

Welcome and Background

Welcome! Thank you for providing valuable input for the City of Belding's 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. The City is updating this plan to obtain an assessment of its parks and recreation facilities and to define goals for future improvements. The Recreation Advisory Board is leading the effort. Your feedback is important, as the goals and actions identified in this plan are intended to reflect the community's needs and desires. Please complete this confidential survey to help inform the City's future park and recreation planning.

1. Do you live in the City of Belding Post Office service area?

- Yes
 No

If you do not live in the City of Belding Post Office service area please indicate where you live.

2. What is your age?

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

3. Who in your household is the most active user of parks?

- Myself
 Another adult in the household
 Children
 Our whole family
 No one in my household uses parks

General Parks and Recreation Questions

4. How important are parks, trails, and open space to you and/or your household's quality of life?

Very important	Somewhat important	Not important	No opinion
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. How often do you use the following parks and recreation facilities throughout the year?

	Frequently (once a week or more)	Often (2-3 times a month)	Sometimes (a few times each year)	Rarely (less than once a year)	Never
Armstrong Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Demorest Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gathering Place	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Central Riverside Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
East Riverside Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water Street Pak	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lightning Bend Preserve	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Silk City Nature Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Which of these parks do you know the location of? Please check all that apply.

- Armstrong Park
- Demorest Field
- Gathering Place
- Central Riverside Park
- East Riverside Park
- Water Street Park
- Lightning Bend Preserve
- Silk City Nature Trail

7. Which of the following benefits of parks and recreation are most important to you? (Please select your TOP THREE)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide opportunities to enjoy nature/outdoors | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide outdoor winter activities (snowmobiling, cross country skiing, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide athletic space and opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Help seniors and physically-challenged people remain active |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve health and wellness | <input type="checkbox"/> Connect to or use a trail network |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protect the natural environmental and wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance community image and sense of place |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connect people, build stronger families | <input type="checkbox"/> Improve property values |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

8. How important are the following in improving parks and recreation in the City of Belding?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Developing new parks and facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining existing parks and facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Acquiring land for future parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increasing accessibility for all abilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing a multi-use trail system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserving natural areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

9. If you do not currently use parks and/or trails in the City of Belding, what is the reason? (Please select all that apply)

- Not interested / no time
- Lack of facilities
- Poorly maintained
- Too far away, not conveniently located
- I use parks in other townships/cities
- I can't access them because I can't get there
- I don't know where they are
- I don't know what's available
- Not applicable
- Other

10. Which of the following parks do you feel are most in need of improvements? (Please pick up to THREE parks.)

- Armstrong Park
- Central Riverside Park
- Demorest Park
- East Riverside Park
- Gathering Place
- Water Street Park
- Lightning Bend Preserve
- Silk City Nature Trail

11. Thinking about the park(s) you noted that needed improvement in Question 10, please indicate what improvement(s) are needed or desired.

- Lighting
- Playground equipment
- Playground surface
- Picnic Tables
- Picnic Shelter/Pavilion
- Soccer Field
- Basketball Court
- Tennis Court
- Softball Field/Amenities
- Baseball Field/Amenities
- Shuffleboard Facilities
- Pickleball Court
- Disc Golf Course
- Trail Surface Condition
- Trailhead Condition
- Trail Access
- Kayak/Boat Launch
- Boat Dock
- Restrooms
- Skate Park
- Park Benches
- Trail Benches
- River Access
- Observation/Wildlife Viewing Deck
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Other (please specify)

12. Within your family group, please indicate who is under-served by current recreation services and amenities? Please check all that apply.

- Preschoolers and toddlers (under 5)
- Elementary school aged children (5-9)
- Adolescents (10-18)
- Young adults (19-30)
- Adults
- Seniors (62+)
- People with disabilities
- People with a low income
- None; I feel all groups are adequately served
- Other (please specify)

16. What parks and recreation amenities, facilities, and services are you most interested in? (Please select your TOP FIVE)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Organized athletic programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat launch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog park | <input type="checkbox"/> Canoe/kayak facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic pavilions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor education programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country ski trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Trailhead with restroom facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's play equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain biking courses/trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf course | <input type="checkbox"/> Community garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports courts (basketball, pickleball, tennis, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice skating rink |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/softball fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail/park maps and directional signage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer fields | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not interested in any new recreation amenities, facilities, or services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor water recreation (splash pad, fountains) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

17. Please use the space below to provide additional comments regarding parks and recreation in the City of Belding.