

Attachment 4

Community Survey



CATAWBA COUNTY PARKS 2014 MASTER PLAN SURVEY

The Catawba County Planning, Parks and Development Department is in the process of updating the Parks Master Plan for Catawba County and would like your input. You can receive additional survey copies for friends or other family members by calling (828)465-8380, or the survey can be found on our web page and filled out on-line at www.CatawbaCountyNC.Gov/Parks. Thank you for your interest in continuing to improve Catawba County Parks.

Gender: Male Female **Resident of Catawba County:** Yes No **Zip Code:** _____

Age Group?

5-17 18-44 45-64 65 and over

Ethnicity?

Caucasian/European Descent Hispanic
 African Descent Other
 Asian Descent

The County Parks are currently open to the public on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, during daylight hours. To what extent do you agree that this existing schedule meets your needs?

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

Check below how frequently you or others in your household have visited the following facilities.

Riverbend: Daily Weekly Once or twice a month Less than once a month
Bakers Mtn.: Daily Weekly Once or twice a month Less than once a month
St. Stephens: Daily Weekly Once or twice a month Less than once a month

What days and times would you most likely visit the parks?

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8-12 pm							
12-5 pm							
After 5 pm							

Check below improvements that should be made to EXISTING Catawba County Parks facilities (Riverbend Park, Bakers Mountain Park, and St. Stephens)

Improved Parking Areas Expand Parks and Open Space Acreage
 Additional Interpretative Signage Increase Days and Hours of Operation
 More Public Restrooms Add Public Art at Parks
 Expanded Picnic and Sitting Areas Introduce Primitive Camping
 Enhanced/Expanded Trails Other: _____

Catawba County Parks' mission is to provide passive recreation and educational opportunities. Please mark your favorite existing or preferred amenities in existing or future Parks. (Please pick 5.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boat, Canoe, Kayak Access | <input type="checkbox"/> Park Benches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Areas – Open Grass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Meeting/Education Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Shelter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Tables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds – Natural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Primitive Camping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Areas and Amenities | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Programming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail - Fitness/Amenities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoe Pits | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails - Bicycle/Hiking/Running-Natural Surface |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interpretive Trail Signage | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails - Bicycle/pedestrian Greenways - Paved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space/Natural Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Trails - Mountain Biking - Natural Surface |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Amphitheater | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Swimming Area | |

Please list below, any recreation, educational programs or special events that you would like to see offered in existing or future Catawba County Parks: (Please pick 2)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art in the Park Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Cooking Classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Interpretive Programming | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Walks | <input type="checkbox"/> Scouting Opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Banding | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness/Healthy Eating Session |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness/Physical Fitness Session |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Events | Other: _____ |

The previous Park Plan identifies three future parks (Mountain Creek, Historic Bunker Hill Covered Bridge Park and Historic Murray's Mill). Which park would you like to see developed first?

- Mountain Creek Bunker Hill Covered Bridge Murray's Mill

What are the main reasons you go to the Parks? (Please pick 2)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness/Physical Fitness/Exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> Programming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness/Psychological Health/Relaxation | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Nature Experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Family/Community Gathering |

Other Comments: _____

Would you be interested in volunteering at the Parks? If so please provide your contact information.

Name _____ Phone or e-mail _____

Please return survey by March 25, 2014:

- Fill out on-line: www.CatawbaCountyNC.Gov/Parks; or
- Mail: Catawba County, Planning and Community Development, PO Box 389, Newton, NC 28658; or
- Fax: (828) 465-8484; or
- Hand deliver: Planning, Parks and Development, Catawba County Government Center; or
 - Riverbend, Bakers Mountain, or St. Stephens Parks; or
- E-mail to: SBallbach@CatawbaCountyNC.gov