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Survey 726241 'Beatrice Recreation Survey'

Results

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Number of records in this query:	297
Total records in survey:	297
Percentage of total:	100.00%

Field summary for RecChoices

Please select one of the following projects you think would most benefit the City and leave a comment regarding your choice.

Answer	Count	Percentage
Standing Bear Bike Trail - 6th Street Shelter/Trailhead (A1)	25	8.42%
Chautauqua Park ADA Playground (A2)	31	10.44%
Hannibal Park ADA Playground (A3)	32	10.77%
Scott Street Ball Fields ADA Restroom/Concession Stand (A4)	136	45.79%
Big Blue River ADA Access/Launch (A5)	55	18.52%
Other Project (Comment below) (A6)	18	6.06%
Comments	97	32.66%
No answer	0	0.00%
Not displayed	0	0.00%

ID	Response
5	Time to take advantage of the river.
12	The ball teams bring a lot of people to Beatrice who in turn spend money in town.
16	Everything should be ADA!
18	Big Blue River development and Standing Bear Trail improvements would be great!
	Don't forget we need to connect to Homestead's Trail System that would be a great upcoming project!!
22	Clean up the river and use it.
23	With the amount of people that go there for games it would be great to have decent playground equipment for kids to use. I don't know how many times we have been there and leave due to cigarette butts in the sand, broken glass, and sand burs. I wish all the parks didn't have sand but I believe Hannibal park would be a great place to start!!!
24	I think that river is an under-used asset of our community.
26	I believe development of the new trail would be great for the community!
32	This could not only be a recreational tool, but could spur utilization of the River in general. All the other projects listed would build on existing outdoor facilities, while this would create an entirely new attraction.
33	Other - use of Christensen Field / Glenover Playground area and Access Areas to the Big Blue River (General not a launch that has a select interest group)
35	There is nowhere to park and use our trails.
37	Ball games bring in a lot of people from out of town who spend money here in town and it is also nice to have nice accommodations and people remember Beatrice as a good place to visit
43	I'd like the city to build a rifle/pistol range like grand island did, it brings in a lot of money and Beatrice has plenty of land to do it with. There isn't a range within 100 miles that is a public range.
46	All are very important!
47	A permanent amphitheater in Riverside Park with lots of parking. Now that the access road is gone, there's no use for all that land between the ball diamond/tennis courts and the river. Just build the stage up high enough for floods and people can bring their own chairs to watch a concert, Shakespeare in the Park, or something like that. That park is totally underutilized. It used to be my favorite.
48	Soccer fields
50	The HANNIBAL ball fields are a HUGE \$\$ MAKER FOR THE community. & ITS NOT IN A FLOOD ZONE!! STUPIDEST DECISION EVER! LOOK WHAT HAPPENED 3X THIS YR!!
51	Let's do something with the money that would benefit all citizens of Beatrice instead of a select few with the playgrounds and the ball fields.
54	Bring beauty back to the parks and more family activities.
61	Trails in city limits
68	Put the roads back in both parks so people can enjoy them. Put the picnic tables back also. Who wants to sit under the shelters with complete strangers???
74	Need to finish up on trails to make them complete and connecting
80	Shooting range

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87	How about am Atv trail
88	Chautauqua and Riverside ball fields.
89	Chautauqua park is a beautiful area with a few options for family fun! I love how we can go to Chautauqua and there is something for everyone in the family! I think we could update it though. A kid can only play on the same equipment before getting tired of it. I'd love to see a bigger play area in the back part of the park. Or another bathroom out there! Maybe even another activity, I.e.- like the disc golf.
99	I would love to see more people enjoying the river.
100	Beatrice needs an area along our river so people have access to canoe or kayak, a place for our elderly, vets & disabled to fish or just sit and watch the river.
109	This would be a new feature for Beatrice. And this is a great opportunity and another alternative for youth and other community members alike. We need regular upkeep on our playground, ask for volunteers to help, we have great businesses, and people in this community wanting to make a change. Open up to the members of our community, we want to be the change we see in our community, but treated with respect when we do volunteer.
117	New soccer fields- there are already baseball fields and football practice fields but there are no designated soccer fields to practice on or host games, the only soccer fields are at the ymca and they are also used for other sports
126	Hannibal park is a very busy park especially during baseball and softball season. Family's come from all over and of all ages and I feel this would benefit our park and community
127	The river is currently a detriment to the community. Clean it up and market it .
130	I think it's important that ALL city parks and playgrounds are well maintained, and I would hope that's considered a given with the City. As far as the above projects, I chose the Big Blue River ADA Access/Launch because: 1) it's something we don't currently have; 2) It can be used and enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities; 3) It would add to the beauty of the city's environment.
131	The blue river is so beautiful and no one can safely access it, it is a shame. Beatrice is a river town and we should in enjoy it.
132	These fields bring many visitors to Beatrice. Upgrading would make a good impression to all.
136	Fund getting something in town like fun plex for kids
137	With 2 boys playing Bullets we've been to many fields. We have the worst bathrooms and concession stand around!
138	This project would benefit the most people.
139	It would be a great adfitiom for Hanibal Park.
143	Chautauqua Park, as well as the other parks, need an update of parks and their facilities. Any one of the parks would be my vote.
147	Since it flooded so badly. This would be a great choice
150	make a loop of the trail system that encircles the city
154	Growing and highly used a
158	Splash Pad
161	A bike path from Riverside park to the homestead and another from Riverside park to SCC and SCC to the Scott Street ball diamonds.
170	There are very limited choices for children with disabilities in this town. I speak from experience, how sad it is that Walmart is one of the options for an outing because I can get my granddaughters wheelchair through the store. The bike trails are fine for taking walks and we take advantage of that however it is sad when a kid wants to play on the toys like everyone else but they can't. We avoid parks because we don't want her to feel bad. It would be fantastic if there was a place besides school where she could get outside and have fun.
171	There's no swing set at river side play ground by the newer play ground..thanks
178	A river access launch with a sitting area (such as steps or terracing) would be a huge attraction for Beatrice and area residents.
180	Completing loop around town with the bike path
188	I'm a big trail supporter, but I find it tough not to select more than 1 here. All are good projects.
189	I only moved here 3 years ago. When we would come to town we would get McDonald's and have our picnic at Chautauqua. I think this area of town would be utilized by residents and nonresidents. There is already a wide variety of activities available to everyone, so it's a great place to expand.
191	Soccer fields next to the trail on 2nd street
192	All the parks have gotten crappy. Time to do something
198	This is something that not only our kids in our community would utilize but other communities also. Possibly generating income.
199	Make the city more pedestrian friendly by completing a sidewalk all the way to Walmart with a pedestrian crossing north of the Indian Creek bridge on 6th St (as pedestrians can only cross

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the bridge on the west side and there is no safe place for pedestrians to cross the highway north of the bridge) or a pedestrian crossing across the highway at 16th and Court so that pedestrians have better access to the library.

- 207 I feel the playgrounds have been neglected, as smaller children and families need safe activities in our community.
- 208 I believe the bike trail would have a positive impact on the most people.
- 212 Large bare areas should look better
- 213 Outdoor skating rink with shelter, concession stand and fire pit would be my first choice.
- 214 This is a tough question. I think all would be great for the community however; I believe this would be UNIQUE and something the community doesn't have. It could be an opportunity to bring back the river parades.
- 215 I think some of the others have had major renovations lately, the river launch sounds extreme mosquito haven, do it is a tie between Hannibal and Chautauqua Ada playground. Side note it would be nice to just have merry go round fixed at Chautauqua, bathroom added to Astro, or sidewalks installed along backside of BSDC through Hannibal to Garfield.
- 219 Big Blue access, use the natural resources that we have in the area. Kearney is doing some things in the city with the canal.
- 221 I feel like we have enough at the parks and not everyone has kids so access to the water would be something new and different
- 224 I have seen the amount of people that attend the ball games at West scott. I have also witnessed the lines to use the restroom. They drastically need more.
- 225 Over a typical season West Scott Street Ball Fields hosts Bullets regular season baseball games (over 250 home games played at West Scott serving approximately 2750 players, not including families and friends who use the facilities), the Beatrice Bullets Classic (in 2015 the Classic hosted approximately 700 players on 54 teams in 109 games), USSSA state baseball tournaments (15 teams per age division for approximately 150 players, not including families and friends), and YRI games (West Scott fields 3 and 4 are used for youth baseball and softball and according to their website they serve approximately 500 girls and boys in pre-school through 12th grade each year). (<http://www.beatriceyri.org/home.html>). In total, West Scott Street Ball Fields serves more than 4000 individuals.

Also important to note is the second season of the Shooting Stars program: The Bullets' Shooting Stars baseball league is a new project started this past spring sponsored by the current class (2016) of Leadership Beatrice. According to their Facebook page, "Shooting Stars will provide boys and girls with a wide range of disabilities the opportunity to experience the fun of playing organized baseball." The league, also made possible with the help of the SCC softball team and the Beatrice Bullets Baseball Organization, was created to give community youth with disabilities a chance at playing baseball. (https://www.facebook.com/bulletsshootingstars/info?tab=page_info)

New ADA compliant rest room and concessions facilities would be an excellent addition to the West Scott Street Ball Fields.

- 226 With the Shooting Stars playing there, the facility is in great need of an ADA Restroom.
- 227 Any additions to the baseball complex would be great.
- 228 Ball Fields
- 231 I constatly see ballgames going on out there at west scott, from in town teams to traveling teams and a facelift to this facility would be a great idea, i feel, not only for the facility but to draw more out of town teams to it to compete at it which will bring more revanue to the city as well.
- 238 Scott Street ball fields is an excellent complex and a key component of youth activities in Beatrice which is hamstrung by an outdated, too small concession & restroom facility. The equipment sheds look tacky and the whole complex would be greatly improved by one building housing all
- 242 Much needed St Scott st ball fields
- 243 Scoot street ball fields would be a great place to start a project to help support the area youth baseball and softball players.
- 247 Need bathrooms at this park. There are none there now. ADA would be great!
- 249 The ballfields bring business to the city via tournaments, and the teams give our youth positive experiences to learn from as they grow older. Facility improvement will help grow our community in the ways I previously mentioned.
- 250 This project would make this area an A+ complex.

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257	Ball game and tourneys bring in lots of money to the city. Better facilities would mean bigger tournaments.
259	These ballfields get a lot of usage during the season and could certainly use an upgrade.
260	It's well needed at Scott Park
261	West Scott fields is in desperate need of restroom/concession upgrade.
265	We want people to want to come play on our fields because they're nice and clean. Right now the bathrooms and coves signs are disgusting and no one wants to use them.
267	The old concession stand does not have enough room or power or storage and the restrooms need more room and privacy.
269	I have a son who, when younger, played baseball at Scott Street ballfields. The restrooms are in terrible shape and the concession stand is very small.
272	Playground is very old and outdated!
283	Improvements for West Scott are much needed
284	Scott Street could use some updating. The playground is a nice addition but the bathrooms are dark and the concession stand is way too small. Beatrice Bullets have put in a lot of work and would love to see them get rewarded with a big grant.
292	A tremendous amount of people go through this place all Summer.....
295	Last years flood did alot of damage to those fields. There are a lot of kids that utilize the fields for games and practice and to not have them in proper condition, really puts a damper on schedules.
297	With over 250 regular season games, local tournaments as well as hosting 2 weekends of USSSA State baseball the upgrade of this is a must.
307	The restroom/concession stand is a priority due to the number of tournaments and games held at that field. These tournaments bring in visitors and people who spend money in Beatrice thus benefitting the whole community.
308	These ball fields are overwhelmed with kids who play ball and their families. We definitely need this!
309	These need replacing due to damage from floods
310	While I support all of the above projects. The first one we tackle needs to be the West Scott Fields restrooms and concession stand. These are the most basic need of any sports complex much less one which we attract thousands of visitors to the community with. The existing ones are embarrassingly inadequate and outdated. We compete successfully with game and tourney host sites which cost millions, but if you expect them to keep coming back, you've got to make these updates.
313	A lot of teams visit the ball fields for games and tournaments throughout the summer. New restrooms and concessions are desparately needed.
323	There needs to be more bathrooms. More teams would come to tournaments if there were more bathrooms. This would generate more income for our city.
324	The ball fields need 1st priority.
325	Beatrice Bullets are bringing more and more teams to Beatrice every year. As a disabled person myself it is next to impossible to get to the concession stand and the restrooms are also extremely difficult to access and not disabled friendly.
344	West Scott

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