts	9/11/2021 9:17 PM
47	Hey Days Markets Hay days, 5ks, silt historical 5k event, farmers market	9/11/2021 8:39 AM
48	?	9/11/2021 8:28 AM
49	Concerts Food Events Markets Chili cookoff, Easter egg hunt, farmers market, concert	9/10/2021 10:26 PM
50	Hey Days Heydays	9/10/2021 5:38 PM
51	Concerts The concerts are fun. We hate the July 4th fireworks! Disrupts the whole town.	9/10/2021 10:10 AM

52	Holiday Events	Holiday light parade	9/10/2021 9:36 AM
53	Concerts Hey Days	Hey Day, Stoney Ridge Concerts, Historical Park Chautaugua	9/10/2021 9:04 AM
54	Concerts	Outdoor Concerts	9/10/2021 8:57 AM
55	Markets	Farmer's Market, various holiday events	9/10/2021 8:25 AM
56		Macaroni festival	9/9/2021 5:52 PM
57	Hey Days	Hey Days and Historical Society events	9/9/2021 2:23 PM
58	Better Planning Hey Days	Lots of them, I feel heydays used to a lot bigger and better, I think you would be suprised at how many people would come out and participate if the events were planned and run better. Rather than doing it the same old way as always and then saying that the community is not interested in events	9/9/2021 1:56 PM
59	Hey Days Holiday Events	Sitting with Santa/ Heydays/ Octoberfest	9/9/2021 1:13 PM
60	Hey Days Markets	Farmer's market, hay days and strawberry days	9/9/2021 12:57 PM
61	Markets	The farmer's market and the night we all go out to support the local businesses. Those are good	9/9/2021 12:27 PM
62	Hey Days	Hay days and literally all the others except a few events through out my life	9/9/2021 12:17 PM
63	Hey Days Markets	Hay Days Chataqua Farmers Market many others for over 30 years	9/9/2021 12:08 PM
64	Markets	Farmers market. And others	9/9/2021 12:02 PM
65	Hey Days	haydays	9/9/2021 9:53 AM
66	Better Planning Hey Days	Silt heydays but this year it was disappointing	9/9/2021 7:19 AM
67	Markets	Farmers market	9/9/2021 7:07 AM
68	Concerts	Concerts at Stoney Ridge	9/9/2021 7:00 AM
69	Concerts Hey Days	Silt Hey Days when they had concert	9/8/2021 10:44 PM
70	Hey Days	Light the town and hay days	9/8/2021 10:30 PM
71		Meeker Range Call	9/8/2021 9:32 PM
72	Concerts Markets	Heyday, concerts, farmers market	9/8/2021 9:14 PM
73	Hey Days	Silt hey days	9/8/2021 8:07 PM
74	Concerts Hey Days	Hey Day, concerts, sports events	9/8/2021 7:04 PM
75	Hey Days	Hey Days	9/8/2021 5:06 PM
76	Movies	Movies in the park	9/8/2021 4:20 PM
77	Food Events Markets	Farmers market, chili cook off	9/8/2021 4:15 PM
78	Markets	Farmers Market	9/8/2021 3:12 PM
79	Markets	farmer's market	9/8/2021 2:47 PM
80	Hey Days	family fall fest, hayday, party at the pavilion	9/8/2021 12:36 PM
81	Concerts	Concerts, Chile Cookoff	9/8/2021 12:21 PM
82	Hey Days Holiday Events	Heyday, FFF, Halloween	9/8/2021 5:22 AM
83	Concerts Hey Days	Hey Days, music in the park, 5K fun runs	9/7/2021 7:41 PM
84	Hey Days	Silt haydays	9/7/2021 7:36 PM
85	Food Events Hey Days	Silt Hey Days, chili cook off, events at silt historic society	9/7/2021 6:54 PM
86	Hey Days	Hey Days, police bike rodeo	9/7/2021 4:18 PM
87	Food Events	chili cookoff	9/7/2021 2:48 PM

88	Concerts Concert	9/7/2021 2:27 PM
89	Concerts Hey Days Friday night live music , Hey Days, Pumpkin Chunkin	9/7/2021 11:32 AM
90	Hey Days Holiday Events Movies Heyday, movie nights, Christmas	9/7/2021 11:31 AM
91	Concerts concerts	9/7/2021 11:04 AM
92	Silt is a fucking joke!	9/7/2021 8:24 AM
93	Hey Days Hey days	9/7/2021 7:56 AM
94	Hey Days Silt Hay Day	9/6/2021 10:24 PM
95	Hey Days Hey days	9/6/2021 10:20 PM
96	Car show, parades	9/6/2021 6:34 PM
97	Concerts Hey Days Markets Hey days, farmers markets, concerts at Stoney ridge	9/6/2021 5:58 PM
98	Hey Days Heyday	9/6/2021 4:48 PM
99	County fair	9/6/2021 4:33 PM
100	Hey Days Hey Day	9/6/2021 2:13 PM
101	n/a	9/6/2021 9:57 AM
102	Parade	9/6/2021 9:32 AM
103	Hey Days Silt Hey Days	9/6/2021 8:56 AM
104	Food Events Hey Days Hey Days, Party at the Pavillion, ice cream socials, chili cookoff, pumpkin tossing	9/6/2021 8:31 AM
105	Hey Days Hey Days	9/6/2021 7:42 AM
106	Concerts Concert	9/6/2021 5:59 AM
107	Hey Days Hey Deys	9/6/2021 5:00 AM
108	Concerts Hey Days Holiday Events Markets Movies All	9/5/2021 10:09 PM
109	Holiday Events Easter Egg Hunt	9/5/2021 10:02 PM
110	Concerts Hey Days Concerts and Hey Day	9/5/2021 9:22 PM
111	Concerts Concerts at the park Burning Mtn. Festival	9/5/2021 9:20 PM
112	Holiday Events Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony	9/5/2021 8:25 PM
113	Concerts concert	9/5/2021 10:45 AM
114	Hey Days Silt Hey Days and the Pig Roast	9/5/2021 7:55 AM
115	Markets Farmers markets in new castle and rifle	9/4/2021 7:23 PM
116	Hey Days Markets Hay days, farmer's market	9/4/2021 5:02 PM
117	Concerts Markets Concerts, Trick or Treating down Main Street, Farmers Market,	9/4/2021 3:49 PM
118	Holiday Events Fall festival, pumpkin painting	9/4/2021 3:32 PM
119	Food Events Hey Days Hey days, chili cook off ice cream social	9/4/2021 2:50 PM
120	Holiday Events Trick or treating	9/4/2021 12:23 PM
121	Hey Days Hey days parade	9/4/2021 12:09 PM
122	Concerts Movies Concerts, Movie Nights	9/4/2021 11:54 AM
123	Markets Parades, Farmers Market and Silt Heyday	9/4/2021 11:28 AM
124	Markets We recently moved from New Castle and enjoyed the New Castle Market and Dirty Hog Dash	9/4/2021 10:41 AM

Q15 Community events are most important for...

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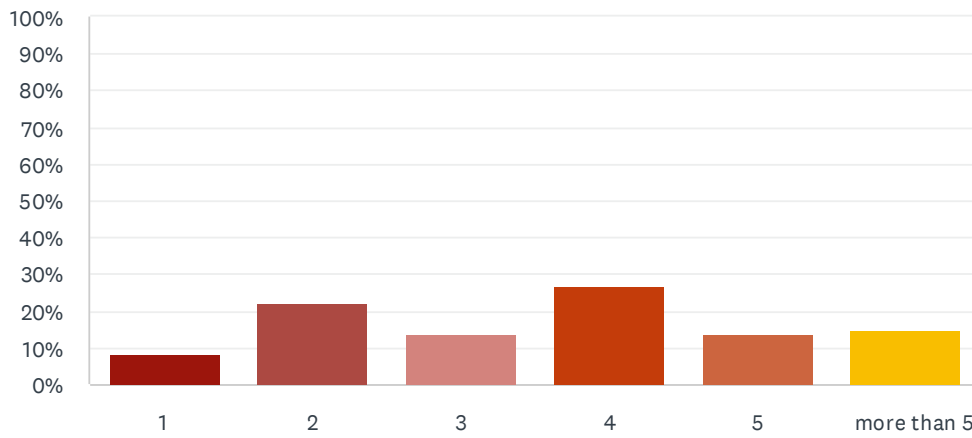


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Community Pride	33.83%	45
Quality of Life	33.83%	45
Economic Vitality	11.28%	15
Preservation of Heritage	6.77%	9
Tradition	6.02%	8
Other (please specify)	6.02%	8
Tourism	2.26%	3
TOTAL		133

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	What Happened to our Chamber of Com..	9/27/2021 12:12 PM
2	All of the above! To a well rounded community!	9/14/2021 7:34 AM
3	Family Time	9/13/2021 9:13 AM
4	Dumb fucks	9/7/2021 8:24 AM
5	All of the above	9/6/2021 4:48 PM
6	Not Important	9/6/2021 9:57 AM
7	Community spirit	9/4/2021 7:23 PM
8	Not important	9/4/2021 12:09 PM

Q16 How many people currently live in your household?

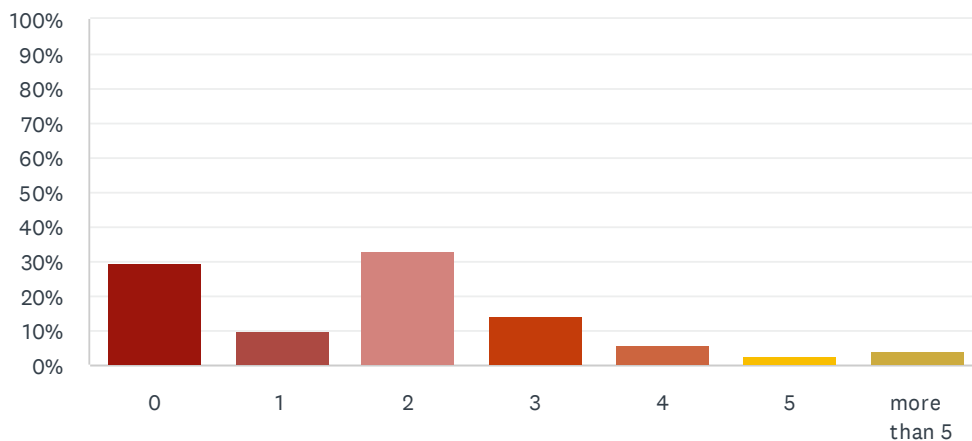
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	8.46%	11
2	22.31%	29
3	13.85%	18
4	26.92%	35
5	13.85%	18
more than 5	14.62%	19
TOTAL		130

Q17 Of those in your household, How many are under the age of 18?

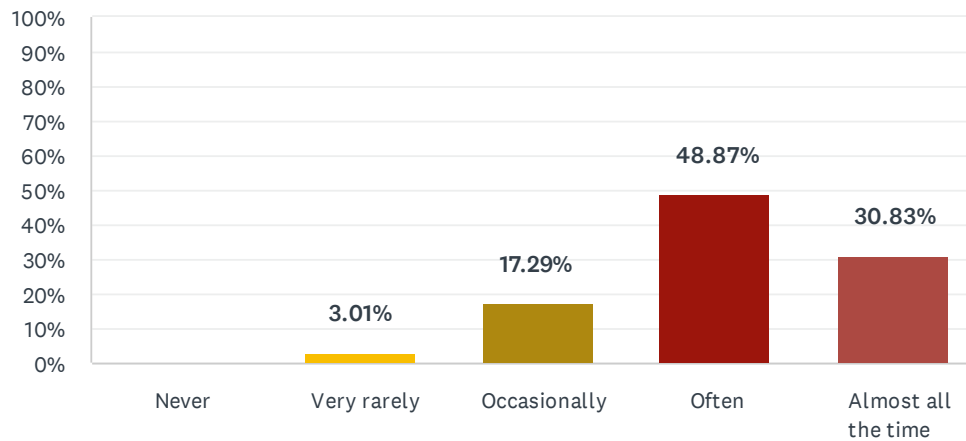
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0	29.66% 35
1	10.17% 12
2	33.05% 39
3	14.41% 17
4	5.93% 7
5	2.54% 3
more than 5	4.24% 5
TOTAL	118

Q18 How often do you engage in leisure or recreational activities?

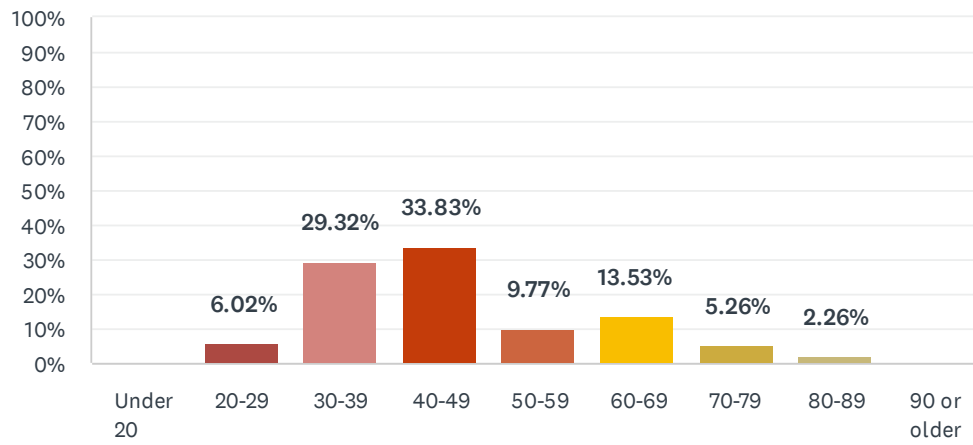
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Never	0.00% 0
Very rarely	3.01% 4
Occasionally	17.29% 23
Often	48.87% 65
Almost all the time	30.83% 41
TOTAL	133

Q19 What is your current age?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 20	0.00%	0
20-29	6.02%	8
30-39	29.32%	39
40-49	33.83%	45
50-59	9.77%	13
60-69	13.53%	18
70-79	5.26%	7
80-89	2.26%	3
90 or older	0.00%	0
TOTAL		133