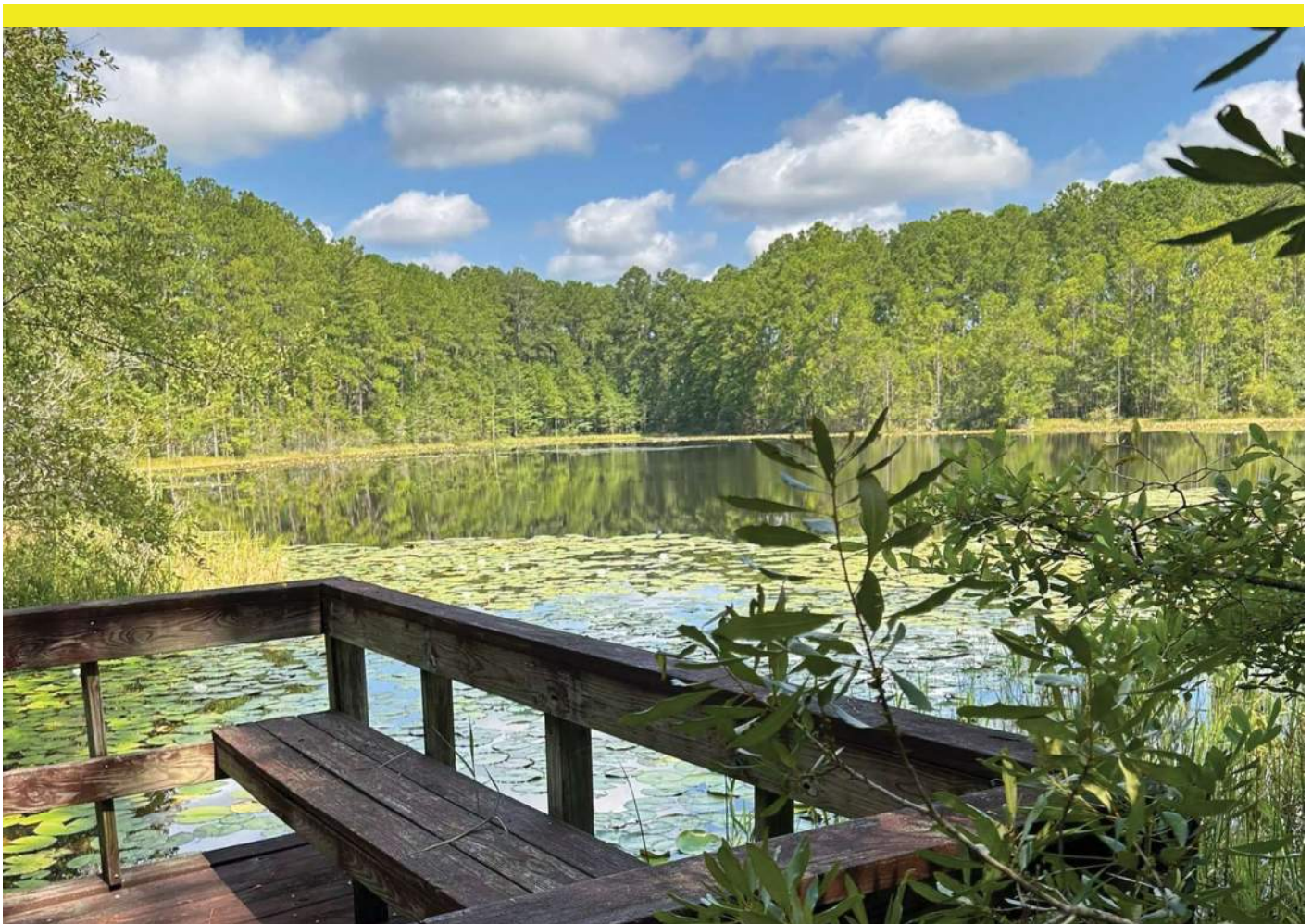


JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION TO EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the 2025 Comprehensive Park and Recreation Master Plan is to guide Jasper County in developing goals and recommendations for their parks and recreation department for the next five to ten years. The planning effort included extensive participation from the public to gather input for their recreation and park needs. This report provides an in-depth analysis of the existing facilities and their current condition while also presenting community outreach and feedback which should guide the implementation of future decisions within the department.

The information provided throughout the report was developed and collected as part of the master planning process, with input and insight from Jasper County staff, the steering committee, stakeholders, and public outreach for a period of eight months. The recommendations described herein were influenced by responses collected during the outreach process and are representative of what participating Jasper County residents' value in park and recreation activities as well as their identified improvements for the community.

Jasper County was in need of guidance and a comprehensive approach for providing the greatest community benefit with knowingly limited park and recreation opportunities within the county they serve. Jasper County's goal is that this master plan serves as a guide to help evolve the Parks and Recreation offerings to best serve the growing community.

Specific topics explored in detail in this report include:

- *Inventory and analysis of existing park and recreation amenities owned by Jasper County*
- *Level of service analysis of current park and recreation amenities*
- *Programs, staffing, and financial analysis of Jasper County's Parks and Recreation system*
- *Engagement approach and public survey results*
- *Recreation needs assessment crafted from community and stakeholder insight and feedback*
- *Recommendations for specific improvements, accompanied by action items with timelines and parameters*



PROCESS

The planning team executed a comprehensive process centered around community wants and needs pertaining to their park system and recreation amenities. Key elements of this planning process included:

1. Information Gathering | Inventory of existing Jasper County park amenities and assessment of current conditions and site features, including ADA accessibility. Non-county owned parks were also researched to determine what additional park amenities reside within Jasper County.

2. Public Outreach | Members of the community completed an online community input survey which received 211 valid responses and were engaged at multiple publicly held events.

3. Community Conversations | Focus group meetings and conversations allowed for greater insight on the challenges and opportunities that exist within Jasper County. Multiple groups were formed to provide a wide perspective on pertinent issues.

4. Analysis | A review of existing conditions, concurrent planning studies, National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) metrics, and public input was performed to determine common issues or needs that impact the function and effectiveness of the Jasper County Parks and Recreation department.

5. Improvement Recommendations | Once the analysis was complete, the project team assembled a comprehensive list of improvement strategies with guidelines and timelines for improvements to be implemented.

01 INFORMATION
GATHERING

02 PUBLIC
OUTREACH

03 COMMUNITY
CONVERSATIONS

04 ANALYSIS

05 IMPROVEMENT
RECOMMENDATIONS



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ABOUT JASPER COUNTY

Jasper County is the 21st largest county of 46 in South Carolina and spans 655.1 square miles. Jasper County was formed in 1912 and named after American Revolutionary War hero, Sergeant William Jasper. Jasper County is the southern most county in South Carolina. The county is west of Hilton Head Island and bounded on the west by the Savannah River border with Georgia. Interstate 95 runs through it from northeast to southwest.

In 2024, Jasper County had a population of 33,207 that is projected to grow to 38,807 by 2029 (ESRI). The number of families in Jasper County in 2024 is 8,855 and projected to increase to 10,721 by 2029 (ESRI). The number of owner occupied housing units is nearly three times as many as renter occupied housing units. The median age of Jasper County is 44.1 and expected to increase to 46.1 by 2029. The average household income per year in Jasper County is \$74,448, but projected to increase to \$89,591 per year by 2029.

PARKS AND RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The needs of Parks and Recreation in Jasper County were determined by gathering input from the community, stakeholders, and steering committee. The steering committee was comprised of eight Jasper County staff who have some direct involvement with the Jasper County Parks & Recreation Department. Focus Group Meetings were held to hear from members of the public who have a strong interest, or their role is intimately tied to current or potential Jasper County Parks & Recreation initiatives. The design team and Jasper County also hosted three public open houses and multiple pop-up events to get feedback from community members. A public survey was posted in both English and Spanish on the Jasper County website, shared on Facebook, and made available in paper format to the following locations: PJs Coffee in Ridgeland, Praise Assembly in Ridgeland, Jasper County Chamber in Hardeeville, Pratt Memorial Library in Ridgeland, B&T Food Fresh Market in Ridgeland, City Council Meetings, and the Piggly Wiggly in both Hardeeville and Ridgeland.

INPUT RESULTS

Responses (238 total) were collected from August 19th through October 5th, 2024, both online (230) and paper surveys (8). There were 27 online responses that were removed from result reporting as they only responded to the first question about if the respondent lived in Jasper County, and thus did not provide any feedback on the master planning questions. Total responses varied by question and are reported as full results in the appendix. A summary of key highlights from the survey are provided on pages 82-90.

FUTURE PARKS FACILITY NEEDS AS IDENTIFIED BY PUBLIC INPUT

Survey: paved bicycle trails, mini golf courses, pump track/BMX trails

Public Meetings: dog parks, skate parks/places to roller skate, splash pad, sidewalks/multiuse paths, tennis/pickleball courts, park in Ridgeland

Focus Groups: big green space for hosting events, wayfinding, BMX track, blueway

FUTURE PROGRAM NEEDS AS IDENTIFIED BY PUBLIC INPUT

Survey: outdoor festivals, equestrian events, summer opportunities for children, nonsports and wildlife based programs for children, recreation league sports, fitness classes

Public Meetings: tennis programming for youth, guided kayak tours, dog park in Ridgeland, youth sports, boys and girls club, affordable gym, community center, adult activities/pickleball, swimming and fishing lessons, croquet league, bingo

Focus Groups: programming that facilitates generational exchange, gardening, senior aerobics at pool, youth swim lessons

INVENTORY, ASSESSMENT, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The (5) five parks, (4) four community centers, and (6) six boat landings/fishing piers owned, operated, and maintained by Jasper County were inventoried and assessed by the design team.

The design team made recommendations for facilities, amenities, and program improvements based on site assessment and community feedback. Recommendations are based on state and national standards and the public input process described above.



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RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTION PLAN

As Jasper County continues to grow and evolve, it is critical to establish goals that are within reach to guide and mold the Parks and Recreation Department. Through this planning process, goals and objectives were defined based upon input, national standards, existing conditions, and best practices, to create a road map for the next ten years. While each of these goals contains many pieces and parts which may change over time, staying true to the objectives will allow Jasper County to grow and establish a more comprehensive parks and recreation system.

Goal 1: Structure Organization and Operations to Enhance and Grow Department

- **Objective 1.1:** Establish internal organization of the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, facilities, and other assets
- **Objective 1.2:** Develop a County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- **Objective 1.3:** Improve marketing and branding of the Department
- **Objective 1.4:** Improve institutional knowledge across the Department
- **Objective 1.5:** Improve Department technology

Goal 2: Develop and Establish Programs and Services

- **Objective 2.1:** Establish recreation program offerings
- **Objective 2.2:** Identify new opportunities for programs and events
- **Objective 2.3:** Develop nature programming
- **Objective 2.4:** Improve community center programming
- **Objective 2.5:** Develop a programming and services evaluation process



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Goal 3: Improve and Maintain Facilities and Park Amenities

- **Objective 3.1:** Improve park appearance, furnishings, and safety
- **Objective 3.2:** Create master plans for individual parks
- **Objective 3.3:** Prioritize and schedule park and facility updates, renovation projects, new parks, and property acquisition.
- **Objective 3.4:** Facility assessment and renovation.
- **Objective 3.5:** Address connectivity within County Park System
- **Objective 3.6:** Update existing fields and courts
- **Objective 3.7:** Improve level of service to all residents
- **Objective 3.8:** Improve existing restroom facilities and identify need for new restroom locations
- **Objective 3.9:** Improve boat launch facilities

Goal 4: Improve and Expand Fiscal Sustainability of the Department

- **Objective 4.1:** Identify funding opportunities
- **Objective 4.2:** Develop a need-based scholarship program for programming participation
- **Objective 4.3:** Evaluate and improve fee structure and cost recovery efforts
- **Objective 4.4:** Seek grant funding efforts

ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

In an effort to achieve the stated goals, an Action Item checklist was created and can be referenced in Chapter 5 of this Master Plan. Over the next ten years, this is to be used as a tool to monitor and track progress and growth. Each of the objectives lists a direct task with a priority level, short-term (0-2 years), mid-term (3-5 years), and long-term (6+ years), for implementation. Budget/cost impact has also been identified with a column for notes.

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Introduction to Jasper County

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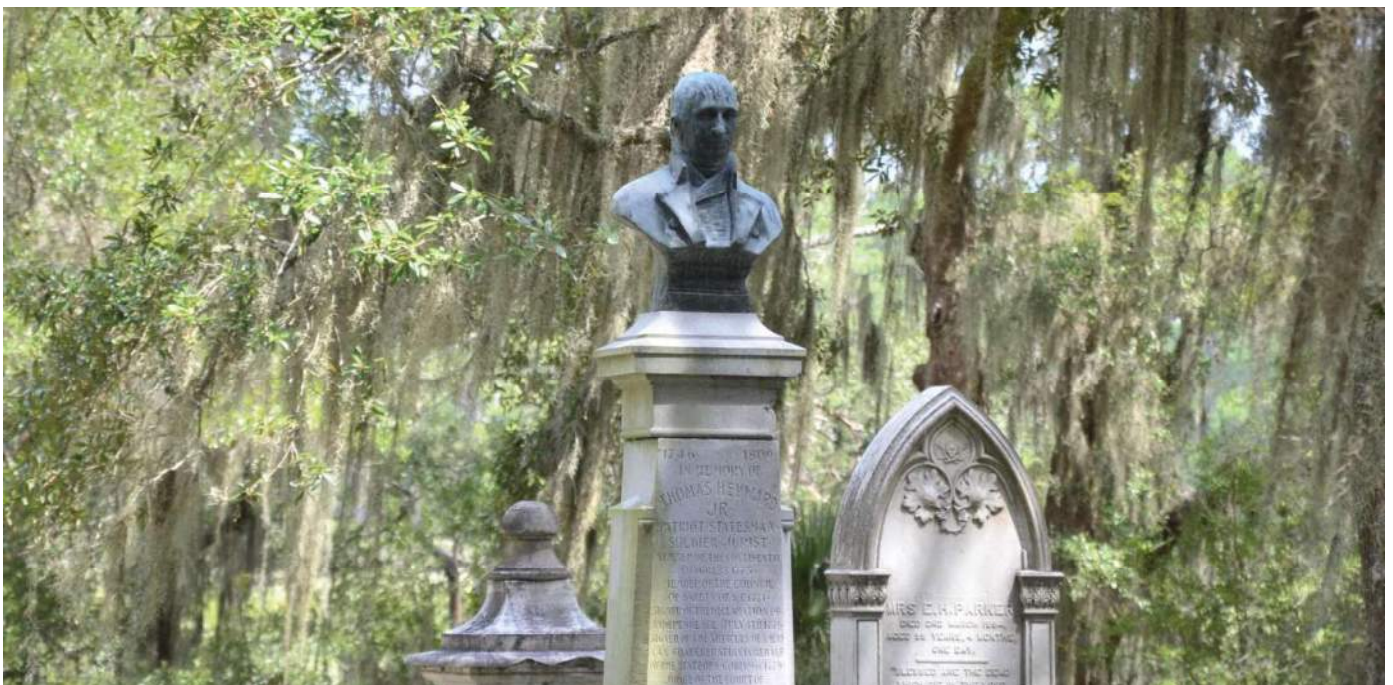
INTRODUCTION TO JASPER COUNTY

COUNTY HISTORY

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Jasper County was formed in 1912 and named after American Revolutionary War hero, Sergeant William Jasper. Until European colonization, this area of South Carolina was settled by Yemassee and Coosaw Native Americans (JasperCountySC.gov). The Yemassee tribe moved to South Carolina from Georgia in the late 17th century, but fled to Florida in the early 18th century after the Yemassee War. The Coosaw (otherwise known as the Cusabo and other spelling variations) faced several conflicts with neighboring tribes and the British before being granted Palawana Island in 1712. By 1750, it is believed that remaining members of this tribe merged with the Catawba or Creek tribes (SCIWAY.net). Swiss protestants settled on land they called Purrysburg in the 1730s, which was two miles northwest of modern day Hardeeville. Due to inhospitable conditions, however, settlers moved to other parts of Georgia and South Carolina. Descendants of Scottish settlers migrated to the area in the mid 18th century and established the first church in the county, Euhaw Baptist Church.

Thomas Heyward, Jr., signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Articles of Confederation, was born in St. Luke's Parish, which is now Jasper County. Heyward was imprisoned by British troops during the revolutionary war for eleven months. After the war, he served as a judge until he retired in 1789. He is buried in Ridgeland, South Carolina at the Old House Plantation, which was added to the National Registry for Historic Places in 1997 (South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution). This area of South Carolina became the second most productive rice-growing region in South Carolina by the end of the antebellum era due to the mass importation of thousands of African enslaved people. In February of 1865, William T. Sherman and the union army crossed the Savannah River into modern day Jasper County and decimated many towns and villages. Modern day Jasper County became home to several private hunting preserves in the late 19th century and timber firms acquired large swaths of land in the early 20th century (South Carolina Encyclopedia).



Memorial of Thomas Heyward, Jr., Image by Jasper County

The development of adjacent Hilton Head in the mid 20th century provided employment opportunities for people living in Jasper County. Interstate 95 opened in the 1970s and with it many businesses took root along the interchanges in Hardeeville, Ridgeland, Coosawhatchie, and Pocatigo. While land values went up from this late 20th century economic stimulation, farm acreage was lost to pulpwood and Jasper County lost two railroads and all of its sawmills (South Carolina Encyclopedia).

Jasper County is surrounded by Hampton County on the north, Beaufort County to the east, and the Savannah River to the southwest.

The Savannah River to the south, the Coosawhatchie River to the North, and brackish marshes provide both recreational and ecological amenities to the community, but also contribute to seasonal flood risk for a portion of the community. Jasper County is also adjacent to the Atlantic ocean, which leaves it vulnerable to seasonal hurricanes.

The Jasper County mission statement is:

“to provide efficient government services and manage growth while protecting Jasper County’s rich environmental heritage and quality of life.”

PARK SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Recreational activities in parks, along trails, waterways, and in open spaces provide Jasper County abundant value and contribute greatly to the health and wellbeing of the community. Access to outdoor recreation amenities is critical to the success of rural communities, as they offer opportunities for both residents and visitors alike.

Jasper County aims to provide passive experiences to its residents and visitors. Passive recreation often includes walking, picnicking, and playgrounds and preserves natural resources while providing community recreation benefits.

Due in part by its small population size, Jasper County, does not have an abundance of parks and open space offerings.



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The County’s public recreation areas include:

Mini Park

- Mitchellville Community Park

Community Parks

- Cherryhill Community Park
- Coosawhatchie Community Park
- Gray’s Community Park

Community Centers

- Levy Limehouse Community Centers
- Robertville Community Centers
- Tarboro Community Centers
- Tillman-Wagon Branch Community Centers

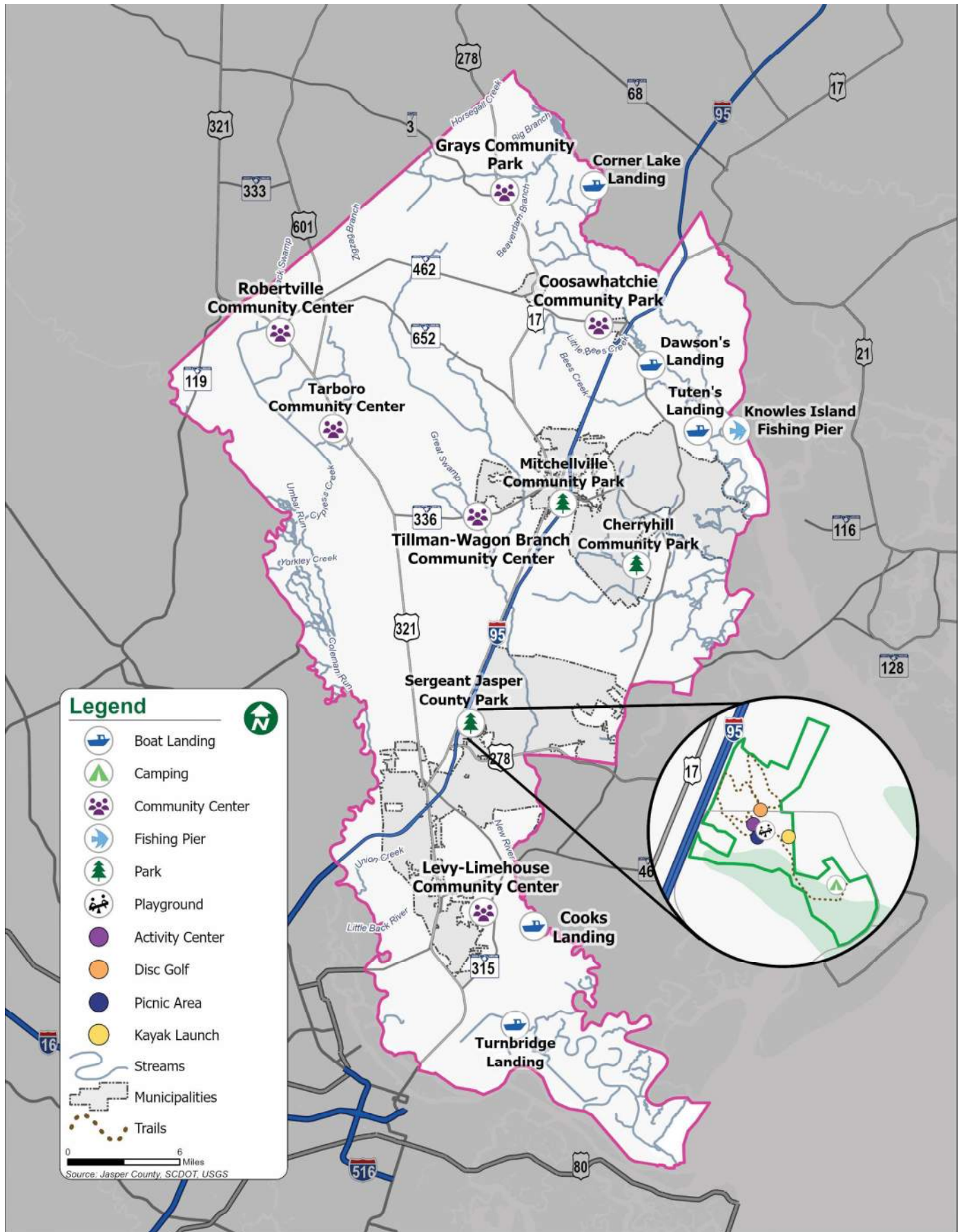
Regional Park

- Sergeant Jasper Park

Boat Landings & Fishing Piers

- Cooks Landing
- Corner Lake Landing
- Dawson’s Landing
- Knowles Island Fishing Pier
- Turnbridge Landing
- Tuten’s Landing

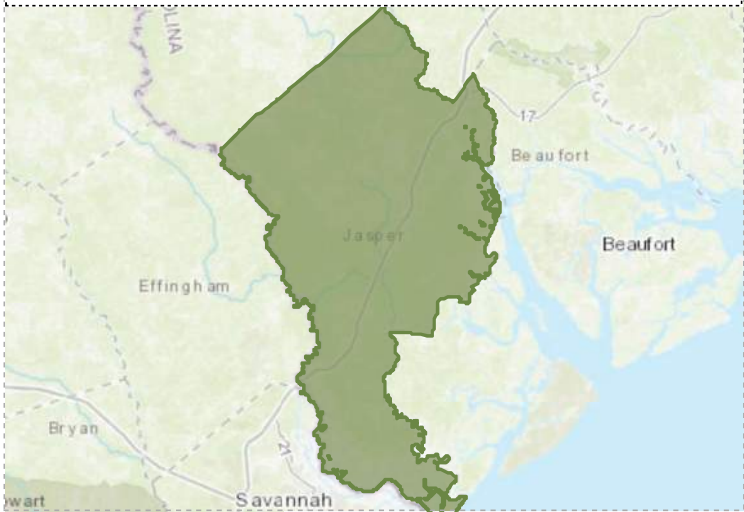
MAP 1: PARK SYSTEM SERVICE AREAS



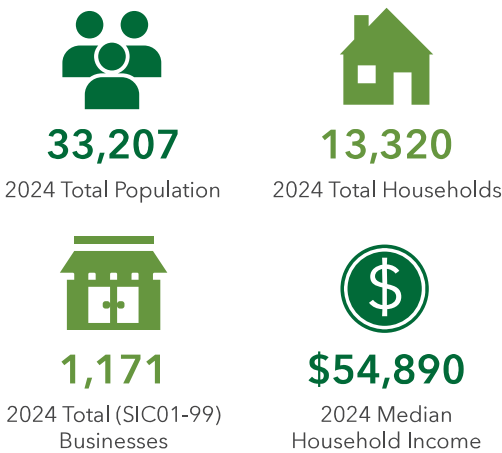
COMMUNITY AND POPULATION

Jasper County residents are served by the Jasper County School District. The district includes two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. The Jasper County School District also features two career oriented schools that train students for specific trades and another school for students in grades 6-12 that offers an alternative education experience.

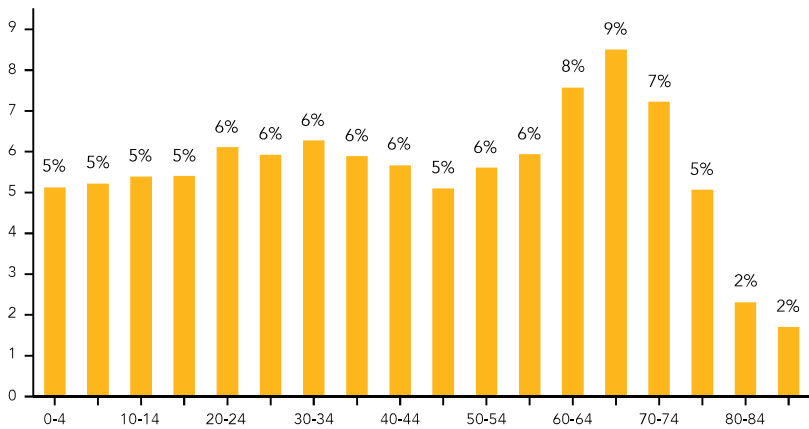
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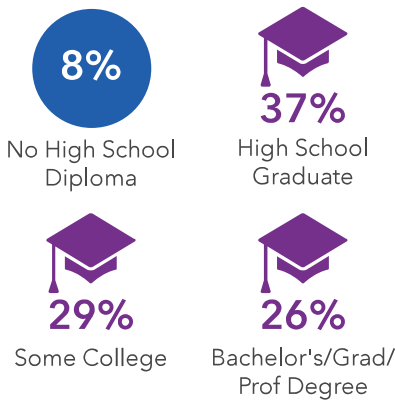
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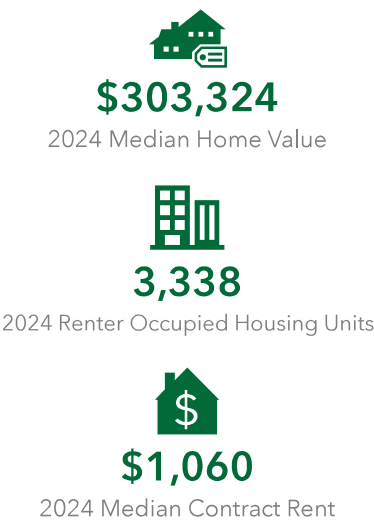
2024 Population by Age: 5 Year Increments (Esri) (%)



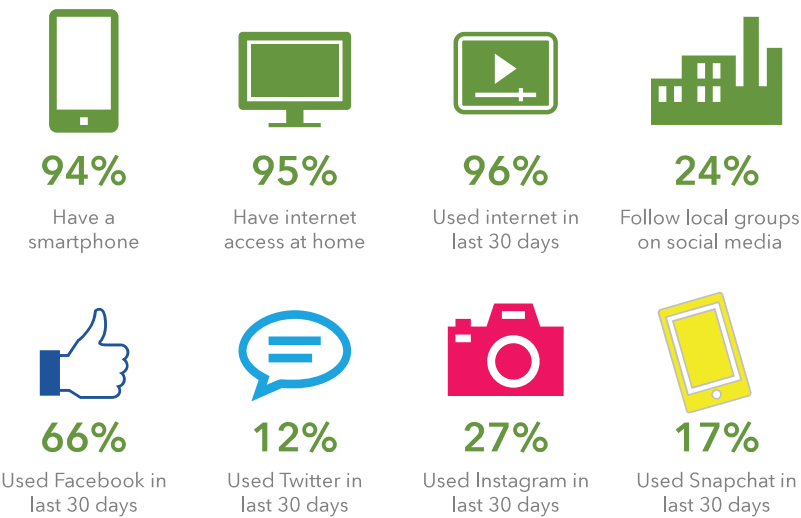
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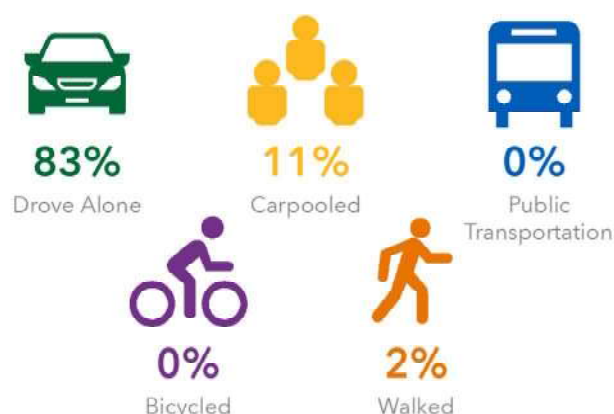
Housing Stats



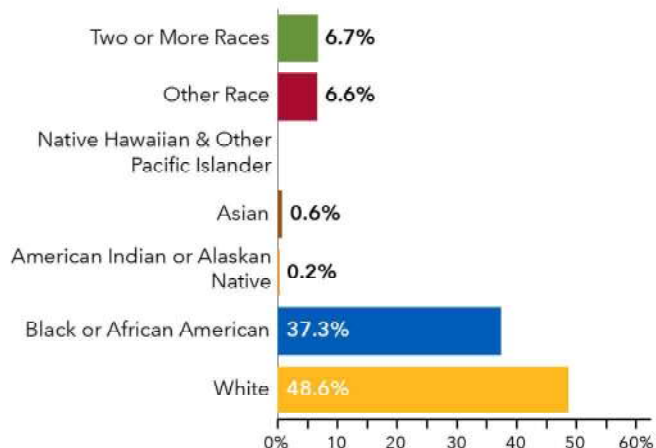
Internet and Social Media (2024)



2018-2022 Transportation to Work, Age 16+ (ACS 5-Yr)



2022 Population by Race (ACS 5-Yr) (%)



Employment (2024)



White Collar

55%



Blue Collar

28%



Services

17%

3.7%

Unemployment Rate

Local Interest



9%

2024 Social Media: Find Local Information Very Important (%)

Poverty Status

20%



2018-2022 Households Below the Poverty Level (ACS 5-Yr)

Food Stamps

14%



2018-2022 Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP (ACS 5-Yr)

Persons with a Disability

27%



2018-2022 Households with 1+ Persons with a Disability (ACS 5-Yr)

Language Spoken at Home

2018-2022 Population by Language Spoken at Home (ACS 5-Yr) (%)

Ages 18-64 Speak only English	52%
Ages 18-64 Speak Spanish & No English	2%
Ages 18-64 Speak Spanish & English Not Well	1%
Ages 18-64 Speak Asian-Pacific Isl & No English	0%
Ages 18-64 Speak Asian-PI & English Not Well	0%
Ages 18-64 Speak Indo-European & No English	0%
Ages 18-64 Speak Indo-Eur & English Not Well	0%
Ages 18-64 Speak Other Language & No English	0%
Ages 18-64 Speak Oth Language & English Not Well	0%

2018-2022 Population by Language Spoken at Home (ACS 5-Yr) (%)

Ages 65+ Speak only English	21%
Ages 65+ Speak Spanish & No English	0%
Ages 65+ Speak Spanish & English Not Well	0%
Ages 65+ Speak Asian-Pacific Isl & No English	0%
Ages 65+ Speak Asian-PI & English Not Well	0%
Ages 65+ Speak Indo-European & No English	0%
Ages 65+ Speak Indo-Eur & English Not Well	0%
Ages 65+ Speak Oth Language & No English	0%
Ages 65+ Speak Oth Language & English Not Well	0%

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Inventory & Analysis

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PARK INVENTORY

OVERVIEW

Evaluating how well Jasper County is meeting the recreational needs of the community starts by understanding what amenities currently exist within the park system and the condition of each element. Park features and recreation equipment generally are heavily used and become worn from exposure to the elements. Amenities and equipment all have a shelf life and require upgrades or replacement when they no longer meet the needs of the user, no longer function properly, or become unsafe.

By conducting a thorough inventory of all Jasper County park equipment and amenities, Jasper County can better track the condition of the equipment and implement a plan and timeline for continued maintenance or replacement.

METHODOLOGY

Bolton and Menk used a site assessment form to document each park visited in combination with an ArcGIS application to geolocate program elements in real-time. The assessment included:

- General site description
- Current vs. recommended maintenance level
- Signage types
- Strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities
- Any identified corrective actions needed
- Overall site condition

The inventory team used the following three tier rating system to evaluate each element on the condition, size or capacity relative to the need at that location, and its overall quality:

- 1 Below Expectations - needs to be replaced or improved immediately
- 2 Meets Expectations - needs to be replaced or improved in the short-term
- 3 Exceeds Expectations - does not need to be replaced or improved in the long-term

The setting for each element and the conditions around it affect how well it functions. In addition to scoring the amenity elements, each park site inventory includes comments regarding comfort, convenience, and ambient qualities. This includes traits such as the availability of restrooms, drinking water, shade, scenery, etc. The average of all of the park components makes up the overall rating. Ratings are rounded to the first decimal and color coded the same as above:

- 1-1.5 = 1 Overall rating below expectations
- 1.6-2.5 = 2 Overall rating meets expectations
- 2.6-3 = 3 Overall rating exceeds expectations

FACILITY ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW AND METHODOLOGY

The next part of evaluating how well Jasper County is meeting the recreational needs of the community involves investigating and understanding the condition of the Parks and Recreation facilities, to include community buildings, pavilions, restrooms and maintenance buildings. McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture joined the team to assess the conditions of the facilities and their components from life safety to ADA compliance, health and comfort, and overall maintenance needs. Using a five-tier rating system, with 1 being critical need and 5 being no need, each of the Jasper County's park and recreational facilities were evaluated inside and out, and recommendations were provided where needs were identified.

Figure 2: Park Inventory of Existing Amenities

		Acres	Backstop/Softball/Baseball	Basketball Court
Owned by Jasper County	Location			
Cherryhill Community Park	361 Bridgetown Drive, Ridgeland, SC 29927	6.67	1	1
Mitchellville Community Park	21 Old Logan Street, Ridgeland, SC 29927	1.86		1
Sergeant Jasper Park	1458 Red Dam Road, Hardeeville, SC 29927	352.60		
Coosawhatchie Community Center	200 Step School Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936	8.75	1	1
Grays Community Park	15927 Grays Highway, Early Branch, SC 29927	11.31		1
Levy Limehouse Community Center	470 Mitchell's Court, Hardeeville, SC 29927	5.02		1
Robertville Community Center	9731 Cotton Hill Road, Robertville, SC 29934	14.40	1	1
Tarboro Community Center	370 Pinehaven Drive, Tillman, SC 29943	6.11	1	1
Tillman-Wagon Branch Community Center	3796 Tillman Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936	4.98	1	1
Cooks Landing - Ramp	Cooks Landing Road, Hardeeville, SC 29927	1.32		
Corner Lake Landing - Ramp & Shed	Corner Lake Road, Early Branch, SC 29916	27.01		
Dawson's Landing - Ramp, Dock, Restrooms & Shed	326 Dawson Landing Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936			
Knowles Island Fishing Pier	Old Tressle Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936	17.00		
Turnbridge Landing - Ramp	2655 Turnbridge Landing Road, Hardeeville, SC 29927	0.28		
Tuten's Landing - Ramp & Restroom	776 Tutens Landing Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936	2.57		
Total		459.88	5	8

Bike Trail	Community Building	Disc Golf Course	Dog Park	Grills	Open Air (Picnic) Shelters	Open Field/Football/Soccer	Parking	Pickleball Courts	Playgrounds or Play Structures	Restrooms (including portable)	Skate Park	Splash Pad	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Court	Walking Trail
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The figure above is an inventory of various park amenities and recreational activities typically found in county parks, specifically identifying which amenities exist, at the time of this study, in Jasper County's park system.

PARK TYPES

Mini Park: Used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs. Mini parks are typically less than a 1/4 mile distance in a residential setting.

Community Park: Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. These types of parks are determined by the quality and sustainability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 1/2 to 3 mile distance.

Regional Park: Serves the region as a whole rather than a single community. Focus is on not only preserving unique landscapes and open spaces, but also on broader recreational needs for which there may not be space allocated in smaller communities such as longer nature trails, larger bodies of water, and disc golf courses. Intended to serve the region - several mile distance. For the purposes of this plan, we utilized a 10 mile distance radius.

RECREATIONAL AREAS

Boat Landings: Areas where motorized boats, kayaks, or sailboats may be wheeled into or pushed into a body of water. They usually include a ramp in which a vehicle could back down to launch or retrieve a boat from the water.

Fishing Piers: A platform jetting into or over water from land. Users may throw a fishing line or bucket over the side of the structure for fishing or crabbing.

INDIVIDUAL PARK & RECREATIONAL AREA ASSESSMENTS

An inventory assessment was performed at each Jasper County park to prepare an individual inventory of each facility but also conduct an objective analysis of the condition of the park features. The following figures include the inventory worksheets for Jasper County.

REGIONAL PARK

FIGURE 3: SERGEANT JASPER PARK INVENTORY DATA

1458 Red Dam Road, Hardeeville, SC 29927

Overall Size = 352.6 AC

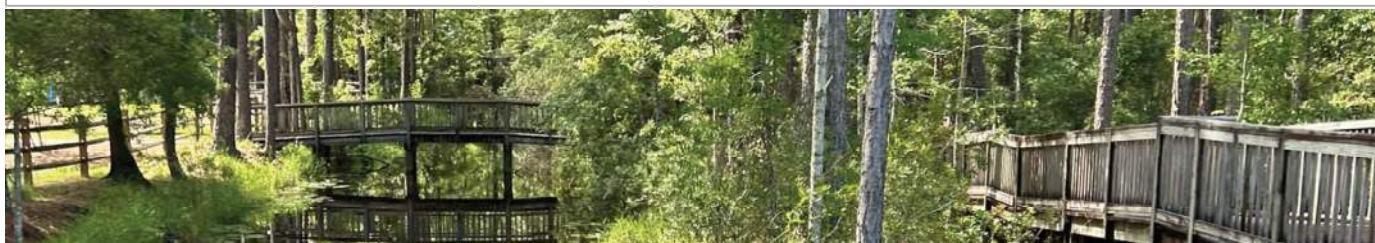
PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RATING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	YES	3	Large playground in close proximity to Activity Center. Some shade structures provided, black rubber mulch is hot and has an odor. Ages 5-12
Play Equipment	YES	3	Slides, swings, general playset, zipline with seat
Ball Fields	NO		
Courts	NO		
Athletic Fields	YES	3	20-hole disc golf course
Shelter	YES	2	Picnic shelters in good shape
Restroom Facilities	YES	3	Bathrooms available in Activity Center
Water Access	YES	2	Kayak launches
Trails	YES	2	Hard surface and soft surface trails
Site Accessories	YES	2	
Wayfinding	YES	2	Difficult to follow disc golf course - more wayfinding is necessary in strategic locations
Drinking Fountain	YES	3	Drinking fountains near playground
On-Site Parking	YES	3	Large, marked parking lot. ADA parking not ideal for access due to ramps between parking spaces
ADA Access	YES	2	ADA access to main buildings and selective features. Picnic tables not ADA accessible
OVERALL RATING		2.5	

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

Portions of disc golf course, boardwalk and kayak/canoe launch under water. Boardwalk provides viewing and birding opportunities around lake. Boardwalk is in need of repairs in certain locations. Lakes for fishing. Multiple walking trails on site. Kayak and canoe rentals. Grills at shelters. Community stage in not ADA accessible. Trash receptacles throughout site. History of park site is known but not visibly displayed. Benches are scattered along disc golf course and trails. Signage throughout park, some showing wear. Pet waste stations provided. Past recipient of PARD funding.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: on site
Shade: large wooded areas provide shade
Site Noise: road noise is present



Sergeant Jasper Park boardwalks and bridges

FIGURE 4: SERGEANT JASPER PARK INVENTORY MAP



Jasper County Facilities Conditions Assessment Report



Sergeant Jasper County Park Activity Center & Banquet Hall

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Age of Component or System | Functionality of Component or System | Expected Service Life | Visual Survey of Condition

RATING SCALE

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Building Envelope		
Superstructure (Columns, Beams, Walls)	5	No visible damage or defects with building superstructure observed.
Exterior Walls & Cladding	4	No issues observed, cleaning recommended to avoid unwanted growth.
Foundation	5	No cracks, settlement, or water infiltration observed.
Roof Framing	5	No issues observed.
Roof	5	Replaced in 2023, has no visible defects. Gutters need regular maintenance and clean out of leaves and debris.
Flashings & Sealants	4	Window seals have minor cracks and splitting, no visible failure.
Windows	3	Original windows, no signs of failure yet.
Porch & Deck	5	Porch roof, soffit, screens and doors are in great condition.
Porch & Deck Floor	1	Decaying floor boards need to be replaced with water resistant material. Stairs and ramps are in need of an anti-slip surface solution.

Bold text denotes recommended remedy.

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Activity Center & Banquet Hall

Building Interior		
Flooring	4	Flooring throughout is in good shape. Wear and tear in banquet room.
Ceilings	5	No cracking or other issues observed.
Doors	3	All doors function properly and have no visible leaks or defects. All exterior doors need ADA compliant threshold transitions.
Windows & Screens	4	No leaks or other issues observed.
Kitchen	4	Normal wear and tear, no issues exist.
Restrooms	4	All finishes are well maintained and plumbing fixtures function properly.



Health, Safety, Security & Building Code		
ADA - Ramps	4	ADA ramps meet code and exist at front and rear. Floor boards are at the end of their life and pose a safety risk.
ADA - Doors	2	All exterior doors need ADA compliant threshold transitions for accessibility.
ADA - Toilet Rooms	5	All necessary accessories and accommodations exist for ADA compliance.
Fire Protection - Sprinklers	0	No fire suppression system - not required.
Fire Protection - Extinguishers	5	Ample fire extinguishers exist in entry, assembly, and kitchen spaces.
Fire Protection - Knox Box	1	A Knox Box needs to be installed as soon as possible at the main entry for Fire Department access.
Security - Surveillance	5	Functioning surveillance system in place.



Site & Surroundings		
Parking Lot/Asphalt	5	Great condition with ADA parking spaces and emergency access.
Sidewalks	3	Concrete sidewalks are in great condition. ADA transitions are needed where they transition to the wood walkways.
Landscaping	5	Landscaping is well maintained for sufficient sight lines and security.
Water Drainage	4	Water drains away from building sufficiently.
Wooden Walkways & Rails	1	Wood boards and guardrails get wet and are rotting significantly. Recommend water resistant replacement.
Gazebo	4	Good condition with no visible defects.



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Building Envelope		
Superstructure (Columns, Beams, Walls)	5	No visible damage or defects with building superstructure observed.
Exterior Walls & Cladding	5	Exterior walls and siding are in great conditions.
Foundation	5	No cracks, settlement or water infiltration observed.
Roof Framing	5	No issues observed.
Roof	2	Rain diverter is coming off, gutters are warped, damaged and need to be replaced.
Flashings & Sealants	4	No signs of failing and no water infiltration. Window seals have minor cracks.
Windows	2	Original single pane windows with frame discoloration, need replacement soon.
Porch & Deck	4	Porch roof, soffit, screens, and doors are in good condition, wood needs repainting.
Porch & Deck Floor	2	Stairs are nearing the end of their life. Rotting, slick boards are safety concern and need an anti-slip surface solution.



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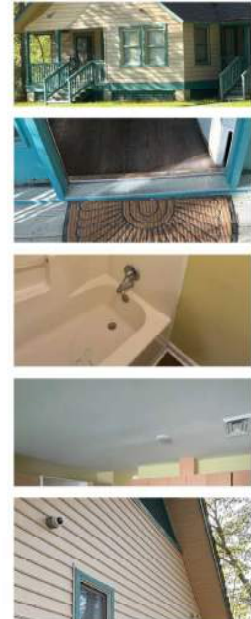
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Building Interior		
Flooring	5	Recently replaced with laminate flooring, in like-new condition.
Ceilings	5	Outdated but no cracking or other issues.
Doors	5	All doors function properly and have no visible leaks or defects.
Windows & Screens	2	Original, single pane, replace soon.
Kitchen	4	Outdated with moderate wear & tear.
Restrooms	4	Outdated and deteriorating finishes, not ADA compliant.



Health, Safety, Security & Building Code		
ADA - Ramps	1	No ramp exists to enter building. Recommended at main entrance.
ADA - Doors	2	Doors are functioning, weather tight but main entry needs a threshold transition. Interior doors do not have 36" clear width for ADA compliance.
ADA - Toilet Rooms	1	Turn-around radius, sink, shower, and lack of grab bars is non-compliant.
Fire Protection - Sprinklers	0	No fire suppression system - not required.
Fire Protection - Extinguishers	2	Fire extinguishers are not clearly located.
Fire Protection - Knox Box	1	A Knox Box needs to be installed as soon as possible at the main entry for Fire Department access.
Security - Surveillance	0	Inoperable surveillance system in place.



Site & Surroundings		
Parking Lot/Asphalt	3	Asphalt is in good condition but in need of designated handicapped parking markings.
Sidewalks	5	Concrete sidewalks are in great condition.
Landscaping	5	Only grass surrounds the building but this keeps maintenance and security ideal.
Water Drainage	4	Water drains away from building sufficiently but collects in the grass areas nearby.
Utility Enclosure	4	No space for a lock on the gate and the wood fence's short height keeps the enclosure from being very secure.
Standalone Carport	5	Great condition with no visible defects.



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Building Envelope		
Superstructure (Columns, Beams, Walls)	5	No visible damage or defects with building superstructure observed.
Exterior Walls & Cladding	4	Siding and stucco has minor damage that can lead to poor performance of water shed.
Foundation	5	No cracks, settlement, or water infiltration observed.
Roof Framing	5	No issues observed.
Roof	4	Roof and gutters have no visible defects and are in good condition.
Flashings & Sealants	4	No signs of failing and no water infiltration. Window seals have minor cracks.
Windows	2	Original single pane windows with frame discoloration, one unit does not close.
Porch & Deck	3	Screen are ripped and the screen door gets stuck. Door to kitchen is rusting and needs replaced. Wood needs repainting.
Porch & Deck Floor	3	Porch boards and stairs are nearing the end of their life. Rotting, slick boards need a replacement anti-slip surface solution.



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Building Interior		
Flooring	3	Carpet flooring is original and at the end of its life recommend replacement soon. Laminate is in good condition.
Ceilings	5	Outdated but no cracking or other issues.
Doors	5	All doors function properly with little wear.
Windows & Screens	1	One unit does not close fully. Original and single pane - need replacement.
Kitchen	3	Outdated with moderate wear. Currently being used as storage, consider space use.
Restrooms	4	Outdated and deteriorating finishes, not ADA compliant.



Health, Safety, Security & Building Code		
ADA - Ramps	1	No ramp exists to enter building. Recommended at main entrance.
ADA - Doors	2	Doors are functioning, weather tight but main entry needs a threshold transition . Interior doors do not have 36" clear width for ADA compliance.
ADA - Toilet Rooms	2	Turn-around radius, sink, shower, and grab bars need to be ADA compliant.
Fire Protection - Sprinklers	0	No fire suppression system - not required.
Fire Protection - Extinguishers	2	Fire extinguishers are not clearly located.
Fire Protection - Knox Box	1	A Knox Box needs to be installed as soon as possible at the main entry for Fire Department access.
Security - Surveillance	0	No surveillance system in place.



Site & Surroundings		
Parking Lot/Asphalt	3	Asphalt is in fair condition but no parking striped or designated handicapped area.
Sidewalks	5	Concrete sidewalks are in great condition.
Landscaping	5	Landscaping not well maintained and vegetation is dead.
Water Drainage	5	Water drains away from building sufficiently.
Utility Enclosure	4	No space for a lock on the gate and the wood fence's short height keeps the enclosure from being very secure.



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Sergeant Jasper County Park Maintenance Building

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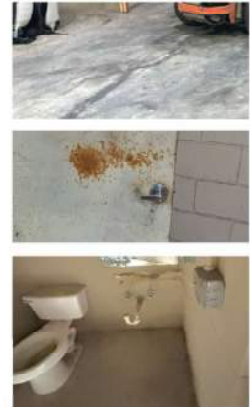
Building Envelope		
Superstructure (Columns, Beams, Walls)	5	No defects with building superstructure, paint wood for protection.
Exterior Walls & Cladding	4	Painted concrete masonry units have minor damage.
Foundation	5	No cracks, settlement, or water infiltration observed.
Roof Framing	3	Minor water damage, but strong structure.
Roof	1	Roof and fascia need to be replaced to stop water issues from worsening.
Flashings & Sealants	2	Weather stripping at overhead doors is at the end of its life. Major cracking observed.
Overhead Doors	3	All overhead doors are original and are difficult to operate. For safety, security and for efficiency of use its recommended to replace the overhead doors soon.

Bold text denotes recommended remedy.



Sergeant Jasper County Park Maintenance Building

Building Interior		
Flooring	5	Concrete flooring throughout is in good condition with no issues or concerns.
Doors	4	All doors function properly with only minor damage.
Interior Walls	4	All walls are in good condition with minimal need for repainting.
Restroom	1	Restroom is not currently functional. Need to replace the sink.



Health, Safety, Security & Building Code		
ADA - Ramps	0	No ramp exists to enter building due to its level at grade.
ADA - Doors	5	Doors are functioning, weather tight and are in compliance.
ADA - Toilet Rooms	2	Need to install a sink and grab bars at toilet to ensure ADA compliance.
Fire Protection - Sprinklers	0	No fire suppression system - not required.
Fire Protection - Extinguishers	5	Fire extinguishers clearly located.
Fire Protection - Knox Box	1	A Knox Box needs to be installed as soon as possible at the main entry for Fire Department access.
Security - Surveillance	0	No surveillance system in place.



Site & Surroundings		
Parking Lot/Asphalt	0	There is no asphalt or parking lot that serves this building.
Concrete Aprons	4	Concrete aprons are in good condition but has moderate cracking throughout.
Landscaping	4	Landscaping is minimal but vegetation should be better maintained to reduce risk of it causing issues to the building.
Water Drainage	2	Standing water exists directly adjacent to the building, insufficient drainage at rear side. Recommend french drain or rain garden - consult a civil engineer.



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Sergeant Jasper County Park Restroom Building

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Building Envelope

Superstructure (Columns, Beams, Walls)	5	No defects with building superstructure, the structure is in great condition.
Exterior Walls & Cladding	5	No damage or defects observed.
Foundation	5	No cracks, settlement, or water infiltration observed.
Concrete Floor	5	Concrete is in great condition. No cracking.
Roof	5	Roof, fascia, gutters, and downspouts are well maintained, in great condition.
Flashings & Sealants	5	Roof flashing and weather stripping at doors is in like-new condition.
Doors	5	Both exterior doors are in great condition with no concerns or issues observed.



Sergeant Jasper County Park Restroom Building

Building Interior		
Flooring	5	Concrete flooring in great condition with no cracking and sufficient floor drains.
Doors	5	All doors function properly in like-new condition.
Interior Walls	5	All walls in great condition with no defects.
Ceilings	5	Ceilings are in great condition.
Restrooms	5	Restrooms are in great condition.



Health, Safety, Security & Building Code		
ADA - Ramps	0	No ramp needed to enter building due to its level at grade.
ADA - Doors	5	Doors are well functioning, weather tight and are in compliance.
ADA - Toilet Rooms	5	All necessary accessories and accommodations exist for ADA compliance.
Fire Protection - Sprinklers	0	No fire suppression system - not required.
Fire Protection - Extinguishers	0	No fire extinguishers exist at the restrooms.
Fire Protection - Knox Box	0	No Knox Box is needed because the doors remain unlocked.
Security - Surveillance	0	No surveillance system in place.



Site & Surroundings		
Parking Lot/Asphalt	0	There is no asphalt or parking lot that serves this building.
Concrete Aprons	5	Concrete apron is in great condition with no cracking.
Landscaping	5	The minimal landscaping nearby is well maintained.
Water Drainage	5	Water drains sufficiently away from building.



MINI PARK

FIGURE 5: MITCHELLVILLE COMMUNITY PARK INVENTORY DATA

21 Old Logan Street, Ridgeland, SC 29927

Overall Size = 1.86 AC

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RATING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	NO	2	
Play Equipment	YES	2	Swings; plastic border with mulch and ramp to swings but no ADA route
Ball Fields	NO		
Courts	YES	2	Basketball court with worn striping; no ADA route to court
Athletic Fields	NO		
Shelter	NO		
Restroom Facilities	NO		
Water Access	NO		
Trails	NO		
Site Accessories	YES	2	Picnic tables, grill, and trash receptacles
Wayfinding	YES	2	Sign is behind the fence
Drinking Fountain	NO		
On-Site Parking	YES	2	Parking available in grass and dirt
ADA Access	YES	1	Ramps end in grass, picnic tables not accessible, parking in grass

OVERALL RATING

1.9

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

Grill and (2) picnic tables available. Signage is insignificant.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: none visible on site

Shade: Large canopy trees surrounding property

Site Noise:

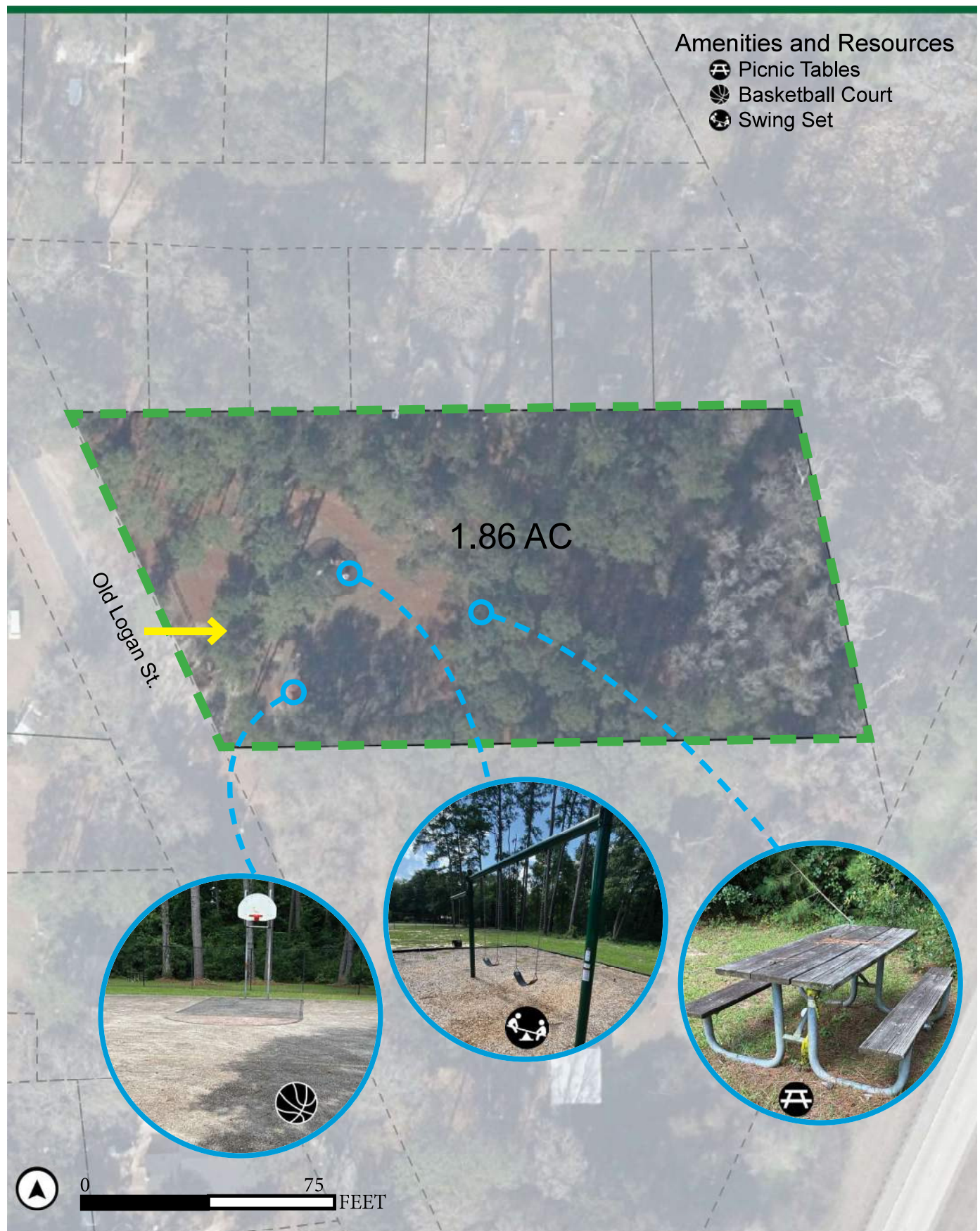


Mitchellville play equipment



Mitchellville grill

FIGURE 6: MITCHELLVILLE COMMUNITY PARK INVENTORY MAP



COMMUNITY PARK

FIGURE 7: CHERRYHILL COMMUNITY PARK INVENTORY DATA

361 Bridgetown Drive, Ridgeland, SC 29927

Overall Size = 6.67 AC

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RATING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	YES	2	Accessible plastic ramp to playground; surrounded by mulch with plastic border; no ADA route to access playground; no shade at playground
Play Equipment	YES	2	Slides, general playset, swings
Ball Fields	YES	2	Baseball field, plus open field
Courts	YES	2	Basketball court and bleachers to side of court not accessible via an ADA route; courts striping worn; cracks and debris present on courts
Athletic Fields	YES	2	Basketball court and baseball field not accessible via an ADA route; missing benches in dugouts
Shelter	YES	3	Picnic shelter; not accessible via an ADA route
Restroom Facilities	YES	2	Outhouse/port-a-potty
Water Access	NO		
Trails	NO		
Site Accessories	YES	1	Plastic trash can
Wayfinding	YES	2	Sign is out front of park on dirt road
Drinking Fountain	NO		
On-Site Parking	YES	1	Not visibly marked, grass lawn parking
ADA Access	YES	1	No accessible routes provided to park features

OVERALL RATING

1.9

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

Woodbridge, open field, Little Free Library; large trees surround property; Signage is insignificant. Bench towards road under tree not usable. Standing water in ditches around the site. Wood bridge in disrepair. Bollard on bridge has been hit or vandalized.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: minimal to none on site; picnic shelter has lighting
Shade: picnic shelter or under trees, otherwise site is open
Site Noise: minimal



Cherryhill tiny library



Cherryhill boardwalk

FIGURE 8: CHERRYHILL COMMUNITY PARK INVENTORY MAP



COMMUNITY PARK

FIGURE 9: COOSAWHATCHIE COMMUNITY PARK INVENTORY DATA

200 Step School Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936

Overall Size = 9.75 AC

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RATING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	NO		
Play Equipment	NO		
Ball Fields	YES	1	Baseball field, not maintained
Courts	YES	2	Basketball court, no striping
Athletic Fields	NO		Large open grassy area
Shelter	NO		
Restroom Facilities	NO		
Water Access	NO		
Trails	NO		
Site Accessories	YES	1	
Wayfinding	YES	2	Sign on main road indicating community park and solid waste recycling center
Drinking Fountain	NO		
On-Site Parking	YES	1	Parking in grass. Access to site is not clearly indicated
ADA Access	NO		

OVERALL RATING

1.4

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

Does not seem to be used in a meaningful way. Site is adjacent to recycling center for the county.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: some on site

Shade: trees surrounding property, but overall site is open

Site Noise: minimal noise from street



View from backstop



View of baseball field from basketball court

FIGURE 10: COOSAWHATCHIE COMMUNITY PARK INVENTORY MAP



COMMUNITY PARK

FIGURE 11: GRAYS COMMUNITY PARK INVENTORY DATA

15927 Grays Highway, Early Branch, SC 29927

Overall Size = 11.31 AC

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RATING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	NO	3	
Play Equipment	YES	3	Swings with mulch, plastic border, and ramp
Ball Fields	NO		
Courts	YES	1	Basketball court, cracks in court, minimal striping
Athletic Fields	NO		Large open grassy area
Shelter	YES	3	Newer construction with picnic tables, restrooms, lights, and fans
Restroom Facilities	YES	3	Yes, in shelter
Water Access	NO		
Trails	NO		
Site Accessories	YES	2	Trash receptacles, picnic tables, and benches on site
Wayfinding	YES	2	High visibility sign at street
Drinking Fountain	NO		
On-Site Parking	YES	1	Unmarked parking either on lawn or along roadside
ADA Access	NO	1	Swings have ramp but no accessible route; no consistent ADA route
OVERALL RATING		2.1	

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

The site has pieces of open space that aren't currently being used for anything. It also has picnic tables, and historic signage. Inconsistent sidewalk access to the park. Other structures on site are not open for public use. Historic components from school on site and marked with signage. Barbed wire fence surrounding property with gate. Prominent signage for park at road for site.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: minimal on site
Shade: minimal on site
Site Noise: road noise is minimal

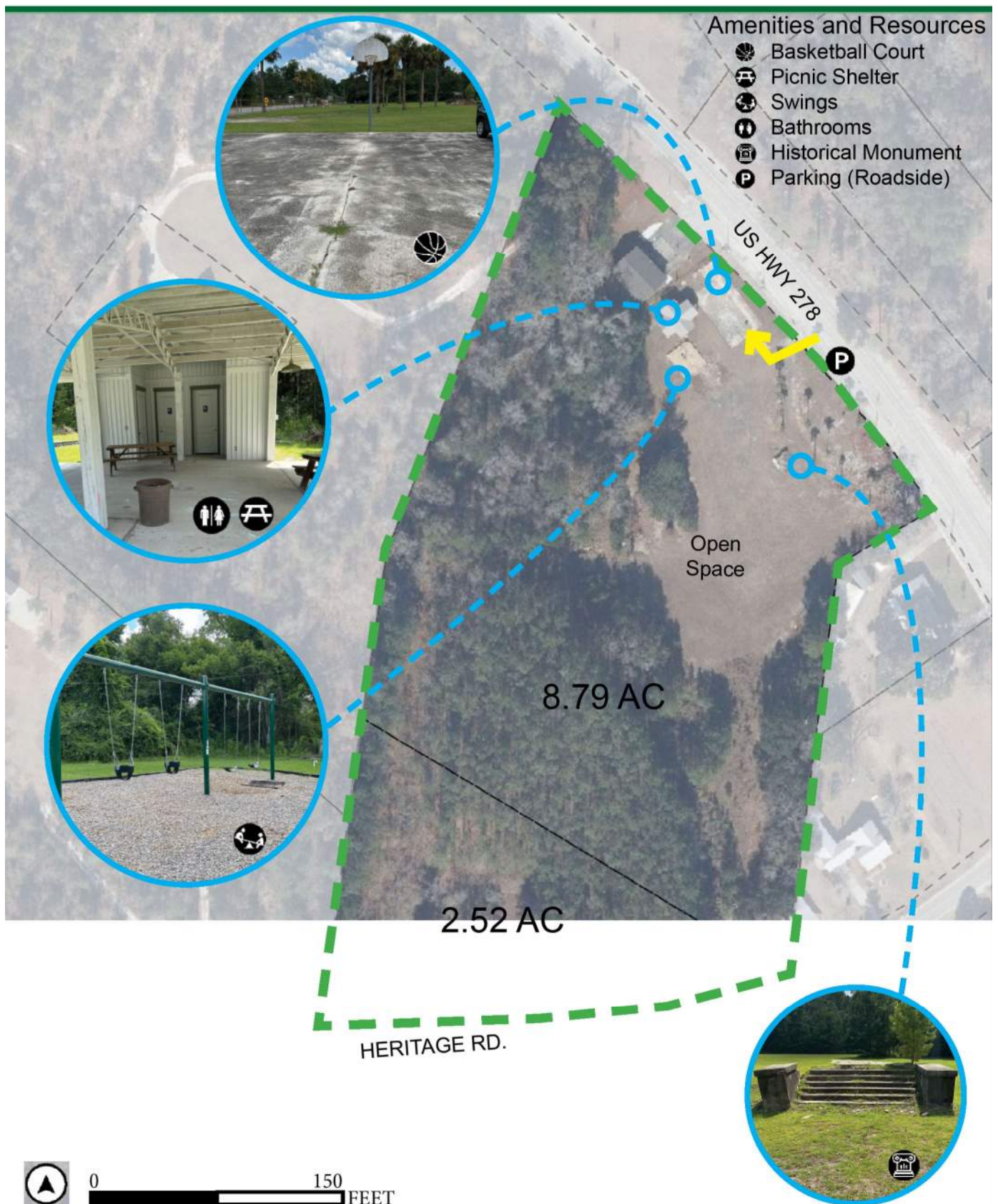


Grey's Consolidated High School sign



Grey's Consolidated High School monument bench

FIGURE 12: GRAYS COMMUNITY PARK INVENTORY MAP



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Grays Community Center & Park

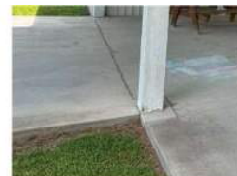
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Pavilion		
Foundation	5	No cracks or settlement observed.
Floor	5	Concrete floor is in great condition. No cracking.
Columns	5	No defects with building columns, the structure is in great condition.
Roof Framing	5	Wood roof framing is in great condition.
Roof	5	Metal standing seam roof is in great condition with no leaks or other issues.
Doors	5	Doors function like new and meet all ADA hardware and clearance requirements.
Toilet Rooms	5	Toilet rooms are in great condition and all necessary accessories and accommodations exist for ADA compliance.





COMMUNITY CENTER

FIGURE 13: LEVY LIMEHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER INVENTORY DATA

470 Mitchell's Court, Hardeeville, SC 29927

Overall Size = 5.02 AC

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RATING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	YES	2	Playground improvements planned for this area
Play Equipment	YES	2	Swings and slide in grassy area. Ponding of water at base of slide. Worn areas under the swings
Ball Fields	NO		
Courts	YES	2	A basketball court is provided but not marked
Athletic Fields	NO		Open grassy areas.
Shelter	NO		In community center - refer to facilities conditions assessment
Restroom Facilities	NO		In community center - refer to facilities conditions assessment
Water Access	NO		
Trails	NO		
Site Accessories	YES	2	Picnic tables and trash receptacles
Wayfinding	YES	1	Sign for and at community center but no sign queuing to park
Drinking Fountain	NO		
On-Site Parking	YES	1	Small area. No marked spaces, gravel lot
ADA Access	NO	1	ADA ramps cracked, no ADA route to park amenities

OVERALL RATING

1.6

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

The site has areas of open space that are not programmed for a specific use. It also has picnic tables and trash receptacles. Bridge over stream/ditch/swale to cross from parking to play areas. Signage present at building. Community center located in a cul-de-sac, this park and community center has no visual signage indicating it's location. Past recipient of PARD funding.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: none observed

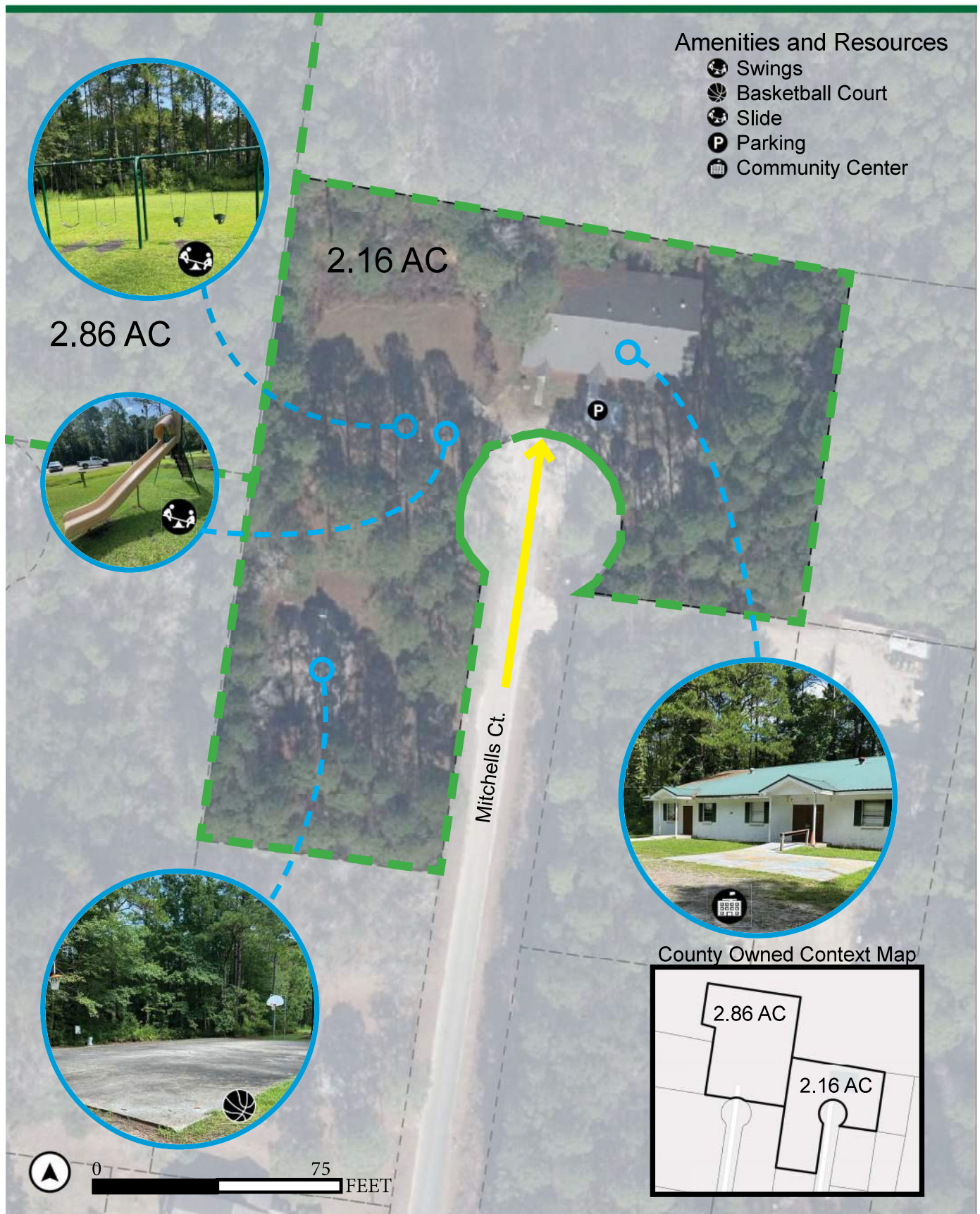
Shade: site is surrounded by dense trees

Site Noise: little to no noise



Levy Limehouse Community Center

FIGURE 14: LEVY LIMEHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTER INVENTORY MAP



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Levy Limehouse Community Center

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Building Envelope		
Superstructure (Columns, Beams, Walls)	2	Deteriorating building structure, needs to be assessed by a structural engineer.
Exterior Walls & Cladding	1	Large holes that allow pests and water infiltration. Patch and sealing needed.
Foundation	3	Cracking due to uneven settlement - need to consult a structural engineer.
Roof Framing	1	Wood rot observed in the roof framing. Extent of water damage is extensive. Recommend replacement of rotten wood. Further investigation of water source & leak locations also needed.
Roof	1	Deferred maintenance led to failing roof and fascia. Roof needs to be assessed by structural engineer and expert roofer.
Flashings & Sealants	3	Window seals are cracked, no signs of failure.
Windows	2	Original single pane windows in poor condition.

Bold text denotes recommended remedy.



Levy Limehouse Community Center

Building Interior		
Flooring	1	Flooring throughout is in poor shape. Some areas have deteriorated completely and rotted through the sub-flooring. Destructive methods recommended to assess extent of damage.
Ceilings	1	Water damaged, deteriorating ceilings need to be removed and replaced.
Doors	3	Most doors throughout the building are damaged and need replacing.
Windows & Screens	2	Most window screens are ripped or missing.
Kitchen	4	Minor wear & tear, functional equipment.
Restrooms	1	The restrooms throughout the building not maintained. One single occupancy toilet room needs to be replaced entirely.



Health, Safety, Security & Building Code		
ADA - Ramps	1	Non-compliant guardrail needs to be replaced. Recommend grinding and sealing the cracking concrete.
ADA - Doors	2	Most doors throughout the building do not have ADA compliant hardware or an accessible paved path outside.
ADA - Toilet Rooms	1	Accessories and space need to be renovated for ADA compliance.
Fire Protection - Sprinklers	0	No fire suppression system - not required.
Fire Protection - Extinguishers	2	Fire extinguishers need to be replaced as their inspections are expired.
Fire Protection - Knox Box	1	A Knox Box needs to be installed as soon as possible at the main entry for Fire Department access.
Security - Surveillance	0	Inoperable surveillance system in place.



Site & Surroundings		
Parking Lot/Asphalt	1	Paved parking needs to be expanded and clearly marked with ADA spaces.
Concrete Sidewalk	1	Concrete needs to be replaced or grind and seal at cracking locations.
Landscaping	3	Although the grass seems well maintained, it has grown into the gravel parking area significantly.
Water Drainage	5	No signs of water drainage issues, clear positive slope away from the building.



Bold text denotes recommended remedy.

COMMUNITY CENTER

FIGURE 15: ROBERTVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER INVENTORY DATA

9731 Cotton Hill Road, Robertville, SC 29934

Overall Size = 14.4 AC

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RATING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	NO		N/A
Play Equipment	NO		N/A
Ball Fields	YES	1	Baseball field with backstop and fully fenced. Field maintenance needed
Courts	YES	1	Basketball court; striping on court faded, cracks in asphalt
Athletic Fields	NO		Large open lawn area
Shelter	YES	3	New shelter with bathrooms, picnic tables, lights, and fans
Restroom Facilities	YES	3	In shelter
Water Access	NO		
Trails	YES	2	Needs maintenance
Site Accessories	YES	2	Picnic table shaded but not accessible
Wayfinding	YES	1	Sign does not mention park
Drinking Fountain	YES	3	In shelter
On-Site Parking	YES	2	Gravel access drive. Parking out front of Robertville Community Center. ADA spots labeled, but signage is damaged and there are no wheel stops
ADA Access	NO	1	ADA parking but no ADA route

OVERALL RATING

1.9

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

Big, old oak tree that is a focal point on the property. Grills under the oak tree. Signage on property does not indicate the presence of the community center. Wayfinding on site is confusing with other uses of site. Concrete loop walking trail around property. Walking trail has locations of root damage and overgrown weeds. Dumpster and old water storage tanks on property. Split rail fence in need of repair. Picnic tables throughout the site.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: at shelter, no lighting otherwise

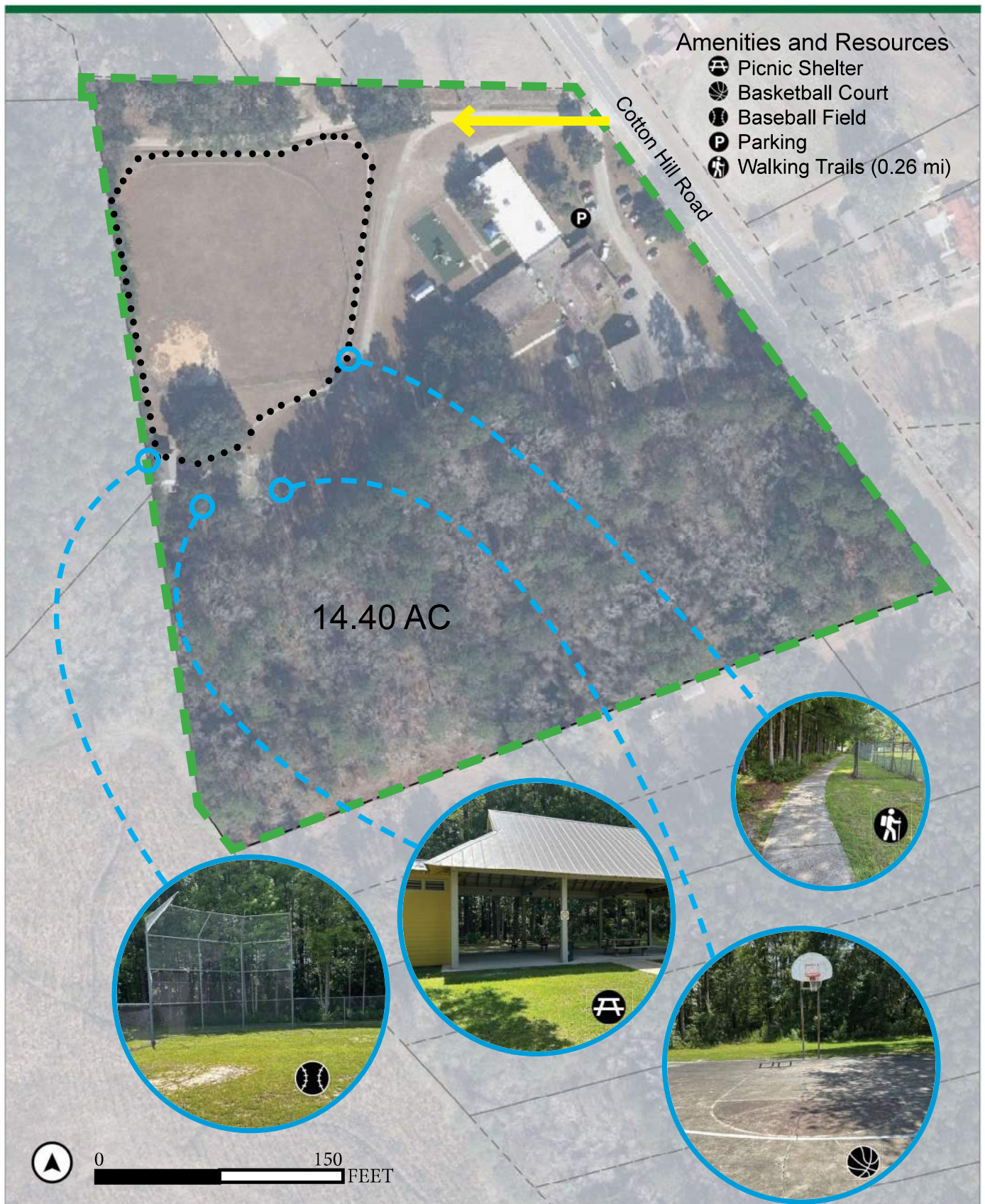
Shade: around edges of site and a few scattered large trees on property; overall lacking shade

Site Noise: minimal street noise



Robertville picnic area

FIGURE 16: ROBERTVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER INVENTORY MAP



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Robertville Community Center

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Age of Component or System | Functionality of Component or System | Expected Service Life | Visual Survey of Condition

RATING SCALE

0	1	2	3	4	5
NON-EXISTENT	CRITICAL	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
SCORE 0 of 5 / 0%	SCORE 1 of 5 / 20%	SCORE 2 of 5 / 40%	SCORE 3 of 5 / 60%	SCORE 4 of 5 / 80%	SCORE 5 of 5 / 100%
Non-Existent / Inoperable This system or component does not exist or is inoperable.	Critical Condition Extremely worn, damaged, or inoperable. Replace or improve in less than 2 years.	Poor Condition Worn from use and nearing the end of its life cycle. Replace or improve within 2-3 years, as funds are available	Average Condition Not new, with some issues to report. Average wear for its age. Replace or improve within 3-6 years.	Average Condition No reported issues or concerns. No expected failures. Consider replacing or improving in 7-10 years, reevaluate condition in 3 years.	New/Like-new Condition No issues to report. No expected failures. Reevaluate in 3 years.

Building Envelope		
Superstructure (Columns, Beams, Walls)	3	The building's structure is in fair condition. Steel columns are rusting.
Exterior Walls & Cladding	2	Masonry walls are deteriorating, exterior wood is rotting- replace as desired.
Foundation	4	No defects were observed in the building's foundation.
Roof Framing	4	No defects were observed in the steel roof framing.
Roof	3	The roof and fascia appear to be nearing their end of life. Some areas of the roof edge appear to be deteriorating.
Flashings & Sealants	1	Window seals are cracked, restroom windows leak- replace asap.
Windows	2	Original single pane windows in poor condition.

Bold text denotes recommended remedy.



Robertville Community Center

Building Interior		
Flooring	3	Flooring throughout is in fair condition. The nose edging on the raised VCT floor is missing, exposing adhesive.
Ceilings	1	Numerous areas of ACT ceilings have significant water damage- replace asap.
Doors	4	Interior doors are in good condition.
Windows & Screens	1	Original single pane windows in poor condition, many with ripped screens. Window sills have significant rot due to water damage and need to be replaced.
Restrooms	3	Maintained but fixtures and finishes are in antiquated condition.



Health, Safety, Security & Building Code		
ADA - Doors	3	Doors meet ADA hardware and clearance requirements. Doors with deteriorating finishes need to be replaced or refinished.
ADA - Toilet Rooms	5	All necessary accessories and accommodations exist for ADA compliance.
Fire Protection - Sprinklers	0	No fire suppression system - not required.
Fire Protection - Extinguishers	5	Fire extinguishers clearly located.



Site & Surroundings		
Parking Lot/Asphalt	4	Large parking lot in fair condition with an adequate number of ADA spaces.
Concrete Sidewalk	4	Concrete is in good condition, should be expanded for accessibility.
Landscaping	4	Grass and trees are well maintained, large oak tree at rear needs low branch trim.
Water Drainage	5	No signs of water drainage issues around the building.
Pavilion Roof & Framing	5	Standing seam metal roof and wood framing are in great condition with no defects.
Pavilion Floor	5	Concrete floor is in great condition with no cracking observed.
Pavilion Toilet Rooms	5	Toilet rooms are in great condition and all necessary accessories and accommodations exist for ADA compliance.



Bold text denotes recommended remedy.

COMMUNITY CENTER

FIGURE 17: TARBORO COMMUNITY CENTER INVENTORY DATA

370 Pinehaven Drive, Tillman, SC 29943

Overall Size = 6.11 AC

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RATING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	YES	1	Play equipment with mulch, plastic border, and plastic ramp
Play Equipment	YES	1	Climbing equipment, slide, and swings, not ADA accessible (has a ramp that leads to grass)
Ball Fields	YES	1	Baseball field with backstop. Field maintenance needed. No benches in dugouts
Courts	YES	2	Basketball Court, faded lines on court
Athletic Fields	NO		Large open lawn area
Shelter	NO		Community Center only, no exterior shelter
Restroom Facilities	YES	2	In Community Center and a port-a-potty on site
Water Access	NO		
Trails	YES	2	Needs maintenance
Site Accessories	YES	2	Benches, trash receptacles
Wayfinding	YES	2	Better wayfinding is needed
Drinking Fountain	NO		Access to potable water in community center
On-Site Parking	YES	1	Dirt/lawn parking. ADA parking in lawn. No wheel-stops or designated parking spaces
ADA Access	NO	1	ADA access ramp to building does not have an ADA route
OVERALL RATING		1.5	

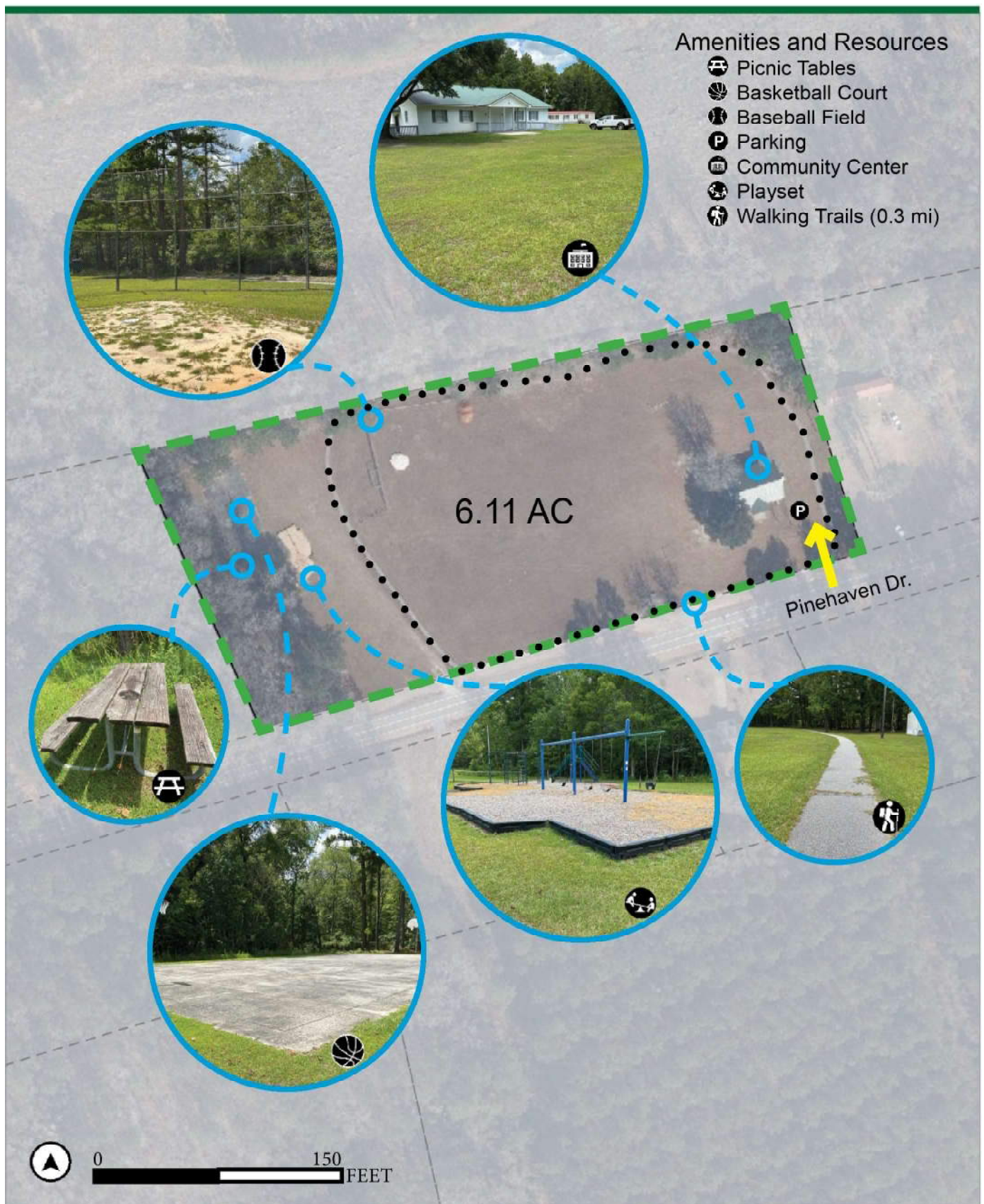
NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

No signage on way to community center. Picnic tables present on site, some with damage. Asphalt loop walking trail around property. Walking trail has locations of root damage and overgrown weeds. Benches in different locations along walking trail. Drive over trail to park at community center. Large trees close to building. Post and rail fence with damage. Entry drive is damaged. Community center includes large rentable space and kitchen.



Tarboro wayfinding

FIGURE 18: TARBORO COMMUNITY CENTER INVENTORY MAP



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Tarboro Community Center

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Age of Component or System | Functionality of Component or System | Expected Service Life | Visual Survey of Condition

RATING SCALE

0	1	2	3	4	5
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Building Envelope		
Superstructure (Columns, Beams, Walls)	4	Concrete masonry unit (CMU) bearing walls are in good, sound condition.
Exterior Walls & Cladding	3	Recommend repainting walls to keep them sealed from water and pest infiltration.
Foundation	3	Mortar joints in the CMU foundation need to be re-pointed soon to avoid damage.
Roof Framing	5	Roof framing is in great condition, free of any visible water damage or presence of pests.
Roof	5	Standing seam metal roof is in great condition with no visible damage, defects or leaks. Flashing locations are also sound.
Flashings & Sealants	1	Window seals cracking and separating from adjacent walls. Seal joints asap.
Windows	2	Original single pane windows in fair condition.

Bold text denotes recommended remedy.



Tarboro Community Center

Building Interior		
Flooring	3	Flooring throughout is in fair shape. Significant damage exists in isolated locations, otherwise moderate wear & tear.
Ceilings	2	Replace water damaged locations. Investigation of water source needed.
Doors	4	Although aging, doors throughout are in fair working condition.
Windows & Screens	3	Windows are original and in fair condition, no screens exist.
Kitchen	3	Minor wear & tear, rotting base boards.
Restrooms	3	Restrooms throughout the building are in fair condition, water was not running in the restrooms with exterior access, and wear and tear is moderate.



Health, Safety, Security & Building Code		
ADA - Ramps	4	Ramps to entries are in good condition but lead to non-accessible door thresholds.
ADA - Doors	2	Doors have ADA compliant hardware but many of the exterior doors need accessible transition thresholds.
ADA - Toilet Rooms	5	All necessary accessories and accommodations exist for ADA compliance.
Fire Protection - Sprinklers	0	No fire suppression system - not required.
Fire Protection - Extinguishers	5	Fire extinguishers clearly located.
Fire Protection - Knox Box	1	A Knox Box needs to be installed as soon as possible at the main entry for Fire Department access.
Security - Surveillance	0	No surveillance system in place.



Site & Surroundings		
Parking Lot/Asphalt	0	There is no asphalt or parking lot that serves this building. No paved ADA accessible path to get to building.
Concrete Sidewalk	2	Concrete is in fair condition, but needed around the building for accessibility.
Landscaping	5	Grass landscaping is well maintained with very few plantings around the building.
Water Drainage	5	No signs of water drainage issues, clear positive slope away from the building.



Bold text denotes recommended remedy.

COMMUNITY CENTER

FIGURE 19: TILLMAN-WAGON BRANCH COMMUNITY CENTER INVENTORY DATA

3796 Tillman Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936

Overall Size = 4.98 AC

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RANKING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	YES	3	Playground area with wood mulch, rubber mats, plastic border, and plastic access ramp.
Play Equipment	YES	3	Playset with slide, swings, climbing equipment.
Ball Fields	YES	1	Baseball field with backstop; field was showing wear. No benches in dugouts.
Courts	YES	2	Basketball court and beach volleyball court; court lines faded on basketball court. Bleachers next to court.
Athletic Fields	NO		Large open lawn area.
Shelter	YES	1	Metal shelter structure with no access.
Restroom Facilities	NO		In the community center
Water Access	NO		
Trails	YES	2	
Site Accessories	YES	1	Picnic tables, trash receptacles
Wayfinding	YES	2	
Drinking Fountain	NO		Potable water in community center
On-Site Parking	YES	3	Asphalt and gravel parking areas with wheel stops.
ADA Access	NO	1	No ADA access to courts, fields or playground equipment. Playground has ADA ramp. ADA designated parking spaces. Ramp to community center building does not connect to an ADA route.

OVERALL RATING

1.9

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

Large, beautiful tree close to playground. Asphalt loop walking trail around property. Many locations on asphalt loop have tree roots lifting the asphalt (sections were cones and taped off for repairs). Past PARD funding recipient property. Park signage at front. Grills on site. Trash receptacles on site. Many picnic tables on site. Community center includes large rentable space and kitchen.

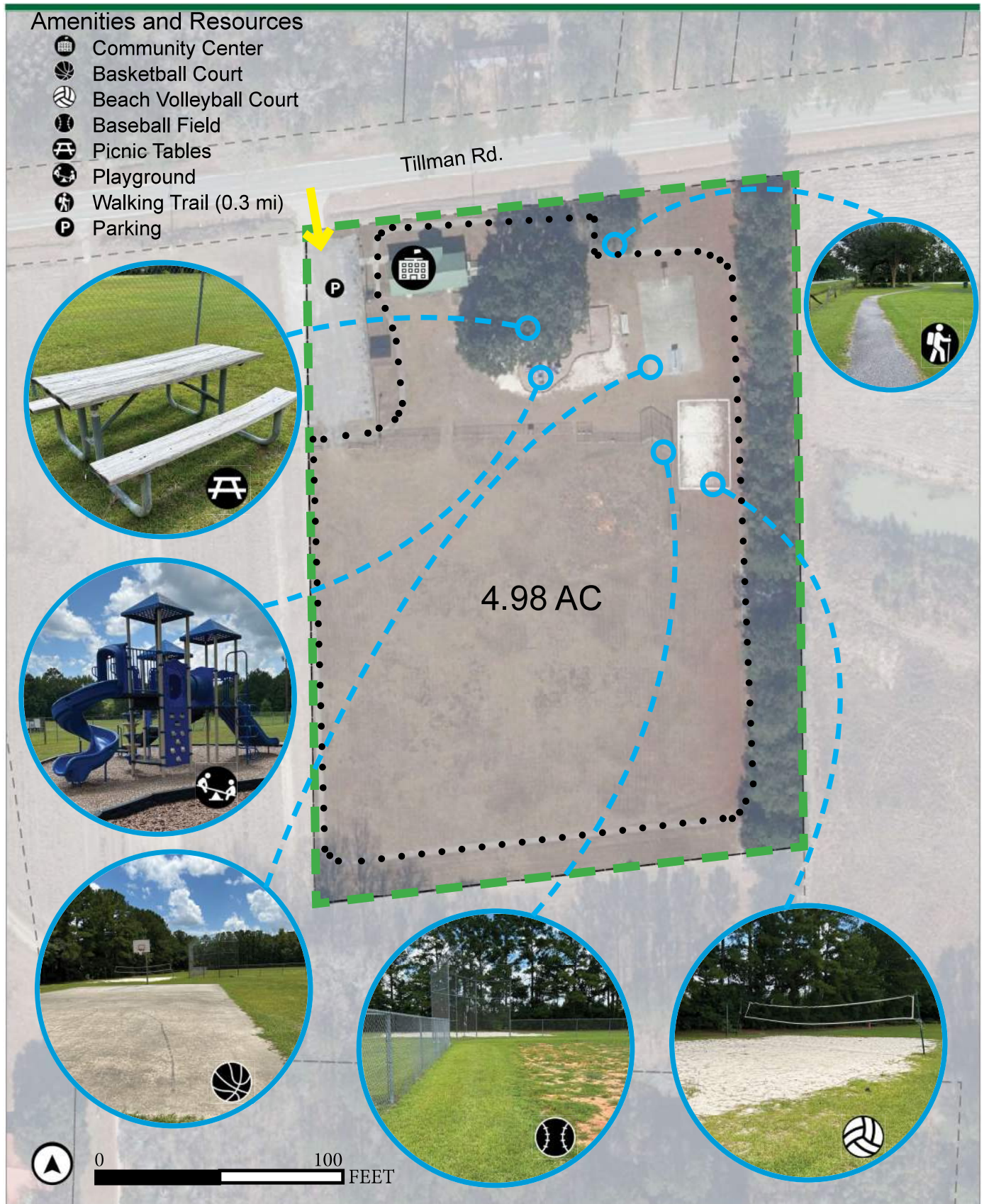
ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: some close to building, but not in all locations of park.
Shade: from larger trees on property and around park boundaries.
Site Noise: minimal noise from street.



Tarboro playground and tree

FIGURE 20: TILLMAN-WAGON BRANCH COMMUNITY CENTER INVENTORY MAP



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Tilman-Wagon Community Center

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Age of Component or System | Functionality of Component or System | Expected Service Life | Visual Survey of Condition

RATING SCALE

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Building Envelope		
Superstructure (Columns, Beams, Walls)	4	Concrete masonry unit (CMU) bearing walls are in good, sound condition.
Exterior Walls & Cladding	3	Cracking in stucco along joints indicates potential settlement or water infiltration. Destructive methods may be necessary for investigation if issues persist.
Foundation	5	No issues observed with the CMU wall building foundation.
Roof Framing	4	Roof framing had no visible defects or water damage.
Roof	2	Roof is in good condition with no visible defects. Water damaged, missing fascia needs to be replaced. No gutters creates growth on sidewalks - add gutters.
Flashings & Sealants	4	No issues observed with window seals or roof flashing.
Windows	4	Original single pane windows in good condition.

Bold text denotes recommended remedy.

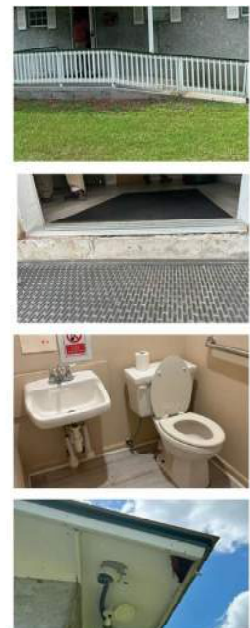


Tilman-Wagon Community Center

Building Interior		
Flooring	4	Flooring throughout is in good condition. Base of few walls have damage and holes around the baseboards.
Ceilings	4	Ceilings in good condition but finishes are inconsistent due to old light fixtures.
Doors	5	Interior doors are in like-new condition.
Windows & Screens	4	Operable, original single pane windows in good shape with no window screens.
Kitchen	4	Minor wear & tear, functional equipment.
Restrooms	5	The restrooms in the building are well maintained and in great condition.



Health, Safety, Security & Building Code		
ADA - Ramps	4	ADA compliant ramp leads to main entrance and is in good condition.
ADA - Doors	2	Numerous exterior doors need ADA compliant thresholds to enter the building.
ADA - Toilet Rooms	5	All necessary accessories and accommodations exist for ADA compliance.
Fire Protection - Sprinklers	0	No fire suppression system - not required.
Fire Protection - Extinguishers	5	Fire extinguishers clearly located.
Fire Protection - Knox Box	1	A Knox Box needs to be installed as soon as possible at the main entry for Fire Department access.
Security - Surveillance	0	Inoperable surveillance system in place.



Site & Surroundings		
Parking Lot/Asphalt	4	Large parking lot in fair condition with an adequate number of ADA spaces.
Concrete Sidewalk	3	Concrete in good condition but needs to be cleaned to stop growth from water.
Landscaping	5	Landscaping is very well maintained.
Water Drainage	5	No signs of water drainage issues around the building.



Bold text denotes recommended remedy.

BOAT LANDING & FISHING PIER

FIGURE 21: COOKS LANDING INVENTORY DATA

Cooks Landing Road, Hardeeville, SC 29927

Overall Size = 1.32 AC

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RANKING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	NO		
Play Equipment	NO		
Ball Fields	NO		
Courts	NO		
Athletic Fields	NO		
Shelter	NO		
Restroom Facilities	NO		
Water Access	YES	2	Wood is a little old and rotten. They also fish off this and the ramps are not good for wheelchairs
Trails	NO		
Site Accessories	YES	1	
Wayfinding	YES	1	
Drinking Fountain	NO		
On-Site Parking	YES	1	Dirt, not marked
ADA Access	NO	1	

OVERALL RATING

1.2

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

A ribbed concrete boat ramp, a boardwalk, ADA fishing pier with no ADA route, and a cemetery. Non-ADA accessible floating dock that rises and falls with tides. Gravestones are close to entry drive for ramp. Remote location.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: none

Shade: dense tree canopy surrounding site

Site Noise: little to no noise



Cooks Landing cemetery

FIGURE 22: COOKS LANDING INVENTORY MAP



BOAT LANDING

FIGURE 23: CORNER LAKE LANDING INVENTORY DATA

Corner Lake Road, Early Branch, SC 29916

Overall Size = 27.01 AC

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RANKING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	NO		
Play Equipment	NO		
Ball Fields	NO		
Courts	NO		
Athletic Fields	NO		
Shelter	NO		
Restroom Facilities	NO		
Water Access	YES	3	Not ADA. Used for John Boats and kayaks
Trails	NO		
Site Accessories	YES	1	
Wayfinding	YES	1	
Drinking Fountain	NO		
On-Site Parking	YES	1	Dirt parking area
ADA Access	NO	1	

OVERALL RATING

1.4

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

Concrete, textured boat ramp into freshwater river. Remote location. No signage.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: none

Shade: dense shade from surrounding trees

Site Noise: little to no noise



Corner Lake Landing Ramp

FIGURE 24: CORNER LAKE LANDING INVENTORY MAP



BOAT LANDING

FIGURE 25: DAWSON'S LANDING INVENTORY DATA

326 Dawson Landing Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936

Overall Size = N/A**

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RANKING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	NO		
Play Equipment	NO		
Ball Fields	NO		
Courts	NO		
Athletic Fields	NO		
Shelter	YES	2	Small gazebo style shelter; large amounts of debris on shelter roof
Restroom Facilities	YES	2	Outhouse/port-a-potty
Water Access	YES	2	
Trails	NO		
Site Accessories	YES	1	Lacking trash receptacles
Wayfinding	YES	2	Needs improvement
Drinking Fountain	NO		
On-Site Parking	YES	1	Enough paved area to park, but no marked parking spaces other than an ADA painted parking spot adjacent to shelter
ADA Access	YES	1	ADA parking is marked, but access to dock is blocked by a bollard and curbs prevent ADA access to ramp

OVERALL RATING

1.6

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

Floating dock that raises and lowers with the tide along the boat ramp. Boat ramp is rough concrete material. Signage located directly at boat ramp.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: none

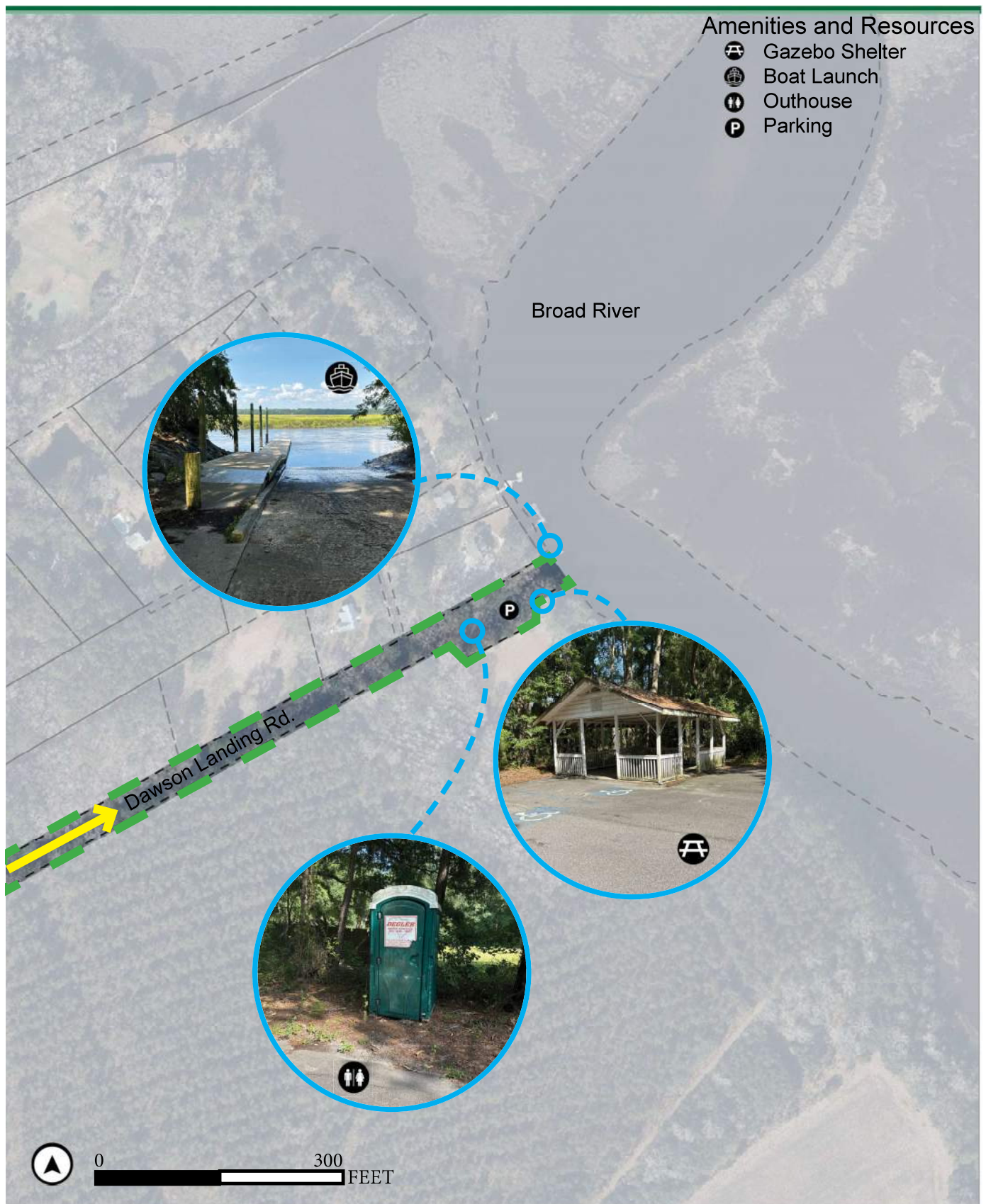
Shade: dense shade surrounding landing

Site Noise: little to no noise around landing



Broad River from Dawson's Landing

FIGURE 26: DAWSON'S LANDING INVENTORY MAP



**ACREAGE NOT AVAILABLE; LANDING IS IN RIGHT OF WAY MAINTAINED BY SCDOT

FISHING PIER

FIGURE 27: KNOWLES ISLAND FISHING PIER INVENTORY DATA

Old Tressle Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936

Overall Size = 17.0 AC

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RANKING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	NO		
Play Equipment	NO		
Ball Fields	NO		
Courts	NO		
Athletic Fields	NO		
Shelter	YES	2	Small shelter over bench and sign
Restroom Facilities	YES	2	Outhouse/port-a-potty
Water Access	YES	3	
Trails	NO		
Site Accessories	YES	2	
Wayfinding	YES	1	Lacking signage
Drinking Fountain	NO		
On-Site Parking	YES	2	Gravel parking only. Spots are not marked
ADA Access	NO	1	

OVERALL RATING

1.9

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

Fishing pier with ADA features but no ADA access. Gravel access to pier. Trash receptacles on site. Issues with trash/debris along shoreline. Stairs to beach below pier. Signage is minimal. Old train trestle parallels pier.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: minimal lighting at pier

Shade: no shade at pier. Dense shade on entry drive approach

Site Noise: little to no noise around landing



Pocotaligo River from Knowles Island Fishing Pier

FIGURE 28: KNOWLES ISLAND FISHING PIER INVENTORY MAP



BOAT LANDING

FIGURE 29: TURNBRIDGE LANDING - RAMP INVENTORY DATA

2655 Turnbridge Landing Road, Hardeeville, SC 29927

Overall Size = 0.28 AC

PARK AMENITIES	YES/NO	RANKINGS	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	NO		
Play Equipment	NO		
Ball Fields	NO		
Courts	NO		
Athletic Fields	NO		
Shelter	NO		
Restroom Facilities	NO		
Water Access	YES	2	
Trails	NO		
Site Accessories	YES	1	
Wayfinding	YES	1	
Drinking Fountain	NO		
On-Site Parking	YES	1	Can park in dirt but there is no clear parking
ADA Access	NO	1	

OVERALL RATING

1.2

NOTABLE SITE FEATURES

Does not seem to have a boat ramp, boat launch, boardwalk, or fishing pier. Appears to be a dirt road and part of the entry drive is on private property. Trash and debris on site. Signage is insignificant.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Lighting: none

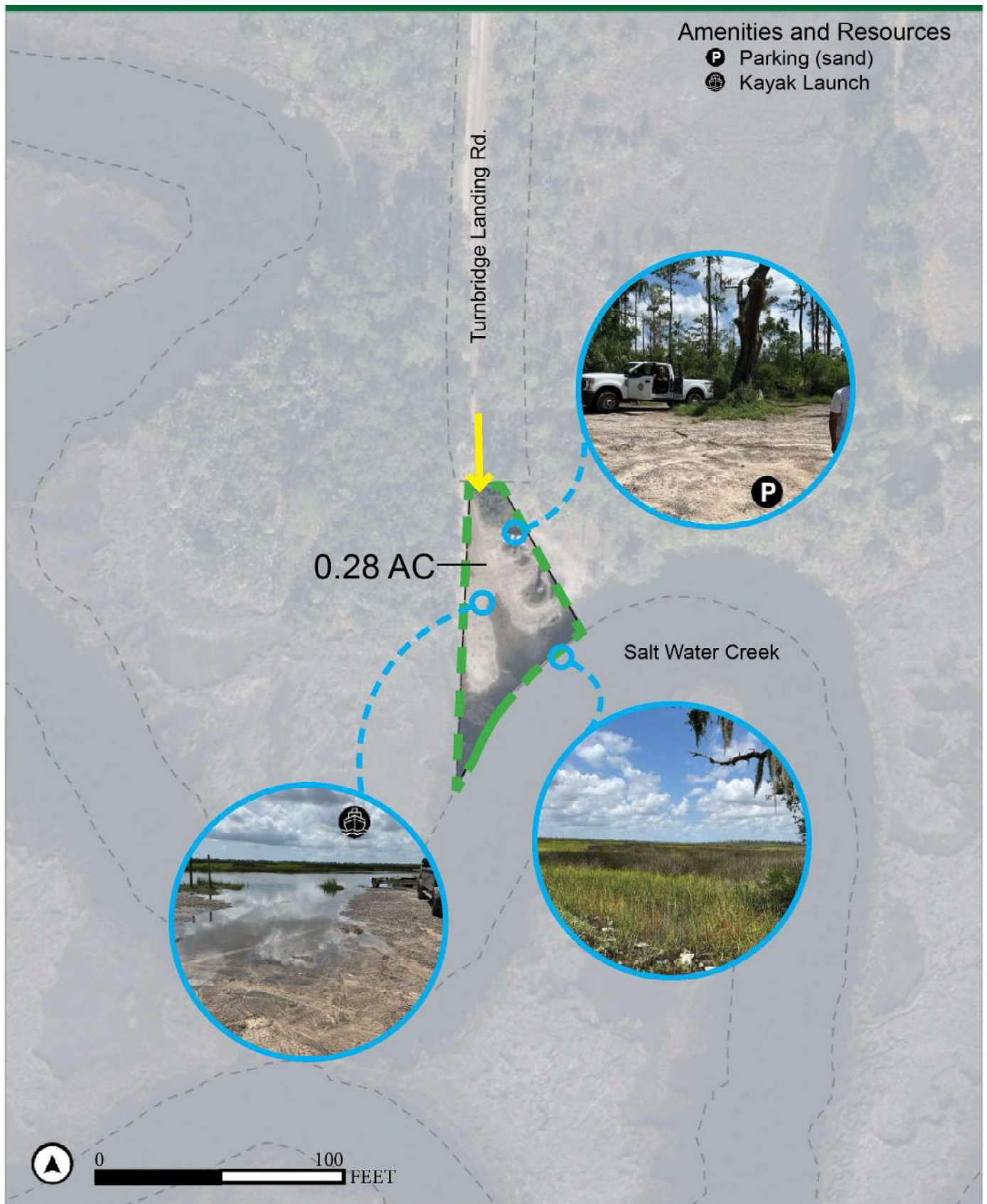
Shade: surrounding trees cast some shade, but overall site is open

Site Noise: little to no noise around landing



Turnbridge Landing parking

FIGURE 30: TURNBRIDGE LANDING - RAMP INVENTORY MAP



BOAT LANDING

FIGURE 31: TUTEN'S LANDING - RAMP & RESTROOM INVENTORY DATA

776 Tutens Landing Road, Ridgeland, SC 29936

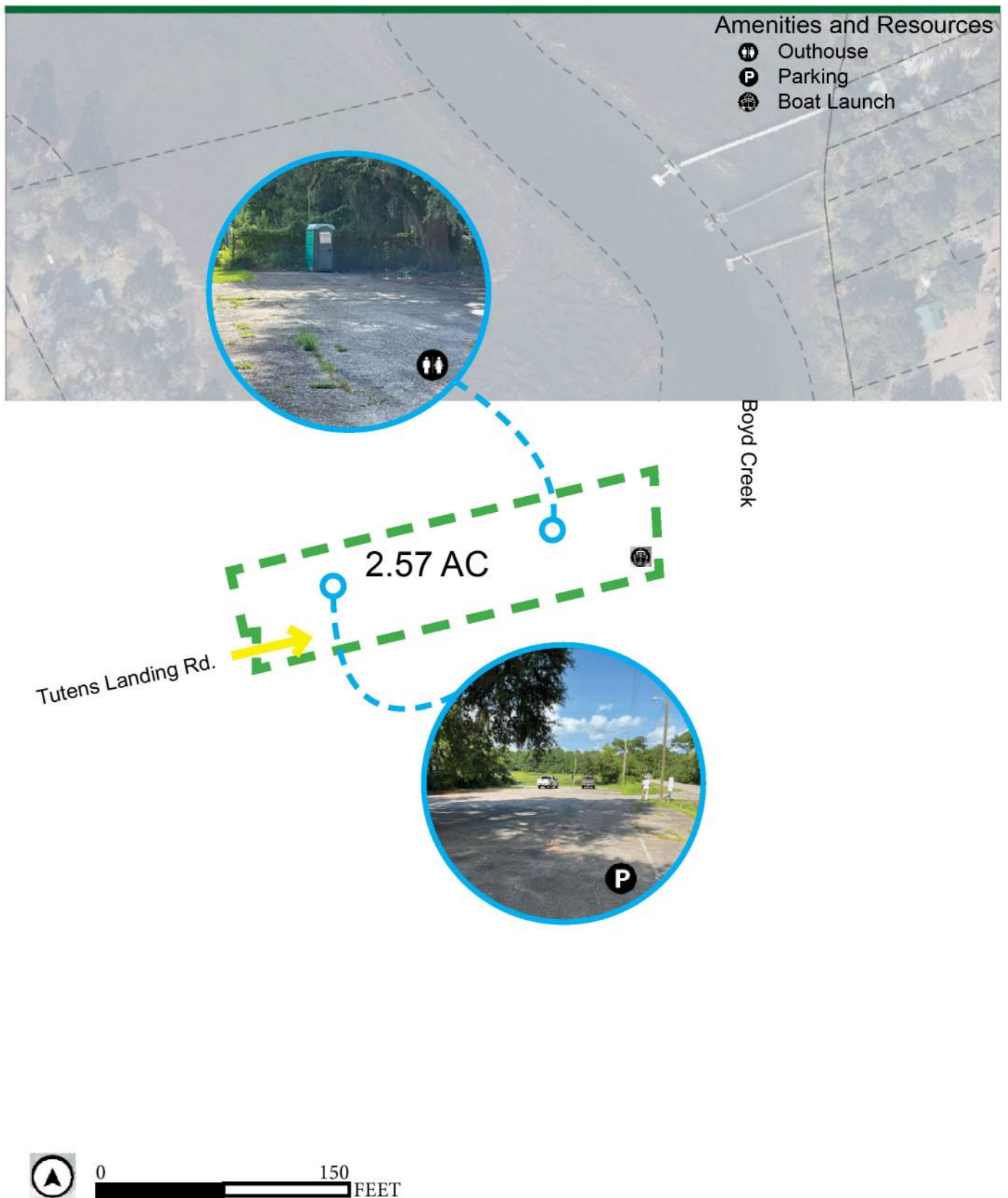
Overall Size = 2.57 AC

<u>PARK AMENITIES</u>	YES/NO	RANKING	DESCRIPTION
Playgrounds	NO		
Play Equipment	NO		
Ball Fields	NO		
Courts	NO		
Athletic Fields	NO		
Shelter	NO		
Restroom Facilities	YES	2	Outhouse/port-a-potty
Water Access	YES	3	
Trails	NO		
Site Accessories	YES	1	Nothing
Wayfinding	YES	1	
Drinking Fountain	NO		
On-Site Parking	YES	2	Area for parking and ability to park around end of drive loop; parking is remote and there is no ADA route; parking spots are not defined
ADA Access	NO	1	
<u>OVERALL RATING</u>		1.7	
<u>NOTABLE SITE FEATURES</u>			
Signage is insignificant			
<u>ADDITIONAL NOTES</u>			
Lighting: lighting in parking area is limited			
Shade: large trees surrounding landing cast shade in parking area			
Site Noise: little to no noise around landing			



Tuten's Landing parking loop

FIGURE 32: TUTEN'S LANDING - RAMP & RESTROOM INVENTORY MAP



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WHAT IS A PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN?

It is a guide for the parks and recreation department to prioritize community needs by setting a plan for future development. It includes strategies for improving parks, open spaces, and recreational facilities while identifying and addressing gaps and overlaps to better serve diverse communities.



Penny the Pinecone was developed as the project mascot and helped guide the public both online and through social media on how to participate in the master plan process.

PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

The design team collected public input through several different methods: focus groups, steering committee, survey, pop-ups, and public meetings.

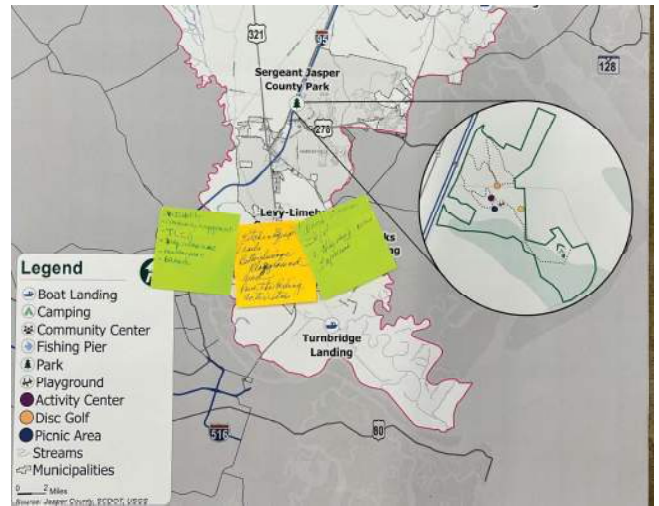
FOCUS GROUPS

The first focus group meetings were held October 9th and 10th, at 1765 Grays Hwy, Ridgeland, SC, 29936. Focus Group Meetings were held to hear from members of the public who have a strong interest, or their role is intimately tied to current or potential Jasper County Park & Recreation initiatives. Note the in-person meeting for Hardeeville and Ridgeland was rescheduled to October 16th and was virtual. No one who was invited to the Senior Active Living Groups/Neighborhoods meeting attended at the designated time. The project team did speak to Lowcountry Seniors at the Gopher Hill Festival and received feedback at that time. All invited focus group meeting stakeholders were provided with a summary of the cumulative discussion to ensure each person's key comments were captured. The six focus group themes were as follows:

1. Hardeeville and Ridgeland
2. YMCA, Sports & Schools, Higher Education, and Churches
3. Senior Active Living Groups/Neighborhoods
4. Tourism/Culture/History/Community Centers
5. Regional Stakeholders
6. Conservation Groups, Water Recreation, and Boat Landings



Gopher Hill Festival - Ridgeland, SC



Levy Limehouse Open House STEERING COMMITTEE

The steering committee was comprised of Danny Lucas, Wendy Marlow, Dallas Lassiter, Lenny Sansone, Payton Krupp, LaShea Johnson, Lyn Boyles, River Vera, Corey Bivens. The committee met 4 times between June and December of 2024. The steering committee served as a guide throughout the project and worked with the project team to establish foundational knowledge and confirm direction. The group was comprised of Jasper County staff who currently have some direct involvement with the Jasper County Parks & Recreation Department.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Pop-Up Engagement

The design team participated in the Gopher Hill Festival October 4th and 5th, 2024 in downtown Ridgeland. This well-attended event was a great opportunity to speak directly to residents and some visitors to hear directly from them what they hope the future holds for Jasper County Parks and Recreation. We learned about what they loved and what they felt was missing and encouraged them to take the survey. The team applied temporary tortoise tattoos and spoke with nearly 100 persons of all ages. We asked folks how they like to stay active and what facilities they would like and the overwhelming theme was places to walk. Closely following were places to play soccer and basketball, dog parks, a bingo hall, and paved biking trails. See the appendix for

a summary of general feedback.

Public Open House Events

On October 10, 2024, Jasper County staff and the project team hosted two open houses—one at Tillman-Wagon Branch Community Center in Ridgeland and another at Levy Limehouse Community Center in Hardeeville—as a final push for survey responses and public input. Residents expressed strong interest in maintaining existing facilities, especially Levy Limehouse, and making better use of community center spaces. Attendees shared feedback on the Jasper County asset map, their favorite ways to stay active, and how they'd like to see future funds invested. Most supported improving and maintaining current park infrastructure.

As these standalone events weren't tied to other activities, attendance was low—likely due to timing and location. The team used this insight to adjust the approach for the next public meeting.

Final Public Presentation

On January 16, 2025, the design team held a final public presentation to share findings and next steps for Parks and Recreation. In partnership with Kids in Parks—a nonprofit promoting outdoor activity for children and families—the team hosted a community meeting ahead of the presentation to introduce the program in Jasper County. Funded by a statewide grant, Kids in Parks encourages physical activity through self-guided TRACK trails using existing parks and trails.

During the meeting, attendees recommended local sites for potential TRACK trail locations. They then explored Sergeant Jasper Park before reconvening for the final draft master plan presentation. Community members asked about the future of Coosawhatchie Community Park, a new community center, and advocated for a community advisory board. One attendee raised concerns about long-term maintenance of the

Knowles Fishing Pier access road.

At the end of the presentation attendees were given three dots to vote on their most supported goals and high-level objectives. The top results were as follows:

- #1 Objective: Develop a County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (6 votes)
- #2 Objective: Seek grant funding efforts (4 votes)
- #3 Objective: Identify funding opportunities (3 votes)
- #4 Objective: Prioritize and schedule park and facility updates, renovation projects, new parks, and property acquisition.
- #5 Goal: Improve and Maintain Facilities and Park Amenities (3 votes)

Jasper County staff also hosted two events independently of the design team to gather survey information: the Polaris Tech Talent Show on October 3rd, 2024 in Ridgeland and the 3rd Annual National Night Out for Jasper County on September 10, 2024 at Ridgeland Secondary Academy of Excellence.

Jasper County Council Workshop Presentation

On May 5th, 2025, The project team presented an overview of the Jasper County Parks and Recreation Master Plan planning process, the public input and needs assessment data, the established goals and objectives for the parks department and the identified recommendations as a result of this planning effort. The top three considerations presented included:

- #1. Maintain and improve the existing boat landings including conveyance of needed properties and acquisition of Becks and New River Landing.
- #2. Maintain and improve existing parks and community centers.
- #3. Develop and enhance youth sports opportunities and programs throughout the county.

COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

OVERVIEW

A community input survey was prepared and available for public access for a period of 8 weeks, and was available in English and Spanish. Overall, there were 238 total responses to the community input survey and 211 valid responses.

The goal of the survey was to find out what community members currently value about parks and recreational facilities and what could be improved in order to increase quality of life in Jasper County. In general, participants agree that there are necessary improvements that need to be made in existing parks and open space amenities and feel that the county needs to take steps to make these facilities safer and increase a sense of community. The majority age group of participants were in the 35-44 and 45-54 age range. The remainder of the survey asked participants to describe what specific amenities, activities, and improvements they would like to see added or changed at Jasper County Parks and Recreation owned facilities.



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SURVEY QUESTIONS

DO YOU LIVE IN JASPER COUNTY?

- a. Yes
- b. No, but I work in Jasper County
- c. No, I live elsewhere and do not work in Jasper County

*if you answered b or c, please skip to question 4

PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOU LIVE IN JASPER COUNTY - REFER TO MAP TO THE RIGHT.

- a. Town of Ridgeland
- b. City of Hardeeville
- c. Northern Jasper County (north of Tillman Road/ Sand Hills Road)
- d. Central Jasper County (between Tillman Road/Sand Hills Road and 278/I-95)

DURING A TYPICAL YEAR, HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD VISIT JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES?

- a. 1-4 times a year
- b. Once a month
- c. Every other week
- d. Once a week
- e. 2+ times a week
- f. We do not visit these facilities

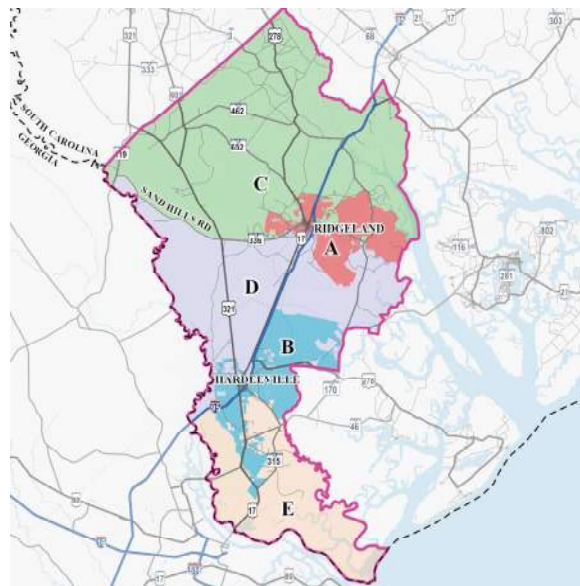
HAVE YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RENTED A COMMUNITY SPACE (FOR EXAMPLE: GAZEBO, PICNIC SHELTER, BANQUET HALL)?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I did not know that was an option
- d. I am not sure

IF YOU RESPONDED "YES" TO [THE QUESTION ABOVE], PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN JASPER COUNTY?

- a. Less than 5 years
- b. 5 to 10 years
- c. 11 to 20 years
- d. More than 20 years



WHAT KEEPS YOU OR YOUR FAMILY FROM VISITING ANY JASPER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES MORE OFTEN? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY:

- a. Too far from home
- b. We use other city, town, private, or HOA facilities
- c. Not aware of the facilities, programming, or locations
- d. Facilities are not well maintained
- e. Facilities are old or outdated
- f. Facilities lack the amenity I/we would like to have access to
- g. Facilities feel unsafe
- h. I/We feel unwelcome
- i. Lack of restrooms
- j. Lack of parking
- k. Lack of ADA accessibility
- l. Lack of transportation to get to the facilities
- m. Language / cultural barriers
- n. Facilities are not age appropriate
- o. Park hours do not fit my/our schedule
- p. None of the above
- q. Other: _____

RATE YOUR SATISFACTION ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5 WITH 1 BEING “VERY UNSATISFIED” AND 5 BEING “VERY SATISFIED” FOR THE FOLLOWING JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION AMENITIES BY CHOOSING THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER. PLEASE CHOOSE “N/A” IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN OPINION OR THE ITEM IS NOT APPLICABLE TO YOU.

- a. Upkeep and maintenance of park facilities
- b. Cleanliness of park facilities
- c. Location of park facilities
- d. Amenities available at park facilities (i.e., playground equipment, shelters, type of equipment)
- e. Bathrooms at park facilities
- f. Security and safety at park facilities
- g. Parking at the park facilities
- h. ADA accessible programming offered at the park facilities
- i. ADA accessible equipment and trails at the park facilities
- j. Age-appropriate programming and equipment
- k. Registration process for recreation programs
- l. Park hours
- m. Distance to reach a park amenity
- n. Community Center Fees
- o. Community Center (indoor spaces)
- p. Boat landings

HOW FAR ARE YOU WILLING TO TRAVEL TO A JASPER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY?

- a. Up to 5 minutes
- b. Up to 10 minutes
- c. Up to 15 minutes
- d. Up to 20 minutes
- e. Up to 25 minutes
- f. Up to 30 minutes

CHOOSE ALL THE WAYS YOU CURRENTLY LEARN OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT JASPER COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS FROM THE LIST BELOW. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

- a. Banners at parks and local facilities
- b. Emails from Jasper County
- c. Flyers and handout materials at the facilities
- d. Friends and neighbors
- e. Communicating through my child’s school
- f. Newspaper and/or community publications
- g. Jasper County social media (Facebook and Instagram)
- h. Jasper County website
- i. Jasper County mailer/newsletter
- j. Local news (TV)
- k. Local news (Paper)
- l. Local news (online)
- m. Local radio
- n. Other: _____

WHICH THREE COMMUNICATION SOURCES FROM [THE QUESTION ABOVE] DO YOU MOST PREFER TO GET INFORMATION REGARDING JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS?

HAVE YOU VISITED ANOTHER COMMUNITY AND BEEN IMPRESSED BY A PARTICULAR PUBLIC AMENITY (PARK, TRAIL, FACILITY, PLAYGROUND, ETC.)? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME AND LOCATION OF THAT AMENITY AND WHAT YOU LIKED MOST ABOUT IT!

SURVEY QUESTIONS

LISTED BELOW ARE AMENITIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY OFFERED IN THE COMMUNITY OR MAY BE OFFERED IN THE FUTURE. RATE HOW WELL YOUR NEEDS FOR EACH FACILITY OR AMENITY ARE MET ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 4 WITH 1 BEING "NEED NOT MET" AND 4 BEING "NEED FULLY MET." SELECT "NO NEED" FOR ANY ITEMS THAT DO NOT APPLY TO YOU.

- All existing facilities
- Large Community Parks (regional attractions that draw in users from the area)
- Natural areas/conservations areas (mostly naturally wooded or wetlands areas)
- Open green space (regularly maintained lawn areas)
- Picnic areas and park shelters
- Outdoor public art
- Playground areas
- Fishing areas
- Boat launch areas
- ADA accessible amenities
- Walking trails
- Pump track / BMX trails (bicycle)
- Paved bicycle trails
- Diamond sport fields (baseball, softball, kickball, etc.)
- Rectangular sports fields (soccer, lacrosse, flag football, etc.)
- Disc Golf Courses
- Mini Golf Courses
- Golf/ Par-Three Course?
- Outdoor basketball
- Outdoor tennis courts
- Outdoor pickleball courts
- Splash Pad
- Canoeing, kayaking, and paddle board activities
- Nature center
- Community Gardens
- Tent and cabin camping
- RV camping
- Community Centers
- Indoor courts (all types)
- Indoor fitness and wellness spaces
- Other (explain): _____

WHICH THREE FACILITIES/AMENITIES FROM THE LIST [TO THE LEFT] ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

RATE YOUR SUPPORT ON IMPROVING THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES ON A SCALE FROM 1 - 5 WITH 1 BEING "NOT SUPPORTIVE" AND 5 BEING "VERY SUPPORTIVE."

- a. Develop new indoor recreation space (courts)
- b. Develop more public art
- c. Develop new park amenities (i.e., shelters, splash pads, pavilions, playground)
- d. Develop fields with synthetic turf for multi-use, year-round activity
- e. Expand walking trails system
- f. Develop more outdoor active recreation facilities (outdoor courts, fields)
- g. Connect neighborhoods with multiuse trails (i.e., golf cart, bike, stroller)
- h. Improve / maintain existing parks
- i. Improve / maintain existing boat launches
- j. Improve / maintain community centers
- k. Improve / add restroom facilities
- l. Acquire additional land for parks and recreation
- m. Expand natural areas / conservation area (mostly naturally wooded, wetlands, etc.)
- n. Develop more educational opportunities within park facilities

WHICH THREE IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE LIST IN [THE QUESTION ABOVE] ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

SHOULD JASPER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BE ACTIVE IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. No opinion

RATE HOW WELL YOUR NEEDS FOR EACH FACILITY OR AMENITY AT BOAT LAUNCH AREAS SPECIFICALLY ARE BEING MET ON A SCALE FROM 1 TO 4 WITH 1 BEING “NEED NOT MET” AND 4 BEING “NEED MET.” SELECT “NO NEED” FOR ANY ITEMS THAT DO NOT APPLY TO YOU.

- a. Bathrooms
- b. Parking
- c. Pier or shoreline fishing
- d. Non-motorized boat launch (kayak, canoe, paddle board)
- e. Educational materials
- f. Safety Lighting
- g. Emergency Phone
- h. Shelter
- i. Picnic Area (seating area)
- j. Primitive Camping (tent camping)

RATE HOW WELL YOUR NEEDS FOR EACH FACILITY OR AMENITY AT COMMUNITY CENTERS SPECIFICALLY ARE BEING MET ON A SCALE FROM 1 TO 4 WITH 1 BEING “NEED NOT MET” AND 4 BEING “NEED MET.” SELECT “NO NEED” FOR ANY ITEMS THAT DO NOT APPLY TO YOU.

- a. Bathrooms
- b. Parking
- c. Children’s play area
- d. Educational materials
- e. Kitchen areas
- f. Outdoor picnic area
- g. Open lawn area

SHOULD JASPER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT DEVELOP PROGRAMING OR PARK AREAS AROUND CULTURALLY OR HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES (THINK MEMORIALS, CEMETERIES)?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. No opinion

IF YOU HAD A BUDGET OF \$100 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT, HOW WOULD YOU ALLOCATE THE FUNDS? PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR TOTAL ADDS UP TO \$100.

\$ _____ Development of new parks
\$ _____ Development of new park amenities at existing parks (ex: shelters, playgrounds, fields)
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IF IDENTIFIED IMPROVEMENTS EXCEED THE CURRENT PARK FUNDING BUDGET, WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE COUNTY USING A PARK BOND (MONEY ISSUED TO JASPER COUNTY REQUIRING PAYBACK WITH INTEREST OVER A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME) FOR DEVELOPMENT, RENOVATION, AND OPERATION OF PARKS?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. No opinion

DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW THE JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT COULD SERVE YOU BETTER? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.

SURVEY QUESTIONS

WHAT IS YOUR AGE GROUP?

- a. Under 12
- b. 12-17
- c. 18-24
- d. 25-34
- e. 35-44
- f. 45-54
- g. 55-64
- h. 65-74
- i. 75+

COUNTING YOURSELF, HOW MANY PEOPLE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD ARE THE FOLLOWING AGES? WRITE IN THE NUMBER NEXT TO EACH CORRESPONDING AGE RANGE:

- a. Under age 5: _____
- b. Ages 5-9: _____
- c. Ages 10-14: _____
- d. Ages 15-19: _____
- e. Ages 20-24: _____
- f. Ages 25-34: _____
- g. Ages 35-44: _____
- h. Ages 45-54: _____
- i. Ages 55-64: _____
- j. Ages 65-74: _____
- k. Ages 75+: _____

WHICH RACE OR ETHNICITY BEST DESCRIBES YOU?

- a. American Indian or Alaskan native
- b. Asian / Pacific Islander
- c. Black or African American
- d. Hispanic / Latin American
- e. White / Caucasian
- f. Multiple ethnicity / Other
- g. Prefer not to answer

WHAT IS YOUR GENDER?

- a. Female
- b. Male
- c. Transgender
- d. Non-binary
- e. Other: _____
- f. Prefer not to answer

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOUR TOTAL ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME?

- a. Under \$25,000
- b. \$25,000-\$49,999
- c. \$50,000-\$74,999
- d. \$75,000-\$99,000
- e. \$100,000 or greater
- f. Prefer not to answer

DO YOU LIVE IN A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (HOA) COMMUNITY?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I do not know

DO YOU RENT OR OWN YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE?

- a. Rent
- b. Own

ARE YOU A PARENT OR MAIN CAREGIVER OF A CHILD OR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18?

- a. Yes
- b. No

ARE YOU AN EMPLOYEE OF JASPER COUNTY, TOWN OF RIDGELAND, OR CITY OF HARDEEVILLE?

- a. Yes
- b. No

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STAY UP TO DATE ON PROJECT PROGRESS, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW.

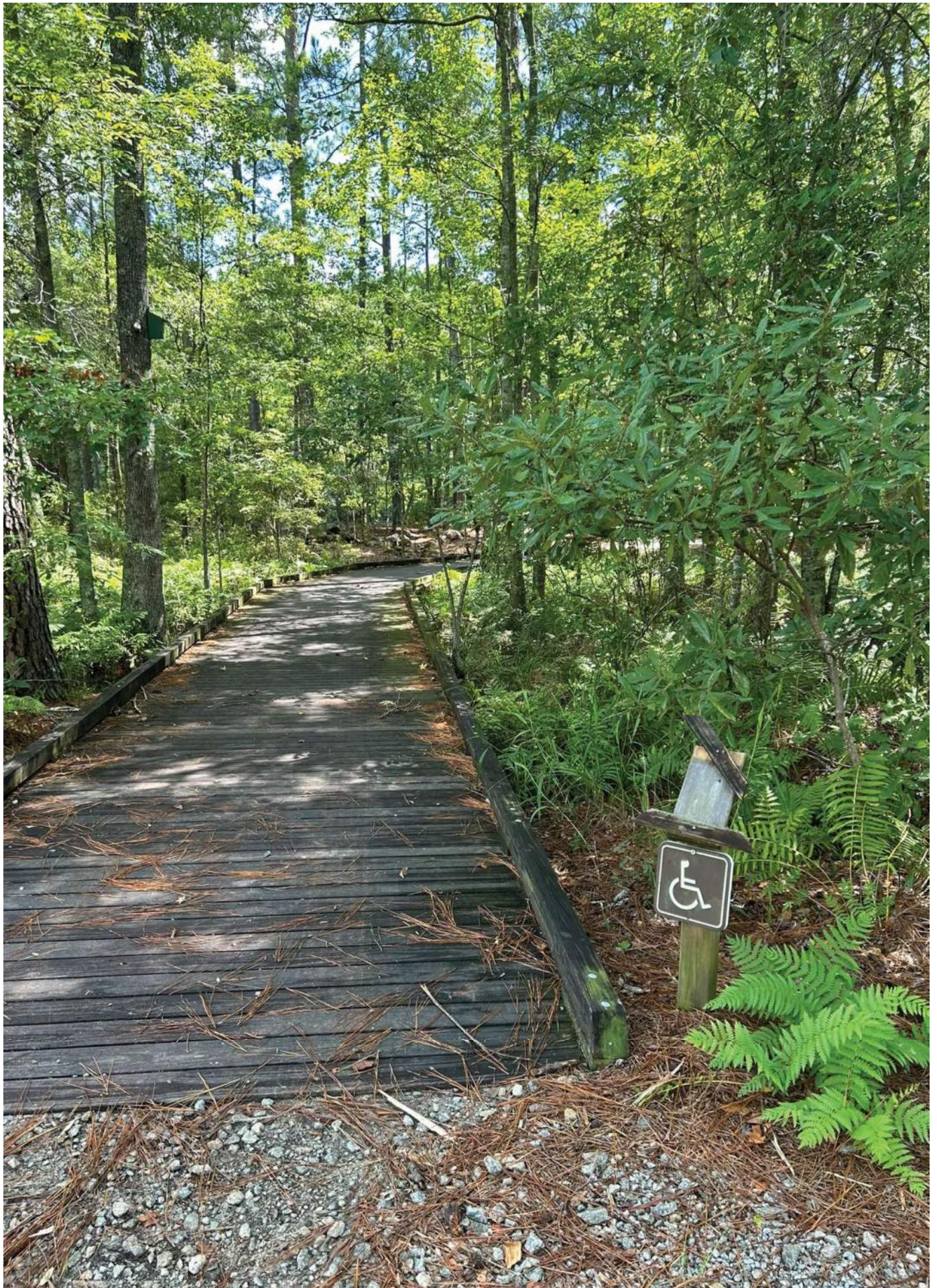
Open Houses

October 10 | 2:30-4:30pm
Levy Limehouse Community Center
470 Mitchell's Court Hardeeville

October 10 | 6:00-8:00 pm
Tillman Wagon Branch Community
3796 Tillman Road
Ridgeland

Drop in any time during the two hours to learn more about the Parks & Recreation Master Plan!





SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY

Calculations throughout this document are based on the number of responses per question.



211
Total Responses

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN JASPER COUNTY?

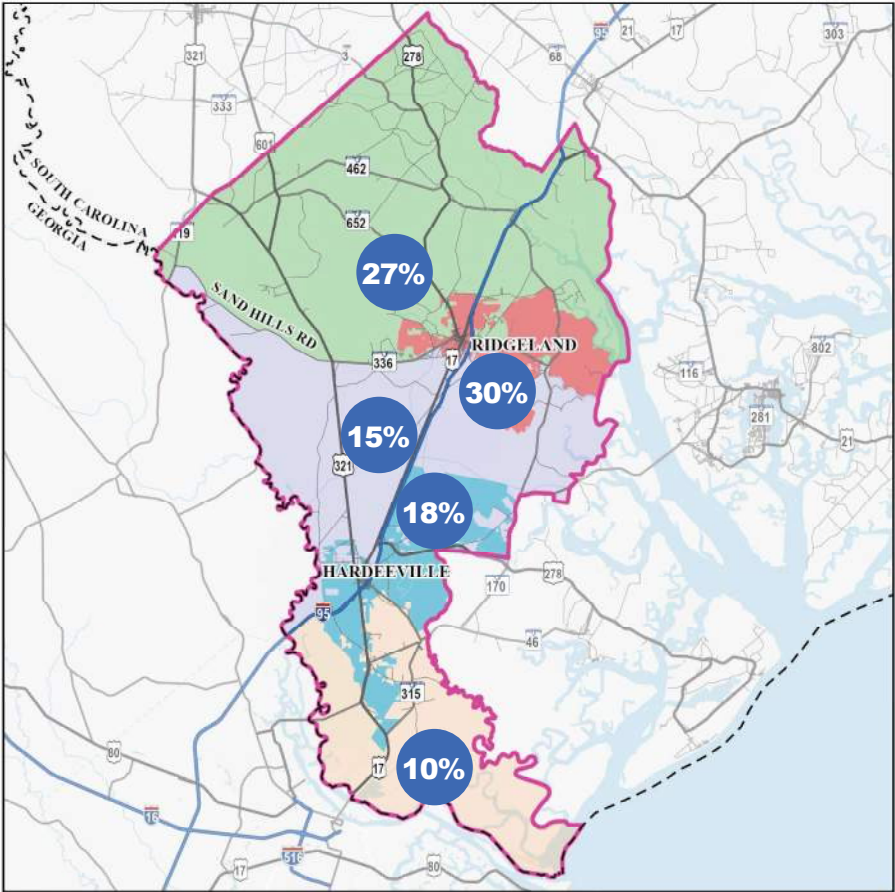
176 Total Responses



93% of respondents live and/or work in Jasper County

38% of respondents are a parent or main caregiver of a child or children under the age of 18

12% of respondents are an employee of Jasper County, the Town of Ridgeland, or the City of Hardeeville

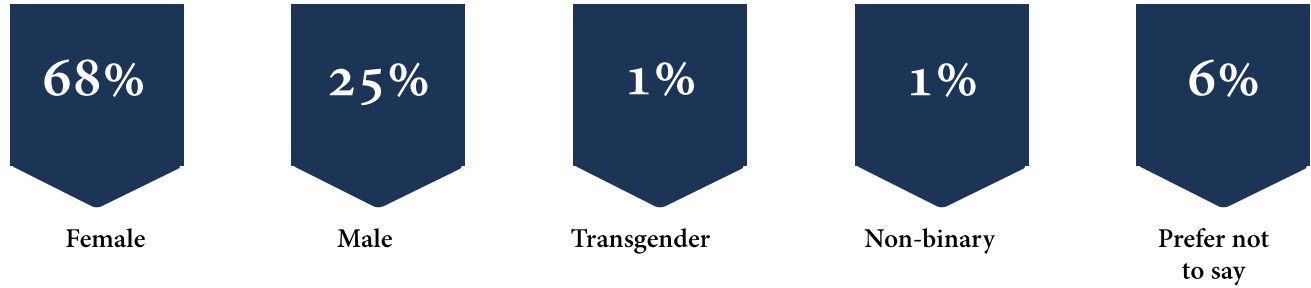


WHERE DO YOU LIVE IN JASPER COUNTY?

176 Total Responses

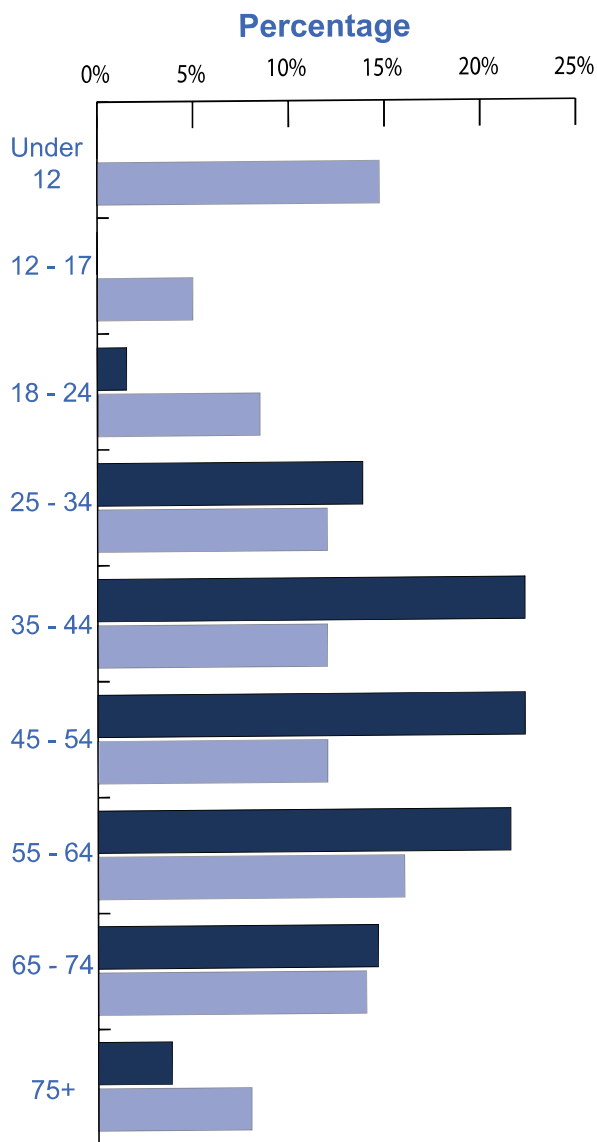
GENDER

130 Total Responses



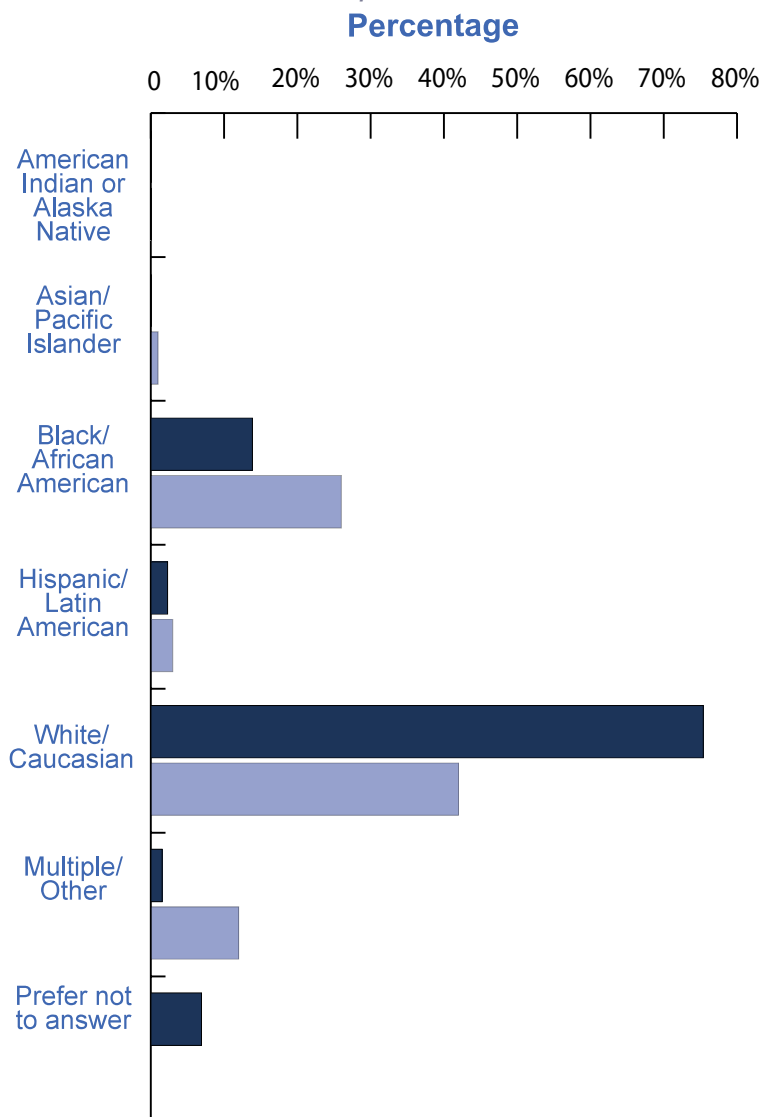
WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

130 Total Responses



WHICH RACE/ETHNICITY BEST DESCRIBES YOU?

130 Total Responses

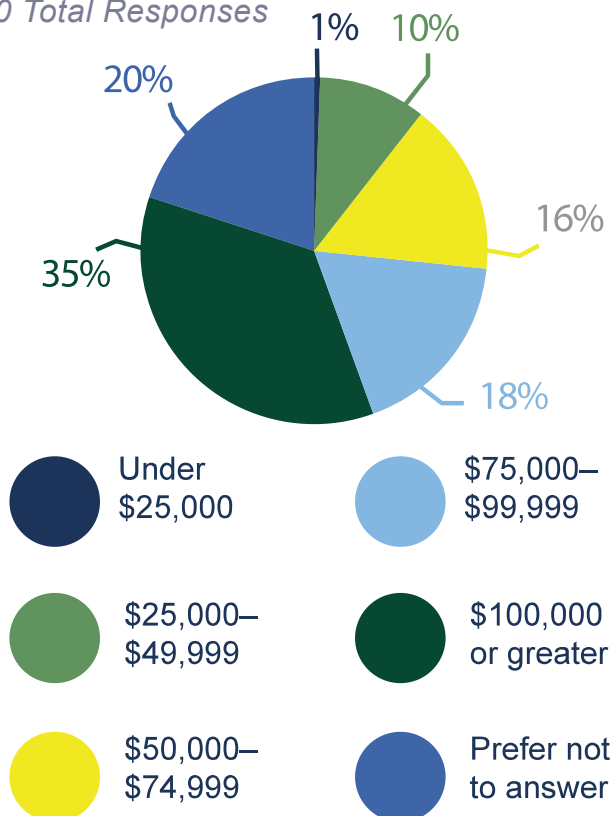


Survey Respondent Demographics

Jasper County Census Demographics

WHAT IS YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME?

130 Total Responses



88%
Own their
primary residence

66%
Do NOT live in an
HOA community

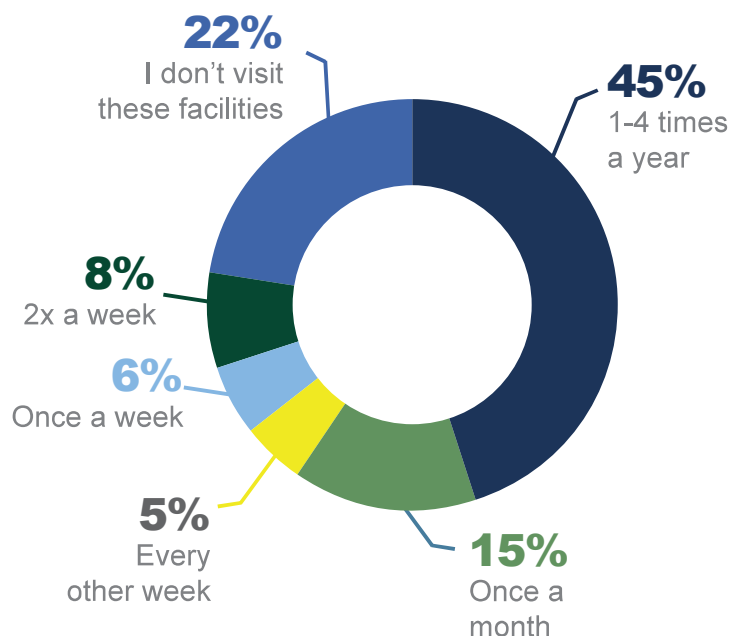
12%
Rent their
primary residence

34%
Do live in an
HOA community

130 Total Responses

DURING A TYPICAL YEAR, HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU VISIT JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES?

211 Total Responses



Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding

WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM VISITING ANY JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES MORE OFTEN?

211 Total Responses



1st (30%)
Facilities not well maintained



2nd (26%)
Not aware of the facilities, programs or locations



3rd (25%)
Facilities feel unsafe



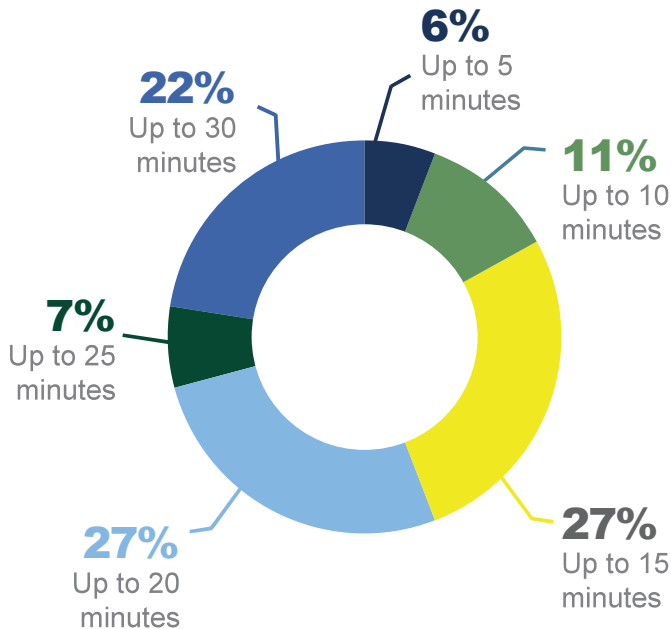
4th (25%)
Facilities lack the amenity I would like access to



5th (24%)
Facilities are old or outdated

HOW FAR ARE YOU WILLING TO TRAVEL TO A JASPER COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY?

169 Total Responses



81%

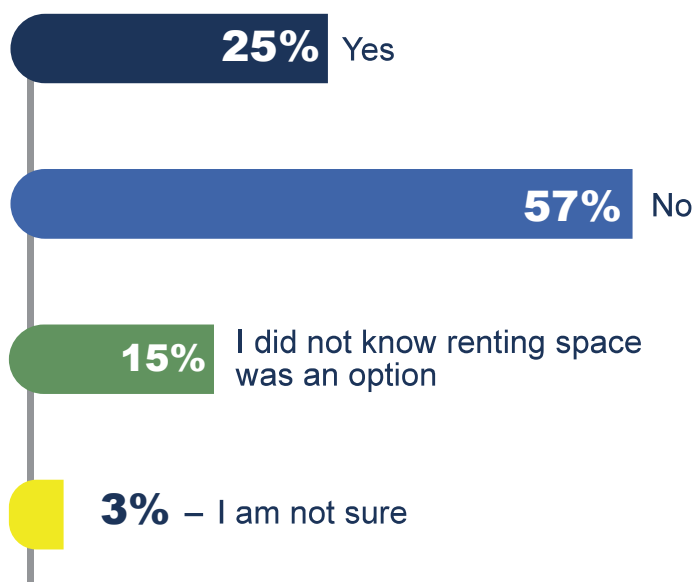
of respondents think Jasper County Parks & Recreation Department should be active in environmental education

64%

of respondents think Jasper County Parks & Recreation should develop programming or park areas around culturally/historically significant sites

HAVE YOU OR A MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RENTED A COMMUNITY SPACE (FOR EXAMPLE: GAZEBO, PICNIC SHELTER, BANQUET HALL)?

176 Total Responses



PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH RENTING A COMMUNITY SPACE.

Respondents had mixed reviews of their experience, especially based on location. Sergeant Jasper had multiple positive comments. Individual comments will help leadership with improvements.

Amenity	Average Satisfaction Score
Parking	3.42
Location of park facilities	3.32
Park hours	3.32
Distance to reach a park amenity	3.22
Community center fees	3.17
Cleanliness of park facilities	3.14
Upkeep and maintenance of park facilities	3.06
Registration process for recreation programs	2.95
Age-appropriate programming & equipment	2.89
Amenities available at park facilities	2.86
ADA accessible equipment and trails	2.86
Community Center (indoor space)	2.85
ADA accessible programming offered	2.84
Boat landings	2.78
Security and safety	2.67
Bathrooms	2.55

RATE YOUR SATISFACTION FOR THE FOLLOWING JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION AMENITIES. (1 BEING “VERY UNSATISFIED,” 3 BEING “NEUTRAL” 5 BEING “VERY SATISFIED”)

179 Total Responses

Average score greater than 3.00
 Average score less than 3.00

CHOOSE ALL THE WAYS YOU CURRENTLY LEARN OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT JASPER COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND EVENTS FROM THE LIST BELOW. SELECT ALL THAT APPLY.

169 Total Responses

MOST used communication methods

- **66%** – Jasper County social media
- **47%** – Jasper County website
- **46%** – Emails from Jasper County
- **39%** – Friends & neighbors
- **37%** – Banners at parks & local facilities
- **27%** – Newspaper and/or community publications



Survey advertisement at Sergeant Jasper Park

RATE HOW WELL YOUR NEEDS FOR EACH FACILITY OR AMENITY ARE MET ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 4 WITH 1 BEING “NEED NOT MET” AND 4 BEING “NEED FULLY MET.”

157 Total Responses



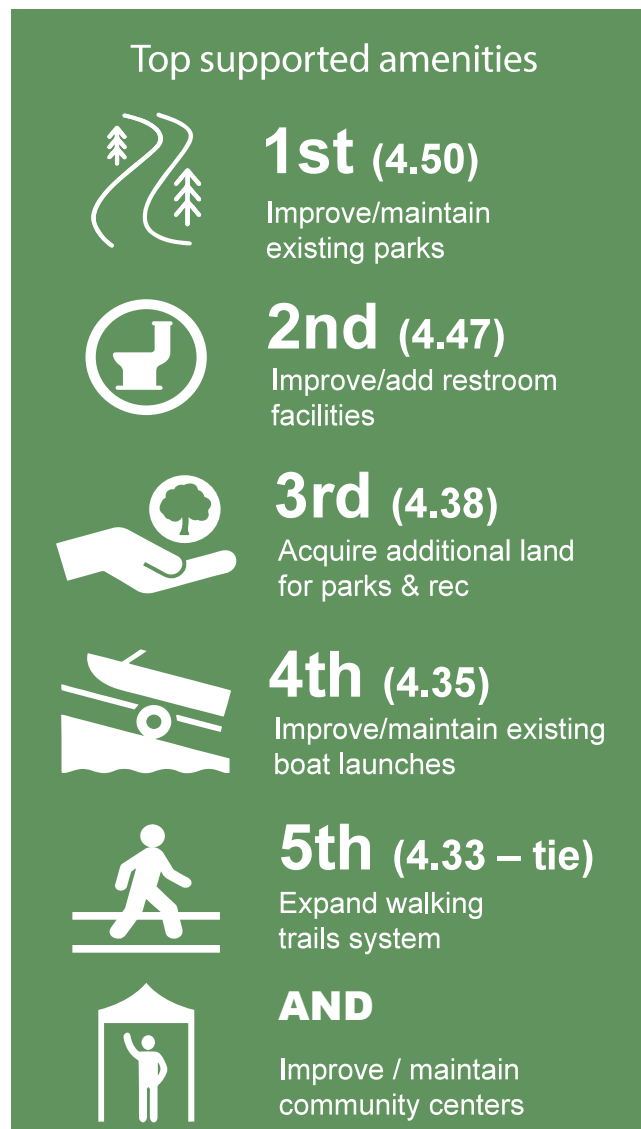
Lowest rated amenities/facilities

- **1.45** – Paved bicycle trails
- **1.45** – Mini golf Courses
- **1.47** – Pump track/BMX trails (bicycle)

On average, respondents felt that their needs are not fully met. Note that respondents could choose if an amenity was not needed – the top two unneeded being disc golf and RV camping.

RATE YOUR SUPPORT ON IMPROVING THE FOLLOWING AMENITIES ON A SCALE FROM 1-5 WITH 1 BEING “NOT SUPPORTIVE”, 3 BEING “NEUTRAL”, AND 5 BEING “VERY SUPPORTIVE.”

148 Total Responses



Lowest rated support for amenities

- **3.57** – Develop more public art
- **3.68** – Develop fields with synthetic turf for multi-use year-round activity activities
- **3.84** – Develop new indoor recreation spaces

On average, respondents are supportive of all improvements. Less than 10% of respondents felt that improvements were not needed.



RATE HOW WELL YOUR NEEDS FOR EACH FACILITY OR AMENITY AT BOAT LAUNCH AREAS SPECIFICALLY ARE BEING MET ON A SCALE FROM 1 TO 4 WITH 1 BEING “NEEDS NOT MET” AND 4 BEING “NEEDS MET”

Amenity	Average Satisfaction Score
Parking	2.61
Pier or shoreline fishing	2.29
Non-motorized boat launch	2.08
Picnic area	1.95
Shelter	1.88
Safety lighting	1.87
Bathrooms	1.79
Educational materials	1.78
Primitive camping (tent camping)	1.61
Emergency Phone	1.50

145 Total Responses

Several respondents (between 17-49% depending on the amenity) felt that some of these amenities were not needed.



RATE HOW WELL YOUR NEEDS FOR EACH FACILITY OR AMENITY AT COMMUNITY CENTERS SPECIFICALLY ARE BEING MET ON A SCALE FROM 1 TO 4 WITH 1 BEING “NEEDS NOT MET” AND 4 BEING “NEEDS MET”

Amenity	Average Satisfaction Score
Parking	2.78
Open lawn area	2.35
Bathrooms	2.30
Children's play area	2.30
Outdoor picnic area	2.30
Kitchen areas	2.10
Educational materials	1.99

142 Total Responses

Several respondents (between 19-39% depending on the amenity) felt that some of these amenities were not needed.

HAVE YOU VISITED ANOTHER COMMUNITY AND BEEN IMPRESSED BY A PARTICULAR PUBLIC AMENITY? PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME AND LOCATION OF THAT AMENITY AND WHAT YOU LIKED MOST ABOUT IT!

87 Total Responses

Top 3 most mentioned locations and favored features

Hilton Head:

- Recreational facilities for all ages
- Clean and safe playgrounds
- Scenic parks with nature views

Bluffton:

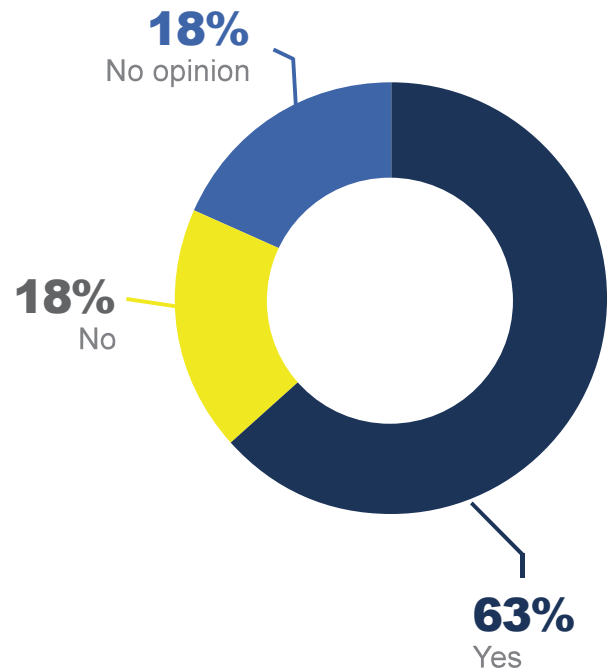
- Well-maintained playgrounds
- Diverse sports complexes
- Multiple fields for various sports
- Rec center with various activities

Beaufort County:

- Spanish Moss Trail
- Safe playgrounds
- Many sports facilities
- Clean restrooms

IF IDENTIFIED IMPROVEMENTS EXCEED THE CURRENT PARK FUNDING BUDGET, WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE COUNTY USING A PARK BOND FOR DEVELOPMENT, RENOVATION, AND OPERATION OF PARKS?

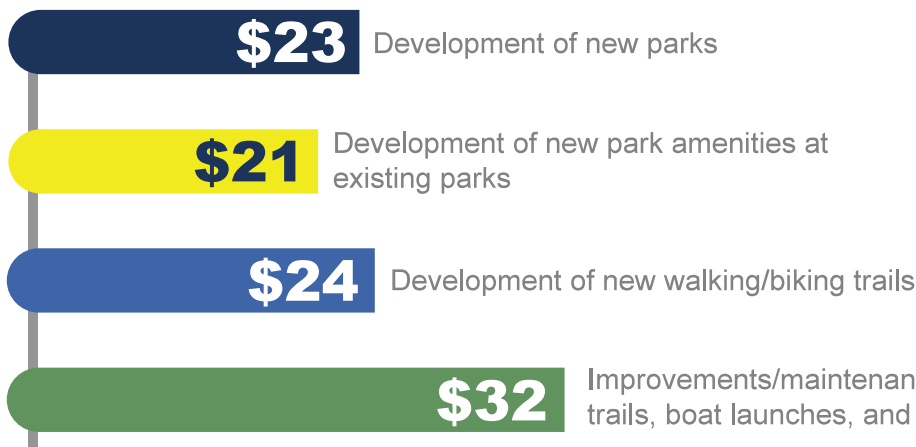
131 Total Responses



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WITH A BUDGET OF \$100 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY JASPER COUNTY, HOW WOULD YOU ALLOCATE THE FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS?

131 Total Responses



DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW THE JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT COULD SERVE YOU BETTER? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC.



Safety and Security

- Enhance security at parks, especially after dark.
- Install gates, lighting, and increase patrols.
- Set operating hours to prevent illegal activities.
- Address safety concerns at places like Knowles Island and boat ramps.



Maintenance and Upkeep

- Improve maintenance of restrooms, playgrounds, sports fields, and other amenities.
- Ensure regular cleaning and repair of existing facilities.
- Address underutilized facilities due to poor maintenance.



Improvement of Existing Facilities

- Upgrade and renovate current parks, playgrounds, sports fields, and community centers.
- Improve signage and safety features.
- Expand and maintain existing resources (e.g., restrooms, shelters, parking).



Need for Recreation Spaces

- Add more walking and biking trails, splash pads, and sports complexes.
- Create more family-friendly and youth-focused facilities.
- Provide recreational options for seniors and individuals with special needs.
- Develop indoor fitness centers, pools, and multi-use community spaces.



Equity and Accessibility

- Address disparities in park resources between the northern and southern areas of Jasper.
- Improve facilities for underserved areas, especially for children and special needs communities.
- Ensure equitable access to recreational spaces countywide.



Economic/Community Development

- Invest in projects that drive tourism and economic growth (e.g., BMX track, fishing access).
- Increase community events and programming.
- Promote parks and recreation opportunities to raise awareness and participation.



Natural Spaces & Preservation

- Preserve natural spaces and wildlife areas.
- Develop more passive recreation spaces like nature trails and birdwatching areas.
- Avoid over development and maintain ecologically valuable land.



Funding and Management

- Allocate more funding to parks and recreation.
- Improve park management and hire dedicated, energized staff.
- Prioritize maintenance and improvements before new projects.
- Ensure long-term funding for park upkeep.



Facilities for Water Recreation

- Improve accessibility and conditions at boat ramps and fishing piers.
- Address poorly maintained landings.
- Expand landings in underserved areas – especially in the southern part of the county.

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Needs Assessment

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RECREATION NEEDS

Recreational needs are assessed by health statistics and availability of outdoor recreation in Jasper County. Health statistics were gathered from several sources including the CDC and the South Carolina Department of Public Health. Outdoor recreation was evaluated relative to the NRPA (National Recreation and Park Association).

OVERVIEW

According to the most recent SCORP (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan) published in 2019, South Carolina is one of the top ten most obese states in the country. Between 2018-2022, the combined obesity and overweight rate was 67.3% for South Carolina and 72.4% for Jasper County according to data collected by the South Carolina Department of Health.

South Carolinians in 2022 according to CDC:

- *The #1 leading cause of death in South Carolina is heart disease*
- *The #8 leading cause of death is South Carolina is diabetes*

South Carolinians in 2021 according to USAFacts:

- *South Carolina has a heart disease death rate that is 8.8% higher than overall heart disease rate in the US*

Between 2018-2022, 35% of Jasper County residents were considered obese and 37% were considered overweight. During the same time period, 14% of Jasper County residents reported having diabetes and 11.4% reported having prediabetes. 36.4% of Jasper County residents have high cholesterol and 40.6% of residents have hypertension (SCDPH).

Park proximity and accessibility is positively associated with moderate to vigorous physical activity in children ages 6-12 years old (Molina-Garcia, et al. 2022).

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN SC

01 HEART DISEASE

02 CANCER

03 ACCIDENTS

04 COVID-19

05 STROKE

06 CHRONIC LOWER RESPIRATORY DISEASES

07 ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

08 DIABETES



Evaluating community needs is critical to the conversation of improving and expanding parks and open space in Jasper County. Providing opportunities for community members to make informed decisions that utilize space and opportunities efficiently could fulfill some of the voids that currently exist in the Jasper County parks and open space system.

South Carolina has about 1.7 million acres of public recreational land, which is about 7% of the state's total land area. Local governments own approximately 3% of total public recreational land acreage. The most common types of local recreation facilities are baseball and/or softball fields, followed by playgrounds, tennis courts, picnic shelters, and basketball courts. Less common facility types were water parks, skate parks, and archery ranges.

2019 SOUTH CAROLINA SCORP (STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN)

The South Carolina Outdoor Recreation Plan provides a framework for outdoor recreation priorities and plans that will enhance South Carolina's natural resources while contributing to the well-being and enjoyment of all. The plan evaluates outdoor recreation activities and provides recommendations for how communities can connect people to the outdoors and interact with the natural resources in South Carolina. A copy of the report can be found [here](#).¹

Many of the recommendations of the plan are applicable to Jasper County. Specific goals for outdoor recreation identified in the Plan include:

- **Improving access to public recreation areas**, regardless of economic circumstances.
- **Promoting stewardship of resources**, conserving South Carolina's natural and cultural resources.



South Carolina
Just right. 

- **Ensuring sustainable economic benefits**, by 'strategically conserving the states natural resources and leveraging it's outdoor recreational assets'.
- **Adapting to changes in recreation demand**, evolving to suit public needs.

NRPA PARK METRICS AND LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS

Every year, the NRPA performs a comprehensive evaluation of participating agencies across the United States to develop a series of metrics of the recreation offerings in our communities. This data is a useful tool for comparing how the parks and recreation amenities in Jasper County compare to other communities at a national level.

Review of the NRPA Park Metrics identified that Jasper county is within the jurisdictional population range of 20,000 to 49,999. The lower quartile is considered less than or equal to 1,233 residents per park. Jasper County owns nine (9) parks, which is considered undeserved with about 3,748 residents per park.

PAST PLANS & REGIONAL TRENDS: To assess the community's needs for parks and recreation amenities, a combination of resources were evaluated:

- Community feedback
- Park inventory and analysis conducted by the Bolton & Menk team
- City of Hardeeville Bike and Pedestrian City Wide Plan 2017
- Hardeeville Annual Impact Report 2023
- 2020 Lowcountry Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 2045 LATS Long Range Transportation Plan 2022
- Jasper's Journey Comprehensive Master Plan 2018
- Hardeeville Parks, Recreation & Tourism Bike and Pedestrian Trails Master Plan 2017
- A Green Infrastructure Plan to Restore, Connect, and Protect South Carolina's Habitats 2023
- LCOG Rural Area Long Range Transportation Plan 2022
- Town of Ridgeland Comprehensive Plan 2017
- 2020 NRPA Agency Performance Review Park Metrics
- 2019 SCORP
- 2023 SCORP Comparison Plan



FIGURE 29: RELATED PLANNING EFFORTS

PLAN NAME	YEAR	RECOMMENDATIONS
City of Hardeeville Bike and Pedestrian City Wide Plan	2017	•5 projects: <i>oCity Park Loop</i> <i>oCoastal Carolina Hospital Loop</i> <i>oHighway 278 intersection improvements</i> <i>oDowntown sidepath and sidewalk improvements</i> <i>oSergeant Jasper trail loop</i> •Emphasis on connectivity, safety, and growth possibilities
Hardeeville Annual Impact Report	2023	•Mission is CARE <i>oCreating economic impacts</i> <i>oAdvancing conservation</i> <i>oRejuvenating health and wellness</i> <i>oEnhancing quality of life</i> •Lists out employee numbers, gives statistics on revenue, facilities, membership, marketing, events, and financial overview
2020 Lowcountry Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan	2021	•Jasper County likelihood of experiencing disasters <i>oTornado – low (18%)</i> <i>oHurricane – high (88%)</i> <i>oWindstorm – high (1,092%)</i> <i>oLightning – high (131,405%)</i> <i>oHail – high (106%)</i> <i>oEarthquake - Low (unquantified by report)</i> <i>oWildfire – high (11,784%)</i> <i>oFlood – low (42%)</i> <i>oWinterstorm – low (25%)</i> <i>oExtreme heat – low (29%)</i> <i>oDrought – high (1,980%)</i>
2045 LATS Long Range Transportation Plan	2022	•Access and mobility <i>oEfficient, connected, and multimodal transportation network</i> •Culture and environment <i>oProtect natural resources and low country way of life</i> •Economic vitality <i>oTargeted transportation investments that enable competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency</i> •Resiliency <i>oEncourage improvements that promote resiliency</i> •Safety and security <i>oImprove safety for all users, protect infrastructure, and provide efficient emergency evacuation</i> •System preservation <i>oSupport and strengthen current transportation network</i>
Jasper's Journey Comprehensive Master Plan	2018	•Community Development: reduce poverty by focusing on development of Promise Zone communities, including improvement and beautification of neighborhoods, and expansion of opportunities •Crime Prevention and Law Enforcement: reduce poverty by cutting crime, increasing public safety and developing a regional and holistic approach to crime prevention •K-12 Education and early childhood development: provide a holistic approach to education at all levels that prepares citizens for 21st century careers •Health care: ensure all people have access to affordable health care services, by promoting healthy living and by reducing chronic health problems •Leadership: foster leadership by empowering members of the community to become actively engaged in addressing community issues •Develop businesses and attract public and private investment to grow jobs, decrease unemployment, and strengthen the local economy •Private capital: create jobs and provide self-employment opportunities by leveraging private capital, attracting private investments, and encouraging local engagement and ownership of local markets •Workforce development: provide sustainable employment with competitive wages by educating area citizens to meet industry needs •Promote thoughtful, balanced growth and compatible land-use patterns that protect the character of Jasper County and provide a high quality of life for the community •Reduce poverty by providing more affordable housing, renovating existing homes and reducing blight to foster community pride •Proactively plan for public infrastructure, facilities, and services for the next decade
Hardeeville Parks, Recreation & Tourism Bike and Pedestrian Trails Masterplan	2017	Seems to be same plan as first plan above. Listed as 2021 but was actually written in 2017

PLAN NAME	YEAR	RECOMMENDATIONS
A Green Infrastructure Plan to Restore, Connect, and Protect South Carolina's Habitats	2023	•Process overview: <i>oIdentify areas that could be habitat core (forests, wetlands, water bodies, and dunes)</i> <i>oIdentify significant habitat core disturbances such as roads, urbanized areas, buildings, and railroads</i> <i>oCalculate statistics of rare species and approximates each core's ecological integrity</i> <i>oRank cores according to step 3 calculations and attributes such as area, thickness, topographic diversity, species richness, wetland cover, soil diversity, and compactness ratio</i>
LCOG Rural Area Long Range Transportation Plan	2022	Same goals as LATS 2045 plan
Town of Ridgeland Comprehensive Plan	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ensure Town plans, ordinances, and capital programs provide protections for historically significant structures and areas •Utilize a variety of methods and media to promote the culture and history of the Town •Partner with community groups dedicated to historical preservation and cultural development •Ensure that Town codes, ordinances, and plans adequately mitigate impacts to water quality and quantity •Promote land management practices that reduce ecological impacts •Evaluate, provide, and promote activities, facilities, and educational opportunities to enhance stewardship, recreation, and tourism •Provide and promote facilities for agricultural producers to market products while enhancing community access to healthy food •Minimize impediments to affordable housing in town ordinances and codes •Partner with regional organizations for the development of affordable housing and the rehabilitation of existing stock •Develop code enforcement capacity to bring existing housing into compliance with both visual and life safety standards •Promote the planned development districts for future housing development •Ensure that town facilities and infrastructure are prepared to serve areas with high growth potential •Ensure that town ordinances preserve the Town's historical character •Attract industries with high potential for future growth •Support regional efforts to develop workforce and industrial locations •Continue to develop local food culture and markets •Develop marketing for historical and cultural activities •Expand opportunities for outdoor recreation in and around the Town •Integrate land use goals with the requirements of public services to ensure wise investment •Ensure all residents have access to outdoor and indoor recreation •Increase energy and resource efficiency in town operations •Ensure that community facilities planning incorporates the threat of natural hazards •Continue to promote the historical downtown as the key destination and activity center for the town •Continue to encourage appropriate development of commercial corridors
Euhaw/Broad River Planning Area	2023	In 2023, the Jasper County Council enacted a development moratorium for the Euhaw/Broad River planning area, located generally east of I-95, to address development pressures and growth concerns for this area. In response to these concerns, Jasper County is proposing updates to portions of the zoning ordinance, which regulates growth and development in unincorporated Jasper County. These updates include new zoning district, development standards, and modifications to the current zoning map.
Coastal Resilience Assessment of the Savannah River Watershed	2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Focuses on identifying areas of open space where fish and wildlife habitat restoration or conservation actions could build community resilience in the face of increasing storms and flooding impacts •The assessment combines human community assets, threats, stressors, and fish and wildlife habitat spatial data in a unique decision support tool to identify large contiguous open space that could help protect human communities from storm impacts while providing habitat if conservation and restoration actions are taken to preserve them •Resilience Hubs are scored based on a Community Vulnerability Index that represents the location of human assets and their exposure to flooding events combined with Fish and Wildlife Richness Index that represents the number of habitats in a given area •22 resilience-related project ideas were submitted through the stakeholder engagement process—2 of these case studies are included in the report •The assessment process outlined in this report resulted in the CREST interactive online map viewer and a GIS based decision support tool pre-loaded with assessment datasets
Jasper County Public Finance Feasibility Study	2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Trust for Public Land conducted a feasibility analysis for public funding options to support parks and conservation in Jasper County •Local governments have 3 main financing options available to acquire land for parks: general obligation bonds, sales tax, and property tax •It is difficult to raise taxes for public purposes •GO Bonds: has the capacity to issue bonds for any public purpose •Sales Tax: could consider adopting a county green space, capital projects, or transportation sales tax with a "greenbelt provision" •Property Tax: is permitted under SC law to levy property taxes for general governmental services

LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

We reviewed Jasper County's parks and recreation amenities to determine if they are sufficient to support the growing population of Jasper County. To conduct this Level of Service analysis, we referenced the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA's) median metrics² for agencies serving populations between 20,000 and 49,999. Using this peer cohort is most appropriate both for comparison to Jasper's current population³ of 33,729 and its projected population³ of 44,149 in 2035. A summary of Level of Service findings is contained in Table 1.

For each park and amenity evaluated, we generated maps displaying the corresponding service area – the geographic area and population supported based on the NRPA metric. We utilized Environmental Systems Research Institute's⁴ (ESRI's) Business Analyst Threshold Areas to develop the service area maps. Threshold Areas are rings or drive polygons that expand around a site until it encompasses a specified amount of a variable. For the purpose of this study, population served as the variable based on NRPA median metrics per amenity.

Drive polygons were chosen instead of rings as the Threshold Area that expands around each amenity. Because rings expand equally on all sides until the threshold is met, and are therefore more general in nature, we selected drive polygons to provide a more detailed analysis. The Threshold Areas (referred to as Park Service Areas in this report) for each amenity consider how far (distance) and how long (time) one would need to drive until the indicated population of residents is reached. Drive polygons incorporate additional variables that rings do not, such as traffic patterns, time of day and accounting for rural areas where roads are sparse.

PARKS

Jasper County owns five (5) parks and four (4) community centers with park acreage encompassing 411.70 acres of park space, as demonstrated in Map 2. Although this acreage exceeds the NRPA median metric for similarly-sized communities, 86% of the acreage is located in one park – Sergeant Jasper Park. Despite the County technically meeting the benchmark, there are many areas that are underserved for parks and park amenities. We evaluated the park acreage at a more granular level, and the results are found in Table 2. All Jasper County census tracts fall short of the NRPA metric of 11.2 acres per 1,000 residents except for the Deerfield/North Hardeeville census tract, which contains Sergeant Jasper Park.

We employed a second methodology to assess park space sufficiency. We evaluated Jasper County's parks using the NRPA metric of 2,062 residents per park. According to this analysis, Jasper County's nine total parks fall short of the recommended amount for its current population (16-17 parks needed) and its projected population (21-22 parks needed). Map 2 demonstrates the Jasper County residents being served by the current parks within each census tract. Of note, the Knowles/Murad census tract lacks any parks or park amenities, though much of the area is being served by neighboring parks in Coosawhatchie and Ridgeland. The most significant gaps in park service level exist in the northern and southern portions of the county. Although some of these areas are among the least densely populated in the county as shown in Map 3, the underserved Switzerland census tract is densely populated and has the highest total population⁴ in the county at 9,119 for 2024 (Map 3). The Limehouse census tract is the second largest in the county by land mass (approximately 113 square miles), and it has the least of park coverage.

MAP 2: COUNTY PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTERS

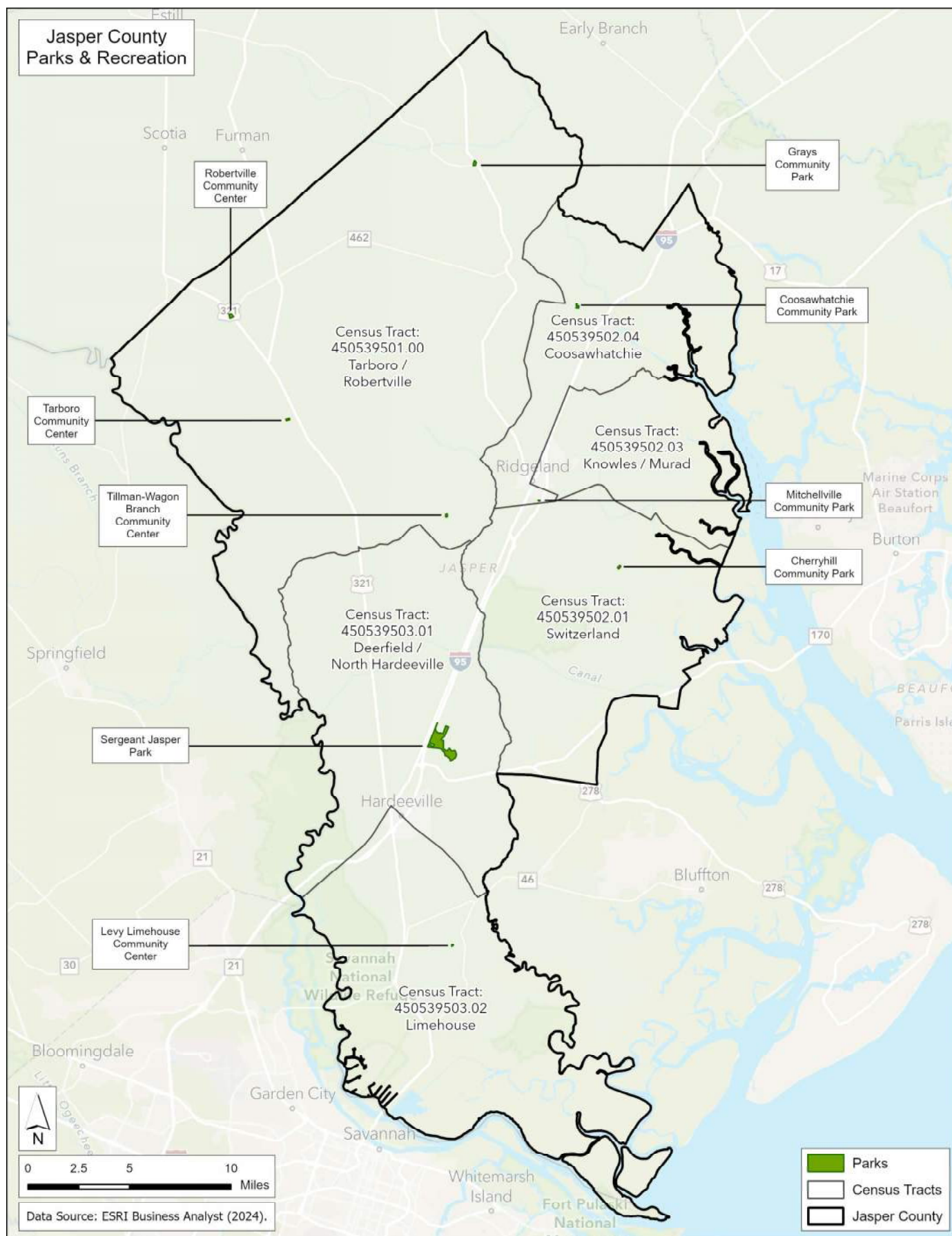


Table 1: Outdoor Park & Recreation Facilities Per Population				
	NRPA Median Metric	Jasper County Pop, 2024*	Jasper County Projected Pop, 2035*	Current Jasper County Supply
Population Size	20,000 - 49,999	33,729	44,149	
Park Space	Acres of Parkland per 1,000	Park Acres		
Park Acres	11.2	377.8	494.5	411.7
Park Space	Residents per Park	# of Parks		
# of Parks per Population	2,062	16.4	21.4	9.0
Trails	Miles of Trail			
Miles of Trail	10	10	10	6.9
Outdoor Amenities	Residents per Amenity	# of Amenities		
Playgrounds	3,105	10.9	14.2	9
Diamond Fields	3,007	11.2	14.7	5
Basketball Courts	7,501	4.5	5.9	8
Rectangular Fields	3,333	10.1	13.2	0
Dog Park	27,508	1.2	1.6	0
Community Gardens	27,262	1.2	1.6	0
Pickleball Courts	7,737	4.4	5.7	0
Multi-Use Courts (Basketball, Volleyball)	15,531	2.2	2.8	0
Multi-Use Courts (Tennis, Pickleball)	13,000	2.6	3.4	0
18-Hole Golf Courses	32,812	1.0	1.3	0
Driving Range Stations	12,700	2.7	3.5	0
Fitness Zones/Exercise Stations	27,262	1.2	1.6	0
Disc Golf Courses	29,445	1.1	1.5	1
9-Hole Golf Courses	38,333	0.9	1.2	0
Overlay Fields	10,000	3.4	4.4	0
Racquetball/Handball/Squash Courts	21,791	1.5	2.0	0
Indoor Amenities	Residents per Amenity	# of Amenities		
Recreation Centers (& Gyms)	24,486	1.4	1.8	0
Community Centers**	27,858	1.2	1.6	0
Performance Amphitheater	32,255	1.0	1.4	0
Senior Center	31,985	1.1	1.4	0
Nature Center	33,669	1.0	1.3	0
Teen Center	31,785	1.1	1.4	0
Restroom***	4,905	6.9	9.0	7
* Source: South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs				
** Jasper County's "Community Centers" are Reservation Only/Paid Event Spaces; they are not designed for non-scheduled community gathering				
*** Includes publicly accessible restrooms only (excludes Community Center restrooms)				

In addition to population and population density, we evaluated the distribution of parks relative to key demographics of Jasper County residents. Relevant findings are summarized below:

- Due to the largely rural nature of Jasper County, we elected to calculate the County's Park Level of Service using a third methodology based on distance versus population. In Map 4, the following metrics were applied:

- Mini Park = 1/4 Mile Radius Service Area
- Community Park = 3 Mile Radius Service Area
- Regional Park = 10 Mile Radius Service Area

Using these metrics, there are three Jasper County census tracts that have significant park service gaps, including Tarboro/Robertville, the densely populated Knowles/Murad census tract, and Limehouse.

• Map 7 demonstrates the Median Age of each Jasper County Census Tract, along with the distribution of County-owned parks. Age of your residents is an important consideration when programming your parks and providing park elements that suit the needs of your residents.

- o Sergeant Jasper Park is located in a census tract with a median age of 42.5, which is relatively low compared to the County average of 44.1 years.
- o Limehouse has the youngest age (37.8), and it lacks sufficient parks to support its population. Although parks and recreation amenities are used by residents of all ages, use is greatest among children and teens⁵. Prioritizing an additional park(s) in this census tract would be advisable.
- o The Switzerland census tract is the most populated and has the oldest age (59.9), and it lacks sufficient park coverage. Traditionally, older adults have been less frequent users of public parks⁵, but this is something Jasper County could aim to change with additional parks and recreation assets in this area.
- o Tarboro/Robertville is the largest census tract by land mass (approximately 255 square miles), and it has a median age of 43.8. This area has excellent park coverage, with four parks located in the census tract and two others close by in Ridgeland and Coosawhatchie. Jasper County should consider targeting middle-aged and senior adults with programming in these parks to attract additional participation by residents.

Table 2: Park Acres Per Census Tract

Census Tract	NRPAMetric: Acres of Parkland per 1,000 Residents	Census Tract Population, 2024*	Recommended Acreage per Census Tract	Current Park Acreage
Tract: 450539503.02 - Limehouse (Southern Tip)	11.2	4,880	54.7	5.02
Tract: 450539503.01 - Deerfield/North Hardeeville (Central)	11.2	4,370	48.9	352.60
Tract: 450539502.01 - Switzerland (Southeast)	11.2	9,119	102.1	6.67
Tract: 450539502.03 - Knowles/Murad (East)	11.2	5,289	59.2	0.00
Tract: 450539502.04 - Coosawhatchie (Northeast)	11.2	3,712	41.6	10.61
Tract: 450539501.00 - Tarboro/Robertville (Northwest)	11.2	5,837	65.4	36.80
TOTAL	11.2	33,207	371.9	411.70

*Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Business Analyst

- Map 8 demonstrates the Median Household Income⁴ (MHI) of each Jasper County Census Tract, along with the distribution of County parks. This is important as the county seeks to support more equitable access to public parks and trails by identifying gaps in the county park system network. All the tracts, with the exception of the Switzerland Tract, in Jasper County are considered “disadvantaged” (per the U.S. Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool) including the tract where Sergeant Jasper Park is located. This means these tracts are burdened in some way and experience socioeconomic barriers in comparison to tracts that are not considered “disadvantaged.”

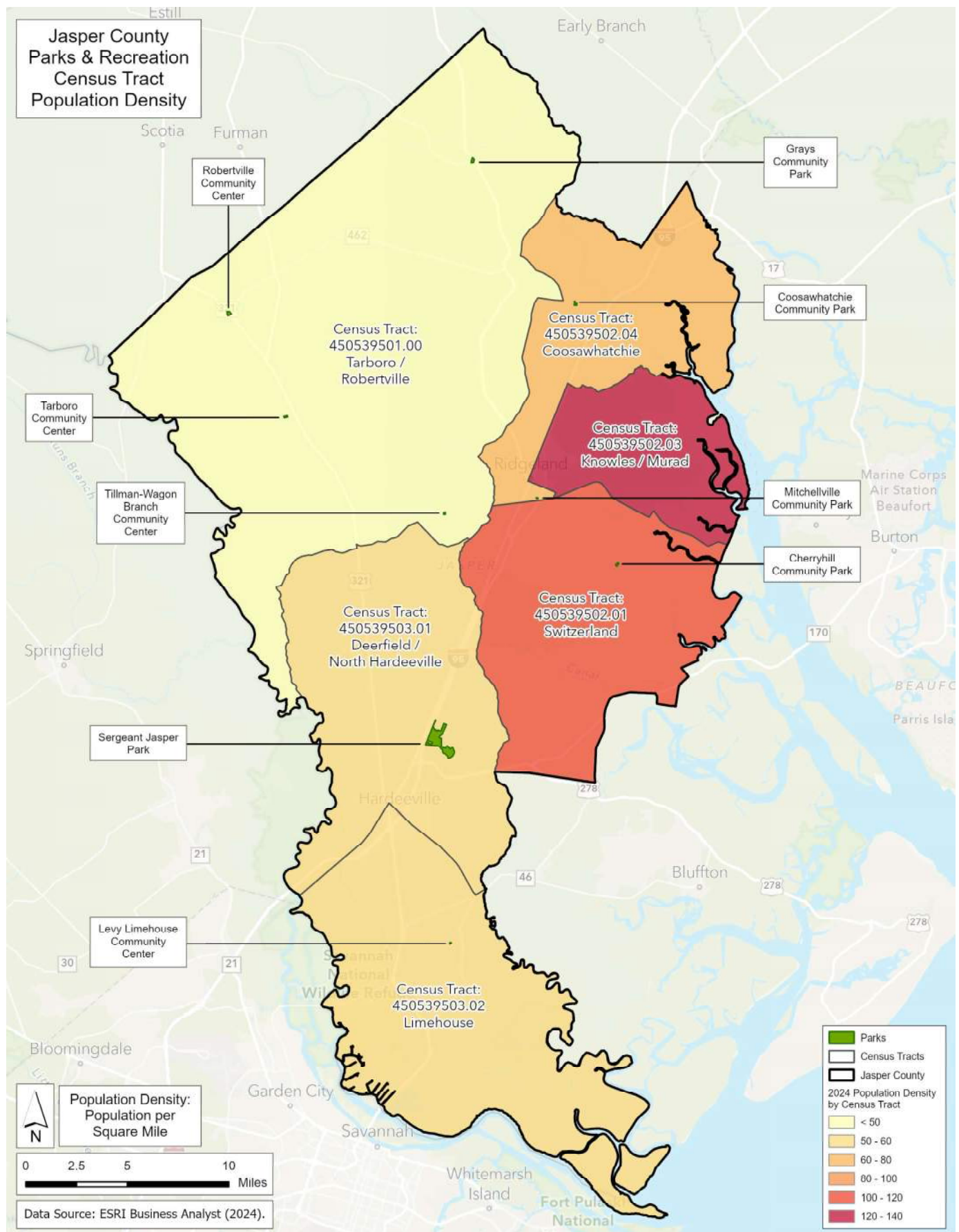
- o Sergeant Jasper Park is located in the census tract with the highest Median Household Income (\$68,668) compared to the Jasper County average of \$54,890. This means that the residents in closest proximity to the park may have the greatest level of access and transportation in comparison to other parts of the county.

- o The Knowles/Murad census tract has the lowest MHI (\$39,598) and is the only census tract without a park. Residents in this area may face additional barriers to accessing parks located in other census tracts due to a lack of resources (transportation, etc.). Jasper County should consider placing a park in this region to provide more equitable access to these residents.



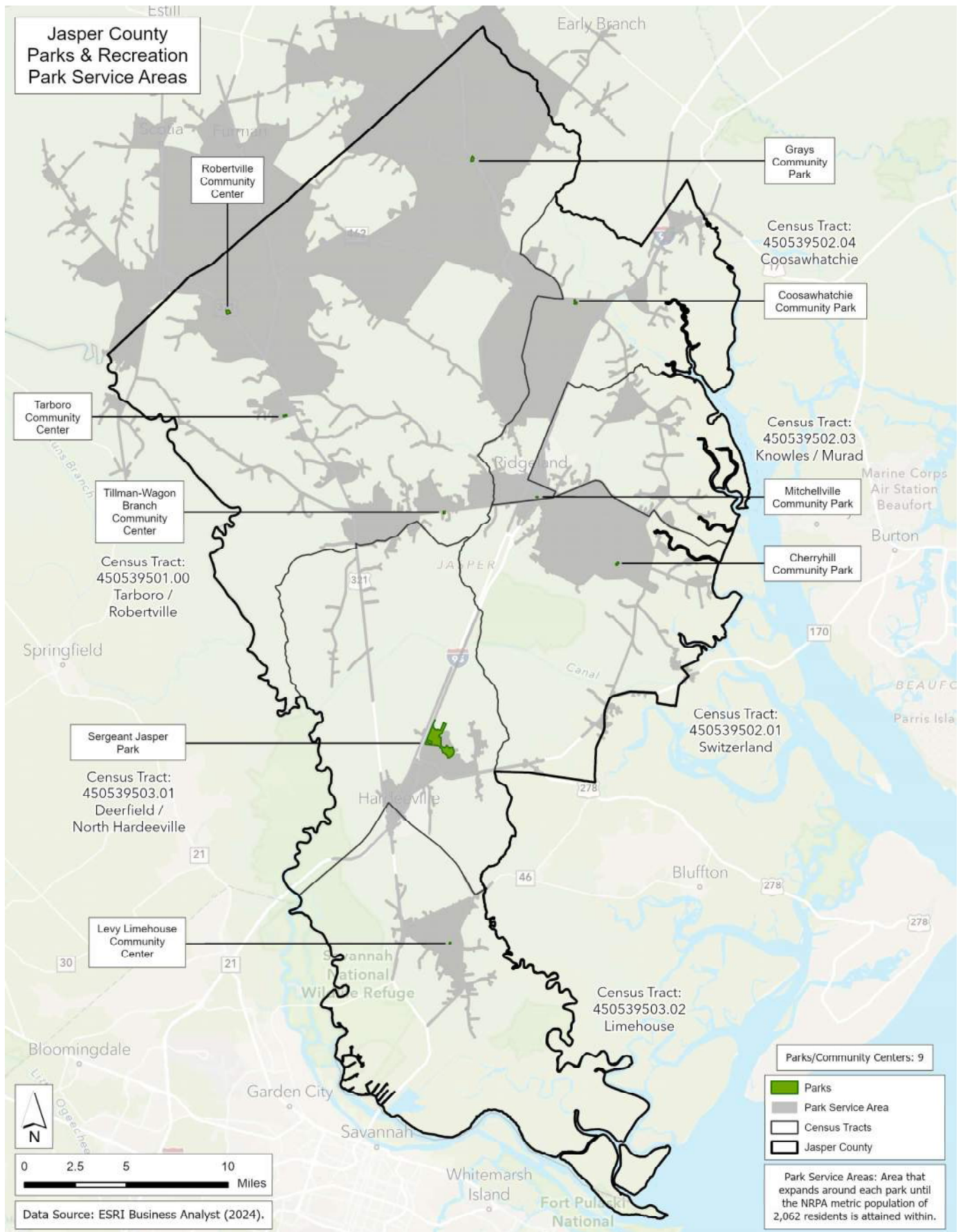
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MAP 3: POPULATION DENSITY AND PROPERTY LOCATIONS



MAP 4: PARK SERVICE AREAS

The park service area for each amenity considers how far (distance) and how long (time) one would need to drive until the indicated population of residents is reached.



- Map 9 demonstrates the Diversity Index³ of each Jasper County Census Tract, along with the distribution of County-owned parks. Diversity Index is an indicator of the County's racial diversity on a scale of 0 (no diversity) to 100 (complete diversity). The index represents the likelihood that two persons, if selected at random from the same geographic area, would belong to different races or ethnic groups.

- o Sergeant Jasper Park is located in a census tract with a Diversity Index of 82.5, which is greater than the Jasper County average of 74.1. This means that the residents in closest proximity to the park are relatively diverse.

- o The Limehouse census tract has the greatest Diversity Index in the county, at 83.1. It is of concern that this is also the census tract with the second most significant gap in level of park service, after Knowles/Murad. Jasper County should consider placing an additional park in the southernmost portion of this census tract to provide better access to the diverse residents living in this area.

- o The Switzerland census tract is the most populated and has the lowest Diversity Index, at 54.5. Although it is served well by the Cherryhill Community Park and neighboring Sergeant Jasper Park, there is one area of the census tract that lacks park coverage.

TRAILS

Jasper County owns 6.9 miles of trail, which falls short of the peer benchmark of 10 miles for similarly-sized communities. Map 2 indicates the location of Jasper County trails at Sergeant Jasper Park. Other County owned properties that include trails are Robertville Community Center, Tarboro Community Center, and the Tillman-Wagon Branch Community Center. Additionally, there are approximately 13 miles of trail accessible at the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge southwest of Hardeeville. Although this is not a County-owned asset, these trails help the County meet the benchmark.

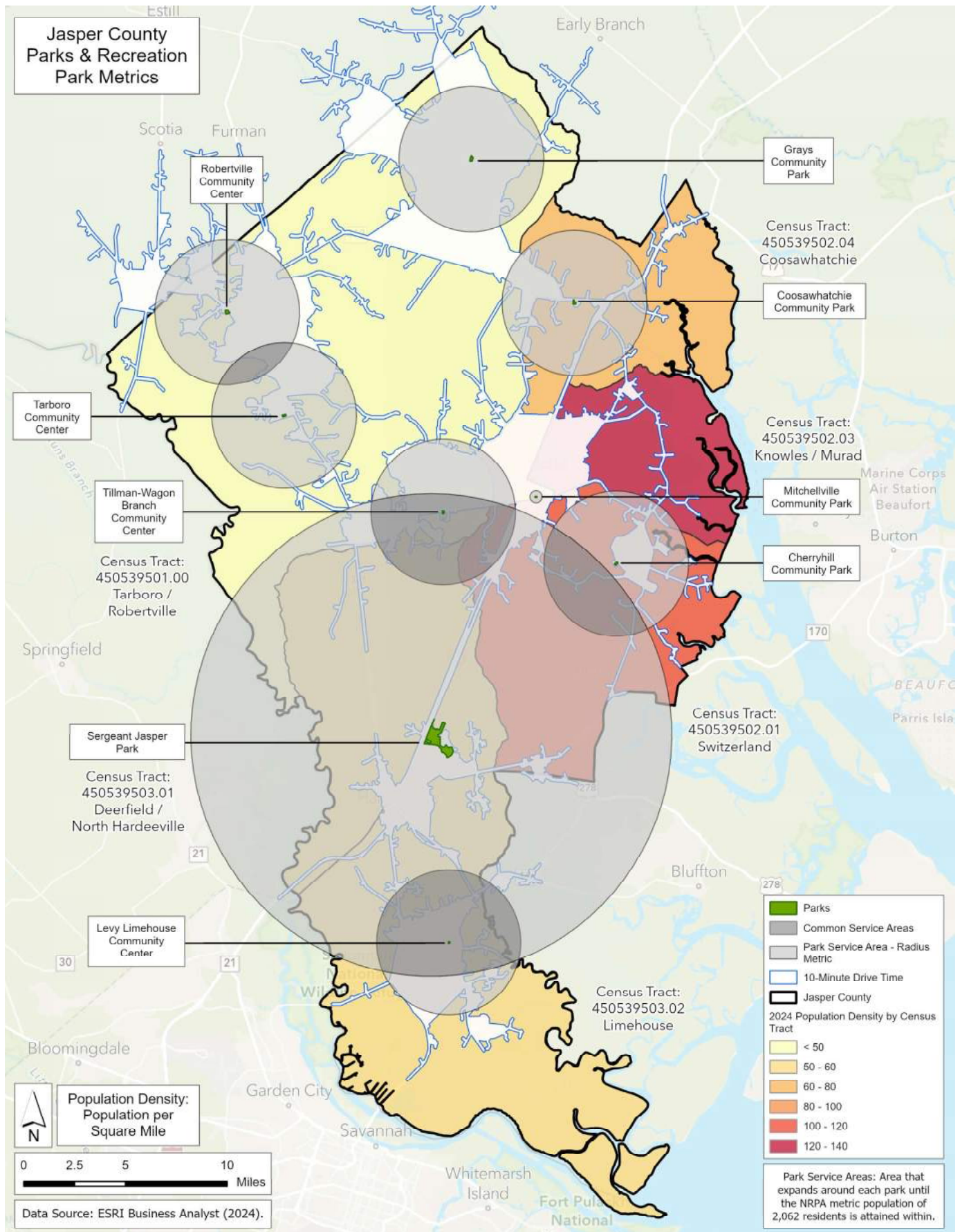
OUTDOOR PARK AMENITIES

Jasper County parks feature nine (9) playgrounds. This fails to meet the benchmark for the county's current population (10.9) or the estimated 2035 population (14.2). Jasper County would need to add 5 additional playgrounds to maintain an adequate number of playgrounds to support the community. Map 10 shows the location of the current playgrounds. Sergeant Jasper Park and the Levy Limehouse Community Center each have two playgrounds, while Cherryhill, Mitchellville, Grays, Tarboro, and Tillman-Wagon Branch each have one.

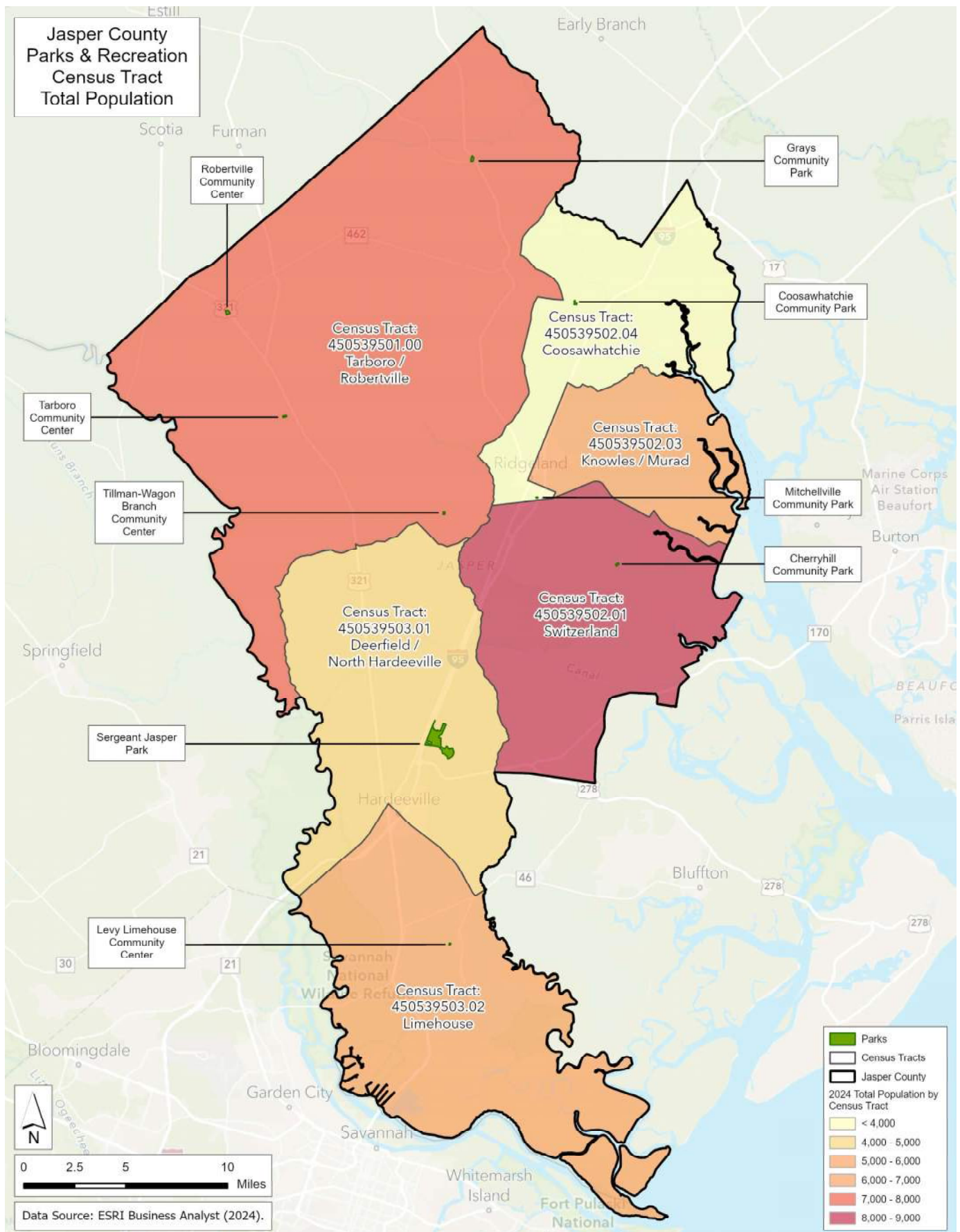
Because three of the playground locations are in close proximity to Ridgeland, there are several areas of the county not supported by the existing playgrounds, including the northeastern, central, and southernmost portions of the county. The Switzerland census tract, in particular, could use additional playgrounds given its sizable population. Because this area has a greater median age, careful consideration should be given to locate playgrounds in areas with greater concentrations of young children.

Jasper County parks currently feature five (5) diamond fields. This falls well short of the recommended number of fields for both the current (11.2) and projected county population (14.7). According to the NRPA metric, Jasper County will need 10 additional fields by 2035 to meet the benchmark. Map 11 shows the location of the current diamond fields. Unlike many of the outdoors amenities that are relatively evenly distributed throughout the County's parks, the diamond fields are skewed to the north.

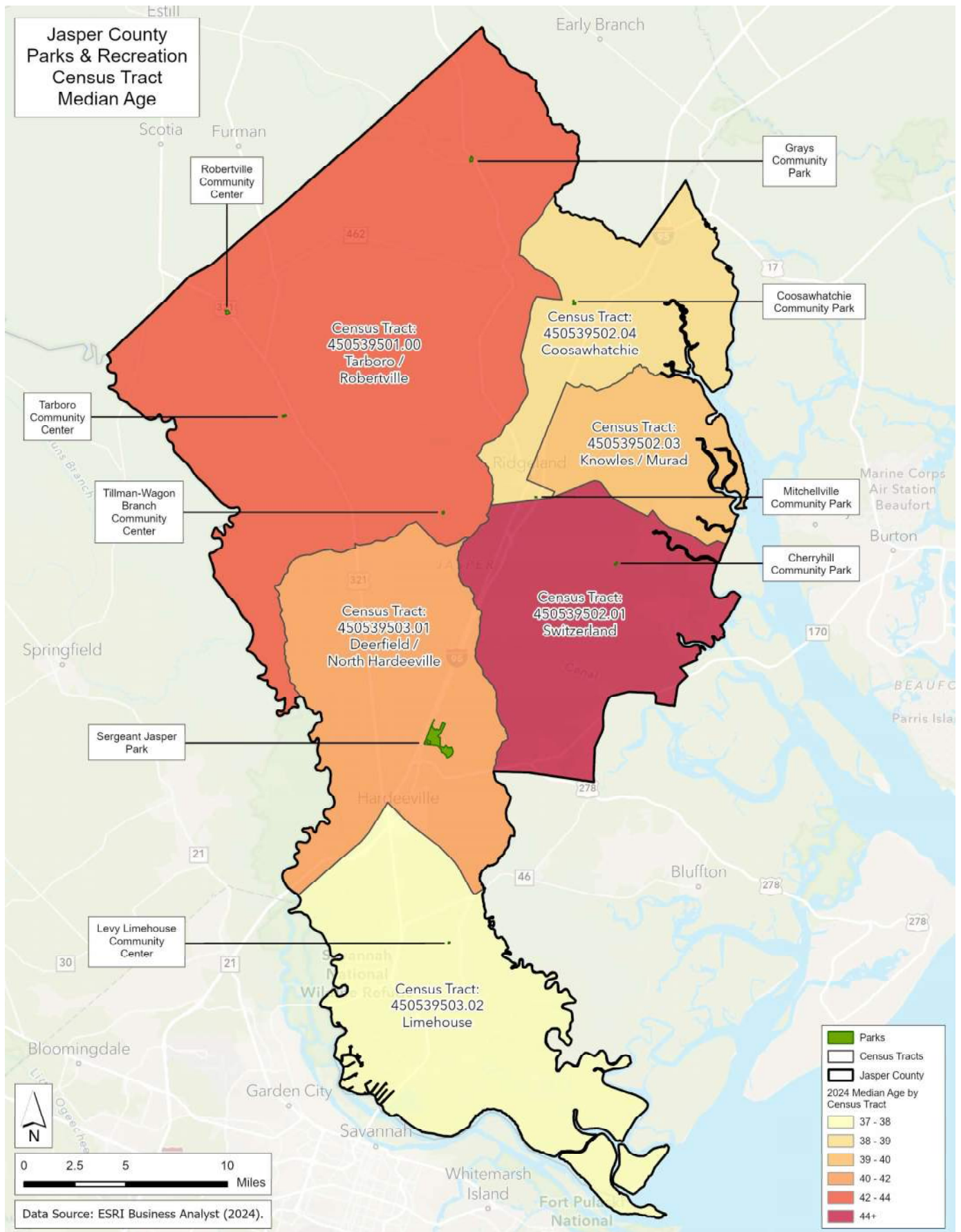
MAP 5: SHARED SERVICE AREAS AND 10 MIN DRIVE TIME



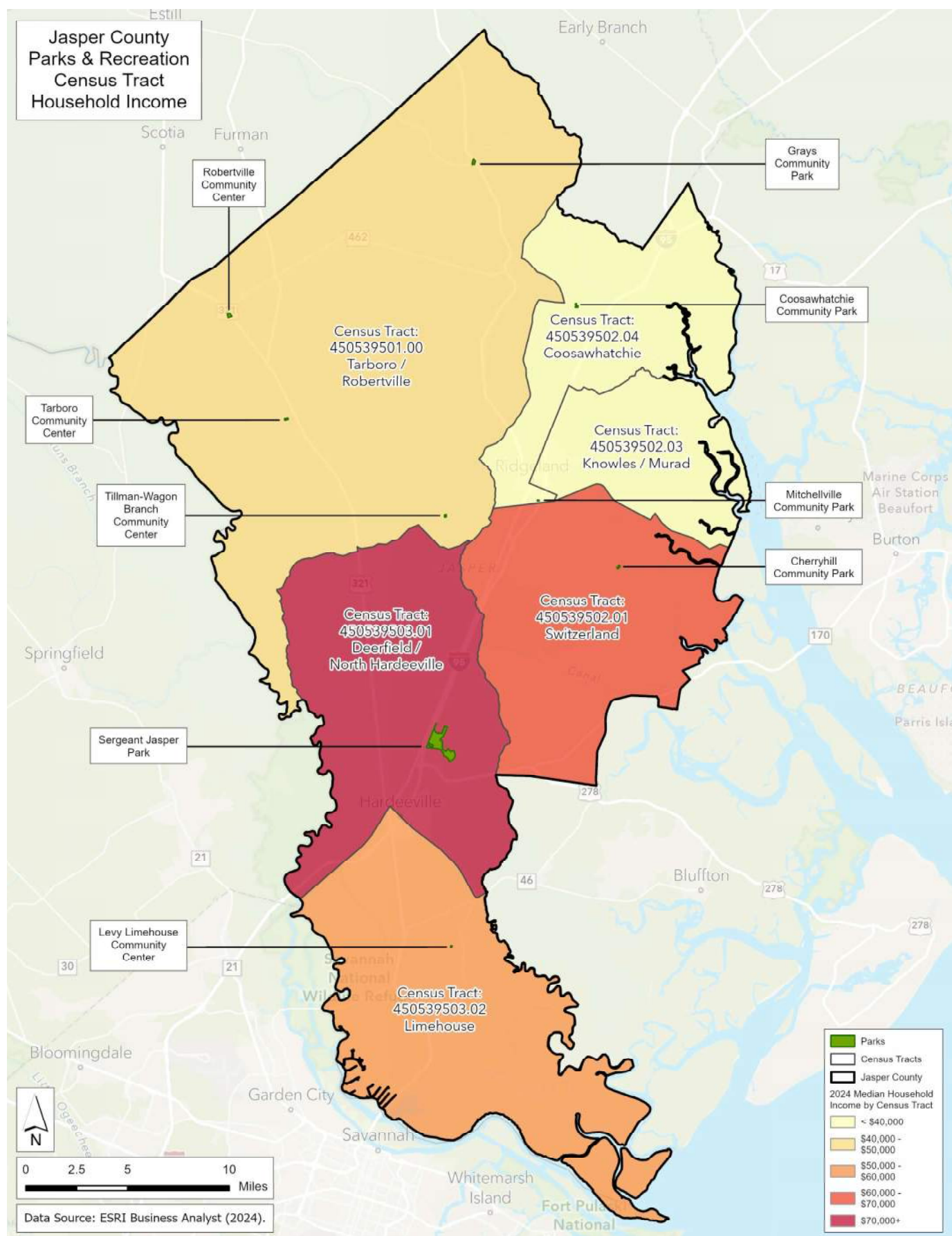
MAP 6: TOTAL POPULATION AND PROPERTY LOCATION



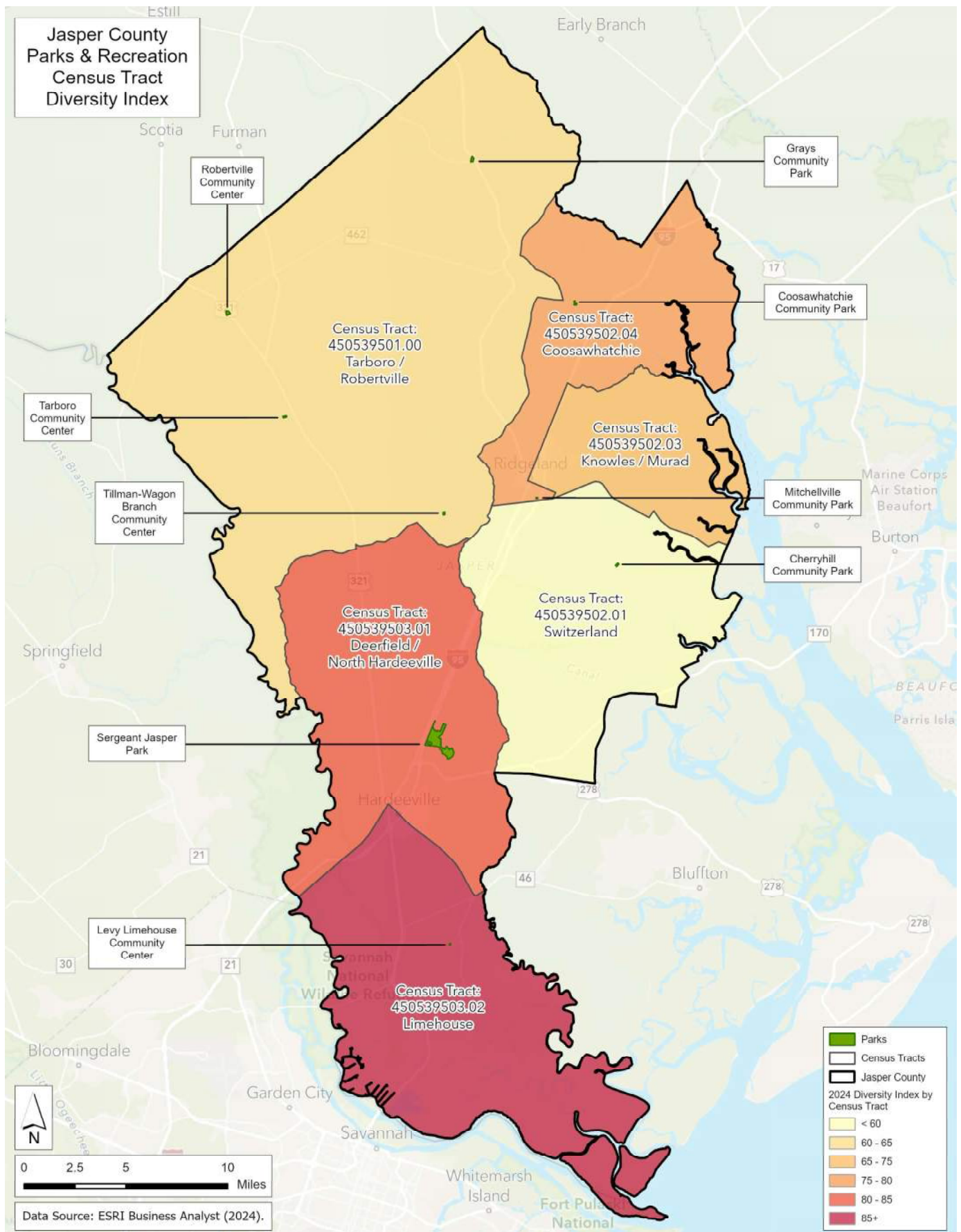
MAP 7: MEDIAN AGE



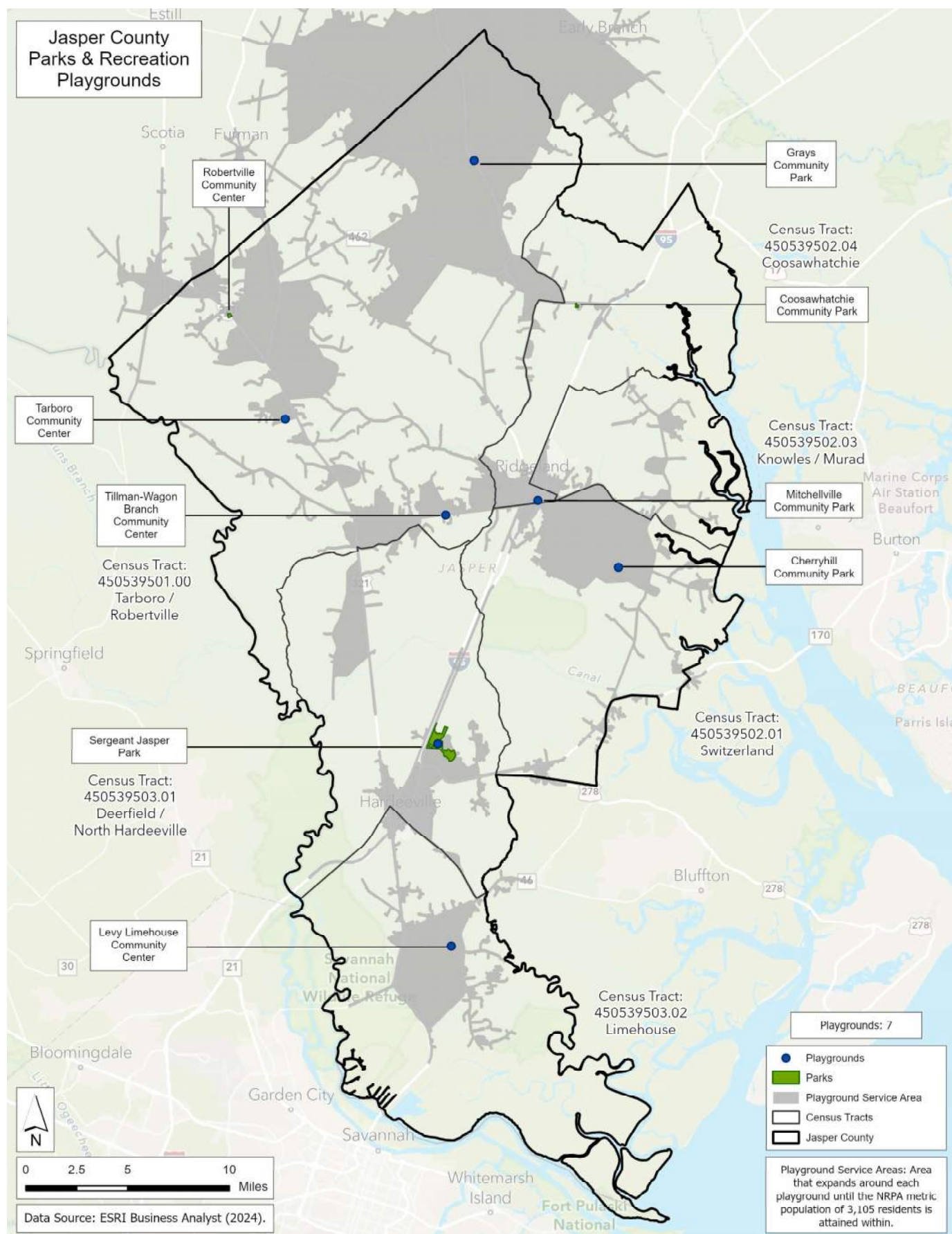
MAP 8: HOUSEHOLD INCOME



MAP 9: DIVERSITY INDEX



MAP 10: PLAYGROUND SERVICE AREAS



There are no fields located south of Ridgeland. This is of greatest concern in the Switzerland and Limehouse census tracts, which are relatively densely populated within the county.

One area where Jasper County is exceeding NRPA metrics is basketball courts. There are eight (8) Basketball Courts available at Jasper County parks, which exceeds the recommended number today (4.5) and in 2035 (5.9). However, much like the baseball fields, these courts are concentrated in the northern part of the County. There is only one located south of Ridgeland, at the Levy Limehouse Community Center. Map 12 shows the location of the current basketball courts. Adding a basketball court(s) to the available amenities at Sergeant Jasper Park would alleviate the gap in service, along with an additional court to serve the southernmost region of the County.

Jasper County parks feature one (1) disc golf course. Although sufficient to meet the needs of the county's current population, one course would need to be added to meet the benchmark of 1.5 courses to support the estimated 2035 population. Map 13 shows the location of the current disc golf course at Sergeant Jasper Park. A future disc golf course would best be located in the northern part of the county where there are none.

There are many NRPA recommended outdoor amenities not currently available at Jasper County parks. The recommended number of these amenities based on the county's current and projected population is included in Table 1.

- Rectangular Fields
- Dog Parks
- Community Gardens
- Pickleball Courts
- Multi-Use Courts
- 18-hole Golf Courses
- Driving Range Stations
- Fitness Zones/Exercise Stations

INDOOR PARK AMENITIES/ FACILITIES

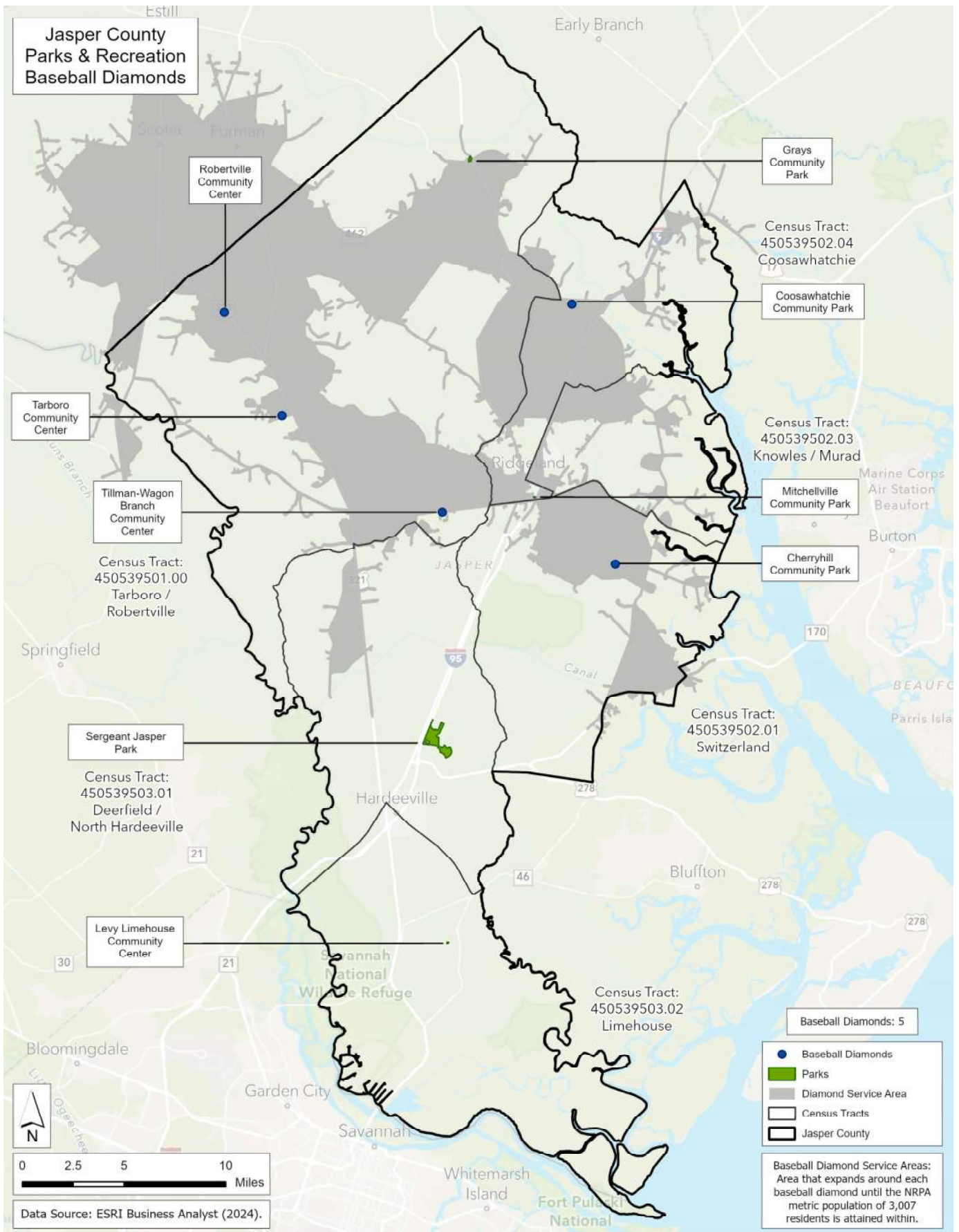
Jasper County parks feature nine (9) restrooms, including publicly accessible restrooms and portable toilets only (i.e. access-controlled restrooms located at community centers do not count toward this metric). Nine restrooms is sufficient to meet the benchmark for both the County's current and projected populations. Map 14 shows the location of the current restrooms. All areas of the county are well serviced, with the exception of the southernmost tip.

There are many NRPA recommended indoor amenities not currently available at Jasper County parks. The recommended number of these amenities based on the County's current and projected population is included in Table 1.

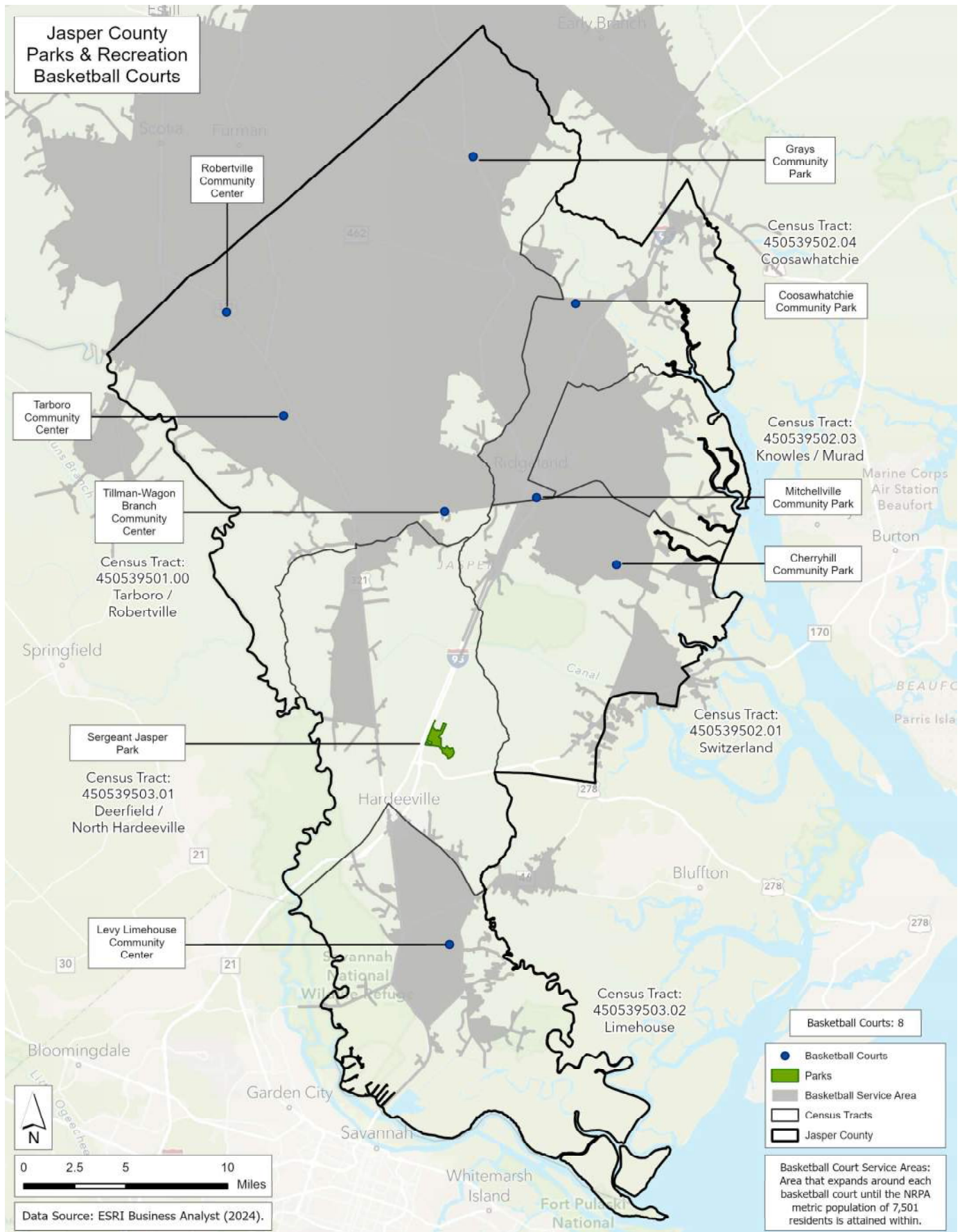
- Recreation Centers (and Gyms)
- Performance Amphitheaters
- Senior Centers
- Nature Centers
- Teen Centers
- Community Centers - Jasper County's "Community Centers" are Reservation Only/Paid Event Spaces. They are not designed for non-scheduled community gatherings, which is the intent of this NRPA metric.

In summary, Jasper County has a tremendous amount of opportunity to improve the level of service provided to its residents through additional parks and park amenities, including both outdoor and indoor amenities. Careful consideration should be given to prioritize investments in areas of the county that are currently underserved and/or are disadvantaged to provide more equitable access to all residents across the County park system.

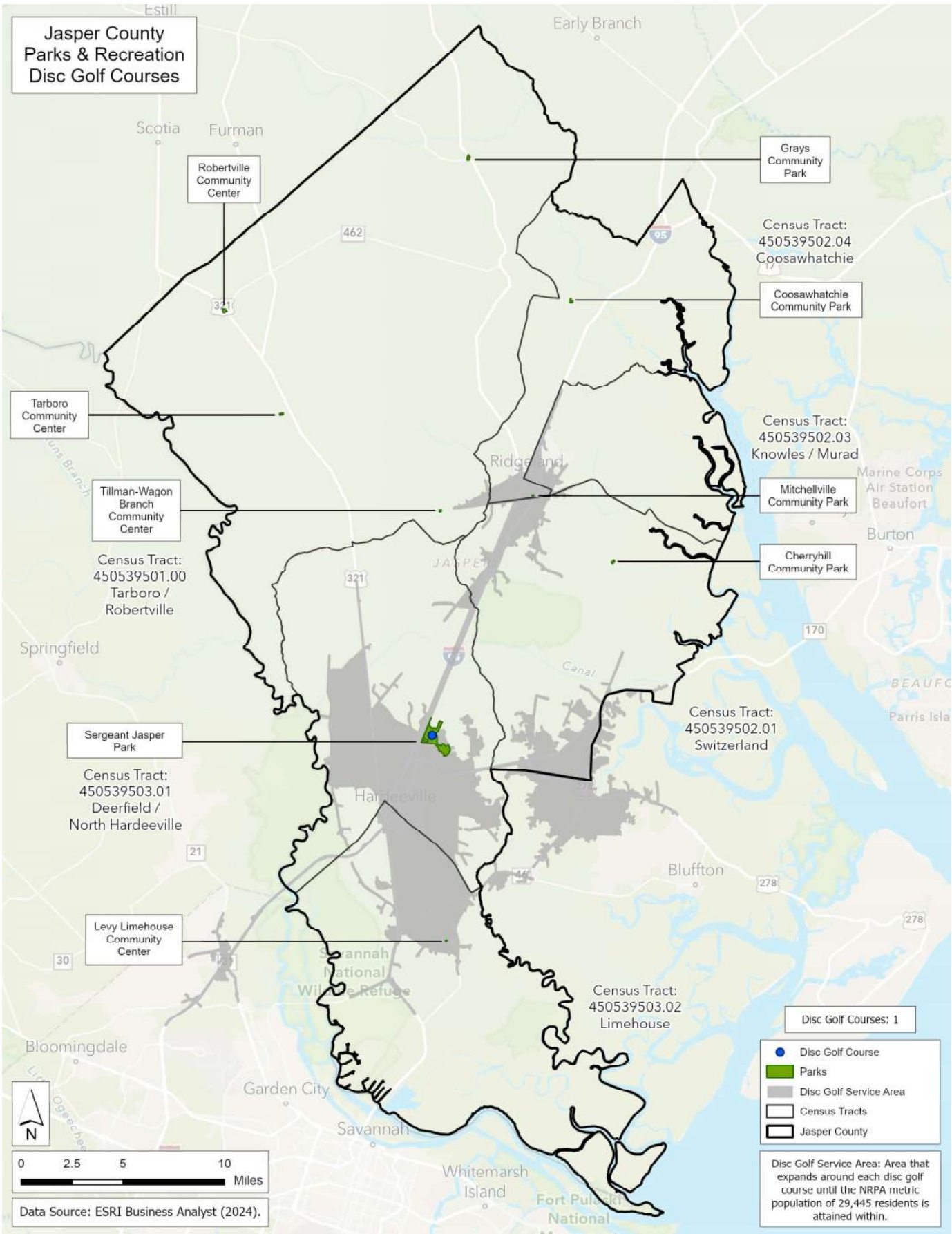
MAP 11: BASEBALL DIAMOND SERVICE AREAS



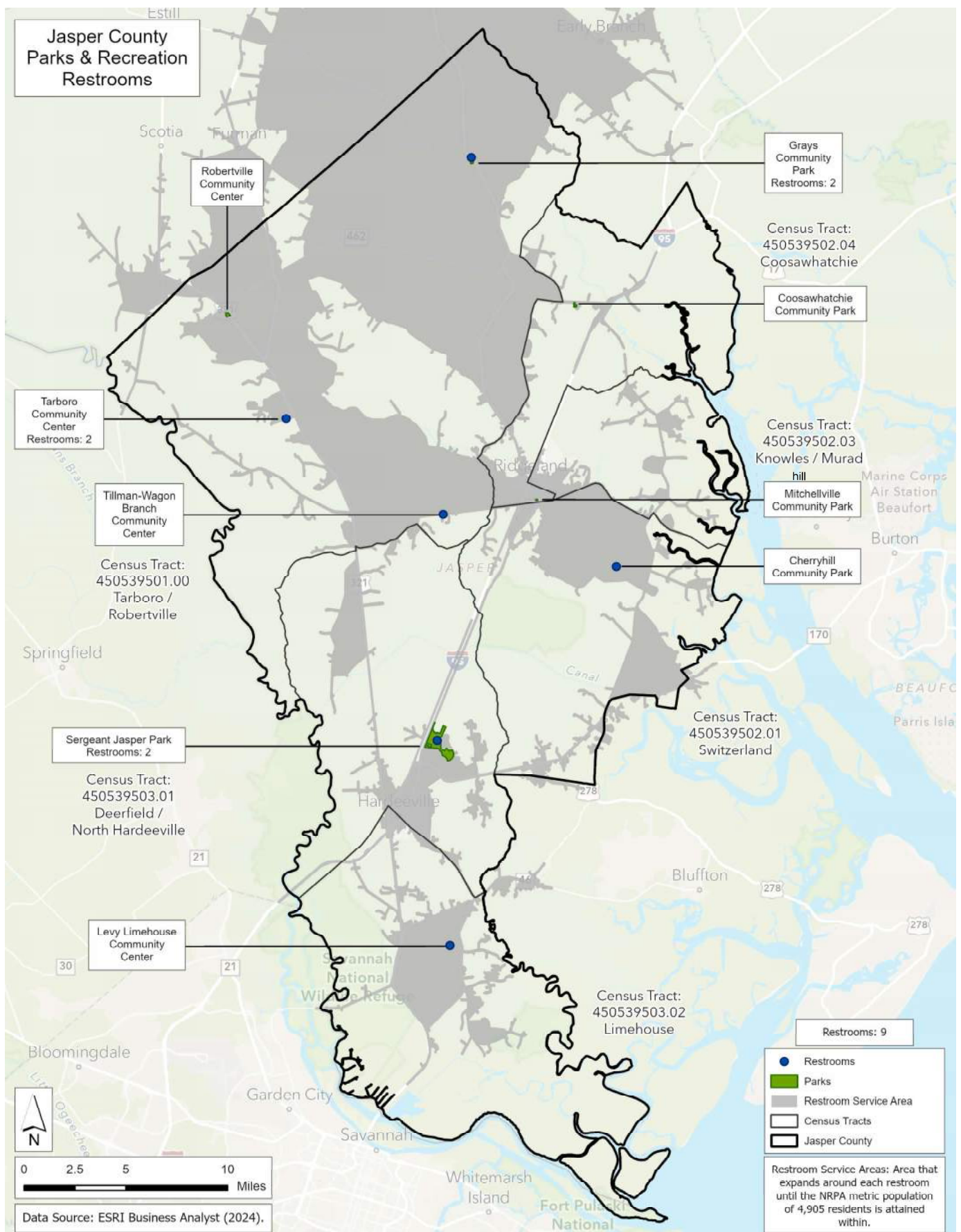
MAP 12: BASKETBALL COURT SERVICE AREAS



MAP 13: DISC GOLF SERVICE AREA



MAP 14: RESTROOM SERVICE AREA



PROGRAMS, SERVICES & FACILITY ANALYSIS

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

As it exists today, there is minimal recreation programming offered through the Jasper County Park and Recreation Department. The lack of programming stems from a deficit in programming space. The department relies upon the schools and local churches for gymnasium and programming space causing inconsistent availability for residents. The outdoor athletic programs that are offered are run by private groups in their own space.

In addition to a lack of space, programming is minimal due to the County missing a dedicated staff member focused on this service. A creative recreation programmer can utilize open outdoor space and current indoor spaces for programs throughout the community.

Currently the department is comprised of Sergeant Jasper Park and “community centers.” The Community Centers are substandard facilities in need of repairs, but the community frequently rents these facilities. One reason that they are often rented is because of low cost.

Parks should be accessible within a reasonable walk or drive for most residents, however, this will continue to be a challenge due to the size of the County. For example, the driving distance between Point South, just south of Yemassee, and Sergeant Jasper Park is over 30 minutes. Although Sergeant Jasper Park provides good amenities for the County, it is unreasonable to think that families that live 20 or 30 miles away will drive to Sergeant Jasper daily to use the Sergeant Jasper facilities.

Unless the County increases the facilities and staff members to operate these facilities, programming within their system will remain a challenge.



RECREATION FACILITIES

The NRPA created recommended standards for park and recreation facilities based on the population of a jurisdiction.

Current NRPA Minimum Targeted Standards for a county park system can be tracked on the [NRPA website](#).⁶

Tracking the population growth in the county for the next 10 years, it is possible to plan for a population that exceeds the projections, even 50,000 people based on current development rates. These numbers are exciting in some respects, but when it comes to planning recreation facilities for the year 2035, without relying on NRPA metrics, Jasper County could be in a position to be far behind the demand and need of its residents.

The most frequently used facilities within the Jasper County Parks and Recreation Department are the Sergeant Jasper Park facilities and (4) main community centers which are mostly used as private rentals. The department has no recreation programming space or gymnasium. The existing community centers could be used for some recreation programming if they were brought up to a greater level of service as noted in Chapter 4.

CURRENT RENTAL FACILITIES / COMMUNITY CENTERS

Jasper County Park and Recreation Department is responsible for (4) community centers that can be rented out for private uses.

- Levy-Limehouse Community Center
- Tillman-Wagon Branch Community Center
- Robertsville Community Center
- Tarboro Community Center

Within Sergeant Jasper Park, there are (3) separate facilities that can be rented.

- Banquet Hall
- Gazebo
- Picnic Center

Other Department Facilities

- Coosawhatchie Community Park – (Currently under construction)
- Mitchellville Community Park
- Grays Hall Picnic Shelter
- Cherry Hill Picnic Shelter
- Airport Soccer Field
- Thomas Heyward Tomb Site



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STAFFING ANALYSIS

The Jasper County Park and Recreation staff consists of the following positions:

- Parks and Recreation Director
- Administrative Assistant
- Customer Service Clerk
- Maintenance Worker #1
- Maintenance Worker #2
- Park Ranger – (Maintenance Worker)

CURRENT CONDITIONS

There is no recreation programming in the County. Based on the number of rentals the department handles daily, as well as the other administrative duties, there is no time for any current employee to take on the tasks of a recreation programmer.

The current staff is present at Jasper for facility rentals. When these rentals require a staff presence on the weekends, it takes away from weekday hours that the employees can be in the office doing needed tasks.

For facility rentals at community centers, there is no staff presence. Arrangements are made to open and lock facilities. Three (3) maintenance workers for the entire county is well below the national standard for park maintenance workers and makes it challenging to keep up with general maintenance needs let alone more robust improvements.

The typical park and recreation agency has 8.9 full time employees on staff for each 10,000 residents in the jurisdiction served by the agency. (Source, National Recreation and Park Association.)

National standards are helpful as a guide, but can be misleading; departments can vary greatly from one to another. It is recommended that Jasper County consider adding additional maintenance resources.

FINANCIAL & FUNDING ANALYSIS

The Jasper County Parks and Recreation Department offers a limited selection of programs and services to the residents of Jasper County. With the creation of this master plan, there has been a renewed excitement by the staff as well as the public that “change” is coming. With change comes the need for an increase in financial resources. Finding financial resources within a government is always a challenge. One of the findings in this report shows that the public is ready for new services and stated that they would support a bond referendum for increased services.

The department is in a good position to prepare for growth and additional park resources. There needs to be an emphasis on the business components of professional parks and recreation management. Charging revenues is easy to track but keeping up with all expenses and costs are one of the most important elements of parks and recreation business management. As programs are added, the staff should be tracking the cost recovery models for each program and event. Goals should be put in place and monitored throughout each fiscal year. Each staff member can play a role in proper business management.

Standards should be set for maintenance requirements. Each element of park maintenance should have a quantifiable standard. This will enable the department to track maintenance costs and properly plan.

BUDGET AND FUNDING

As the department grows, alternate funding sources will be necessary to expand and provide equitable services throughout Jasper County. New sources should be sought, established, and relied upon for providing opportunities to underserved members of the community and to provide additional programs and services that the public desires.

There are numerous ways to fund Parks and Recreation projects and programs, but many of these strategies can be very hard to establish and take years to see results. Examples of some of these ideas include maintenance endowment funds, real-estate transfer fees, land dedication and/or parks and recreation impact fees, and park authorities. Although all of these should be considered for the long term, the strategies below could have an immediate impact on the Parks and Recreation Budget for Jasper County.

PRICING PHILOSOPHY - DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS

As programs become available the department will need a complete understanding of direct and indirect costs.

- Direct Costs – any expenditures related to the operation of a specific park, program, or facility rental. (e.g., instructor fees, materials, staff time etc.)
- Indirect Costs – any expenditures that remain after removing direct costs: usually more general and system-wide (e.g., administrative tasks, facility maintenance, utilities, etc.)

The department will need a pricing philosophy that should act as a guide through all these efforts. The department should determine how much of the direct costs it will absorb, if any, and how much of the indirect costs it will absorb. This can change from year to year, but it is critical to understand the value of these costs.

The following are pricing strategies used in other communities that Jasper County could adopt:

- Indirect costs are covered by the city or other jurisdiction, while direct costs are covered by the user at a specific cost recovery rate.
- Classifications are created based on whether the program or service benefits the community, the individual who is taking the program, or a combination of the two.
- Pricing should generally be determined by the 80% of the public who can pay as opposed to the 20% who cannot. (Accommodations should be made for those who cannot pay.)

COST RECOVERY

Once the costs are understood and separated into direct and indirect costs, the County should decide how much of each cost should be recovered. Some programs should have 100% cost recovery where others will have 75%, 50%, 25% or none.

Rentals should be a part of the pricing philosophy and costs should be based on actual costs to provide the service.



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BOND REFERENDUM

In support for parks and recreation programs and facilities, the majority of residents that were surveyed said they would support an increase in their taxes to support a Parks and Recreation Bond for the development, renovation, and operation of Parks.

This bond program would enable the County to upgrade facilities, purchase and construct new facilities, and hire staff. Jasper County has a recent model of being responsible with a comparable the ballot question and informing the public of what their vote means.

VOLUNTEER POWER

Adopt-A-Trail or Adopt-A-Park programs are an additional, more formalized way for volunteers to assist with park maintenance in Jasper County. These programs encourage residents and organizations to become involved in keeping parks clean for their community. These programs give new possibilities for involvement to those residents and organizations who have the interest but need a structured opportunity. Target areas could be one of the community's small parks or as large as a section of Sergeant Jasper Park.

GRANTS AND APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Not all grants are beneficial; most are positive, but some require additional work from staff that could hinder the grant's potential benefits. Jasper County should continue to be on the lookout for grants that will enhance the park system without taxing staff capacity. Applying to established foundations is often easier and has a higher acceptance rate. Sometimes there are nearby foundations that are more amenable to giving locally.



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Improvement Strategies

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COMMUNITY-WIDE STRATEGIES

Parks, trails and recreational amenities are vital to the well-being of our communities. Having an assorted offering of amenities and resources, appeals to the diversity of interests within the community. Amenities should be accessible to all residents and appeal to users of different age groups and abilities. This section of the Park Master Plan outlines the objectives and opportunities available to improve the park and recreation resources within Jasper County.

While understanding that there are specific improvements to be made at individual parks over time, there are also community-wide themes that were evident in both the analysis of the existing amenities and as identified by the community input (refer to Section 3 – Input Gathering).



Equitable Distribution of Amenities Throughout the County

One of the recommendations includes the addition of a 'Hub and Spokes' system, placing a larger central recreation center in the northern portion of the County, with two or more smaller parks that feed off of the larger central recreation amenity. This would allow for more equitable access to recreation in areas where park space and recreation opportunities are currently limited.

Increase Diversity of Amenities

The existing parks within the Jasper County parks system have similar amenities and recreation offerings at each site. While these amenities are well used, the system as a whole would benefit from the addition of other amenity options. Expansion of available acreage and adding amenities that are not currently offered at other community parks would diversify the recreation opportunities available to the community. Specific amenities to be considered include:

- **Passive Recreation** - This includes walking trails, biking trails, paddling trails, interpretive nature trails, story walks and history trails.
- **Open Air Shelters/Shade Structures** – Shelters serve many purposes, including as outdoor classrooms, which could prove beneficial with local partnerships including schools.
- **Nature Playgrounds** – Nature play allows for creative play in a more natural setting, allowing imagination and creativity to be sparked while learning about the elements around us.
- **Outdoor Fitness Circuits** – Consider placing stations along the trails or at multiple locations in the community parks.
- **Dog Parks** – Dog parks allow for recreation opportunities for people and pets.
- **Fishing** – Many of the boat landings could also having fishing piers to offer as an alternative to kayaking or canoeing.

Improve Accessibility and ADA Compliance

Attention should be given to providing accessible amenities and maintaining ADA compliance to and around all public facilities within the Jasper County system. The inventory review of ADA compliance identified numerous issues that are a liability and limit access for those with mobility impairments. Access issues to address include:

- **Seating Areas** – Should allow wheelchair access and include ADA accessible tables.
- **Accessible Walkways** – Should connect main sidewalks/circulation routes with park amenities (playgrounds, seating areas, community buildings, etc.). Recommend a minimum of five foot wide accessible walkways (six foot wide is preferred). All walkways should be reviewed by maintenance according to these standards.
- **Maintain Accessible Play Surfacing** – Maintain and replenish the wood fiber surfacing to ensure an accessible route to the play equipment.
- **Parking** – Provide accessible routes and designated ADA parking to and from parking areas to community buildings and park amenities.

CONCURRENT STUDIES

Several County-wide planning initiatives will have a positive impact on the outdoor recreation amenities in the area. From establishing a better network of inter-connected nature corridors, to preserving historic sites, and establishing water trails and river access, most of the municipalities within Jasper County are making strides in improving and expanding outdoor recreation amenities for their residents. Specific concurrent studies/projects include the Town of Ridgeland Comprehensive Plan, Hardeeville department-wide implementation initiatives, and the recently passed Jasper County sales tax, which includes conservation projects.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & FLOOD RESILIENCY

Jasper County is centrally located within the Port Royal Sound Watershed, with the ACE Basin at the regions northern boundary. As one of the largest intact coastal ecosystems on the East Coast, the ACE Basin encompasses 1.7 million acres from the Ashepoo, Combahee, and Edisto Rivers. As continual growth is expected and residential and commercial development spreads across the County, stormwater control and flood resiliency are key issues to be considered.

By conserving flood prone lands and properties as parks in Jasper County, recreational opportunities arise, allowing exploration for natural elements while protecting local assets. As such, the flood risk in Jasper County will remain and the community must continually confront these challenges in a proactive manner. To help mitigate the impacts of potential flooding, park enhancements should be incorporated with resiliency in mind including post-flood clean up and maintenance. Native vegetated surfaces should be promoted where possible.

PARK SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS

The following items identify and describe improvement strategies specific to Jasper County's existing parks, facilities. These recommendations were derived by examining each site and developing an understanding of the challenges and opportunities at each location. Input from community members and focus groups informed this process and validate the community desire and need for each recommendation.

Wayfinding Signage

One of the factors limiting the use and exposure of the County's many parks is the lack of adequate signage to direct community members into the space. Provide signage that is consistent with Jasper County Parks and Recreation branding to direct community members and visitors to the parks and community centers.

Lighting

Many park locations did not have lighting, which at times can create the perception of unsafe spaces. Extending lighting to all park locations provides a safer space in low-light conditions and may prevent destruction and vandalism.

Amenities

While Jasper County provides many amenities to the community, there are a few amenities that should be considered more frequently within their park system:

- *Bike Racks*
- *Trash Receptacles*
- *Benches*
- *Shade Structures/Trees*
- *Restrooms*
- *Drinking Fountains/Bottle Filler*



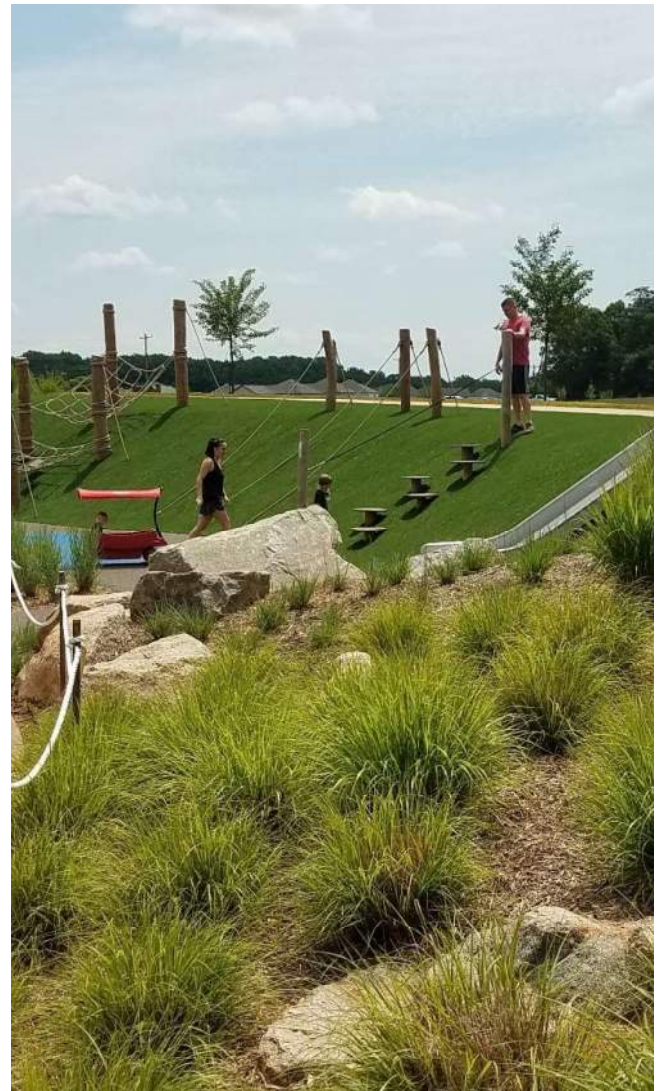
Update Playground Areas

Much of the existing play equipment is showing increased signs of wear. Replace play equipment on a regular schedule and consolidate play areas by utilizing play structures that can accommodate more uses, with higher play value and less footprint.

Use poured-in-place surfacing in areas of greater use and minimize the use of wood fiber surfacing if it cannot be maintained regularly. Incorporate shade canopies into the play structures where feasible. Contain the play areas with accessible pavements and thickened concrete edging to tie into playground subbase. Provide adequate subsurface drainage beneath play surfacing with subdrain cleanouts.

Replace Fencing

Damaged fencing was noted in many of the parks and is unsightly, casting a negative image on the Jasper County amenities. Replace fencing where needed or consider removing it if it is deemed unnecessary. Replacing the fencing will improve the appearance of the parks, provides a safer space for visitors and pets, and will reduce annual upkeep and repairs.



Annual Maintenance Budget

To stay ahead of maintenance and to prevent larger problems from developing in the future, it is recommended that Jasper County establish an annual maintenance budget, specifically dedicated to addressing park amenity repairs.

This should include clearing of vegetation, keeping large trees an adequate distance from trail edges or other park features, addressing drainage issues throughout the parks, and conducting regular inspections to gauge what is a priority.

Dedicating funding to maintenance annually will allow staff to stay on top of maintenance and will promote less spending on repairs long-term.

ACTION PLAN

MANAGEMENT

Collectively, the recommended improvement strategies are a comprehensive approach to restoring and enhancing the parks and open space in Jasper County but the implementation will require time. It is anticipated that these improvements will be implemented in phases, as funding is available and opportunities for public and private partnerships are fostered.

As it is with many communities, funding needs for parks and open space typically exceeds the capabilities of the County's budget and often take a back seat to other infrastructure improvements that residents rely on daily. As a result, it is important that the County explore opportunities for both public and private funding. The completion of this plan, accompanied by possible funding opportunities, will allow the County to plan for and pursue additional funding to implement specific projects.

It should be understood that each project will require additional exploration and design. The information provided herein is intended for planning and preliminary budgeting purposes only.

Each Action Item recommendation identified herein is described with a planning level priority and budget impact.

ORGANIZATION & OPERATIONS

Staffing Recommendations:

Recommendation #1: Budget for and hire a Recreation Programmer position. This position can use existing spaces throughout the County and create a business model where the programmer contracts with vendors to provide the recreation services with a percentage coming back to the County. With the right aggressive recreation programmer, this position can pay for itself while providing much needed recreation services to the residents of Jasper County.

Recommendation #2: Budget for and hire two (2) additional maintenance worker staff members. Consideration should be made, and the position description should accommodate, for a person with special trade skills. The department is often in need of small plumbing, electrical, and carpentry repairs. Having someone on staff to accomplish these tasks will save the county money and will get these facilities in operating condition much quicker than a professional contractor.

Recommendation #3: Create a "pool" of budgeted wages, residing in a separate department line item for a position of Part-Time Recreation Aid. This position can work hourly to open and close rental facilities at community centers as well as free-up full time staff that is present at rentals at Sergeant Jasper Park.

Recommendation #4: Staff Development - County staff become active members of the South Carolina Recreation and Park Association. SCRPA will provide staff with training, best practices, and a statewide network of professionals that can be there for the staff when they need them. Staff should pursue appropriate professional certifications for overseeing parks and their programs.

(CPRP) Certified Park and Recreation Professional

(CPSI) Certified Playground Safety Inspector

We recommend that funds are made available for these professional development opportunities.

Recommendation #5: We recommend that the department prepares itself organizationally for the increase in offerings by developing a new organizational structure for the department. This plan can be discussed and remain flexible, but the growth in additional employees and contractors will be in entry level positions. To prepare for this, we would recommend that the Director has an Assistant Director of Parks, and an Assistant Director of Recreation. The Assistant Director of Parks will be responsible for all activities relating to the maintenance of all facilities and parks. The Assistant Director of Recreation will be responsible for all programs, events, and rentals within the department.

PROGRAM, SERVICES & FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUTURE VISION

Overview:

It is our recommendation that Jasper County work toward becoming one of the premiere Parks and Recreation Departments in the State of South Carolina. As the population grows within the County, the new residents expect the type of recreation programs, services, and facilities that define a progressive county. Within a 45-mile radius of Jasper County, there are examples of county parks and recreation excellence in Charleston and Beaufort Counties, and Chatham County, Georgia. We are not recommending that Jasper County Parks and Recreation tries to become these places, but form its own unique system of parks and services that match the culture, environment, and rich history of Jasper County.

Program Recommendations:

It has been noted that Jasper County Parks and Recreations offers minimal traditional recreation programming. Analyzing the community, the demographics and the expected growth, the department should offer a professional “menu” of program offerings for the citizens of Jasper County.

The following represents a variety of recreation programs that are possible to offer to the citizens of Jasper County and beyond. This list is quite extensive and only serves as a “menu” of program offerings. Provided in this list is the recommended audience for each category, the formats in which to offer the programs, the anticipated outcomes, and a description of program types.

We recommend that the department staff carry out programs through a combination of direct staff offerings, use of contractors and vendors, and hiring outside event planners on a contractual basis. The category of programs that we think will work for the diverse community of Jasper County include the following:

- Athletic Programming
- Health Fitness and Wellness Activities
- Health and Wellness Education
- Creative Arts
- Performing Arts
- Education, Life Skills, and Fun
- Community and Annual Events
- Nature/Outdoor Programs
- Environmental Education
- Heritage and History





Athletic Programming – Recreation activities which focus on skill development and athletic enjoyment.

Audience:

- Team
- Individuals
- All ages

Formats:

- Seasonal
- Recreation leagues
- Competitive
- Participant and spectator
- Progressive Levels of skill development

Athletic activities provide the opportunity to:

- Enjoy physical activity and have fun
- Develop and maintain an effective level of fitness
- Use a positive outlet for aggressive behavior
- Provide an opportunity to feel connected to and participate within a group. (socialization)
- Participate in healthy competition
- Develop sportsmanship and character

Types of activities Include (not limited to):

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bocce
- Cycling
- Football
- Golf – (Disk and traditional)
- Lacrosse
- Martial arts
- Pickleball
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball

Health, Fitness, and Wellness Activities

– Leisure activities which focus on body movement oriented in the direction of fitness, skill development, and physical enjoyment.

Audience:

- Individuals
- Groups
- All Ages

Formats:

- Seasonal
- Participant and spectator
- Progressive levels of skill development

Activities provide the opportunity to:

- Enjoy physical activity and have fun
- Develop and maintain an effective level of fitness
- Use a positive outlet for aggressive behavior
- Provide an opportunity to feel connected to and participate with a group (socialization)
- Participate in healthy competition
- Develop sportsmanship and character



Types of activities include (not limited to):

- Aerobics
- Cycling
- Fitness activities
- Boot camps
- Walking clubs
- Yoga
- Paddling
- 5/10K runs
- Water aerobics
- Swimming
- Weightlifting

Health and Wellness Education – These programs go beyond the traditional view of recreation and promote the individual's optimal well being physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually.

Audience:

- Individuals
- Groups
- All Ages

Format:

- Testing/screening
- Instructional workshops and classes
- Speakers
- Community forums
- Partnerships/Programs with Other Agencies

Health, Wellness and Educational Programs provide opportunities to:

- Extend and continue the learning process
- Create public awareness and understanding
- Allow the individual to feel connected to his/her community
- Enhance self-esteem

Types of Activities include (not limited to):

- Stress management
- Cessation programs (e.g. quitting smoking)
- Nutrition and weight control
- Vision screening
- Healthcare assistance (e.g. signing up for Medicare)
- Personal training
- Arthritis therapy programs
- Heart health activities

Creative Arts— Activities that result in the creation of something tangible. The process usually involves artistic expression or effort of the imagination.

Audience:

- Individuals
- Groups
- All Ages





Format:

- Progressive skill development
- Individual and/or group projects
- Exhibits, shows, displays
- Instructional workshops and classes

Creative Arts provide the opportunity to:

- Express creativity
- Work with your hands, (dexterity)
- Develop fine motor skills
- Enhance the appreciation for the arts
- Give personal satisfaction and pride in accomplishment

Types of Activities include (not limited to)

- Ceramics/glass
- Crafts
- Drawing/ painting/ calligraphy
- Fabric
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Weaving

Performing Arts-Activities that allow the participant to use their own self as the medium of expression. The process of “doing” is important whether an audience is involved or not.

Audience:

- Individuals
- Groups
- All Ages

Format:

- Progressive skill level development
- Instructional workshops and classes

- Knowledge-sharing

- Special events

- Neighborhood projects

Performing and Creative Arts provide the opportunity to:

- Discover themselves as a person
- Create their own entertainment
- Enjoy artistic expression at all ages
- Develop and enrich cultural appreciation

Types of Activities:

- Dance
- Drama
- Music

Education, Life Skills and Fun – Programs that offer fun and educational activities which can be enjoyed for a lifetime.

Audience:

- Individuals
- Families
- Group
- All ages or specific age range

Format:

- Instructional workshop or class
- Speaker/presenters
- Travel program itinerary

Education and Life Skills Programs provide opportunities to:

- Enhance a skill
- Improve safety and awareness
- Learn
- Explore
- Socialize

Types of Activities include (not limited to)

- Informational programs
- Parenting skills
- CPR & First Aid
- G.E.D. programs
- Tax assistance
- Social meetings
- Financial literacy and assistance
- Introductory classes or activities
- Tutoring
- Computer skills
- Group outings/travel

Community and Annual Events – Activities that bring the community together to celebrate holiday, seasonal, traditional, cultural, and historic events

Audience:

- Families
- Individuals
- All ages

Format:

- Large gatherings in open spaces
- Admission fee – may or may not be charged

Events provide opportunities to:

- Gather with community to celebrate
- Meet Neighbors and other community members
- Build a sense of community and pride

Types of Activities:

- Festivals
- Parades
- Fairs
- Concerts
- Cultural celebrations
- Historic interpretation
- Holiday events
- Seasonal events
- Social activities
- Movies



Nature / Outdoor Programs – Activities that are best conducted outdoors and that have, in some way, a direct relationship with nature or place the participant in direct contact with the elements.

Audience:

- Individuals
- Groups
- All ages

Format:

- Classes/workshops
- Teambuilding
- Program partnerships with other agencies
- Field trips
- Sensory awareness activities
- School activities
- Night sky activities

Outdoor education activities provide the opportunity to:

- Develop an awareness and appreciation of our natural resources
- Develop skills for adaptation to vocational or leisure pursuits

Types of Activities

- Birding
- Archery
- Orienteering
- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Camping
- Paddling
- Hiking
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Climbing
- Survival skills

Environmental Education – Programs and activities that inform and help individuals or groups minimize their impact on the environment in order to provide for a sustainable future.

Audience:

- Family
- Individuals
- School groups
- All ages

Format:

- Seasonal events
- Hands on activities
- Field trips
- Instructional workshops and classes

Activities provide the opportunity to:

- Learn methods to minimize our footprint on the environment
- Participate with others toward a goal of a more sustainable future
- Learn methods which can be practiced at home and in parks at a larger scale.

Types of Activities include (not limited to)

- Land/wildlife Conservation
- Recycling
- Group hikes
- Gardening

- Landscaping with native plants
- Litter cleanups
- Raingarden demonstrations
- Rain barrel painting
- Imagine a day without water event
- Earth Day celebrations
- Butterfly gardens
- Backyard conservation workshops
- Composting
- Invasive species removal
- Weather/climate observation

Heritage and History – Programs that offer educational opportunities to interpret the heritage and history of Jasper County's location, environment, or cultural history.

Audience:

- Families
- School groups
- Individuals
- Tourists

Format:

- Instructional workshops and classes
- Speaker presentations
- Reenactments
- Interpretive events

Heritage and History Programs provide opportunities to:

- Understand and celebrate local natural and cultural history
- Enjoy nature, heritage, and culture as a family or group
- Feel connected to the environment and local history

Types of Activities Include:

- Heritage walks
- Heritage farming methods
- Native american studies
- Story telling
- Revolutionary and civil war interpretation
- Sergeant William Jasper interpretation
- Thomas Heyward site tours

Facility Recommendations:

To become a top tier Parks and Recreation Department, the County will need to make a commitment to parks and recreation facilities.

Recommendation #1: Renovate and maintain existing parks and community centers to support recreation programming and staff use.

Recommendation #2: Enhance and maintain existing boat landings to support water-based recreation for residents and visitors. Prioritize the acquisition of Beck's Landing and New River Landing, while investing in improvements to current facilities.

Recommendation #3: Establish a countywide park system including two regional parks—Sergeant Jasper County Park and a future park in the Point South area. Add two community parks on the east and west sides of the county, maintaining the four existing community centers. Evaluate remaining parks for conversion to neighborhood parks or removal from the system.

Recommendation #4: Construct a multi-use indoor recreation facility to serve the entire county. This facility should include a gymnasium, programming space, and areas for staff events.

Recommendation #5: Standardize naming by appending "County Park" to all park names (e.g., Sergeant Jasper County Park). Sub-facilities can retain unique names but should reference their parent park. Community centers should have clear Jasper County signage and wayfinding.

Recommendation #6: Adopt a revenue-generating approach. Treat rental facilities as profit centers and ensure new programs and events are structured to maximize income. Vendor contracts should include clear revenue-sharing terms with the County.

FINANCIAL

Recommendation #1: Pursue a bond referendum to provide funding for a Community Multi-Purpose facility and the staff to operate it.

Recommendation #2: Establish a Pricing Philosophy for the department, with cost recovery goals.

Recommendation #3: Pursue volunteer opportunities for park beautification. Especially for unused or underused parks.

ACTION PLAN

Through this process, a list of Goals, Objectives, and Actions has been generated through the assessment of current inventory, staffing, programming, metrics, current level of service to county residents, and public feedback. While this list may seem extensive, the intent is to guide the county and the department in their decision-making process, prioritizing actions (or tasks) for the next 10 years. Each action was categorized as short term priority (tasks to be addressed within 0-2 years), mid term priority (tasks to be addressed within 3-5 years), or long term priority (tasks to be addressed in 6 years or more). The range of cost

impact of each of these tasks is also described, helping the department understand how to allocate future funding. The Action Plan is intended to act as a guide of checks and balances for the department and will grow and morph as the department implements changes. This plan will require annual updates and review at the department level to prioritize future planning efforts and growth.

Goal 1: Structure Organization and Operations to Enhance and Grow Department						
	Actions	Priority Level			Cost Impact	Notes
		Short Term	Mid Term	Long Term	Low - High	
		0-2 Year	3-5 Years	6 + Years	\$-\$-\$-\$	
Objective 1.1:						
Establish internal organization of the Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance, facilities, and other assets						
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1a Prepare Deferred Maintenance Schedule for each of the park facilities, community centers, and equipment.	X			\$	Once established update annually
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1b Create maintenance levels and expectations and outcomes for each level.	X			\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1c Develop standard and consistent operating hours for all parks and facilities.	X			\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1d Develop MOU's for shared spaces that protects Jasper County's liability, while ensuring assets are used to their fullest potential.			X	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1e Develop Department wide annual compensation and wage reviews.	X			\$	Once established update annually
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1f Meet with County Manager annually to go over priorities and project needs.	X	X	X	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1g Seek partnerships, volunteer opportunities, and other avenues for maintenance and cleanliness of parks.	X	X	X	\$	Volunteer organizations, high school students needing volunteer hours, local justice system community service
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1h Reevaluate staff positions and needs of the Department as growth of assets, programs, and other responsibilities occur.	X			\$	Once established update annually
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.1i Consider adding <i>bi-lingual</i> to job descriptions to attract Spanish speaking staff/applicants.	X			\$	
Objective 1.2:						
Develop a County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board						
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.2a Develop mission and vision for Advisory Board, bylaws, term limits, and board member qualifications.		X		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.2b Seek board member candidates to engage and select.		X		\$	

	Actions	Priority Level			Cost Impact	Notes
		Short Term	Mid Term	Long Term		
		0-2 Year	3-5 Years	6 + Years		
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.2c Host a County led quarterly stakeholder meeting to discuss ongoing partnership opportunities, giving local champions a voice and empowering them to help Jasper County.		X		\$	
Objective 1.3: <i>Improve marketing and branding of the Department</i>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.3a Develop a branding and marketing strategy including colors, logos, and a tagline for the Department.	X			\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.3b Develop a wayfinding and branding strategy for all County parks, facilities, and boat landing signage.	X			\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.3c Re-establish Department social media presence, through Facebook and Instagram, and develop a communications plan and social media policy for internal staff.	X			\$\$	Work with partners, students, part-time employees to achieve this. It needs constant upkeep and presence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.3d Develop a template for a public facing report to share department successes (could be quarterly or annually).		X		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.3e Create an evaluation process that includes feedback to identify the ways participants wish to receive communication.	X			\$	
Objective 1.4: <i>Improve institutional knowledge across the Department</i>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.4a Provide opportunities for staff to increase knowledge by attending conferences, seminars, trainings, certifications, or other educational events.	X	X	X	\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.4b Create a staff succession plan that transparently explains Department operations and knowledge.		X		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.4c Provide efficient reorganization of department staff.	X			\$	
Objective 1.5: <i>Improve Department Technology</i>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	1.5a Evaluate and select recreation management, point of service, and revenue software tools.	X			\$	Once established update annually

Goal 2: Develop and Establish Programs and Services

	Actions	Priority Level			Cost Impact	Notes
		Short Term	Mid Term	Long Term	Low - High	
		0-2 Year	3-5 Years	6 + Years	\$-\$-\$-\$	

Objective 2.1:

Establish recreation program offerings

<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1a Evaluate existing and future quantity and quality of programs to service the County.	X			\$	Once established update annually
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1b Identify partners to assist with programing.	X	X	X	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1c Work directly with the new YMCA to provide offsite programming to areas of need.		X		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1d Provide programming for water recreation (i.e. fishing, boating, non-motorized boat access, swimming).		X		\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.1e Develop program to connect cultural and historical education within the region.	X			\$	

Objective 2.2:

Identify new opportunities for programs and events

<input type="checkbox"/>	2.2a Improve Parks and Recreation website, highlighting activities to attend and current events.	X			\$\$	Once established update annually
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.2b Partner with key organizations to share and cross post Department programs and events.	X	X	X	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.2c Formalize strategic partner relationships for increased use of existing assets to activate parks and facilities.	X	X	X	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.2d Evaluate current partnerships for alignment of County parks goals and vision to align with direction of Department.	X			\$	Once established update annually
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.2e Create a permitting and rental system for events.	X			\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.2f Develop half and full day outdoor adventures within Jasper County to attract visitors to the area.		X		\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.2g Evaluate events on a regular basis to make improvements and enhance user experiences.	X			\$	Once established update annually

	Actions	Priority Level			Cost Impact	Notes
		Short Term	Mid Term	Long Term	Low - High	
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Objective 2.3:						
Develop nature programming						
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.3a Develop an educational (environmental, cultural) strategy at each park and facility.		X		\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.3b Develop water recreation and activities that attract different levels of skill.		X	X	\$\$	
Objective 2.4:						
Improve community center programming						
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.4a Identify transportation options and work with school system for programming at the community centers.	X	X		\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.4b Review community center sites to program alternative uses.	X	X		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.4c Determine the space programing needs of community centers.	X	X		\$\$	
Objective 2.5:						
Develop a programming and services evaluation process						
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.5a Identify partners that provide duplicated services to evaluate possible partnership or future discontinuation of programs or events.	X	X	X	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.5b Develop a standardized program evaluation process.	X			\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2.5c Identify local businesses as partners for volunteerism, partnership, and donations.	X	X	X	\$	

Goal 3: Improve and Maintain Facilities and Park Amenities

	Actions	Priority Level			Cost Impact	Notes
		Short Term	Mid Term	Long Term	Low - High	
		0-2 Year	3-5 Years	6 + Years	\$-\$\$-\$\$\$	

Objective 3.1:

Improve park appearance, furnishings, and safety

<input type="checkbox"/>	3.1a Identify opportunities for art to be integrated into public spaces. This includes a standalone event, a community led mural project, a summer or afterschool art program.	X	X	X	\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.1b Develop and implement standard park signage for all parks and facilities.	X			\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.1c Establish a 'Friends of Jasper County Parks' group to cheerlead and rally support for local County owned parks, providing monetary support, and contribute time voluntarily.		X	X	\$	

Objective 3.2:

Create Master Plans for individual parks

<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2a Conduct a park and facility master plan for Sergeant Jasper Park to include evaluation of all facilities and ADA accessibility.			X	\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2b Conduct a park and facility master plan for Cherryhill Community Park to include evaluation of all facilities and ADA accessibility.		X		\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2c Conduct a park and facility master plan for Mitchellville Community Park to include evaluation of all facilities and ADA accessibility.	X			\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2d Conduct a park and facility master plan for Coosawhatchie Community Park to include evaluation of all facilities and ADA accessibility.	X			\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2e Conduct a park and facility master plan for Grays Community Park to include evaluation of all facilities and ADA accessibility.		X		\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2f Conduct a park and facility master plan for Levy Limehouse Community Center to include evaluation of all facilities and ADA accessibility.	X			\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2g Conduct a park and facility master plan for Robertsville Community Center to include evaluation of all facilities and ADA accessibility.		X		\$\$	

	Actions	Priority Level			Cost Impact	Notes
		Short Term	Mid Term	Long Term	Low - High	
		0-2 Year	3-5 Years	6 + Years	\$-\$-\$-\$-\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2h Conduct a park and facility master plan for Tarboro Community Center to include evaluation of all facilities and ADA accessibility.		X		\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.2i Conduct a park and facility master plan for Tillman-Wagon Branch Community Center to include evaluation of all facilities and ADA accessibility.		X		\$\$	
Objective 3.3: <i>Prioritize and schedule park and facility updates, renovation projects, new parks, and property acquisition.</i>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3a Identify and acquire property to develop a BMX tract	X			\$\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3b Collaborate with local municipalities to acquire property to develop a regional park at the north end of the County.		X		\$\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3c Conduct a feasibility study to determine future land protection, easement holder, and prioritization based on environmental significance.		X		\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3d Perform GIS analysis to identify priority parcels for conservation to aid with hazard mitigation, water quality, and quality of life growing the protected land within the Sentinel Landscape Boundary.	X	X		\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3e Perform a study to determine the financial feasibility for a centrally located Jasper County gymnasium and outdoor rec complex.		X		\$\$-\$\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3f Assess existing properties for new or expanded walking trails and connections.	X			\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3g Bolan Hall: Acquire necessary property or extend the lease that expires in 2035.			X	\$\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3h Coosawhatchie Community Park: Perform a community led assessment of need for this property and potential for center rebuild.	X			\$\$-\$\$\$	

	Actions	Priority Level			Cost Impact	Notes
		Short Term	Mid Term	Long Term	Low - High	
		0-2 Year	3-5 Years	6 + Years	\$-\$-\$-\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.3i ADA assessment of all parks and facilities with an itemized action plan, timeline goals for completion, and associated costs for improvements to achieve park and facility ADA compliance.	X			\$	
Objective 3.4: <i>Facility assessment and renovation.</i>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.4a Determine locations for ADA accessible nonmotorized boat launch points.		X		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.4b Review facility assessments and develop priority smaller budget renovations list. Keep this list separate from bigger capital projects and develop a funding mechanism to fund these.	X			\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.4c Consider both current and past community center locations and determine which locations should be invested with a priority improvement plan.	X			\$	
Objective 3.5: <i>Address connectivity within County Park System</i>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.5a Conduct a feasibility study to determine future trail locations, potential ownership, maintenance responsible party, and prioritization based on connections.		X	X	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.5b Study the feasibility for safe cycling network to key points of interest.		X	X	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.5c Collaborate with local municipalities to coordinate greenway and neighborhood connections to nature.		X	X	\$	
Objective 3.6: <i>Update existing fields and courts</i>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.6a Assess field needs and determine field rotation, potential for additional fields, and conversion to turf.	X	X	X	\$-\$	
Objective 3.7: <i>Improve level of service to all residents</i>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.7a Conduct a Gap Analysis bi-annually to determine service gaps that exist within the County.		X	X	\$	

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		0-2 Year	3-5 Years	6 + Years	\$-\$-\$-\$	
Objective 3.8:						
Improve existing restroom facilities and identify need for new restroom locations						
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.8a Conduct a study to review bathroom access at all County sites, including boat launches.	X			\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.8b Design and implement permanent restroom locations based upon restroom facility study.		X	X	\$\$\$	
Objective 3.9:						
Improve boat launch facilities						
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.9a Turnbridge Landing: determine a solution for the lack of space available for turning a trailer around.	X			\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.9b Evaluate potential acquisitions for new boat launches and fishing piers.		X		\$\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.9c Conduct a Blueway master plan incorporating boat launches considering adjacent access points outside of the County.			X	\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3.9d Determine locations for ADA accessible nonmotorized boat launch points.		X		\$\$	

Goal 4: Improve and expand fiscal sustainability of the Department

	Actions	Priority Level			Cost Impact	Notes
		Short Term	Mid Term	Long Term	Low - High	
		0-2 Year	3-5 Years	6 + Years	\$-\$-\$-\$	

Objective 4.1:

Identify funding opportunities

<input type="checkbox"/>	4.1a Consider additional funding sources to increase revenue and reduce expenses of the Department.	X	X	X	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4.1b Consider internal budget opportunities to fund improvements in the maintenance and care of the parks.	X	X	X	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4.1c Consider partnerships to offset expenses in operating and running programs.	X	X	X	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4.1d Consider potential bond referendum for future capital improvements.	X	X	X	\$\$	

Objective 4.2:

Develop a need based scholarship program for programming participation

<input type="checkbox"/>	4.2a Evaluate current need based practices and identify areas for improvement to streamline the application process.	X			\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4.2b Identify and partner with those that can market the program to the community and bring more awareness to the program.		X		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4.2c Create a marketing and outreach effort to educate the public on the need of program to help drive funding.		X	X	\$	

Objective 4.3:

Evaluate and improve fee structure and cost recovery efforts

<input type="checkbox"/>	4.3a Review and analyze current cost recovery practices.	X			\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4.3b Create and update a cost recovery plan on an annual basis.	X	X	X	\$	

Objective 4.4:

Seek grant funding efforts

<input type="checkbox"/>	4.4a Create a grant funding matrix to determine which grants to seek and when. Update regularly tracking wins and losses, eligibility, new grants, and grant cycle information.	X			\$\$	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4.4b Hire a grant writer for targeted grants that require expertise.		X	X	\$\$	

FUNDING

GRANTS AND LOANS

South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority

State Grant Program

Eligible Projects: Construction, upgrades, improvements of wells, water & sewer lines, pump stations, water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, and stormwater drainage. Planning activities include rate studies, asset management, GIS mapping, smoke testing, lead service line assessments, televising lines, and capital improvement planning.

Eligible Applicants: Local governments, special purpose, and public service districts

Award: up to \$1,500,000 but is dependent on project type

Minimum Application Requirements: A hard copy of the application is required to be submitted to SC RIA with wet signatures

Application Deadline: October 28, 2024, and March 17, 2025

Program Guidance: [SC RIA – SCIIP](#)

South Carolina Department of Environmental Services

Clean Water State Revolving Loan

Eligible Projects: Wastewater treatment facilities, sewer line rehabilitation and replacement, pump stations and force mains, collection systems, interceptors, non-point source projects, relocation of lines, and projects addressing emerging contaminants

Eligible Applicants: Local governments, special purpose, and public service districts

Award: Principal forgiveness maximum is \$1,500,000

Minimum Application Requirements: Applicants

interested in CWSRF funding are encouraged to submit a project questionnaire to be placed on the Comprehensive Priority List to be selected for funding

Application Deadline: March of each year

Program Guidance: [SCDES CWSRF](#)

Drinking Water State Revolving Loan

Eligible Projects: Water treatment facilities, water storage tanks, distribution systems, wells, lead service lines, water meter replacement, and projects that address emerging contaminants

Eligible Applicants: Local governments, special purpose, and public service districts

Award: Principal forgiveness maximum is \$1,500,000

Minimum Application Requirements: Applicants interested in DWSRF funding are encouraged to submit a project questionnaire to be placed on the Comprehensive Priority List to be selected for funding

Application Deadline: March of each year

Program Guidance: [SCDES DWSRF](#)

South Carolina Department of Commerce

Community Development Block Grant Program

Eligible Projects: Acquisition of real property, construction of public facilities and improvements, rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures, demolition and clearance, removal of architectural barriers, and CDBG-eligible planning and administration

Eligible Applicants: Non-entitlement communities (cities with a population under 50,000 and counties with a population under 200,000) are eligible for funding

Award: dependent upon project type

Minimum Application Requirements: there is a 10% local match requirement, a public review period, a resolution required before submittal, and an expenditure responsibility requirement for infrastructure-related funding applications

Application Deadline: There is a Spring and Fall funding round each year, with Community Infrastructure funding available only during the Spring round (Mar. – Apr.) and Community Enrichment and Local Priorities available only during the Fall (Aug. – Sept.)

Program Guidance: [SCDOC CDBG](#)

Rural Infrastructure Fund

Eligible Projects: Engineering, ROW acquisition, drainage, roads, rail spurs, economic development program enhancements, speculative building assistance, training costs & facilities, improvements to regionally planned public and private water & sewer systems, fixed transportation facilities, environmental studies, feasibility studies, community revitalization, small business incubation, industrial park development, site preparation, and acquiring or improving real property

Eligible Applicants: Local governments located in Tier III or Tier IV counties are eligible

Award: 2023 awards range from \$200,000 - \$800,000

Minimum Application Requirements: to ensure there is a local match provided, the Coordinating Council for Economic Development will not consider the project until all other available sources of funding have been committed.

Application Deadline: rolling basis

Program Guidance: [SCDOC RIF](#)

South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism

Undiscovered SC Grant Program

Eligible Projects: Creating new projects with tourism significance that will attract visitors from outside a 50-mile radius, expanding or enhancing tourism products, rehabilitating/renovating buildings or structures with tourism significance, including the adaptive reuse of buildings, structures, textile mills, etc., to provide an enriching visitor experience

Eligible Applicants: county or municipal government with total accommodations tax distributions of \$900,000 or less Award: \$50,000 – 200,000

Minimum Application Requirements: Applicants must provide a letter of commitment showing that the required 1-to-1 matching is immediately available and land for the project must be owned by the applicant

Application Deadline: Jun. – Aug. of each year

Program Guidance: [Undiscovered SC](#)

Outdoor Recreation and Legacy Grant Program

Eligible Projects: development of new or the renovation of existing outdoor recreation facilities. Including community parks, campgrounds, sports fields, courts, picnic areas, tracks, water-based recreation facilities, and pools.

Eligible Applicants: local governments serving underserved communities

Award: NA

Minimum Application Requirements: there is a 1 to 1 match requirement, and awarded sub-recipients must abide by the National Parks Service in perpetuity requirements of utilizing the project are for only public outdoor recreation.

Application Deadline: the funding workgroup can reach out to SCPRT program contact to identify a timeline and submittal deadline for funding

Program Guidance: [SCPRT ORLP](#)

Land and Water Conservation Fund

Eligible Projects: land acquisition and construction of new and/or renovation of existing facilities for outdoor recreation

Eligible Applicants: Local governments and tribes

Award: \$50,000 - \$300,000

Minimum Application Requirements: there is a 1 to 1 match requirement

Application Deadline: funding is open every other year in SC. The next grant cycle will open in late Summer of 2025

Program Guidance: [SCPRT LWCF](#)

Recreational Trails Grant Program

Eligible Projects: construct new recreational trails, improve/maintain existing trails, develop/enhance trailhead or trailside facilities, and acquire trail corridors

Eligible Applicants: local, state, and federal government entities, qualified private organizations, and nonprofit organizations

Award: \$10,000 - \$100,000

Minimum Application Requirements: there is a 20% match requirement

Application Deadline: pre-applications due September 28, 2025 Program Guidance: [RTP](#)

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

Historic Preservation State Grant Fund

Eligible Projects: planning grants fund the assessment of existing conditions and the development of “bid-ready” plans and specs in preparation for stabilization grants. Stabilization

grants fund the stabilization and weatherization of historic buildings. This includes measures used to reestablish the structural stability of unsafe or deteriorated properties and weather-resistant enclosures.

Eligible Applicants: local governments, nonprofit organizations, and tribes

Award: \$40,000 - \$200,000

Minimum Application Requirements: buildings considered for funding must be listed as a contributing resource in a National Register of Historic Places historic district or individually listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. A 20% cash match is required.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2025

Program Guidance: [Historic Preservation State Grant Fund](#)

South Carolina Department of Transportation

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program

Eligible Projects: Projects that will provide safe routes for non-drivers, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities, to access daily needs. Projects listed in an applicable SCDOT, COG/MPO non-motorized transportation, bicycle, or other related plans.

Eligible Applicants: Local governments, Regional Transportation Authorities, Natural Resource or Public Land agencies, school districts, tribes, nonprofit organizations

Award: minimum grant request if \$400,000

Minimum Application Requirements: there is a 20% match requirement

Application Deadline: Transportation Alternative Set-Aside projects are to be publicly solicited and selected through a competitive process at the State and TMA levels. For the Rural and Small Urban TA Program, SCDOT solicits applications

twice a year and coordinates with the COGs and MPOs serving populations of less than 200,000 to review and provide feedback on projects.

Program Guidance: [SCDOT TAP](#)

South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank

Eligible Projects: Construction of or improvements to highways, including bridges, with a public benefit in one or more of the following areas: enhancement of mobility and safety; promotion of economic development; or increase in the quality of life and general welfare of the public.

Eligible Applicants: local governments
Award: Awards of at least \$25 million in costs.

Minimum Application Requirements: NA

Application Deadline: The application period is based on the availability of funds and the next open application period will be advertised on their website.

Program Guidance: [South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank](#)

South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank – Rural Project Program

Eligible Projects: Construction of or improvements to highways, including bridges, with a public benefit in one or more of the following areas: enhancement of mobility and safety; promotion of economic development; or increase in the quality of life and general welfare of the public.

Eligible Applicants: local governments

Award: Assistance to rural projects not to exceed \$50 million.

Minimum Application Requirements: NA

Application Deadline: The last application period was March 18, 2024 – May 17, 2024.

Program Guidance: [South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank – Rural Project Program](#)

South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank – Rural Project Program

Eligible Projects: Construction of or improvements to highways, including bridges, with a public benefit in one or more of the following areas: enhancement of mobility and safety; promotion of economic development; or increase in the quality of life and general welfare of the public.

Eligible Applicants: local governments

Award: Assistance to rural projects not to exceed \$50 million.

Minimum Application Requirements: NA

Application Deadline: 2025 deadline not available

Program Guidance: [South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank – Rural Project Program](#)

South Carolina Emergency Management Division

Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities

Eligible Projects: shovel-ready or phased infrastructure projects and capacity-building activities that result in mitigation or future risk reduction of natural hazards

Eligible Applicants: local governments and entities assisting Economically Disadvantaged Rural Communities

Award: \$800,000 - \$10,000,000

Minimum Application Requirements: a benefit-cost analysis is required to be submitted with the application, and there is a 25% match requirement for projects

Application Deadline: 2025 deadline not available

Program Guidance: [SCEMD BRIC](#)

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Resources & Appendices

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

PLAN APPENDICES

A complete report of the Community Input Survey Results are included as attachments to this plan.

[Appendix A.1](#) - Public Survey - English

[Appendix A.2](#) - Public Survey - Spanish

[Appendix A.3](#) - Public Survey Results

[Appendix A.4](#) - Focus Group Meeting Invite List

[Appendix A.5](#) - Focus Group Meeting Themes and Ideas

[Appendix A.6](#) - Gopher Hill Festival Feedback

[Appendix A.7](#) - Jasper County Adoption Letter

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Jasper County Parks & Recreation Master Plan Survey



Welcome to the Jasper County Parks & Recreation Master Plan!

We are excited to have you join us as we embark on a journey to shape the future of our community's parks, community centers, boat launches, and recreational facilities.

Our aim is to develop a comprehensive and inclusive plan that enhances the quality of life for everyone in our community. We recognize the crucial role that park and recreational opportunities play in fostering community engagement, promoting physical activity, improving mental well-being, and providing spaces for families, friends, and neighbors to connect.

NOTE: The County currently manages Sergeant Jasper Park, Cherryhill Park, several community centers, and multiple boat landings. A map of these County owned and maintained facilities is provided below. Only these facilities should be considered when filling out this survey.

We appreciate your time. Every question is important. Please complete the full survey so we can include the results. Your responses will help determine future park and recreation investments to better serve our residents. Surveys must be completed by October 6 in order to be included in the analysis.

Please return your paper survey to one of the following locations:

Sergeant Jasper County Administration Building
1458 Red Dam Rd. Hardeeville, SC 29927
Hours Daily 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Jasper County Administration Building (front desk)
358 Third Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936
Hours M-F 9:00 am-5:00 pm

If you prefer to mail the survey you can send it to:

Jasper County Parks & Recreation
1458 Red Dam Road
Hardeeville SC, 29927

If you prefer, you may complete the survey online on Jasper County's website:

<https://www.jaspercountysc.gov/parks-recreation/master-plan>

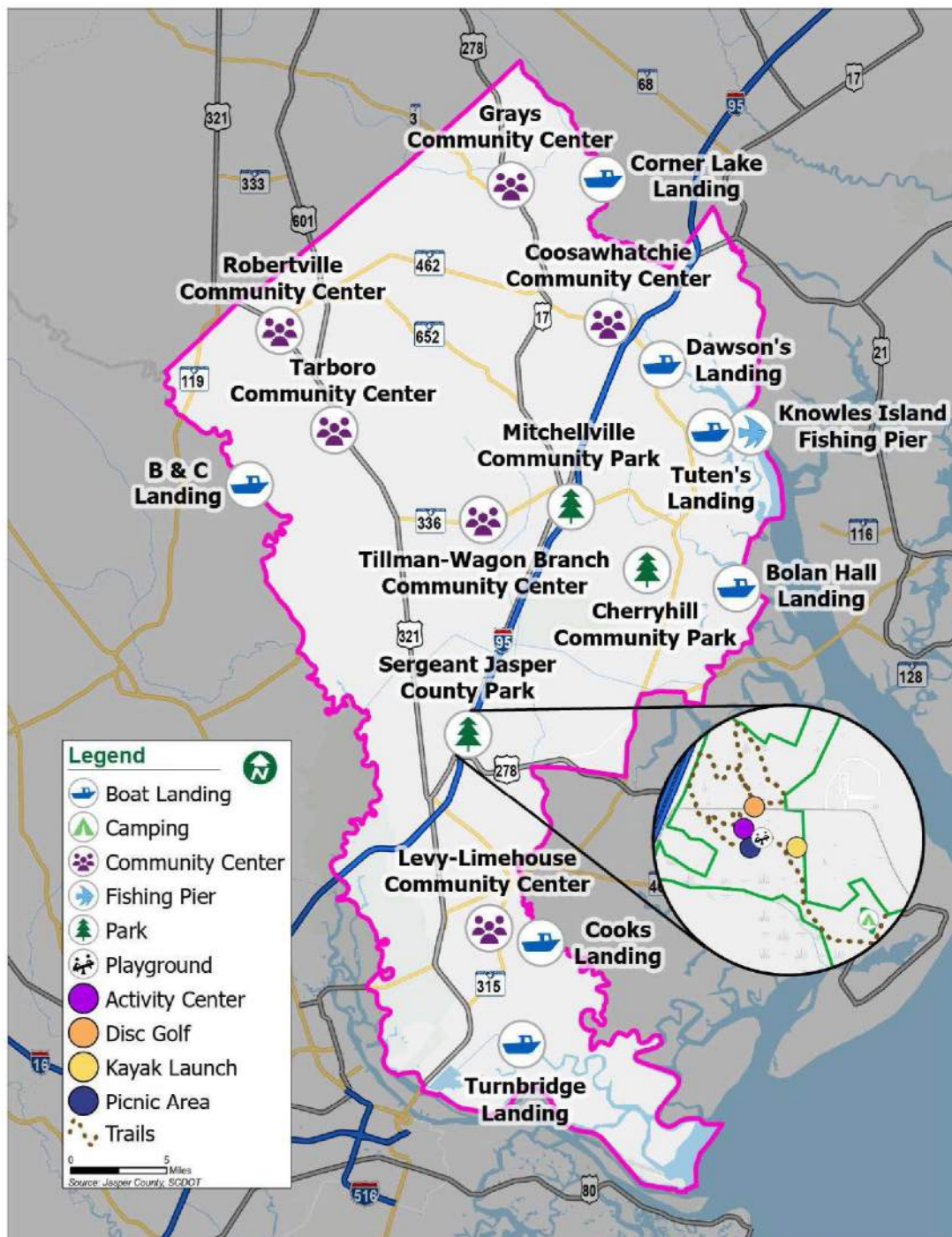


Surveys are due by October 6, 2024 in order to be included in the analysis.

Thank you for your interest and participation!

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Jasper County Parks and Recreation Facilities Map



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1) Do you live in Jasper County?

- a. Yes
- b. No, but I work in Jasper County*
- c. No, I live elsewhere and do not work in Jasper County*

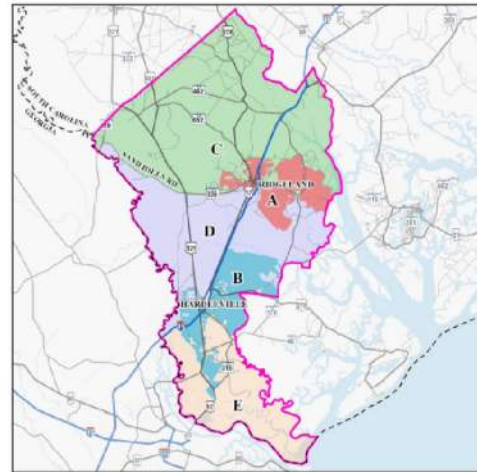
****If you answered b or c, please skip to Question 4.***

2) How long have you lived in Jasper County?

- a. Less than 5 years
- b. 5 to 10 years
- c. 11 to 20 years
- d. More than 20 years

3) Please indicate where you live in Jasper County - refer to map to the right.

- a. Town of Ridgeland
- b. City of Hardeeville
- c. Northern Jasper County (north of Tillman Road / Sand Hills Road)
- d. Central Jasper County (between Tillman Road / Sand Hills Road and 278/I-95)
- e. Southern Jasper (south of 278/I-95)



4) During a typical year, how many times do you or any member of your household visit Jasper County Parks & Recreation facilities?

- a. 1-4 times a year
- b. Once a month
- c. Every other week
- d. Once a week
- e. 2+ times a week
- f. We do not visit these facilities

5) What keeps you or your family from visiting any Jasper County Parks and Recreation facilities more often? Check all that apply:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too far from home | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities feel unsafe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I/We use other city, town, private, or HOA facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> I/We feel unwelcome |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not aware of the facilities, programming, or locations | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of restrooms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities are not well maintained | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities are old or outdated | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of ADA accessibility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities lack the amenity I/we would like to have access to | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of transportation to get to the facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above | <input type="checkbox"/> Language / cultural barriers |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities are not age appropriate |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Park hours do not fit my/our schedule |
| | Other: _____ |

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6) Rate your satisfaction on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being “Very Unsatisfied” and 5 being “Very Satisfied” for the following Jasper County Parks & Recreation amenities by checking the corresponding number. Please check “N/A” if you do not have an opinion or the item is not applicable to you.

	1 - Very Unsatisfied	2 - Unsatisfied	3 - Neutral	4 - Satisfied	5 - Very Satisfied	N/A
Upkeep and maintenance of park facilities						
Cleanliness of park facilities						
Location of park facilities						
Amenities available at park facilities (i.e., playground equipment, shelters, type of equipment)						
Bathrooms at park facilities						
Security and safety at park facilities						
Parking at park facilities						
ADA accessible programming offered at the park facilities						
ADA accessible equipment and trails at park facilities						
Age-appropriate programming and equipment						
Registration process for recreation programs						
Park hours						
Distance to reach a park amenity						
Community Center Fees						
Community Center (indoor spaces)						
Boat landings						

7) Have you or a member of your household rented a community space (for example: gazebo, picnic shelter, banquet hall)?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I did not know that was an option
- d. I am not sure

8) If you responded “Yes” to Question 7, please describe your experience.

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9) How far are you willing to travel to a Jasper County Parks and Recreation facility?

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| a. Up to 5 minutes | d. Up to 20 minutes |
| b. Up to 10 minutes | e. Up to 25 minutes |
| c. Up to 15 minutes | f. Up to 30 minutes |

10) Check all the ways you currently learn or would like to learn about Jasper County Parks Department programs, activities, and events from the list below. Check all that apply.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banners at parks and local facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Jasper County website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emails from Jasper County | <input type="checkbox"/> Jasper County mailer/newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyers and handout materials at the facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Local news (TV) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends and neighbors | <input type="checkbox"/> Local news (Paper) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating through my child's school | <input type="checkbox"/> Local news (online) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper and/or community publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Local radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jasper County social media (Facebook and Instagram) | |

Other: _____

11) Which three communication sources from Question 10 do you MOST PREFER to get information regarding Jasper County Parks & Recreation programs, activities, and events?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

12) Listed below are amenities that are currently offered in the community or MAY be offered in the future. Rate how well your needs for each facility or amenity are met on a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being "Need Not Met" and 4 being "Need Fully Met." Select "No Need" for any items that do not apply to you.

	1 - Need Not Met	2 - Need Partially Met	3 - Need Mostly Met	4 - Need Fully Met	No Need
All existing facilities					
Large community parks (regional attractions that draw in users from the area)					
Natural areas/conservation areas (mostly naturally wooded or wetlands areas)					
Open green space (regularly maintain lawn areas)					
Picnic areas and park shelters					
Outdoor public art					
Playground areas					
Fishing areas					
Boat launch areas					
ADA accessible amenities					
Walking trails					
Pump track/BMX trails (bicycle)					
Paved bicycle trails					

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12) CONTINUED - Listed below are amenities that are currently offered in the community or MAY be offered in the future. Rate how well your needs for each facility or amenity are met on a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being "Need Not Met" and 4 being "Need Fully Met." Select "No Need" for any items that do not apply to you.

	1 - Need Not Met	2 - Need Partially Met	3 - Need Mostly Met	4 - Need Fully Met	No Need
Diamond sport fields (baseball, softball, kickball, etc.)					
Rectangle sports fields (soccer, lacrosse, flag football, futsal, etc.)					
Disc golf courses					
Mini golf courses					
Golf/Par-Three course					
Outdoor basketball					
Outdoor tennis courts					
Outdoor pickleball courts					
Splash pad					
Canoeing, kayaking, and paddle board activities					
Nature center					
Community gardens					
Tent and cabin camping					
RV camping					
Community centers					
Indoor courts (all types)					
Indoor fitness/wellness spaces					
Other:					

13) Which THREE facilities/amenities from the list in Question 12 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

14) Have you visited another community and been impressed by a particular public amenity (park, trail, facility, playground, etc.)? If so, please provide the name and location of that amenity and what you liked MOST about it!

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15) Rate your support on improving the following amenities on a scale from 1 - 5 with 1 being "Not Supportive" and 5 being "Very Supportive."

	1 - Not Supportive	2 - Somewhat Not Supportive	3 - Neutral	4 - Supportive	5 - Very Supportive
Develop new indoor recreation space (courts)					
Develop more public art					
Develop new park amenities (i.e., shelters, splash pads, pavilions, playground)					
Develop fields with synthetic turf for multi-use, year-round activity					
Expand walking trails system					
Develop more outdoor active recreation facilities (outdoor courts, fields)					
Connect neighborhoods with multi-use trails (i.e., golf cart, bike, stroller)					
Improve/maintain existing parks					
Improve/maintain existing boat launches					
Improve/maintain community centers					
Improve/add restroom facilities					
Acquire additional land for parks and recreation					
Expand natural areas/conservation areas (mostly naturally wooded, wetlands, etc.)					
Develop more educational opportunities within park facilities					

16) Which THREE improvements from the list in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Please refer to the Jasper County facilities map on Page 2 for Questions 17 and 18.

17) Rate how well your needs for each facility or amenity at boat launch areas specifically are being met on a scale from 1 to 4 with 1 being "Need Not Met" and 4 being "Need Met." Select "No Need" for any items that do not apply to you.

	1 - Need Not Met	2 - Need Partially Met	3 - Need Mostly Met	4 - Need Fully Met	No Need
Bathrooms					
Parking					
Pier or shoreline fishing					
Non-motorized boat launch (kayak, canoe, paddle board)					
Educational material					
Safety lighting					
Emergency phone					
Shelter					
Picnic area (seating area)					
Primitive camping (tent camping)					

18) Rate how well your needs for each facility or amenity at community centers specifically are being met on a scale from 1 to 4 with 1 being "Need Not Met" and 4 being "Need Met." Select "No Need" for any items that do not apply to you.

	1 - Need Not Met	2 - Need Partially Met	3 - Need Mostly Met	4 - Need Fully Met	No Need
Bathrooms					
Parking					
Children's play area					
Educational material					
Kitchen areas					
Outdoor picnic area					
Open lawn area					

19) Should Jasper County Parks and Recreation Department be active in environmental education?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. No opinion

20) Should Jasper County Parks and Recreation Department develop programming or park areas around culturally or historically significant sites (think memorials, cemeteries)?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. No opinion

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21) If you had a budget of \$100 for services provided by Jasper County Parks & Recreation department, how would you allocate the funds? Please make sure your total adds up to \$100.

- \$_____ Development of new parks
- \$_____ Development of new park amenities at existing parks (ex: shelters, playgrounds, fields)
- \$_____ Development of new walking and biking trails
- \$_____ Improvements/maintenance of existing parks amenities, trails, boat launches & community centers

22) If identified improvements exceed the current park funding budget, would you support the County using a park bond (money issued to Jasper County requiring payback with interest over a specified period of time) for development, renovation, and operation of parks?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. No opinion

23) Do you have any suggestions for how the Jasper County Parks & Recreation Department could serve you better? Please be specific.

24) What is your age group?

- | | |
|-------------|----------|
| a. Under 12 | f. 45-54 |
| b. 12-17 | g. 55-64 |
| c. 18-24 | h. 65-74 |
| d. 25-34 | i. 75+ |
| e. 35-44 | |

25) Counting yourself, how many people in your household are the following ages? Write in the number next to each corresponding age range:

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| a. Under age 5: _____ | g. Ages 35-44: _____ |
| b. Ages 5-9: _____ | h. Ages 45-54: _____ |
| c. Ages 10-14: _____ | i. Ages 55-64: _____ |
| d. Ages 15-19: _____ | j. Ages 65-74: _____ |
| e. Ages 20-24: _____ | k. Ages 75+: _____ |
| f. Ages 25-34: _____ | |

26) Which race or ethnicity best describes you?

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. American Indian or Alaskan native | e. White / Caucasian |
| b. Asian / Pacific Islander | f. Multiple ethnicity / Other |
| c. Black or African American | g. Prefer not to answer |
| d. Hispanic / Latic American | |

27) What is your gender?

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| a. Female | d. Non-binary |
| b. Male | e. Other: _____ |
| c. Transgender | f. Prefer not to answer |

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28) Which of the following best describes your total annual household income?

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Under \$25,000 | d. \$75,000-\$99,000 |
| b. \$25,000-\$49,999 | e. \$100,000 or greater |
| c. \$50,000-\$74,999 | f. Prefer not to answer |

29) Do you live in a homeowners' association (HOA) community?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I do not know

30) Do you rent or own your primary residence?

- a. Rent
- b. Own

31) Are you a parent or main caregiver of a child or children under the age of 18?

- a. Yes
- b. No

32) Are you an employee of Jasper County, Town of Ridgeland, or City of Hardeeville?

- a. Yes
- b. No

33) If you would like to stay up to date on project progress, please provide your email address below.

Encuesta del Plan maestro de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper



¡Bienvenidos al Plan Maestro de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper!

Nos emociona que puedan unirse a nosotros en este esfuerzo para dar forma al futuro de los parques, centros comunitarios, rampas para botes e instalaciones recreativas de nuestra comunidad.

Nuestro objetivo es desarrollar un plan integral e inclusivo que mejore la calidad de vida de todos en nuestra comunidad. Reconocemos el papel crucial que desempeñan las oportunidades de parques y recreación en fomentar participación comunitario, promover la actividad física, mejorar el bienestar mental y proporcionar espacios para que las familias, amigos y vecinos se conecten.

NOTA: Actualmente, el Condado administra el Parque Sergeant Jasper, el Parque Cherryhill, varios centros comunitarios y rampas para botes. A continuación, se proporciona un mapa de estas instalaciones y propiedades, mantenidos por el Condado. Solo deben considerarse estas instalaciones al completar esta encuesta.

Agradecemos su tiempo. Cada pregunta es importante. Por favor, llene la encuesta por completa para que podamos incluir sus resultados. Sus respuestas ayudarán a determinar futuras inversiones en parques y recreación para servir mejor a nuestros residentes. Las encuestas deben completarse antes del 6 de octubre para poder ser incluidas en el análisis.

Por favor devuelva su encuesta impresa a una de las siguientes ubicaciones:

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Hours Daily 8:00 am-6:00 pm

Jasper County Administration Building (front desk)
358 Third Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936
Hours M-F 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Si prefieres enviar la encuesta por correo puedes enviarla a:

Jasper County Parks & Recreation
1458 Red Dam Road
Hardeeville SC, 29927

Si lo prefiere, puede completar la encuesta en línea en el sitio web del condado de Jasper:

<https://www.jaspercountysc.gov/parks-recreation/master-plan>



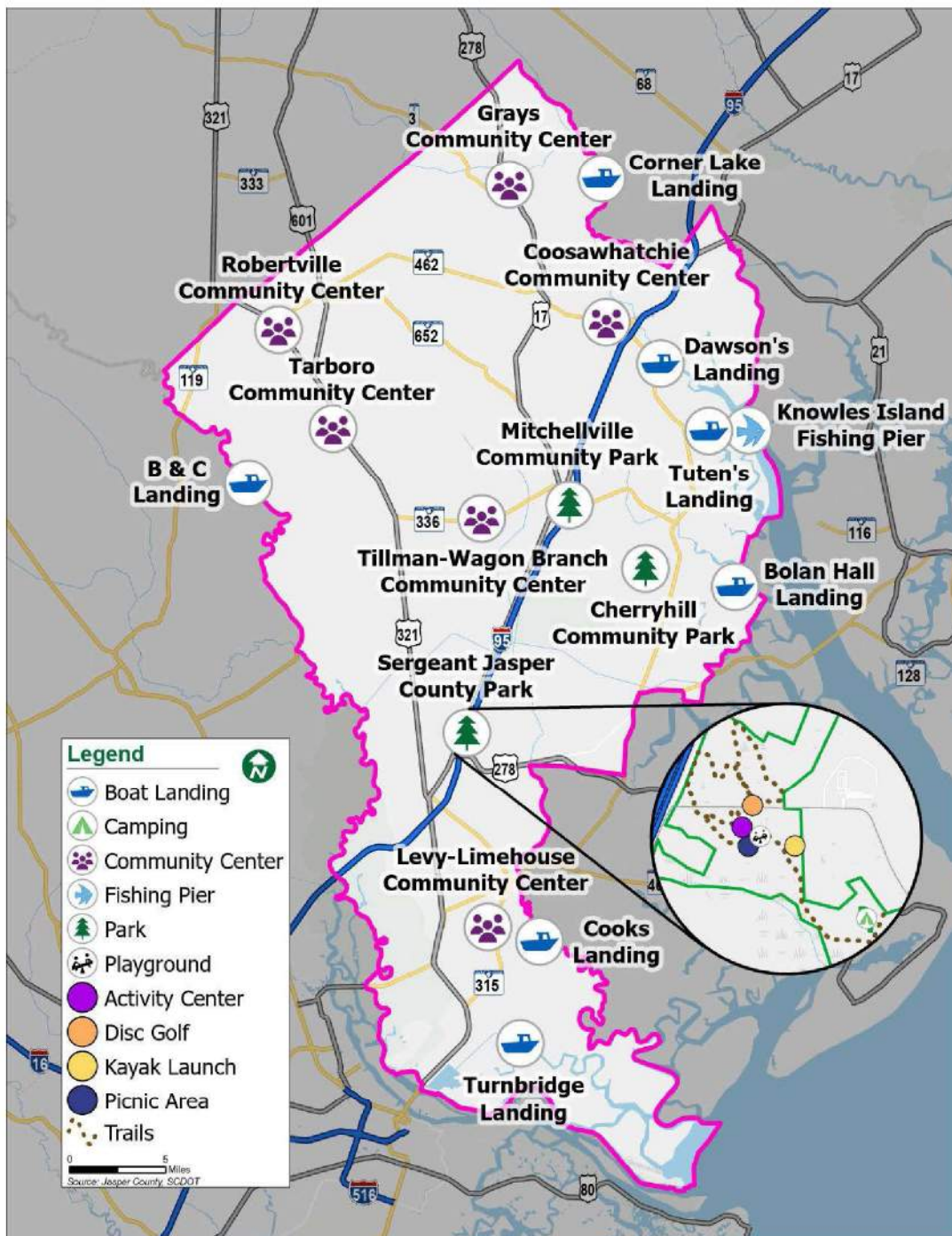
Las encuestas deben realizarse antes del 6 de octubre de 2024 para poder ser incluidas en el análisis.

¡Gracias por tu interés y participación!

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Encuesta del Plan Maestro de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper

Mapa de Parques e Instalaciones Recreativas del Condado de Jasper



Encuesta del Plan Maestro de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper

1) ¿Vive usted en el Condado de Jasper?

- a. Sí
- b. No, pero trabajo en el Condado de Jasper*
- c. No, vivo en otro lugar y no trabajo en el Condado de Jasper*

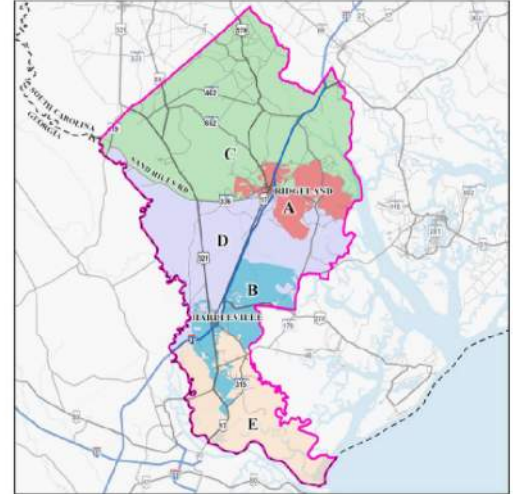
***Si respondió b o c, por favor pase a la pregunta 4.**

2) ¿Cuánto tiempo ha vivido en el Condado de Jasper?

- a. Menos de 5 años
- b. De 5 a 10 años
- c. De 11 a 20 años
- d. Más de 20 años

3) Por favor indique dónde vive en el Condado de Jasper (consulte el mapa).

- a. Pueblo de Ridgeland
- b. Ciudad de Hardeeville
- c. Norte del Condado de Jasper (al norte de Tillman Road / Sand Hills Road)
- d. Centro del Condado de Jasper (entre Tillman Road / Sand Hills Road y 278/I-95)
- e. Sur del Condado de Jasper (al sur de 278/I-95)



4) Durante un año típico, ¿cuántas veces usted o algún miembro de su hogar visita las instalaciones de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper?

- a. 1-4 veces al año
- b. Una vez al mes
- c. Cada dos semanas
- d. Una vez a la semana
- e. 2 o mas veces a la semana
- f. No visitamos estas instalaciones

5) ¿Qué le impide a usted o a su familia visitar con más frecuencia las instalaciones de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper? Seleccione todas las que correspondan:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demasiado lejos de casa | <input type="checkbox"/> Falta de baños |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uso otras instalaciones de la ciudad, pueblo, privadas o de la HOA | <input type="checkbox"/> Falta de estacionamiento |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No estoy/estamos al tanto de las instalaciones, programación o ubicaciones | <input type="checkbox"/> Falta de accesibilidad ADA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Las instalaciones no están bien mantenidas | <input type="checkbox"/> Falta de transporte para llegar a las instalaciones |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Las instalaciones son viejas o están desactualizadas | <input type="checkbox"/> Barreras de idioma/culturales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Las instalaciones no ofrecen el servicio que me/nos gustaría tener acceso | <input type="checkbox"/> Las instalaciones no son apropiadas para mi/nuestro grupo de edad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Las instalaciones se sienten inseguras | <input type="checkbox"/> El horario del parque no se ajusta a mi/nuestro horario |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Me/Nos sentimos no bienvenidos | <input type="checkbox"/> Ninguna de las anteriores |
| | Otro: _____ |

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6) Califique su satisfacción en una escala del 1 al 5, donde 1 es “Muy Insatisfecho” y 5 es “Muy Satisfecho”, para las siguientes comodidades de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper eligiendo el número correspondiente. Por favor, elija “N/A” si no tiene una opinión o si el elemento no aplica.

	1 – Muy Insatisfecho	2 – Insatisfecho	3 – Neutral	4 – Satisfecho	5 – Muy Satisfecho	N/A
Mantenimiento y conservación de las instalaciones del parque						
Limpieza de las instalaciones del parque						
Ubicación de las instalaciones del parque						
Servicios disponibles en las instalaciones del parque (por ejemplo, equipo de juegos, refugios, tipo de equipo)						
Baños en las instalaciones del parque						
Seguridad en las instalaciones del parque						
Estacionamiento en las instalaciones del parque						
Programación accesible para personas con discapacidad en las instalaciones del parque						
Equipos y senderos accesibles para personas con discapacidad en las instalaciones del parque						
Programación y equipos apropiados para la edad						
Proceso de inscripción para programas recreativos						
Horario del parque						
Distancia para llegar a un servicio del parque						
Tarifas del Centro Comunitario						
Centro Comunitario (espacios interiores)						
Muelles para botes						

7) ¿Alguna vez usted o algún miembro de su hogar ha alquilado un espacio comunitario (por ejemplo: cenador/gazebo, refugio con mesas de picnic, salón de banquetes)?

- Sí
- No
- No sabía que esa opción existía
- No estoy seguro

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8) Si respondió "Sí" a la Pregunta 7, por favor describa su experiencia.

9) ¿Cuánto estaría dispuesto a viajar para llegar a una instalación de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper?

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| a. Hasta 5 minutos | d. Hasta 20 minutos |
| b. Hasta 10 minutos | e. Hasta 25 minutos |
| c. Hasta 15 minutos | f. Hasta 30 minutos |

10) Elija todas las formas en las que actualmente se entera o le gustaría enterarse sobre los programas, actividades y eventos del Departamento de Parques del Condado de Jasper de la lista a continuación. Seleccione todas las que correspondan.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banderas/pancartas en parques e instalaciones locales | <input type="checkbox"/> Redes sociales del Condado de Jasper (Facebook e Instagram) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correos electrónicos del Condado de Jasper | <input type="checkbox"/> Página web del Condado de Jasper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Folletos y materiales informativos en las instalaciones | <input type="checkbox"/> Boletín informativo del Condado de Jasper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amigos y vecinos | <input type="checkbox"/> Noticias locales (TV) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comunicación a través de la escuela de mi hijo | <input type="checkbox"/> Noticias locales (Periódico) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Periódicos y/o publicaciones comunitarias | <input type="checkbox"/> Noticias locales (en línea) |
| Otro: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio local |

11) ¿Cuáles tres fuentes de comunicación de la Pregunta 10 PREFIERE MÁS usted para obtener información sobre los programas, actividades y eventos de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

12) A continuación se enumeran las comodidades que actualmente se ofrecen en la comunidad o que PODRÍAN ofrecerse en el futuro. Califique qué tan bien se satisfacen sus necesidades para cada instalación o comodidad en una escala del 1 al 4, donde 1 significa "Necesidad No Satisfecha" y 4 significa "Necesidad Totalmente Satisfecha". Seleccione "Sin Necesidad" para cualquier elemento que no le aplique.

	1 - Necesidad No Satisfecha	2 - Necesidad Parcialmente Satisfecha	3 - Necesidad Mayormente Satisfecha	4 - Necesidad Totalmente Satisfecha	Sin Necesidad
Todas las instalaciones existentes					
Grandes Parques Comunitarios (atracciones regionales que atraen a usuarios de la zona)					
Áreas naturales/áreas de conservación (principalmente zonas boscosas o de humedales)					
Espacio verde abierto (áreas de césped mantenidas regularmente)					

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12) CONTINUADO - A continuación se enumeran las comodidades que actualmente se ofrecen en la comunidad o que PODRÍAN ofrecerse en el futuro. Califique qué tan bien se satisfacen sus necesidades para cada instalación o comodidad en una escala del 1 al 4, donde 1 significa "Necesidad No Satisfecha" y 4 significa "Necesidad Totalmente Satisfecha". Seleccione "Sin Necesidad" para cualquier elemento que no le aplique.

	1 - Necesidad No Satisfecha	2 - Necesidad Parcialmente Satisfecha	3 - Necesidad Mayormente Satisfecha	4 - Necesidad Totalmente Satisfecha	Sin Necesidad
Áreas de picnic y refugios en parques					
Arte público al aire libre					
Áreas de juegos					
Áreas de pesca					
Áreas de lanzamiento de botes					
Servicios accesibles para personas con discapacidad					
Senderos para caminar					
Pista de bombeo / Senderos BMX (bicicleta)					
Senderos pavimentados para bicicletas					
Campos deportivos de diamante (béisbol, sóftbol, kickball, etc.)					
Campos deportivos rectangulares (fútbol, lacrosse, fútbol de bandera, futsal, etc.)					
Campos de Golf de Disco					
Campos de Mini Golf					
Campo de Golf/ Par Tres					
Baloncesto al aire libre					
Canchas de tenis al aire libre					
Canchas de pickleball al aire libre					
Zona de juegos acuáticos para niños					
Actividades de canotaje, kayak y tablas de remo					
Centro de naturaleza					
Jardines comunitarios					
Campamento en tiendas y cabañas					
Campamento para vehículos recreativos					
Centros Comunitarios					
Canchas interiores (de todo tipo)					
Espacios interiores de fitness y bienestar					
Otro:					

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13) ¿Cuáles TRES instalaciones/comodidades de la lista en la Pregunta 12 son MÁS IMPORTANTES para su hogar?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

14) ¿Ha visitado otra comunidad y se ha impresionado por alguna instalación pública en particular (parque, sendero, instalación, área de juegos, etc.)? Si es así, por favor proporcione el nombre y la ubicación de esa instalación y lo que MÁS le gustó de ella.

15) Califique su apoyo para mejorar las siguientes comodidades en una escala del 1 al 5, donde 1 es "No Apoyo" y 5 es "Mucho Apoyo."

	1 - No Apoyo	2 - Poco Apoyo	3 - Neutral	4 - Apoyo	5 - Much Apoyo
Desarrollar nuevos espacios de recreación interior (canchas)					
Desarrollar más arte público					
Desarrollar nuevas comodidades en los parques (por ejemplo, refugios, áreas de juegos acuáticos para niños, pabellones, áreas de juegos)					
Desarrollar campos con césped sintético para actividades de uso múltiple durante todo el año					
Ampliar el sistema de senderos para caminar					
Desarrollar más instalaciones de recreación activa al aire libre (canchas al aire libre, campos)					
Conectar vecindarios con senderos de uso múltiple (por ejemplo, carrito de golf, bicicleta, cochecito de bebé)					
Mejorar / mantener los parques existentes					
Mejorar / mantener los embarcaderos existentes					
Mejorar / mantener los centros comunitarios					

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15) CONTINUADO - Califique su apoyo para mejorar las siguientes comodidades en una escala del 1 al 5, donde 1 es "No Apoyo" y 5 es "Mucho Apoyo."

	1 - No Apoyo	2 - Poco Apoyo	3 - Neutral	4 - Apoyo	5 - Much Apoyo
Mejorar / agregar instalaciones de baños					
Adquirir terrenos adicionales para parques y recreación					
Ampliar áreas naturales / áreas de conservación (principalmente bosques naturales, humedales, etc.)					
Desarrollar más oportunidades educativas dentro de las instalaciones del parque					

16) ¿Cuáles TRES mejoras de la lista en la Pregunta 15 son MÁS IMPORTANTES para su hogar?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Por favor, consulte el mapa de las instalaciones del Condado de Jasper en la Página 2 para las preguntas 17 y 18.

17) Califique qué tan bien se satisfacen sus necesidades en cada instalación o comodidad en las áreas de lanzamiento de botes específicamente, en una escala del 1 al 4, donde 1 significa "Necesidad No Satisfecha" y 4 significa "Necesidad Totalmente Satisfecha". Seleccione "Sin Necesidad" para cualquier elemento que no le aplique.

	1 - Necesidad No Satisfecha	2 - Necesidad Parcialmente Satisfecha	3 - Necesidad Mayormente Satisfecha	4 - Necesidad Totalmente Satisfecha	Sin Necesidad
Baños					
Estacionamiento					
Pesca desde el muelle o la costa					
Lanzamiento de botes no motorizados (kayak, canoa, tablas de remo)					
Materiales educativos					
Iluminación de seguridad					
Teléfono de emergencia					
Refugio					
Área de picnic (zona de asientos)					
Campamento primitivo (campamento en tienda)					

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18) Califique qué tan bien se satisfacen sus necesidades en cada instalación o comodidad en las áreas de lanzamiento de botes específicamente, en una escala del 1 al 4, donde 1 significa "Necesidad No Satisfecha" y 4 significa "Necesidad Totalmente Satisfecha". Seleccione "Sin Necesidad" para cualquier elemento que no le aplique.

	1 - Necesidad No Satisfecha	2 - Necesidad Parcialmente Satisfecha	3 - Necesidad Mayormente Satisfecha	4 - Necesidad Totalmente Satisfecha	Sin Necesidad
Baños					
Estacionamiento					
Área de juegos para niños					
Materiales educativos					
Áreas de cocina					
Área de picnic al aire libre					
Área de césped Abierto					

19) ¿Debería el Departamento de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper participar activamente en la educación ambiental?

- a. Sí
- b. No
- c. No tengo opinión

20) ¿Debería el Departamento de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper desarrollar programas o áreas de parque en torno a sitios cultural o históricamente significativos (como monumentos, cementerios)?

- a. Sí
- b. No
- c. No tengo opinión

21) Si tuviera un presupuesto de \$100 para los servicios proporcionados por el Departamento de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper, ¿cómo distribuiría los fondos? Asegúrese de que su total sume \$100.

- \$ ____ Desarrollo de nuevos parques
- \$ ____ Desarrollo de nuevas comodidades en parques existentes (por ejemplo, refugios, áreas de juegos, campos)
- \$ ____ Desarrollo de nuevos senderos para caminar y andar en bicicleta
- \$ ____ Mejoras/mantenimiento de las comodidades, senderos, embarcaderos y centros comunitarios existentes

22) Si las mejoras identificadas superan el presupuesto actual de fondos para parques, ¿apoyaría que el Condado utilizara un bono para parques (dinero emitido al Condado de Jasper que requiere reembolso con intereses durante un período de tiempo especificado) para el desarrollo, renovación y operación de los parques?

- a. Sí
- b. No
- c. No tengo opinión

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23) ¿Tiene alguna sugerencia sobre cómo podría el Departamento de Parques y Recreación del Condado de Jasper servirle mejor? Por favor, sea específico.

24) ¿Cuál es su grupo de edad?

- | | |
|----------------|----------|
| a. Menos de 12 | f. 45-54 |
| b. 12-17 | g. 55-64 |
| c. 18-24 | h. 65-74 |
| d. 25-34 | i. 75+ |
| e. 35-44 | |

25) Contandose usted mismo, ¿cuántas personas en su hogar tienen las siguientes edades? Escriba el número al lado de cada rango de la edad correspondiente:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Menores de 5 años: ____ | g. Edades 35-44: ____ |
| b. Edades 5-9: ____ | h. Edades 45-54: ____ |
| c. Edades 10-14: ____ | i. Edades 55-64: ____ |
| d. Edades 15-19: ____ | j. Edades 65-74: ____ |
| e. Edades 20-24: ____ | k. Edades 75+: ____ |
| f. Edades 25-34: ____ | |

26) ¿Cuál raza o etnicidad lo describe mejor a usted?

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| a. Nativo americano o indígena de Alaska | e. Blanco / Caucásico |
| b. Asiático / Isleño del Pacífico | f. Múltiples etnicidades / Otro |
| c. Negro o afroamericano | g. Prefiero no responder |
| d. Hispano / Latinoamericano | |

27) ¿Cuál es su género?

- | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| a. Femenino | d. No binario |
| b. Masculino | e. Otro: _____ |
| c. Transgénero | f. Prefiero no responder |

28) ¿Cuál de las siguientes opciones describe mejor su ingreso total anual del hogar?

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| a. Menos de \$25,000 | d. \$75,000-\$99,000 |
| b. \$25,000-\$49,999 | e. \$100,000 o más |
| c. \$50,000-\$74,999 | f. Prefiero no responder |

29) ¿Vive en una comunidad con asociación de propietarios (HOA)?

- a. Sí
- b. No
- c. No lo sé

30) ¿Alquila o es propietario de su residencia principal?

- a. Soy propietario
- b. Alquilo

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31) ¿Es usted padre o principal cuidador de un niño o niños menores de 18 años?

- a. Sí
- b. No

32) ¿Es usted empleado del Condado de Jasper, del Pueblo de Ridgeland o de la Ciudad de Hardeeville?

- a. Sí
- b. No

33) Si desea mantenerse al tanto del progreso del proyecto, por favor agregue su correo electrónico en el espacio provisto a continuación.

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SURVEY COMMENTS BY QUESTIONS

Responses (238 total) were collected from August 19 through October 5, 2024. There were 27 responses that were removed from result reporting as they only responded to the first question and thus did not provide any feedback on the master planning questions. Total responses varied by question and are reported herein. Some of the following questions allowed for open-ended comment within the survey. These comments do not reflect the opinion of Jasper County and have been reported as written without corrections for spelling or grammar.

QUESTION: 1) Do you live in Jasper County?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	83.41%	176
No, but I work in Jasper County	9.48%	20
No, I live elsewhere and do not work in Jasper County	7.11%	15
	Answered	211
	Skipped	0

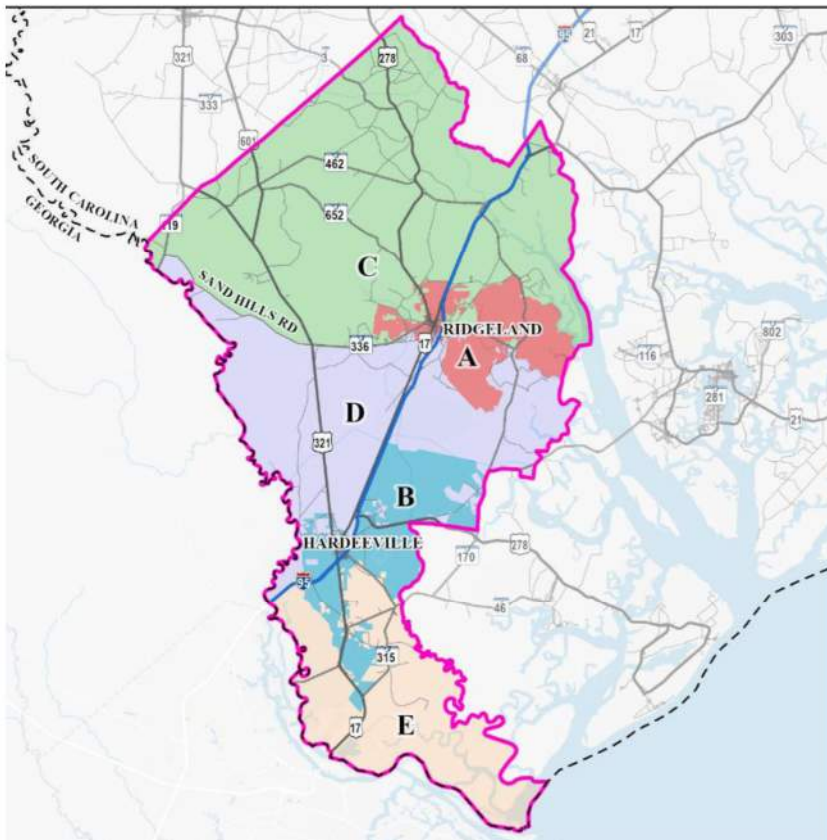
QUESTION: 2) How long have you lived in Jasper County?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than 5 years	24.43%	43
5 - 10 years	15.91%	28
11 - 20 years	10.23%	18
More than 20 years	49.43%	87
	Answered	176
	Skipped	35

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QUESTION: 3) Please indicate where you live in Jasper County - refer to the map below.

Answer Choices	Responses	
A. Town of Ridgeland	30.11%	53
B. City of Hardeeville	18.18%	32
C. Northern Jasper County (north of Tillman Road/Sand Hills Road)	26.70%	47
D. Central Jasper County (between Tillman Road/Sand Hills Road and 278/I-95)	14.77%	26
E. Southern Jasper County (south of 278/I-95)	10.23%	18
Answered		176
Skipped		35



QUESTION: 4) During a typical year, how many times do you or any member of your household visit Jasper County Parks & Recreation facilities?

Answer Choices	Responses	
1-4 times a year	45.02%	95
Once a month	14.69%	31
Every other week	4.74%	10
Once a week	5.69%	12
2+ times a week	7.58%	16
We do not visit these facilities	22.27%	47
Answered		211
Skipped		0

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QUESTION: 5) What keeps you or your family from visiting any Jasper County Parks and Recreation facilities more often? Check all that apply

Answer Choices	Responses	
Too far from home	18.48%	39
I/We use other city, town, private, or HOA facilities	16.59%	35
Not aware of the facilities, programming, or locations	25.59%	54
Facilities are not well maintained	29.86%	63
Facilities are old or outdated	24.17%	51
Facilities lack the amenity I/we would like to have access to	25.12%	53
Facilities feel unsafe	25.12%	53
I/We feel unwelcome	5.69%	12
Lack of restrooms	17.06%	36
Lack of parking	6.64%	14
Lack of ADA accessibility	2.37%	5
Lack of transportation to get to the facilities	1.42%	3
Language/cultural barriers	1.42%	3
Facilities are not age appropriate	2.37%	5
Park hours do not fit my/our schedule	4.74%	10
None of the above	12.80%	27
Other (please specify)	9.00%	19
Answered		211
Skipped		0

QUESTION: 5) What keeps you or your family from visiting any Jasper County Parks and Recreation facilities more often? Check all that apply: (Those that chose "other" wrote in the following)

Oct 05 2024 10:14 AM	Unsafe due to people using it for drinking and drug use. Have people coming to the fishing pier after dark and often hear gun fire
Oct 05 2024 08:59 AM	Parks have become a place t for people to trash and do drugs
Oct 05 2024 08:24 AM	Visited playground at Turpin Park until it became unsafe due to drug users/needles, homeless vagrants
Oct 05 2024 08:04 AM	Not enough time
Oct 05 2024 07:17 AM	Crime and Drugs
Oct 04 2024 06:37 PM	Not patrolled and many drug transactions take place
Oct 02 2024 12:32 PM	Not age appropriate equipment
Oct 01 2024 08:21 AM	They seem uncivilized most times
Sep 25 2024 10:45 AM	Boat landing ramps damage trailers when launching boat
Sep 24 2024 05:27 PM	Will visit 1-2 times a week when BMX track is completed
Sep 22 2024 08:38 AM	We enjoy the mountain areas.
Sep 20 2024 03:36 PM	Only use JRYB volunteer park currently, which is not maintained by the county currently
Sep 20 2024 01:14 PM	Not accessible for persons with mobility issues
Sep 20 2024 12:53 PM	No equestrian facilities
Sep 09 2024 10:46 AM	Sargent Jasper golf course is a diamond in the rough. With additional capital investment and professional maintenance, it could shine.
Sep 05 2024 07:26 AM	Don't have classes I'm interested in or a pool

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Sep 04 2024 07:22 PM	Homeless people and drug users at Harold Turpin park. The wooden swing has been all but destroyed. I worry about needles on the playground or drugs being left behind. I have witnessed people sleeping or camping out under the gazebo that used to be beautiful and now it is carved with all kinds of graffiti.
Sep 04 2024 12:42 PM	Ridgeland has no rec center
Sep 04 2024 12:21 PM	Drugs on the playground in Ridgeland near library, homeless people sleeping in the cabana and on the equipment, scared my child will touch a surface infected with drugs, etc. Zero patrol from deputies, the cabana has been abused, wooden swing has been abused. No accountability out there. I would rather drive to Bluffton or Beaufort or even Pooler than go to the one in Ridgeland.

QUESTION: 6) Rate your satisfaction on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being "Very Unsatisfied" and 5 being "Very Satisfied" for the following Jasper County Parks & Recreation amenities by choosing the corresponding number. Please choose "N/A" if you do not have an opinion or the item is not applicable to you.

	1 - Very Dissatisfied		2 - Dissatisfied		3 - Neutral		4 - Satisfied		5 - Very Satisfied		N/A		Total
	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	
Upkeep and maintenance of park facilities	7.82%	14	21.79%	39	26.26%	47	20.67%	37	11.17%	20	12.29%	22	179
Cleanliness of park facilities	8.38%	15	19.55%	35	23.46%	42	24.02%	43	12.29%	22	12.29%	22	179
Location of park facilities	7.82%	14	9.50%	17	30.17%	54	32.96%	59	10.61%	19	8.94%	16	179
Amenities available at park facilities (i.e., playground equipment, shelters, type of equipment)	11.73%	21	22.35%	40	28.49%	51	17.88%	32	7.82%	14	11.73%	21	179
Bathrooms	16.76%	30	27.37%	49	22.35%	40	10.06%	18	6.70%	12	16.76%	30	179
Security and safety	18.99%	34	18.99%	34	28.49%	51	16.76%	30	5.59%	10	11.17%	20	179
Parking	4.47%	8	9.50%	17	30.17%	54	34.08%	61	10.61%	19	11.17%	20	179

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	1 - Very Dissatisfied		2 - Dissatisfied		3 - Neutral		4 - Satisfied		5 - Very Satisfied		N/A		Total
	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	
ADA accessible programming offered	7.26%	13	6.70%	12	37.99%	68	6.15%	11	2.79%	5	39.11%	70	179
ADA accessible equipment and trails	7.82%	14	6.70%	12	35.20%	63	7.26%	13	3.35%	6	39.66%	71	179
Age-appropriate programming and equipment	8.94%	16	15.64%	28	37.43%	67	14.53%	26	5.03%	9	18.44%	33	179
Registration process for recreation programs	8.94%	16	8.94%	16	31.28%	56	12.29%	22	5.59%	10	32.96%	59	179
Park hours	3.91%	7	9.50%	17	33.52%	60	24.58%	44	9.50%	17	18.99%	34	179
Distance to reach a park amenity	5.59%	10	15.08%	27	29.61%	53	30.73%	55	7.26%	13	11.73%	21	179
Community Center fees	4.47%	8	8.38%	15	30.73%	55	20.11%	36	4.47%	8	31.84%	57	179
Community Center (indoor space)	8.38%	15	18.44%	33	25.14%	45	14.53%	26	5.03%	9	28.49%	51	179
Boat landings	11.17%	20	14.53%	26	22.91%	41	14.53%	26	3.91%	7	32.96%	59	179

Answered **179**
Skipped **32**

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QUESTION: 7) Have you or a member of your household rented a community space (for example: gazebo, picnic shelter, banquet hall)?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	25.00%	44
No	56.82%	100
I did not know renting space was an option	15.34%	27
I am not sure	2.84%	5
Answered		176
Skipped		35

QUESTION: 8) If you responded “Yes” to Question 7, please describe your experience. (Those that chose “yes” wrote in the following)

Oct 05 2024 12:17 PM	The security was not satisfactory.
Oct 02 2024 08:12 AM	Amazing
Oct 01 2024 08:24 AM	I've rented 2 different facilities; 1) Sergeant Jasper Park, which was very nice; 2) Wagon Branch Community Center, which was not very nice. In both cases the process to rent the facilities was fine.
Sep 26 2024 11:19 AM	It was very easy to get as well as the people was well organized.
Sep 25 2024 09:37 AM	Great, however, updates are needed at the park
Sep 25 2024 09:35 AM	Rental pricing is reasonable, and the facility is clean. However, I wish it were larger and more updated.
Sep 24 2024 09:50 PM	Pleasant but was outdated
Sep 24 2024 07:24 PM	We had a birthday party at the park behind the library.
Sep 24 2024 04:55 PM	Child's birthday or graduation pizza party.
Sep 24 2024 03:16 PM	My family rents the Sgt. Jasper Park building for family reunions. We appreciate the air conditioned building with trails and playground nearby for families with young children. The location right off of the interstate is helpful for traveling family members.
Sep 24 2024 03:01 PM	It was pleasant and beautiful.
Sep 24 2024 01:28 PM	The facility was clean and available for setting up and preparing for the event.
Sep 24 2024 05:27 AM	I have rented in the past and my experiences has been conflicted. They need renovations and updates. They all have their pros and cons. One facility has access to a kitchen and the others don't. They need better bathrooms, more than one stall. The times that I've used the facilities was beneficial to what I needed it for. I would prefer to have the community center back in Coosawhatchie.
Sep 23 2024 10:36 PM	It was nice, we just needed more seating .
Sep 23 2024 12:21 PM	It was nice a nice experience.
Sep 21 2024 04:36 PM	Child's birthday party..cousin.
Sep 20 2024 02:02 PM	Expensive for the facility condition.
Sep 20 2024 01:31 PM	Clean, not enough parking spaces at Sargeant Jasper.
Sep 20 2024 01:08 PM	As long as you have Danny Lucas running the show with having to have insurance for liability and all these underlying things he comes up with you'll never have a good park recreations he's a loser of a terrible personality and a joke for Jasper county
Sep 20 2024 12:54 PM	Ease of rental was good, facility was clean and well maintained.
Sep 18 2024 10:54 AM	Building was in bad shape, in need of maintenance. Too expensive for the space

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Sep 18 2024 09:05 AM	7 years ago, at that time director was very responsive. More shelter is needed and wagon branch's field needs to be utilized. This was a great community gather spot when the county managed soccer there.
Sep 17 2024 05:04 PM	My experience over the years have improved being that some facilities have been renovated but most of the facilities lack the ability to accommodate a large capacity of individuals.
Sep 16 2024 08:39 PM	The experience was fine, but the cost was too expensive (\$1,000) to rent the space for the day
Sep 12 2024 12:55 PM	Reasonable, clean
Sep 05 2024 08:36 PM	It was a good experience but the increased rental fee for the same space as in the past seems unreasonable.
Sep 05 2024 03:31 PM	Park ranger Mrs. Wendy was very helpful and kind while we rented out the shelter at Srgnt Jasper.
Sep 04 2024 05:15 PM	My experience was great. Application was easy and the fee was very reasonable. Community center was clean and nice
Sep 04 2024 04:11 PM	Rented before price increase and process was very smooth and helpful.
Sep 04 2024 03:49 PM	Wasn't awful.. space was ok
Sep 04 2024 01:25 PM	Easy and reasonable
Sep 04 2024 12:44 PM	Sgt Jasper, nice but could be updated. Again, not many nice options towards northern part of county
Sep 04 2024 09:00 AM	Easy, staff were knowledgeable and helped answer all questions. Our friends loved the gazebo at Sgt. Jasper but said facility needs better upkeep
Sep 03 2024 04:52 PM	Good
Aug 30 2024 02:15 PM	We have our family reunion at the center every year

QUESTION: 9) How far are you willing to travel to a Jasper County Parks and Recreation facility?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Up to 5 minutes	5.92%	10
Up to 10 minutes	11.24%	19
Up to 15 minutes	27.22%	46
Up to 20 minutes	26.63%	45
Up to 25 minutes	6.51%	11
Up to 30 minutes	22.49%	38
Answered		169
Skipped		42

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QUESTION: 10) Choose all the ways you currently learn or would like to learn about Jasper County Parks Department programs, activities, and events from the list below. Select all that apply.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Banners at parks and local facilities	37.28%	63
Emails from Jasper County	46.15%	78
Flyers and handout materials at the facilities	21.30%	36
Friends and neighbors	39.05%	66
Communicating through my child's school	19.53%	33
Newspaper and/or community publications	27.81%	47
Jasper County social media (Facebook and Instagram)	65.68%	111
Jasper County website	47.34%	80
Jasper County mailer/newsletter	24.26%	41
Local news (TV)	23.08%	39
Local news (Paper)	10.06%	17
Local news (online)	17.75%	30
Local radio	11.24%	19
Other (please specify)	7.69%	13
	Answered	169
	Skipped	42

QUESTION: 10) Check all the ways you currently learn or would like to learn about Jasper County Parks Department programs, activities, and events from the list below. Check all that apply. (Those that chose "other" wrote in the following)

Oct 07 2024 08:52 AM	UDisc
Oct 02 2024 12:38 PM	word of mouth
Sep 25 2024 11:59 AM	n/a
Sep 24 2024 08:49 PM	None
Sep 24 2024 05:29 PM	USABMX.com
Sep 24 2024 03:02 PM	Jut riding by.
Sep 20 2024 01:32 PM	Banner at Schooners Bar
Sep 17 2024 05:09 PM	Flyers and handouts at local businesses, post offices, banks and churches. Also community events.
Sep 11 2024 07:04 AM	Text
Sep 05 2024 12:03 PM	I have to hunt down recreational information and events, it's near non-existent. Still unsure how to go about using the disk golf facility. They really make it feel private and not open to the public. Info needs to be easily accessible and broadcasted everywhere, through each method you've listed.
Sep 04 2024 11:37 PM	Facebook friends
Sep 04 2024 07:25 PM	Local ask and answer page on Facebook
Sep 04 2024 12:23 PM	Jasper County ask & answer (original)

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QUESTION: 11) Which three communication sources from Question 10 do you MOST PREFER to get information regarding Jasper County Parks & Recreation programs, activities, and events?

		Most Preferred	Second Most Preferred	Third Most Preferred	Other (please specify)
Banners at parks and local facilities	Percentage	5.33%	4.73%	10.06%	
	Amount	9	8	17	
Emails from Jasper County	Percentage	26.63%	17.75%	8.88%	
	Amount	45	30	15	
Flyers and handout materials at the facilities	Percentage	0.00%	5.33%	7.10%	
	Amount	0	9	12	
Friends and neighbors	Percentage	4.14%	7.10%	10.65%	
	Amount	7	12	18	
Communicating through my child's school	Percentage	2.96%	6.51%	5.33%	
	Amount	5	11	9	
Newspaper and/or community publications	Percentage	1.18%	8.28%	10.65%	
	Amount	2	14	18	
Jasper County social media (Facebook and Instagram)	Percentage	41.42%	14.79%	10.06%	
	Amount	70	25	17	
Jasper County website	Percentage	9.47%	17.75%	13.61%	
	Amount	16	30	23	
Jasper County mailer/newsletter	Percentage	4.14%	8.28%	8.28%	
	Amount	7	14	14	
Local news (TV)	Percentage	0.59%	3.55%	8.28%	
	Amount	1	6	14	
Local news (Paper)	Percentage	2.37%	0.59%	2.37%	
	Amount	4	1	4	
Local news (online)	Percentage	1.18%	4.14%	2.37%	
	Amount	2	7	4	
Local radio	Percentage	0.59%	1.18%	2.37%	
	Amount	1	2	4	
Total		169	169	169	10
				Answered	169
				Skipped	42

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QUESTION: 12) Listed below are amenities that are currently offered in the community or MAY be offered in the future. Rate how well your needs for each facility or amenity are met on a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being "Need Not Met" and 4 being "Need Fully Met." Select "No Need" for any items that do not apply to you.

	1 - Need Not Met		2 - Need Partially Met		3 - Need Mostly Met		4 - Need Fully Met		No Need		Total
	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	
All existing facilities	28.66%	45	38.22%	60	19.75%	31	6.37%	10	7.01%	11	157
Large Community Parks (regional attractions that draw in users from the area)	40.76%	64	25.48%	40	14.65%	23	7.64%	12	11.46%	18	157
Natural areas/conservations areas (mostly naturally wooded or wetlands areas)	22.93%	36	33.76%	53	26.75%	42	9.55%	15	7.01%	11	157
Open green space (regularly maintained lawn areas)	29.30%	46	28.03%	44	25.48%	40	10.19%	16	7.01%	11	157
Picnic areas and park shelters	24.20%	38	35.67%	56	19.75%	31	13.38%	21	7.01%	11	157
Outdoor public art	54.78%	86	14.65%	23	9.55%	15	3.18%	5	17.83%	28	157
Playground areas	19.11%	30	36.31%	57	15.92%	25	11.46%	18	17.20%	27	157
Fishing areas	22.93%	36	26.11%	41	24.20%	38	10.19%	16	16.56%	26	157
Boat launch areas	14.65%	23	28.03%	44	31.85%	50	7.64%	12	17.83%	28	157
ADA accessible amenities	21.02%	33	22.29%	35	15.92%	25	5.10%	8	35.67%	56	157
Walking trails	22.93%	36	40.13%	63	20.38%	32	10.19%	16	6.37%	10	157

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	1 - Need Not Met		2 - Need Partially Met		3 - Need Mostly Met		4 - Need Fully Met		No Need		Total
	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	
Pump track / BMX trails (bicycle)	47.77%	75	7.64%	12	4.46%	7	4.46%	7	35.67%	56	157
Paved bicycle trails	61.15%	96	8.92%	14	7.01%	11	4.46%	7	18.47%	29	157
Diamond sport fields (baseball, softball, kickball, etc.)	33.12%	52	24.20%	38	14.01%	22	5.73%	9	22.93%	36	157
Rectangular sports fields (soccer, lacrosse, flag football, futsal etc.)	38.22%	60	18.47%	29	10.19%	16	6.37%	10	26.75%	42	157
Disc Golf Courses	21.02%	33	16.56%	26	10.83%	17	14.65%	23	36.94%	58	157
Mini Golf Courses	57.32%	90	5.10%	8	4.46%	7	6.37%	10	26.75%	42	157
Golf/ Par-Three Course	40.13%	63	12.10%	19	7.64%	12	6.37%	10	33.76%	53	157
Outdoor basketball	33.12%	52	21.02%	33	10.83%	17	8.92%	14	26.11%	41	157
Outdoor tennis courts	35.03%	55	16.56%	26	15.29%	24	7.01%	11	26.11%	41	157
Outdoor pickleball courts	52.87%	83	7.01%	11	7.01%	11	5.10%	8	28.03%	44	157
Splash Pad	41.40%	65	15.29%	24	7.64%	12	7.01%	11	28.66%	45	157
Canoeing, kayaking, and paddle board activities	36.94%	58	21.66%	34	14.65%	23	10.19%	16	16.56%	26	157
Nature center	33.12%	52	23.57%	37	21.02%	33	9.55%	15	12.74%	20	157
Community Gardens	52.23%	82	12.10%	19	10.19%	16	4.46%	7	21.02%	33	157
Tent and cabin camping	47.13%	74	9.55%	15	9.55%	15	4.46%	7	29.30%	46	157
	1 - Need Not Met		2 - Need Partially Met		3 - Need Mostly Met		4 - Need Fully Met		No Need		Total
	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	Percent	Total	
RV camping	31.85%	50	10.83%	17	12.10%	19	5.73%	9	39.49%	62	157
Community Centers	25.48%	40	35.03%	55	17.83%	28	8.92%	14	12.74%	20	157
Indoor courts (all types)	53.50%	84	14.01%	22	8.92%	14	5.10%	8	18.47%	29	157
Indoor fitness and wellness spaces	57.32%	90	11.46%	18	10.19%	16	5.10%	8	15.92%	25	157
Other (please specify)											15

Answered 157
Skipped 54

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QUESTION: 13) Which THREE facilities/amenities from the list in Question 12 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

		Most Important	Second Most Important	Third Most Important	Other (please specify)
All existing facilities	Percentage	5.73%	2.55%	3.82%	
	Amount	9	4	6	
Large Community Parks (regional attractions that draw in users from the area)	Percentage	9.55%	9.55%	7.01%	
	Amount	15	15	11	
Natural areas/conservations areas (mostly naturally wooded or wetlands areas)	Percentage	9.55%	5.10%	5.10%	
	Amount	15	8	8	
Open green space (regularly maintained lawn areas)	Percentage	1.27%	4.46%	2.55%	
	Amount	2	7	4	
Picnic areas and park shelters	Percentage	1.27%	3.82%	5.10%	
	Amount	2	6	8	
Outdoor public art	Percentage	1.91%	1.27%	1.27%	
	Amount	3	2	2	
Playground areas	Percentage	8.28%	10.19%	8.28%	
	Amount	13	16	13	
Fishing areas	Percentage	5.73%	5.10%	5.73%	
	Amount	9	8	9	
Boat launch areas	Percentage	6.37%	2.55%	3.82%	
	Amount	10	4	6	
ADA accessible amenities	Percentage	1.91%	1.27%	2.55%	
	Amount	3	2	4	
Walking trails	Percentage	1.91%	11.46%	9.55%	
	Amount	3	18	15	
Pump track / BMX trails (bicycle)	Percentage	2.55%	1.27%	1.91%	
	Amount	4	2	3	

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		Most Important	Second Most Important	Third Most Important	Other (please specify)
Paved bicycle trails	Percentage	4.46%	2.55%	5.73%	
	Amount	7	4	9	
Diamond sport fields (baseball, softball, kickball, etc.)	Percentage	10.19%	3.82%	1.91%	
	Amount	16	6	3	
Rectangular sports fields (soccer, lacrosse, flag football, futsal etc.)	Percentage	1.27%	6.37%	1.91%	
	Amount	2	10	3	
Disc Golf Courses	Percentage	0.64%	0.64%	0.00%	
	Amount	1	1	0	
Mini Golf Courses	Percentage	0.00%	1.27%	4.46%	
	Amount	0	2	7	
Golf/ Par-Three Course	Percentage	3.82%	1.27%	1.27%	
	Amount	6	2	2	
Outdoor basketball	Percentage	0.64%	0.00%	1.27%	
	Amount	1	0	2	
Outdoor tennis courts	Percentage	0.00%	1.91%	0.64%	
	Amount	0	3	1	
Outdoor pickleball courts	Percentage	4.46%	1.91%	4.46%	
	Amount	7	3	7	
Splash Pad	Percentage	0.64%	5.10%	1.91%	
	Amount	1	8	3	
Canoeing, kayaking, and paddle board activities	Percentage	0.64%	1.91%	3.18%	
	Amount	1	3	5	
Nature center	Percentage	0.00%	0.64%	1.91%	
	Amount	0	1	3	
Community Gardens	Percentage	0.64%	0.00%	2.55%	
	Amount	1	0	4	
Tent and cabin camping	Percentage	0.00%	1.27%	1.27%	
	Amount	0	2	2	
RV camping	Percentage	0.64%	0.64%	0.00%	
	Amount	1	1	0	

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		Most Important	Second Most Important	Third Most Important	Other (please specify)
Community Centers	Percentage	3.82%	1.27%	4.46%	
	Amount	6	2	7	
Indoor courts (all types)	Percentage	2.55%	5.73%	3.18%	
	Amount	4	9	5	
Indoor fitness and wellness spaces	Percentage	9.55%	5.10%	3.18%	
	Amount	15	8	5	
Total		157	157	157	14
		Answered			157
		Skipped			54

QUESTION: 14) Have you visited another community and been impressed by a particular public amenity (park, trail, facility, playground, etc.)? If so, please provide the name and location of that amenity and what you liked MOST about it!

Oct 05 2024 12:25 PM	Hilton Head seems to have an array of recreational facilities that can be used by families of all ages. It recently has created more programs and better security.
Oct 05 2024 10:23 AM	Bluffton playground for kids
Oct 05 2024 09:15 AM	Widgeon point, Hunting island, Jocassee, Frazier fields in bluffton, Beaufort county fields on buckwalter,
Oct 05 2024 08:46 AM	Forsyth Park, Savannah
Oct 05 2024 08:14 AM	Festivals, concerts, open space, walking paths and good lighting but not enough security.
Oct 05 2024 08:01 AM	N/A
Oct 05 2024 07:46 AM	Open space and cleanliness
Oct 05 2024 07:22 AM	Hilton Head
Oct 05 2024 07:19 AM	Patriots Park Rincon Ga -playground equipment is appropriate for children of multiple levels and ages. Safe well-maintained

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	Clarence Morgan, sports complex and Park Springfield, Georgia. Has playgrounds and sports facilities for children of many ages is well maintained and safe
Oct 05 2024 06:50 AM	My family and I love visiting Sr Jasper county park with our dogs. The trails are well maintained and we love the paths around the pond with all the Lilly pads. The restrooms are always clean.
Oct 05 2024 06:33 AM	Sgt Jasper state park
Oct 04 2024 06:37 PM	Yes! James island campground!! The park, splash pad, playground, bathrooms, trails and space! Loved the playground and splash pad so much! Felt so safe there too! Nice facilities, picnic tables
Oct 04 2024 04:01 PM	Matthews NC has large 10+ fields where multiple sports can have tournaments this has a large economic impact for the area.
Oct 03 2024 05:10 PM	No
Oct 02 2024 12:52 PM	Yes, visited Rock Hill, SC for their BMX Track. It is a huge draw and results include offering an Olympic sport for their community, huge economic impact, tourism, and weekly scheduled events for their residents.
Oct 02 2024 08:39 AM	Burton Wells Park in Beaufort County. There is several different pods to play on depending on the age of the child
Oct 01 2024 08:34 AM	Safety and clean restrooms
Sep 30 2024 01:48 PM	Springfield GA - Has a state of the art baseball complex with multi-fields, plenty of parking, playground, shade shelters for spectators, AMAZINGLY CLEAN
Sep 28 2024 08:38 AM	Florence SC
Sep 26 2024 12:39 PM	Bluffton Rec center; lots of courts, outdoor field, ninja warrior outdoor, skate Park
Sep 26 2024 12:07 PM	No
Sep 26 2024 10:24 AM	We live in Ridgeland and have to travel to enjoy a nice park or facility (Hardeeville Sports complex, Hardeeville Rec center, or Sargent Jasper Park) We would visit them more often if it weren't such a drive.
Sep 25 2024 10:57 AM	no

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Sep 25 2024 08:51 AM	Millstone boat landing.
Sep 24 2024 08:54 PM	Whitehall Park on Lady's Island - Trails/Connectivity/Restrooms/Access to Water w views of Beaufort River/Live Oaks Widgeon Point Park in Beaufort County-Trails/Barn on Property/Views of Broad River/Live Oaks
Sep 24 2024 05:37 PM	Effingham county GA and Colleton
Sep 24 2024 03:32 PM	Rock Hill Supercross BMX - Rock Hill, SC
Sep 24 2024 03:07 PM	Spanish Moss Trail (Beaufort County) - Paved for easy bicycle riding, walking and running.
Sep 24 2024 12:49 PM	Swan Pond in Sumpter, SC.
Sep 24 2024 11:58 AM	City of Hardeeville has an excellent sports complex, walking trails, dog park, and rec center. Beaufort has the Spanish Moss Trail that is very nice for walking or running.
Sep 24 2024 09:12 AM	Oscar Frazier park. Diamond fields, a safe playground, well kept restrooms, picnic tables, rectangle fields for soccer and football and nice sitting areas. Overall very nice park and facility.
Sep 24 2024 09:07 AM	Bluffton baseball fields. No comparison to Ridgeland JRYB field
Sep 23 2024 10:52 PM	Burton Wells Pickleball courts
Sep 23 2024 05:08 PM	Hardeeville,sc
Sep 23 2024 04:39 PM	Yes. Bluffton and Hilton head baseball fields
Sep 23 2024 03:20 PM	Clemson, SC all youth sports facilities, inside and outdoor
Sep 23 2024 01:18 PM	Beaufort county has amazing parks and recreations
Sep 23 2024 11:21 AM	The new Port Royal playground- nice equipment, grounds, and fenced in.
Sep 22 2024 11:35 AM	Estill Walking Trail Estill, SC Walk through wooded area with natural bridge crossing, flowers, grasses. Varied tree types.

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Sep 20 2024 04:19 PM	Barnwell country / Fuller Park- Play area and splash pad.
Sep 20 2024 03:41 PM	Hilton Head Island has lots of land that can't be developed on. Some of the land has a statue or something but no buildings. Would love to see something more focused on nature.
Sep 20 2024 02:19 PM	Bluffton Rec Center
Sep 20 2024 01:40 PM	Bluffton ..Oscar Frazier Park everything 🍷
Sep 20 2024 01:24 PM	Peachtree City, GA
Sep 20 2024 01:06 PM	St Simon's Island has several free water parks and splash pads. They are all ADA accessible and readily maintained. We do not have anything in Jasper County that is readily maintained. Most of the time we cannot even use the boat landings because people are fishing on the docks. It is never controlled. This presents a severe safety issue, as there are always small children with no lifejackets on fishing on the boating docks.
Sep 20 2024 12:58 PM	Beaufort County - Crystal Lake Park & Widgeon Point (serene and peaceful. Abundant wildlife. Hilton Head Island - Mitchelville Freedom Park (historical significance, natural beauty); Jarvis Creek Park (great people watching, various activities).
Sep 19 2024 08:08 AM	St. Simon's Island Water Park, clean and accessible for smaller children.
Sep 17 2024 06:09 PM	Springfield Softball Diamonds
Sep 17 2024 05:36 PM	NA
Sep 17 2024 05:22 PM	Ocala, Florida Silver Springs, kayaking on the Silver River
Sep 17 2024 03:22 PM	Bluffton Recreation Center and Pooler Parks and Recreation Center. Both facilities offer multiple opportunities for a variety wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities and the capacity to accommodate large crowds.
Sep 17 2024 11:45 AM	Brevard, NC
Sep 17 2024 06:14 AM	Port Royal YMCA and swimming
Sep 16 2024 08:45 PM	All the Parks on Hilton Head Island

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Sep 12 2024 07:54 AM	Hardeeville Recreation Center- exercise area and walking track
Sep 12 2024 05:51 AM	New York, the river walk in Greenpoint. It was beautiful, informative, and had a story to jt
Sep 10 2024 10:22 AM	Tusawilla Park, Ocala, Florida. Simple, water, wildlife, public art, lovely for strolling, event space.
Sep 09 2024 11:18 AM	They all suck
Sep 08 2024 04:50 PM	Hardeeville Rec Center. Low membership fees
Sep 08 2024 11:05 AM	Beaufort county playgrounds,- upkeep and well maintained
Sep 07 2024 01:39 PM	Swamp Rabbit Trail in Greenville is wonderful for walking and biking. It feels safe, it is well used and maintained.
Sep 05 2024 03:42 PM	Bluffton and Richmond Hill Ga. Felt safe
Sep 05 2024 03:36 PM	Splash pad and we'll shaded playground equipment.
Sep 05 2024 01:35 PM	I like the areas of part-wooded, part-greenspace at Burton Wells Dog Park and their playground/courts/etc. I love the oak lined dirt road that leads to Fish Haul Beach Park and the way they've maintained the natural scenery. I think the amenities and free events at Hardeeville City Hall are great, and Sargeant Jasper is beautiful, I just wish the later felt more accessible, inclusive and welcoming. However I love how Jasper has maintained the natural settings around it's recreational areas. I think Hardeeville has done a beautiful job at revitalizing their parks and recreation. I hope Ridgeland and areas north of us will get the same soon!
Sep 05 2024 10:31 AM	I love that the Buckwalter Place Playground is fenced in for small children
Sep 05 2024 07:38 AM	Hardeeville Rec Center
Sep 04 2024 11:44 PM	Hardeeville
Sep 04 2024 07:42 PM	https://sports.bluesombrero.com/lcrac/
Sep 04 2024 06:47 PM	We love the new ADA playground and pool oil. It has lots of equipment that children of all different levels can access and is fully fenced in so that my children with autism cannot escape.
Sep 04 2024 06:30 PM	Indoor facilities on buckwalter parkway. SO MANY COURTS.

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Sep 04 2024 05:26 PM	Beaufort, South Carolina
Sep 04 2024 04:15 PM	Rock Hill, SC - amount of fields and the quality of the fields and amenities allowing for the fields to have multi-purpose use. Hardeeville indoor facility - multi-purpose facility that allows for many programs and a source of income for the community.
Sep 04 2024 02:58 PM	Hardeeville Rec Center-nice building with exercise equip, meeting places, safely maintained
Sep 04 2024 02:55 PM	Oscar Frazier Park in Bluffton
Sep 04 2024 02:53 PM	Spanish moss trail in Beaufort- paved, safe
Sep 04 2024 01:30 PM	Brookfield, WI - City/County park joined with long bike and walking trail Mequon, WI - 30 miles bike/walk trail from old train tracks
Sep 04 2024 01:23 PM	Randy Creek Park, Cornelius NC. Dog park, swimming, hiking, nice SAFE playground
Sep 04 2024 12:49 PM	We drive an hour to use the "Beaufort Jasper" ymca that is in port royal
Sep 04 2024 12:30 PM	https://www.midlandtexas.gov/204/Midland-Swimming-Pools This place was absolutely amazing. They have their A game going and that place runs so smoothly. So many children get to enjoy this place and the price is so generous.
Sep 04 2024 09:10 AM	N/A
Sep 04 2024 08:17 AM	Spanish moss trail in Beaufort. Numerous biking trails on HHI
Sep 01 2024 05:08 PM	Greenville's bike trails and walking areas around the falls are really nice. Hard to have that here since it's centered around the falls but a nice model anyway.
Sep 01 2024 11:41 AM	Hilton Head parks for children
Sep 01 2024 09:17 AM	The Hardeeville Rec Center has lots of amenities such as the walking track (in case of bad weather), fitness center, and pickleball.
Aug 30 2024 02:27 PM	The Jasper County park in Hardeeville Something for everyone to do with all ages from my grandparents, sitting on the porch overlooking the water to my kids playing in the playground. While they're doing that, I could go canoeing or play disc golf.
Aug 22 2024 03:51 PM	Greenwood, sc
Aug 19 2024 07:20 AM	Beaufort County Altamaha Passive Park

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QUESTION: 15) Rate your support on improving the following amenities on a scale from 1 - 5 with 1 being "Not Supportive" and 5 being "Very Supportive."

	1 - Not Supportive		2 - Somewhat Not Supportive		3 - Neutral		4 - Supportive		5 - Very Supportive		N/A		Total
Develop new indoor recreation space (courts)	6.76%	10	6.08%	9	18.24%	27	28.38%	42	35.81%	53	4.73%	7	148
Develop more public art	10.81%	16	7.43%	11	19.59%	29	30.41%	45	26.35%	39	5.41%	8	148
Develop new park amenities (i.e., shelters, splash pads, pavilions, playgrounds)	3.38%	5	3.38%	5	14.19%	21	27.03%	40	46.62%	69	5.41%	8	148
Develop fields with synthetic turf for multi-use, year-round activity	9.46%	14	5.41%	8	22.30%	33	22.30%	33	32.43%	48	8.11%	12	148
Expand walking trails system	1.35%	2	1.35%	2	10.81%	16	33.78%	50	50.00%	74	2.70%	4	148
Develop more outdoor active recreation facilities (outdoor courts, fields)	2.70%	4	1.35%	2	12.84%	19	35.81%	53	43.24%	64	4.05%	6	148
Connect neighborhoods with multiuse trails (i.e., golf cart, bike, stroller)	2.70%	4	2.03%	3	14.19%	21	33.11%	49	39.86%	59	8.11%	12	148

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	1 - Not Supportive		2 - Somewhat Not Supportive		3 - Neutral		4 - Supportive		5 - Very Supportive		N/A		Total
Improve / maintain existing parks	1.35%	2	0.68%	1	7.43%	11	26.35%	39	61.49%	91	2.70%	4	148
Improve / maintain existing boat launches	0.68%	1	1.35%	2	14.86%	22	23.65%	35	51.35%	76	8.11%	12	148
Improve / maintain community centers	0.68%	1	0.68%	1	12.84%	19	33.78%	50	47.97%	71	4.05%	6	148
Improve / add restroom facilities	0.68%	1	0.00%	0	11.49%	17	24.32%	36	58.11%	86	5.41%	8	148
Acquire additional land for parks and recreation	2.70%	4	2.70%	4	7.43%	11	25.68%	38	56.76%	84	4.73%	7	148
Expand natural areas / conservation area (mostly naturally wooded, wetlands, etc.)	4.05%	6	2.03%	3	11.49%	17	25.00%	37	51.35%	76	6.08%	9	148
Develop more educational opportunities within park facilities	4.73%	7	3.38%	5	12.16%	18	32.43%	48	42.57%	63	4.73%	7	148
											Answered		148
											Skipped		63

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QUESTION: 16) Which THREE improvements from the list in Question 15 are MOST IMPORTANT to your household?

		Most Important	Second Most Important	Third Most Important
Develop new indoor recreation space (courts)	Percentage	16.22%	6.08%	9.46%
	Amount	24	9	14
Develop more public art opportunities	Percentage	1.35%	4.05%	4.05%
	Amount	2	6	6
Develop new park amenities (i.e., shelters, splash pads, pavilions, playgrounds)	Percentage	12.84%	14.86%	10.81%
	Amount	19	22	16
Develop fields with synthetic turf for multi-use, year-round activity	Percentage	5.41%	5.41%	4.73%
	Amount	8	8	7
Expand walking trails system	Percentage	14.86%	11.49%	10.14%
	Amount	22	17	15
Develop more outdoor active recreation facilities (outdoor courts, fields)	Percentage	8.11%	6.08%	7.43%
	Amount	12	9	11
Connect neighborhoods with multiuse trails (i.e., golf cart, bike, stroller)	Percentage	6.08%	7.43%	6.08%
	Amount	9	11	9
Improve / maintain existing parks	Percentage	6.76%	11.49%	9.46%
	Amount	10	17	14
Improve / maintain existing boat launches	Percentage	6.08%	4.05%	6.08%
	Amount	9	6	9
Improve / maintain community centers	Percentage	2.70%	2.03%	5.41%
	Amount	4	3	8
Improve / add restroom facilities	Percentage	3.38%	10.14%	5.41%
	Amount	5	15	8
Acquire additional land for parks and recreation	Percentage	4.73%	6.76%	5.41%
	Amount	7	10	8
Expand natural areas / conservation area (mostly naturally wooded, wetlands, etc.)	Percentage	6.08%	5.41%	7.43%
	Amount	9	8	11

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		Most Important	Second Most Important	Third Most Important
Develop more educational opportunities within park facilities	Percentage	5.41%	4.73%	8.11%
	Amount	8	7	12
Total		148	148	148
			Answered	148
			Skipped	63

QUESTION: 17) Rate how well your needs for each facility or amenity at boat launch areas specifically are being met on a scale from 1 to 4 with 1 being "Need Not Met" and 4 being "Need Met." Select "No Need" for any items that do not apply to you.

	Need Not Met		Need Partially Met		Need Mostly Met		Need Fully Met		N/A		Total	Weighted Average
Bathrooms	40.00%	58	20.69%	30	9.66%	14	6.90%	10	22.76%	33	145	1.79
Parking	11.03%	16	25.52%	37	31.03%	45	15.17%	22	17.24%	25	145	2.61
Pier or shoreline fishing	17.24%	25	24.14%	35	19.31%	28	8.97%	13	30.34%	44	145	2.29
Non-motorized boat launch (kayak, canoe, paddle board)	24.14%	35	19.31%	28	15.86%	23	6.90%	10	33.79%	49	145	2.08
Educational materials	36.55%	53	19.31%	28	9.66%	14	5.52%	8	28.97%	42	145	1.78
Safety Lighting	31.03%	45	31.03%	45	9.66%	14	5.52%	8	22.76%	33	145	1.87
Emergency Phone	46.21%	67	12.41%	18	5.52%	8	3.45%	5	32.41%	47	145	1.5
Shelter	31.03%	45	24.83%	36	11.03%	16	5.52%	8	27.59%	40	145	1.88
Picnic Area (seating area)	30.34%	44	26.90%	39	13.79%	20	6.21%	9	22.76%	33	145	1.95
Primitive Camping (tent camping)	33.10%	48	8.28%	12	6.21%	9	3.45%	5	48.97%	71	145	1.61
											Answered	145
											Skipped	66

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QUESTION: 18) Rate how well your needs for each facility or amenity at community centers specifically are being met on a scale from 1 to 4 with 1 being "Need Not Met" and 4 being "Need Met." Select "No Need" for any items that do not apply to you.

	Need Not Met		Need Partially Met		Need Mostly Met		Need Fully Met		N/A		Total	Weighted Average
Bathrooms	21.13%	30	27.46%	39	18.31%	26	13.38%	19	19.72%	28	142	2.3
Parking	6.34%	9	24.65%	35	30.28%	43	19.72%	28	19.01%	27	142	2.78
Children's play area	16.20%	23	27.46%	39	17.61%	25	9.86%	14	28.87%	41	142	2.3
Educational materials	30.28%	43	17.61%	25	11.27%	16	9.15%	13	31.69%	45	142	1.99
Kitchen areas	19.72%	28	23.94%	34	11.97%	17	7.04%	10	37.32%	53	142	2.1
Outdoor picnic area	15.49%	22	33.10%	47	15.49%	22	11.27%	16	24.65%	35	142	2.3
Open lawn area	13.38%	19	34.51%	49	15.49%	22	11.97%	17	24.65%	35	142	2.35
											Answered	142
											Skipped	69

QUESTION: 19) Should Jasper County Parks and Recreation Department be active in environmental education?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	80.92%	106
No	8.40%	11
No opinion	10.69%	14
Answered		131
Skipped		80

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QUESTION: 20) Should Jasper County Parks and Recreation Department develop programming or park areas around culturally or historically significant sites (think memorials, cemeteries)?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	64.12%	84
No	19.08%	25
No opinion	16.79%	22
Answered		131
Skipped		80

QUESTION: 21) If you had a budget of \$100 for services provided by Jasper County Parks & Recreation department, how would you allocate the funds? Please make sure your total adds up to \$100.

Answer Choices	Average dollar amount allocated	Responses	
Development of new parks	\$23	75.57%	99
Development of new park amenities at existing parks (ex: shelters, playgrounds, fields)	\$21	74.81%	98
Development of new walking and biking trails	\$24	83.21%	109
Improvements/maintenance of existing parks amenities, trails, boat launches and community centers	\$32	82.44%	108
		Answered	131
		Skipped	80

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QUESTION: 22) If identified improvements exceed the current park funding budget, would you support the County using a park bond (money issued to Jasper County requiring payback with interest over a specified period of time) for development, renovation, and operation of parks?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	63.36%	83
No	18.32%	24
No opinion	18.32%	24
Answered		131
Skipped		80

QUESTION: 23) Do you have any suggestions for how the Jasper County Parks & Recreation Department could serve you better? Please be specific.

Oct 07 2024 09:03 AM	I love the immaculate restrooms! I primarily disc golf, your course is good with healthy signs pointing out wild life to be aware of. I love playing at Jasper Doc and hope to see the whole park get improvements. (I have volunteered on a park in MI, I get these issues).
Oct 05 2024 12:30 PM	Please improve security at some parks.
Oct 05 2024 10:26 AM	None at this time
Oct 05 2024 09:23 AM	They should have operating hours, meaning closed at night. In particular the trash dump site that Knowles island fishing pier has become. It's unsafe and should be donated or sold to the Knowles island community. Stop the financial burden to the county
Oct 05 2024 09:02 AM	No
Oct 05 2024 08:58 AM	I'd enjoy and use a safe area to walk and bike, outdoor festivals and concerts and an affordable facility to exercise like a YMCA
Oct 05 2024 08:16 AM	None

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Oct 05 2024 08:01 AM	PLEASE PUT A GATE UP THAT CLOSES AFTER DARK AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE KNOWLES ISLAND FISHING PEIR
Oct 05 2024 07:31 AM	Keep them safe with camera and monorting of illegal activities. No one is going to use a facility that is unsafe for there family regardless how you improve it. Make them safe. Close facilities like KNOWLES ISLAND fishing pier after dark due to illegal activities and vandalisim
Oct 05 2024 07:28 AM	I live near the Knowles Island, fishing pier, and it is frequented by some shady characters after sunset and there is a limited parking as well as the road to the fishing pier not being adequately maintained until complaints are filed so it feels unsafe for women, senior adults or families. I think it needs more security more parking, and it would be nice if there was an access point for kayaks instead of filling like you have to hike down the side of a hill to access the water near the pier
Oct 05 2024 07:27 AM	This survey is difficult to generalize the rating of all parts when completing. A survey for each facility could allow for a more accurate assessment. The Knowles island fishing pier safety needs to be addressed. It does not have operating hours unlike other parts. The drive down to the fishing pier late at night is pitch black. I am not advocating for lights as this amenity is tucked away in a private neighborhood and is best left as naturally preserved as possible.
Oct 05 2024 06:55 AM	Extend boat ramps further to eliminate prop wash and damaging trailers. Some areas are hang outs for drug users. Known issue but not manned areas.
Oct 05 2024 06:39 AM	Anything we could do to help make the playgrounds feel safer!! We love the playground and splash pad but feels dirty at times and not well maintained and I just would like to feel safe there with the kids! I would love a bigger splash pad that area is so nice! Super important to have bathrooms there above all else because they haven't worked or been usable since we have lived there and that is crazy. Every other park I've ever been to has bathrooms. So at minimum just let's improve what we have and just allow the bathrooms to be usable and maintain what we have! Thank you!
Oct 04 2024 07:08 PM	Many boat ramps and fishing piers should be closed after dark to ensure safety. So drugs, loitering and damage and trash drops do not happen as they frequently do at this time.
Oct 04 2024 06:43 PM	Maintain and improve existing areas

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Oct 02 2024 01:00 PM	Create a community / rec center on the north end of the county. There is nothing in that area
Oct 02 2024 08:47 AM	Jasper County Parks & Recreation Department could serve my family and me by creating a safer environment in all of the existing areas. Adding safe walking and bike trails would be amazing for our county as well.
Oct 01 2024 10:33 AM	Anything closer to Retreat at East Argent
Sep 28 2024 08:44 AM	More focus on Ridgeland areas
Sep 26 2024 12:43 PM	No
Sep 26 2024 12:20 PM	The residents of Ridgeland should not have to pay a higher price to be able to use the facilities at Hardeeville Rec center.
Sep 25 2024 11:05 AM	Repair and maintain what we have first before creating new areas.
Sep 25 2024 11:05 AM	Make the parks kid-friendly with grass around the playground areas and updated/new playground equipment.
Sep 25 2024 10:17 AM	Provide more safe activities for seniors citizens.
Sep 25 2024 10:16 AM	Maintenance of the Sargent Jasper park seems to lack sufficient funding. Would like to see more park facilities in/around Hardeeville and multi-use paths to/from parks.
Sep 25 2024 09:03 AM	More opportunities for passive recreation (see Beaufort County Passive Parks Program).
Sep 24 2024 09:59 PM	Have more money in budget for parks and regs so they can update facilities
Sep 24 2024 08:59 PM	JRYB in Ridgeland impacts many. And community contributes. Compliment that. Gillisonville square walking is nice. Grays school yard could benefit in a similar design.
Sep 24 2024 05:41 PM	I support a USABMX sanctioned bmx track. With the space provided, national events are very possible with thousands of participants over a multi day event. This brings revenue to the local economy and surrounding areas
Sep 24 2024 03:42 PM	Hiring P&R director and employees with energy to see the job done. The county does not need any more employees who are there just to get a paycheck.

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	Priorities: Take care of what you already have. Any additional resources go towards improvements and new implementation. Pay as you go. There is no reason for my child to be paying for the play ground she plays on now when she is an adult. Paying interest is not in her best interest.
Sep 24 2024 01:20 PM	I would love a centrally located fitness facility!
Sep 24 2024 09:16 AM	Ridgeland needs to do something for the JRYB fields behind the old school. The entire area is a embarrassment to our community
Sep 24 2024 09:10 AM	The current tennis courts are hardly ever used. With the changing climate and rise of pickleball, Ridgeland needs pickleball courts that are well lit and give residents access to play.
Sep 24 2024 05:46 AM	Mainly the community center for Coosawhatchie should be rebuilt with better amenities, more space, playground, kitchen access. I could go on but that is a start. Also the other facilities should have more restrooms installed and be updated inside and out. Also the play areas at the Wagon Branch Community Center could use a nice update.
Sep 23 2024 05:13 PM	maintain JRYB FIELDS
Sep 23 2024 04:43 PM	JRYB need updates on facilities and parking
Sep 23 2024 03:22 PM	I just think we need to update the park and fields the kids deserve better .
Sep 23 2024 01:22 PM	Update and maintain the JRYB baseball fields. Better communication about sports (soccer) was not made aware that soccer would not be happening this year, very unfortunate. Upkeep and promotion of local sports! Better and cleaner playgrounds.
Sep 23 2024 12:53 PM	Make sure that the communities have representatives that are on the planning committee for building community centers and on parks/recreation facilities.
Sep 23 2024 11:29 AM	Improve, renovate existing parks. Add security lighting, shelters, picnic amenities, parking, restrooms
Sep 21 2024 04:50 PM	More services for the handicapped
Sep 20 2024 04:23 PM	I would love to see a fiber guild come to Jasper county. Doesn't even have to be strictly fiber. I would love for crafters to get together.

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Sep 20 2024 03:45 PM	The baseball fields need funding from the county. It's impossible to maintain with volunteers and sponsor donations alone. Our children deserve a space we can be proud of! We need nice, clean, well maintained parks for our children to play and courts/spaces for adults to exercise. We shouldn't have to drive 20-30 minutes for a decent park or pickleball court. The key to this being a success is MAINTAINING IT! We can spend all the money in the world but if the county does not maintain it and put rules in place/enforce these rules, it will not last. I think this is a great and much needed initiative that needs to be done correctly.
Sep 20 2024 02:23 PM	Update the safety padding Park
Sep 20 2024 01:48 PM	If y'all are going to spend money to do this, please plan for the continued maintenance and cleaning. And please place concrete with laser. The tennis courts are bumpy and collect water when it rains. Please don't half ass this.
Sep 20 2024 01:29 PM	Our parks and boat ramps are not safe. Our cars are constantly being vandalized and item stolen. People are always on the boat landing launch area fishing. These are not fishing peers. They're fishing lines often get in tangled in boat motors, and it ends up being a contentious event between voters and fisherman, they are often small on these docs with no lifejackets. Our sheriffs department needs to patrol these areas more often to ensure the safety of the boaters and the fisherman. They're also needs to be signage more signage and more signage along the doc stating that this is not a fishing area.
Sep 20 2024 01:20 PM	Yes get rid of that joke Danny Lucas
Sep 20 2024 01:12 PM	<p>Already mentioned the attraction for equestrian trails and activities along existing walking corridors, inclusion in planning for an arena to be rented out to host jumping and rodeo events which boost the local economy especially if located near existing hotel and shopping centers. See Wills Park, Alpharetta GA, as an example and Garden Mountain Horse and Hike Trails in Cherokee County GA.</p> <p>Connected trails between neighborhoods are always a plus because they encourage interaction.</p> <p>For the current population size of Jasper we are ahead of the curve but must prioritize land acquisition now before demand pushes pricing up. Marsh and swamp areas should be preserve to provide sanctuary for wildlife.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>

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Sep 20 2024 01:01 PM	This survey was absolutely a good start!! Thank you!
Sep 18 2024 11:04 AM	There is a sever lack of public boat landing in the Southern end of the county.
Sep 18 2024 09:12 AM	Making involvement economic county affordable for keeping kids active and programs for teaching how to take care of county property
Sep 17 2024 06:07 PM	More community programs. Speakers on nature activities, fun activities for the community. Such as art on the park
Sep 17 2024 05:39 PM	Thank you for having the parks available for our community!
Sep 17 2024 05:30 PM	We need more opportunities for the children of our communities to have the same advantages and access to viable facilities as our neighboring countries so that we keep our communities growing and thriving and not have them have to cross county lines to participate in activities. We need to continue to grow Jasper County.
Sep 17 2024 03:37 PM	Close Turnbridge Landing Boat Ramp. It currently exists on mostly private land, is not well maintain, use as a trash dumping area and illegal firearm shooting goes on. regularly. Road to landing floods couple times a month and litter abounds. County owns inadequate property to build a proper boat ramp there and the is no parking available on county property that is left unflooded on high tides.
Sep 16 2024 08:48 PM	Gey resident input before demolishing a community center, especially when there isn't a plan for replacement. This was the case with the Coosawhatchie Community Center, which was demolishing over a year ago.
Sep 12 2024 06:07 PM	Stock the ponds on a more regular basis
Sep 12 2024 01:03 PM	Summer opportunities for kids
Sep 12 2024 07:57 AM	More wildlife and non sports programs for kids
Sep 12 2024 05:57 AM	Raising awareness of the facilities available to residents, community events and collaboration of ideas.
Sep 09 2024 11:50 AM	Explore the possibility of entering into a private/public agreement with a professional golf course management company to take over the operation and management of Sargent Jasper GC.
Sep 08 2024 05:01 PM	Gym with childcare on northend, real bathrooms at boat landings,

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Sep 08 2024 11:14 AM	I am in favor of these outdoor spaces for a community. I feel strongly in the absolute necessity to budget funds in the maintenance of these public spaces, so they remain beautiful and feel safe for all who use them.
Sep 07 2024 01:43 PM	One thing that I never understood is how the old JCHS was tore down. It could have easily been remodeled for a recreational center for Ridgeland. We needs that.
Sep 05 2024 05:14 PM	<p>On behalf of JC boaters who depend on the three landings along Hwy 462 for work and recreation, we feel it is urgent to assess the future of these endangered boat ramps. They are Jasper's only access to salt water, therefore critical to the economic and recreational aspects of this county. These landings are Tuten's, Dawson, and Bolan Hall.</p> <p>Tuten's Landing is inefficient to most boaters for it's extremely low tide, while constant, unaddressed loitering has rendered it useless for all other activity. Dawson Landing has no turnaround space and can hold a max of 4-6 boat trailers. Neither have bathrooms, space to fish or crab, nor picnic areas. These 2 landings are also on separate creeks from Bolan Hall, and too far from Euhaw Creek to support the flow of economic and recreational activity. For these reasons and more, residents depend on Bolan Hall as their one and only access point.</p> <p>Now if my information is still correct, Bolan Hall's lease with the county expires in 2035. If renewing that lease is an option, I would argue that fee should take priority in the budget.</p> <p>Even so, with all the ongoing development, there's no way the current condition or space of Bolan Hall can support the populations projected. So, whether we secure access to Bolan Hall or not, we're still going to see repercussions from development that the other 2 boat landings will not be able to solve or suffice.</p> <p>We either need to secure Bolan Hall Landing for the public, or, provide a new access to Euhaw/Hazzard Creeks in place of Bolan Hall. Either way, improvements and expansions will still desperately be needed at the other two landings, Tuten's and Dawson.</p> <p>There are major developments coming to Ridgeland, and 462 holds the only places of their kind to showcase some of Jasper's best environmental, historical, and economic features. I fear we're losing focus on land that will later reveal to have been vital to the future of our Parks and Recreation. We've already lost Salzburg Landing, which was mentioned in the 2017 Comprehensive Plan as a future project to create kayaking and birdwatching. Instead it deteriorated and is no longer available, being clear-cut for development, with no alternative location for it's prior recreational plans. There's since been beautiful kayaking locations in</p>

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	<p>Hardeeville established, but that is fresh water- only half the appeal of our county's natural beauty, incomparable to salt water recreation. I urge you to look into our landings along 462 and prioritize the creation of a master plan specifically for salt creek access and recreation that will secure this irreplaceable heritage for Jasper County.</p> <p>Thank you for reading, I appreciate your department's time and dedication tremendously!</p> <p>P.S. B&C Landing hasn't been usable as a boat launch in 20 years. I'm not sure anyone could even kayak there. Very overgrown and shallow/mucky. The canal used to lead to main river but passage is blocked and too dried up in places. It's incredibly beautiful however, and a great preservation for many rare flora and fauna like the Gopher Turtle. Excellent place for walking, hiking, exploring, observing wildlife. Perhaps better to leave it undisturbed. Almost all of our landings could use re-evaluating, but our salt landings in particular need saving.</p>
Sep 05 2024 03:44 PM	More golf and green space opportunities
Sep 05 2024 03:41 PM	Well advertised community events.
Sep 05 2024 03:35 PM	Ball fields
Sep 05 2024 12:03 PM	creating more activities such as flag football, volleyball, basketball and etc.
Sep 05 2024 07:42 AM	Beaufort County has Zumba, Yoga, and Chair Yoga classes for a \$5.00 fee. I would like that for Jasper County. Also, a public pool with classes!
Sep 04 2024 07:51 PM	Build great and amazing parks, look at areas that have a growing population like we have and use their ideas. We are growing, without a doubt. Since we are growing at a very rapid rate, why not build child friendly and family friendly centers. Why should Hardeeville have all the nice things? Ridgeland needs these things so badly, I don't care what the long time residents have to say, growth is inevitable and if we want to bring good people to Ridgeland, we have got to pull out all the resources and bring in family friendly parks and amenities
Sep 04 2024 06:50 PM	We need things in Tidgeland for our children to do! Particularly children with special needs Hardeeville has a beautiful sports complex fishing area walking trail. We would love to have that here. The sad little park we have in town has two slides and a couple of swings and it's infiltrated with drug users. We need a park with lots of playground equipment of splash pad with multifaceted equipment biking trails, skate park, indoor recreation facilities.

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Sep 04 2024 06:42 PM	KEEP BOAT RAMPS CLEAN weekly. BAN ADULT SPORTS GAMES/PRACTICES AFTER 3pm. It is so frustrating not being able to practice for a rec league game due to courts being used by adults. They're retired.. they can practice or have a game during school hours. Why do we have baseball/softball diamonds that we the citizens can't use? Why are they rented to USCB??
Sep 04 2024 05:32 PM	Indoor facility, Sports fields, park for the point south/pocotaligo area
Sep 04 2024 03:02 PM	Need some service areas in the northern end of County
Sep 04 2024 02:56 PM	Replace Danny Lucas with a better educated individual who can run the programs
Sep 04 2024 01:28 PM	Desperately need a community swimming pool
Sep 04 2024 01:09 PM	Please have rec programs for children, real ones like the surrounding counties
Sep 04 2024 01:03 PM	Better communication of events and what parks and Rec have to offer
Sep 04 2024 12:34 PM	Do something about the druggies and the homeless, get them out of town
Sep 04 2024 08:19 AM	More biking trails
Sep 01 2024 05:12 PM	I didn't even know all these community centers and facilities existed. Do they have activities? How do we know what's happening? People need information so we can participate and use the facilities.
Sep 01 2024 11:44 AM	I wish the Rec center was run more like an athletic facility and less like a town office. It should be open on holidays and 3 day weekends.
Sep 01 2024 09:21 AM	I am an infrequent user of Jasper County's resources, but additional walking trails would be great.
Aug 26 2024 11:47 AM	No large park similar to Sargent Jasper Park is located in the north end of the county. It would be nice to have something like this with similar amenities.
Aug 22 2024 03:57 PM	PRT Director that focused on PRT!
Aug 19 2024 07:25 AM	Hire a Parks Director

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QUESTION: 24) What is your age group?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Under 12	0.00%	0
12-17	0.00%	0
18-24	1.54%	2
25-34	13.85%	18
35-44	22.31%	29
45-54	22.31%	29
55-64	21.54%	28
65-74	14.62%	19
75+	3.85%	5
Answered		130
Skipped		81

QUESTION: 25) Counting yourself, how many people in your household are the following ages (type in the number next to each corresponding age range):

Answer Choices	Under age 5	Ages 5-9	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-19	Ages 20-24	Ages 25-34	Ages 35-44	Ages 45-54	Ages 55-64	Ages 65-79	Ages 80+
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Answer Choices	Under age 5	Ages 5-9	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-19	Ages 20-24	Ages 25-34	Ages 35-44	Ages 45-54	Ages 55-64	Ages 65-79	Ages 80+
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Answer Choices	Under age 5	Ages 5-9	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-19	Ages 20-24	Ages 25-34	Ages 35-44	Ages 45-54	Ages 55-64	Ages 65-79	Ages 80+
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Answer Choices	Under age 5	Ages 5-9	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-19	Ages 20-24	Ages 25-34	Ages 35-44	Ages 45-54	Ages 55-64	Ages 65-79	Ages 80+
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Answer Choices	Under age 5	Ages 5-9	Ages 10-14	Ages 15-19	Ages 20-24	Ages 25-34	Ages 35-44	Ages 45-54	Ages 55-64	Ages 65-79	Ages 80+
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Total Number	25	42	43	20	22	37	71	46	55	48	3

Answered 130

Skipped 81

*Was reported as 70 which skewed the data due to respondent misunderstanding

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QUESTION: 26) Which race or ethnicity best describes you?

Answer Choices	Responses	
American Indian or Alaskan native	0.00%	0
Asian / Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
Black or African American	13.85%	18
Hispanic / Latic American	2.31%	3
White / Caucasian	75.38%	98
Multiple ethnicity / Other	1.54%	2
Prefer not to answer	6.92%	9
Answered		130
Skipped		81

QUESTION: 27) What is your gender?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Female	67.69%	88
Male	24.62%	32
Transgender	0.77%	1
Non-binary	0.77%	1
Prefer not to say	6.15%	8
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
Answered		130
Skipped		81

QUESTION: 28) Which of the following best describes your total annual household income?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Under \$25,000	0.77%	1
\$25,000-\$49,999	10.00%	13
\$50,000-\$74,999	16.15%	21
\$75,000-\$99,000	17.69%	23
\$100,000 or greater	35.38%	46
Prefer not to answer	20.00%	26
Answered		130
Skipped		81

QUESTION: 29) Do you live in a homeowners' association (HOA) community?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	33.85%	44
No	66.15%	86
I don't know	0.00%	0
Answered		130
Skipped		81

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QUESTION: 30) Do you rent or own your primary residence?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Own	87.69%	114
Rent	12.31%	16
Answered		130
Skipped		81

QUESTION: 31) Are you a parent or main caregiver of a child or children under the age of 18?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	37.69%	49
No	62.31%	81
Answered		130
Skipped		81

QUESTION: 32) Are you an employee of Jasper County, Town of Ridgeland, or City of Hardeeville?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	11.54%	15
No	88.46%	115
Answered		130
Skipped		81

APPENDIX A.4: FOCUS GROUP MEETING INVITE LIST



JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN OCTOBER 9/10, 2024 FOCUS GROUPS INVITATION LIST

Name	Organization	Focus Group
Mark Davis	Beaufort County Green Space Program	Conservation Groups & Water Recreation and Boat Landings
Derrick Phinney	Clemson	Conservation Groups & Water Recreation and Boat Landings
Grant McClure	Coastal Conservation League	Conservation Groups & Water Recreation and Boat Landings
Major Elvin Wright	Jasper Sheriff's Office	Conservation Groups & Water Recreation and Boat Landings
Bev Cosslett	Low Country Paddlers	Conservation Groups & Water Recreation and Boat Landings
Kate Schaefer	Open Land Trust	Conservation Groups & Water Recreation and Boat Landings
Richard Schulze, Jr	Resident	Conservation Groups & Water Recreation and Boat Landings
Floyd Robbins	Resident	Conservation Groups & Water Recreation and Boat Landings
Blake Crosby	Resident	Conservation Groups & Water Recreation and Boat Landings
Karen Hardison	SCOR	Conservation Groups & Water Recreation and Boat Landings
Jennifer Combs	City of Hardeeville	Hardeeville & Ridgeland
Branan Snowden	Hardeeville	Hardeeville & Ridgeland
Katie Woodruff	Hardeeville	Hardeeville & Ridgeland
Aaron Rucker	Ridgeland	Hardeeville & Ridgeland
Jamie Davis	Ridgeland	Hardeeville & Ridgeland
Stephanie Nagid	Beaufort County Passive Parks Department	Regional Stakeholders – BJWSA/Chamber/Lowcountry COG/Hispanic Business Association/Beaufort County
Jennifer Tuckwiller	Beaufort Jasper Housing Trust	Regional Stakeholders – BJWSA/Chamber/Lowcountry COG/Hispanic Business Association/Beaufort County
Taylor Ladd	BJWSA	Regional Stakeholders – BJWSA/Chamber/Lowcountry COG/Hispanic Business Association/Beaufort County
Alex Navarro	Hispanic Business Association of the Lowcountry	Regional Stakeholders – BJWSA/Chamber/Lowcountry COG/Hispanic Business Association/Beaufort County
Italia Parisi	Hispanic Business Association of the Lowcountry	Regional Stakeholders – BJWSA/Chamber/Lowcountry COG/Hispanic Business Association/Beaufort County
Generic Email	Jasper County Chamber of Commerce	Regional Stakeholders – BJWSA/Chamber/Lowcountry COG/Hispanic Business Association/Beaufort County
Kendall Malphrus	Jasper County Chamber of Commerce	Regional Stakeholders – BJWSA/Chamber/Lowcountry COG/Hispanic Business Association/Beaufort County
Stephanie Rossi	LowCountry COG	Regional Stakeholders – BJWSA/Chamber/Lowcountry COG/Hispanic Business Association/Beaufort County
Carmen Washington	Real Estate	Regional Stakeholders – BJWSA/Chamber/Lowcountry COG/Hispanic Business Association/Beaufort County
Sophia Truempi	Sea Grant	Regional Stakeholders – BJWSA/Chamber/Lowcountry COG/Hispanic Business Association/Beaufort County
Susan Hughes	Hilton Head Lakes	Senior Active Living Groups/Neighborhoods
Annie White	Latitudes/Margaritaville	Senior Active Living Groups/Neighborhoods
Vera Malphrus	Lowcountry Seniors	Senior Active Living Groups/Neighborhoods

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Name	Organization	Focus Group
Lisa Moore	Sun City	Senior Active Living Groups/Neighborhoods
Jennifer Coleman	Family in Transition	Tourism/Culture/History/Community Centers
Maurice Lawyer	Jasper County Arts Council	Tourism/Culture/History/Community Centers
Peach Morrison	Low Country Tourism Commission	Tourism/Culture/History/Community Centers
	Morris Center for Low Country	
Tamara Herring	Heritage	Tourism/Culture/History/Community Centers
Anthony Gaston	Resident	Tourism/Culture/History/Community Centers
Dwayne Lee	Resident	Tourism/Culture/History/Community Centers
Heidi Frazier	Resident	Tourism/Culture/History/Community Centers
Dolores Doe	Resident	Tourism/Culture/History/Community Centers
Earl (Smittie) Cooler	SC 250 Anniversary American Revolution	Tourism/Culture/History/Community Centers
Cathleen (Cathy) DeCourcy	SC 250 Anniversary American Revolution and Friends of Honey Hill	Tourism/Culture/History/Community Centers
Ryan Stefonick	BMX	YMCA/Sports/Schools/Higher Education/Churches
Yorilliry (George) Moreno	BMX	YMCA/Sports/Schools/Higher Education/Churches
Travis Washington	Jasper County School System	YMCA/Sports/Schools/Higher Education/Churches
Corey Burgess	Jasper County School System	YMCA/Sports/Schools/Higher Education/Churches
Sam Whack	Jasper County School System	YMCA/Sports/Schools/Higher Education/Churches
Nick Wall	JRYB	YMCA/Sports/Schools/Higher Education/Churches
Pastor Lewis	Kingdom Touch	YMCA/Sports/Schools/Higher Education/Churches
Hannah Mills	Outdoor Services Company	YMCA/Sports/Schools/Higher Education/Churches
Kim Statler	Polaris Tech	YMCA/Sports/Schools/Higher Education/Churches
Kimberly Dudas	USCB	YMCA/Sports/Schools/Higher Education/Churches
Michael Bostwick	YMCA	YMCA/Sports/Schools/Higher Education/Churches
Nancy Kirk	YMCA	YMCA/Sports/Schools/Higher Education/Churches



These stakeholder meetings were facilitated and prepared by consultant, Bolton & Menk, Inc. on behalf of Jasper County. Not all of the persons invited were able to attend these meetings.



JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN FOCUS GROUP IDEAS AND THEMES

COMPLIED IDEAS AND THEMES:

Focus Group Meeting Results: *Please note that these ideas do not reflect the opinion of Jasper County or Bolton & Menk. These ideas will help inform the final recommendations for the 10-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan*

LOCATION:

1765 Grays Hwy. Ridgeland, SC 29936

DATES & SCHEDULE:

October 9th

- 8:00-9:30 Group 1 (*rescheduled to virtual 10/16*)
- 9:30-9:45 Break
- 9:45-11:15 Group 2
- 11:15-11:30 Break
- 11:30-1:30 Jasper Staff chats and working lunch
- 1:30-1:45 Break
- 1:45-3:15 Group 3
- 3:15-3:30 Break
- 3:30-5:00 Group 4

October 10th

- 8:00-9:30 Group 5
- 9:30-9:45 Break
- 9:45-11:15 Group 6

FOCUS GROUPS:

- Group 1: Hardeeville & Ridgeland
- Group 2: YMCA, Sports, & Schools, Higher Education & Churches
- Group 3: Senior Active Living Groups/Neighborhoods
- Group 4: Tourism/Culture/History/Community Centers
- Group 5: Regional Stakeholders
- Group 6: Conservation Groups & Water Recreation and Boat Landings



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Big Ideas:

- A regional approach for connecting key locations through greenways/parks/connecting to central business districts.
 - o Potential opportunity to revisit 2017 Trails System-Multi-use Pathways plan by Alta for connectivity opportunities to Jasper County
- We need a big green space to host events, like Celebration Park in Hilton Head
 - o The could be an opportunity for a joint resource
- Congaree PGA could be an opportunity for capturing tourism dollars
- Wayfinding is needed! – Locating some assets is a big challenge
 - o Need branding and marketing
 - o Could include developing a tag line or nicknames for facilities – need to make P&R cool
- Programing that allows for generational exchange (interactions between different generations)
 - o Gardening
 - o Pool – senior aerobics, youth swim lessons
- State of the art BMX track – will be used regularly (regional tournaments, weekly practices – this is different than a pump track)
- Formal MOUs to ensure better collaboration across recreation providers
 - o Field sharing
 - o Staggering of sports seasons to avoid conflicts with school schedule
 - o School bus access to help bridge the transportation concerns
 - o Indoor space sharing, bring these agreements back (paused during COVID)
- Review assets and consider clustering of uses to serve multiple groups at one time in a single place – adults and kids, passive and active, etc. – maximize with multi-purpose spaces.
- Need to have mechanisms for small business support – something for the Town of Ridgeland and City of Hardeeville to consider
- Hire a grant writer for the County
- Be realistic about what the County can do and empower local organizations, utilize more volunteer support
- Partnering with external organizations to help bolster offerings and create beneficial partnerships
- Develop a recreation committee at the county level with external organizations represented. Lean on local champions to help with key initiatives.
- Create a Jasper Council Arts Council (*unclear if this was recommended as a separate from the Jasper Project*)



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- Blueway opportunity from Corner Lake to the frontage road in Coosawhatchie
- Bolster and grow coordination across county boundaries to continue watershed-based initiatives
- Although adjacent to parks & recreation the municipalities could consider partnering with the chamber for a citizen education class about how government operates in an effort to gain more participation
- Contract out some of the programming
- Tout positive progress publicly to build awareness
- Develop a communication strategy to connect people to an asset/need. Ex: youth sports team and finding a coach
- Make education / history / culture a bigger component of Parks & Recreation
- Penny tax for parks and recreation
- Partner with the Hispanic Business Association of the Lowcountry for more successful outreach to the growing Hispanic population

Under Appreciated Assets:

- Historical and cultural sites. People are generally fascinated with the rich history here
 - o Thomas Heyward Grave Site
 - o Honey Hill (owned by Ridgeland, but nonprofits leading the rehabilitation efforts)
 - o Revolutionary War, Civil War general history in this area
- Water – it's everywhere, but safety and maintenance are real concerns. How can residents better access this natural asset (both fresh and salt) for a variety of activities from passive to active?
 - o Big tides at Bolan Hall which allow for unique fishing opportunities
- Jasper is designated a sentinel landscape - <https://sentinellandscapes.org/>
- Creating a designated state park in Jasper County
- The Savannah River is going to be dredged – could be an opportunity to expand the national refuge
- Consider rice plantations as a way to provide a cultural tour – could charge admission

Assets in need of attention:

- Historical Landmark Signs / County asset signs
- Blue Heron Park (Ridgeland property, there is a grant related to this project, the current status is unclear)
- Boat launches - generally need to be maintained and litter cleaned
- Community Centers more generally



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- Consider using the rehabilitation of a community center as an educational opportunity
 - Each community center should have an education/history/cultural component incorporated into the art, walls, signage, etc.
 - Formal partnerships need to be put in place for these to be successful
 - Availability of good Wi-Fi
 - Community centers can be educational centers
- Bolan Hall's lease is up in 10 years (2035)– need to retain this critical public access point, it would be a huge loss for access there
- A plan for Coosawhatchie – the community center is missed
- Purrysburg Community center is also missed
- Turnbridge Boat Launch is not a great boat launch location - could consider a different entry point on the southern side of the county.
- Perform feasibility studies at the boat launches
- Some of the largest intact parcels in the state for naturally significant landscape is in Jasper County – need to consider this to help with land protection.
 - Example, the Buckfield and Slater properties
- There are historic highs and lows for cross jurisdictional coordination. Need to leverage partnership and define what each can operate and maintain for a wholistic approach
- Parks & Recreation website needs to help with wayfinding to these assets – they are hard to locate

Challenges:

- Ridgeland tennis courts require a code to access
- 57 square miles and one main regional park – we are not serving everyone
 - Opportunities for the municipalities to think more about pocket parks
- Parking for big events
- Keeping certain areas rural
- Access to sport fields across different organizations is lacking
- Lodging for bigger events is limited – some nice hotels at exit 8
- Restaurants in general – more are needed, hard to get a sit-down meal even from a chain
- Addressing donut holes through annexation
- Jasper County does not want to triple or double services – what areas are the deserts that the County needs to address and where can the piggyback on the success of the municipalities/partners to reduce redundancy. All jurisdictions need to collaborate to reduce stressors – everyone is experiencing the growth pressures
 - Growth – it's rapid and unlike anything the County has seen before
- The northern part of the County feeling neglected and is in need of assets



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- People (kids and adults) don't know how to swim
- Field Access and coaches for community sports are low. What role can the school fields and municipal fields have in helping with this challenge?
- There is nowhere to host a big event
 - o Need bigger pavilions and green spaces for gathering
- Litter is a big problem, especially at boat launches
- Transportation to access amenities is a challenge
- People use Tuten landing for camping (which is not allowed) – underscores the need for camping facilities
- Since funding is an issue, there could be consideration for admission charging at certain locations
- Engaging the youth of Jasper County – access and availability of opportunities is lacking
- Bridging cultural gaps and creating trust of all community members

Key Quotes:

- The village concept is a necessity in Jasper County. There are commonalities to what happens across groups.
- We need to enrich the experience for our youth
- We need to pull visitors off I-95 to bring money in and then head on their way to their final destination
- The three-sister analogy. Charleston is the older, superior sister, Savannah is the younger wild sister. The Lowcountry between the two is the middle sister. She will put her pearls on, but isn't afraid to put boots on, hop on a boat, and go get shrimp for dinner. What could it look like to capitalize on the identity that already exists here?
 - o We are not a contrived place; we need to keep the essence of Jasper County alive.
- SC Lowcountry - Naturally Beautiful, Naturally Fun, Naturally Amazing



JASPER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN PUBLIC FEEDBACK: GOPHER HILL FESTIVAL

EVENT:

Ridgeland Gopher Hill Festival

LOCATION:

Downtown Ridgeland

DATES:

October 4th and 5th

The following data is from one-on-one conversations with attendees at the Gopher Hill Festival. These ideas and thoughts do not reflect the opinions of Jasper County or Bolton & Menk. We have tried to capture those ideas/comments as best we could. Statements provided by the public would need to be fact checked.

Big Ideas:

- 1) Forino (local developer) – they paid for the first three years for their new residents at their John Smith Road development - Hardeeville Rec. Center – What does it look like to have the private sector fund/encourage recreation?
- 2) Community Centers are critical to keep verbal, in-person communication happening. We are on our phones too much. The art of conversation is missing.
- 3) From the gym owner in Ridgeland: Reach One, Teach One- outreach program for kids

Programmatic Needs:

- 1) Tennis programming for youth
- 2) Places to have guided kayaking tours that are more affordable than Hilton Head. \$35-\$45 per person like a sunset paddle
- 3) Affordable gym in Ridgeland or a Rec Center – the YMCA is too far. Need access to classes and coaches
- 4) Need a dog park in Ridgeland – Hardeeville is too far
- 5) Mountain biking trails – have to go to Savannah or Pinckney Preserve – would like local trails
 - a. Gentleman is a life coach -Sunrise Choice
- 6) Youth soccer – was cancelled this past year because there wasn't a person to lead it.
- 7) Need a fishing or kayaking event
- 8) We need something for the kids to do -this was mentioned loud and clear by several folks
 - a. Example a boys and girls type club – doesn't have to be that, but something like it
- 9) There needs to be a community center in Gray's – there is no community center there now, but it is titled that way. –"If it was there, I would be going" – if there is a center it is not open to the public (*confirmed with County personnel, there is only a park here*)
- 10) Adult activities/Pickleball – closest pickleball courts are in Ridgeland but costs too much (around



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\$80 dollars for membership fee + pickleball fee)

- 11) A program and facility for teaching the children of the community how to swim
- 12) A program to teach the children of the community how to fish
- 13) Bingo (for adults but sometimes family)
- 14) Adult activities with kid activities in same facility to make it easier to attend with children
- 15) Croquet League

Infrastructure Needs:

- 1) High end mobile port-a-potty unit (portable restroom trailer) to be shared across the county for events – perhaps even in conjunction with the two municipalities.
- 2) Softer surface tennis courts – better for joints
- 3) Places to roller skate (comment from a Raliegh resident)
- 4) Need public transportation
- 5) Need safe places to walk a dog
- 6) Need a park in Ridgeland – park example from residents hometown Saddle River County Park: <https://www.co.bergen.nj.us/parks-recreation-areas/saddle-river-county-park>
- 7) Dog Park in Ridgeland for all size dogs
- 8) Need more doggy bag stations
- 9) Multi-use paths
- 10) More sidewalks
- 11) Public Pickleball courts
- 12) Movie theatre/Drive-In
- 13) Skate parks
- 14) Splash Pads for children
- 15) Bigger airport
- 16) Train observation deck

General Comments:

- 1) Hampton Lake in Beaufort County is getting overrun with alligators, need somewhere safe to kayak for free.
- 2) Crystal Lake in Beaufort has a bacteria problem
- 3) Work is happening at the Battle of Honey Hill site – not currently open to the public. They got a large grant to put in trails, interpretive panels, SC battleground preservation trust is a partner on this project. Currently it is only open to private groups.
- 4) Forino has 800 units in some stage of development (could be permitting).
 - a. Forino told us that Mungo Homes talked about coming into town – which supposedly has stalled, but that would completely change the fabric of the area.
- 5) Resident would like to see Tarboro Park taken care of
- 6) The train in Ridgeland is super active. We saw a train / hour on Friday and a few less on Saturday while we were at the festival.
- 7) Likes WATUSI – dog friendly café
- 8) No more growth – we want this area to remain as it is (said by both locals who grew up here and



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folks that transplanted here for the lifestyle.

- 9) Coastal Home School (CHAA) works to provide sports through a homeschool network
- 10) Jasper County Historical Society is a separate group from Morris. The Historical Society doesn't do anything they are chartered to do
- 11) There are three revolutionary war sites in Jasper.
- 12) It's challenging for any event to be held in Jasper because there aren't hotels or nice place for people to stay
- 13) B&C Landing. – when something significant happens like a shooting – the County steps up - like it is their property, but when it comes to cleaning litter, they say it's not their site to maintain
- 14) Jasper has issues with "vagrants" and "crazies" (persons experiencing homelessness, mental health, and drugs – There has been inaction from the County on these issues.
- 15) Ridgeland needs to connect the two ponds at their park and build a walking bridge where there is a concrete pad – also they put so many chemicals in it the pond is not safe for pets (Blue Heron?)
- 16) People were willing to travel to the Gopher Hill Festival outside of the county. Some folks from Savannah and Hilton Head
- 17) Jasper County Council of Aging (also known as Lowcountry Seniors). They have three centers (Ridgeland, Hardeeville, and they use the Robertsville Community Center location). They pick up seniors and bring them to a center, from 8-1 or 2pm. They provide them with lunch and a craft/class/entertainment. They also do home meal delivery for folks that aren't mobile. If a storm is coming, they bring extra meals. They are a nonprofit.
- 18) Hardeeville is too far for many folks in the northern part of the County – need amenities in Ridgeland at least.
- 19) The Bike Trail on 331 is hazardous.
- 20) A good example for a successful and well-liked trail was Spanish Moss Trail
- 21) There are no movie theatres – there could be an opportunity for an outdoor movie drive in!
- 22) A resident expressed the potential of the Sergeant Jasper Golf Club attracting a PGA tour.
- 23) The Battle of Honey Hill will be opening up to the public soon and will be an additional asset

Questions:

- 1) Currently at Thomas Heyward site they are prepping the grounds for archeological dig/assessment. – what is the status of this project and what are the next steps
- 2) There are a lot of historical landmark sites – with the official land marker – who is maintaining those signs today? – example Tillman
- 3) Are there any historical Homes in Jasper County? What data exists for cemeteries/cultural locations?- what do the Morris Center and Jasper County Historical Society have?
- 4) Without a formal recreation department, how is Ridgeland maintaining their assets? Why do the tennis courts have a code to access?
- 5) Does Jasper County (through Clemson extension?) have a 4H program?

Draft Recommendations/Observations – *These need to be considered against additional data and are*



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just draft at this time

- 1) Need to encourage “Generational Exchange” – communication and in-person opportunities for
- 2) There needs to be a hotel assessment completed.
- 3) Jasper County Parks & Recreation needs a recognizable brand to represent their assets, and they need wayfinding.- this will also help with differentiation from Hardeeville and Ridgeland assets.
- 4) Ridgeland could consider building an observation deck at Ridge Point Square.
- 5) Need to rebrand Grays Community Center to Gray’s Community Park

[PLACEHOLDER FOR JASPER COUNTY ADOPTION LETTER]

