

# The City of Hudson Park Evaluation Study

## 1. Section 1 - Current Use

### Community Interest and Opinion Survey

The City of Hudson Parks Department would like your input to help determine park priorities for our community. This survey will take approximately 7 to 10 minutes to complete. Please complete the entire survey via the hard copy provided and return by exposing the postage-paid return address label on the back of the survey or you may complete the survey on-line at [www.hudson.oh.us/departments/parks/hudsonparkssurvey](http://www.hudson.oh.us/departments/parks/hudsonparkssurvey). We greatly appreciate your time. If you have any questions please call 330-672-0228. Thank you.

### Use of Current Parks & Facilities

#### 1. Do you use any of the Hudson city park facilities?

Yes

No

If yes, please proceed to question 2. If no, please explain why in the space provided and proceed to the next section (Section II, Public Opinions)

For questions 2 through 5, please check the appropriate box to indicate approximately how often you or your family members attend the parks listed below. Reference parks map at the end of the survey if needed.

#### 2. Active Use Parks - The park lands where there is a concentration of facilities for organized recreational use.

	Never	Once a Year	Twice a Year	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Barlow Farm Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Ellsworth Meadows Golf Course and Adjoining Parcel	<input type="radio"/>					
Oak Grove Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Robinson Field Park	<input type="radio"/>					

#### 3. Mixed Use - Park lands serving adjacent neighborhoods, which may include existing organized recreational, playground, and environmentally unique areas set aside as preserved open space.

	Never	Once a Year	Twice a Year	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Cascade Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Colony Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Darrow Road Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Hudson Springs Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Middleton Park	<input type="radio"/>					

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## 4. Limited Use - Park lands comprised of environmentally sensitive areas such as mature stands of trees, wetlands or wildlife habitats.

	Never	Once a Year	Twice a Year	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Bicentennial Woods Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Boston Hills Park	<input type="radio"/>					
DiNovi Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Doc's Woods Park	<input type="radio"/>					
High Point Park	<input type="radio"/>					
MacLaren Woods Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Maple Grove Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Stow-Aurora Trail	<input type="radio"/>					
Trumbull Woods Park	<input type="radio"/>					
Wildlife Woods	<input type="radio"/>					

## 5. Other - Parks or areas that are not operated by the City of Hudson Park Board

	Never	Once a Year	Twice a Year	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Barlow Community Center	<input type="radio"/>					
Safety Center Playground	<input type="radio"/>					
Life Center Plus	<input type="radio"/>					
Private Recreation Facilities	<input type="radio"/>					
Village South Park	<input type="radio"/>					

## 6. On which days do you typically visit the parks? (Check all that apply)

- Sunday
  Monday
  Tuesday
  Wednesday
  Thursday
  Friday
  Saturday

## 7. On average when you visit, how long do you stay?

Hours

Minutes

## 8. What season(s) do you use the parks? (Check all that apply)

- Winter
  Spring
  Summer
  Fall

## 9. When you attend the park, what are your primary activities? (Check all that apply)

- Exercise
  Nature Watching
  Social Interactions
  Park Programs
  Playground Areas
  Organized Sports
  Relaxation

Other (please specify)

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## 10. When you visit the parks, who do you come with? (Check all that apply)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family              | <input type="checkbox"/> Friends w/o Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends             | <input type="checkbox"/> Family w/ Children   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pets                | <input type="checkbox"/> Family w/o Children  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alone               | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Groups         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teenage Friends     | <input type="checkbox"/> School Groups        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends w/ Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Club           |

Other (please specify)

## 2. Section II - Public Opinions

**11. The City of Hudson Park Board would like to obtain your personal opinions about a variety of issues. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements by checking the appropriate circle that corresponds with your opinion.**

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
I know who to contact when I need information about the Hudson Park System	<input type="radio"/>				
I am satisfied with the public park opportunities I receive for my tax dollars	<input type="radio"/>				
The school facilities are usually available for public recreation	<input type="radio"/>				
The city of Hudson should consider acquiring more land for recreation opportunities	<input type="radio"/>				
I prefer neighborhood amenities as compared to centralized parks	<input type="radio"/>				
The money that goes to public recreation is a good value	<input type="radio"/>				
I prefer to recreate on my own and do not need organized recreation programs	<input type="radio"/>				
The public park facilities are conveniently located	<input type="radio"/>				
I usually prefer to enjoy recreation in unstructured ways (e.g., watching birds, relaxing)	<input type="radio"/>				
The level of collaboration between the various park	<input type="radio"/>				

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and recreation providers  
is adequate

I am interested in  
volunteer opportunities  
with the Hudson Parks  
System

I fulfill my park needs  
outside the city of Hudson

**12. How important are the following items to you in terms of use of Hudson Parks?  
Please rate the following items by checking a circle between Not Important and Very Important that corresponds with your opinion.**

	Not Important		Important		Very Important
Appearance of the area...	<input type="radio"/>				
Safety in the area...	<input type="radio"/>				
Variety of activities...	<input type="radio"/>				
Maintenance of the area, fields, and trails...	<input type="radio"/>				
Availability of vending machines or concessions...	<input type="radio"/>				
Handicap accessibility...	<input type="radio"/>				
Availability of restrooms...	<input type="radio"/>				
Cleanliness of restrooms...	<input type="radio"/>				
Cleanliness of activity areas...	<input type="radio"/>				
Maintenance of activity areas...	<input type="radio"/>				
Picnic or group meeting facilities...	<input type="radio"/>				

**13. Please indicate which methods are most effective in communicating park information to you by checking the appropriate circle that corresponds with your opinion.**

	Not Effective	Somewhat Effective	Effective	No Opinion	Not Applicable
Hudson Cable TV (Channel 25)	<input type="radio"/>				
Direct Mail	<input type="radio"/>				
Flyers in Schools	<input type="radio"/>				
City Web Page (Internet)	<input type="radio"/>				
Newsletters (Our Town)	<input type="radio"/>				
Newspapers (The Hub)	<input type="radio"/>				
Posters in Stores, Library, Etc.	<input type="radio"/>				
Radio	<input type="radio"/>				
Seasonal Brochures	<input type="radio"/>				
Information Kiosks	<input type="radio"/>				
Word of Mouth	<input type="radio"/>				
City Wide E-Mail	<input type="radio"/>				

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## 3. Section III - Future Needs

**14. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the Adult and Child Park Needs by checking the appropriate circle that corresponds with your opinion. The first set of choices relate to Adult Park Needs while the second set of choices relate to Child Park Needs.**

	Not a Priority	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority	Highest Priority	N/A	Not a Priority	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority	Highest Priority	N/A
Greenways (Wildlife Corridors)	<input type="radio"/>											
Greenways (Utility Corridors/Park Trails)	<input type="radio"/>											
Meeting Rooms	<input type="radio"/>											
Multi-purpose trails that link parks to neighborhoods	<input type="radio"/>											
Nature preserves/bird sanctuaries	<input type="radio"/>											
One central recreational area	<input type="radio"/>											
Trails that connect metro and national parks	<input type="radio"/>											
Trails that connect community parks	<input type="radio"/>											
Trails that link the neighborhoods to downtown	<input type="radio"/>											
Nature trails	<input type="radio"/>											

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**15. Please indicate your level of agreement for each specific park activity by checking the appropriate circle that corresponds with your opinion. The first set of choices relate to Adult Park Needs while the second set of choices relate to Child Park Needs. If you have other ideas, please submit them under question 15.**

	Not a Priority	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority	Highest Priority	N/A	Not a Priority	Low Priority	Medium Priority	High Priority	Highest Priority	N/A
Soccer fields	<input type="radio"/>											
Baseball fields	<input type="radio"/>											
Basketball fields	<input type="radio"/>											
Botanical Garden	<input type="radio"/>											
Community Garden	<input type="radio"/>											
Cross-Country Skiing	<input type="radio"/>											
Facilities for Shuffleboard, Bocce Ball, Croquet, etc.	<input type="radio"/>											
Ice Rink	<input type="radio"/>											
Jogging Trails	<input type="radio"/>											
Splash Pad	<input type="radio"/>											
Boating/Kayaking/Canoeing	<input type="radio"/>											
Volleyball Courts	<input type="radio"/>											
Science/Nature Center	<input type="radio"/>											
Multi-Purpose Bike/Hiking Trails	<input type="radio"/>											
Skateboard Facilities	<input type="radio"/>											
Specialty Tours	<input type="radio"/>											
Mountain Biking	<input type="radio"/>											

**16. Please indicate your level of importance regarding these park issues by checking the appropriate circle between Not Important and Very Important that corresponds with your opinion.**

	Not Important	Important	Very Important
Secure additional land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintenance of existing facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development of existing land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Secure additional resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Development of existing resources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connectivity of trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

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**17. Please indicate how important the following items are to you in terms of future use of the city of Hudson by checking the appropriate circle between Not Important and Very Important that corresponds with your opinion.**

	Not Important		Important		Very Important
Police	<input type="radio"/>				
Fire	<input type="radio"/>				
Parks	<input type="radio"/>				
Park Trails	<input type="radio"/>				
Other City Facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
Park Facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
Sewers/Storm Water Management	<input type="radio"/>				
Sidewalks	<input type="radio"/>				
Streets	<input type="radio"/>				
Schools	<input type="radio"/>				
EMS	<input type="radio"/>				

**18. If you could provide one recommendation to the Hudson Park Board, what would that recommendation be?**

**19. The Hudson Park Board recently acquired some land in the center of town to be developed for the public. How would you like to see Village South being utilized?**

## 4. Section IV - Demographics

Please read carefully and answer all the questions to help improve the Hudson Parks System. Please remember that the individual answers will be kept confidential.

**20. Gender:**

Male

Female

**21. In what year were you born?**

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## 22. What was your household income in 2007?

- |                                      |                                     |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Under \$10,000 | <input type="radio"/> 30,000-34,999 | <input type="radio"/> 75,000-99,999   |
| <input type="radio"/> 10,000-14,999  | <input type="radio"/> 35,000-39,999 | <input type="radio"/> 100,000-124,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> 15,000-19,999  | <input type="radio"/> 40,000-49,999 | <input type="radio"/> 125,000-149,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> 20,000-24,999  | <input type="radio"/> 50,000-59,999 | <input type="radio"/> 150,000-199,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> 25,000-29,999  | <input type="radio"/> 60,000-74,999 | <input type="radio"/> Over 200,000    |

## 23. How many adults (age 18 and above), including yourself, live in your household?

## 24. What are the ages of the children living in your household? Please separate multiple ages using commas.

Boys

Girls

## 25. Please indicate your highest level of education obtained.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than high school              | <input type="radio"/> Technical Degree              |
| <input type="radio"/> High School (Includes equivalency) | <input type="radio"/> Bachelors Degree              |
| <input type="radio"/> Some College (No degree)           | <input type="radio"/> Masters Degree                |
| <input type="radio"/> Associates Degree                  | <input type="radio"/> Professional/Doctorate Degree |

## 26. What is your marital status?

- |                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Single  | <input type="radio"/> Divorced                      |
| <input type="radio"/> Married | <input type="radio"/> Living with Significant Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Widowed |   |

## 27. How many years have you resided in the city of Hudson?