



Town of Hilton Head Island
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
AGENDA

In accordance the Town of Hilton Head Island Municipal Code § 2-5-15, this meeting is being conducted virtually and can be viewed on the [Town of Hilton Head Island Public Meetings Facebook Page](#).

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. FOIA Compliance:** Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.
- 3. Parks and Recreation Master Plan**
- 4. Adjournment**



TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Community Development Department

TO: Joshua A. Gruber, *Interim Town Manager*
FROM: Jennifer Ray, *ASLA, Interim Community Development Director*
CC: Shawn Colin, *AICP, Interim Deputy Town Manager*
CC: Taylor Ladd, *Senior Planner*
DATE: February 15, 2021
SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Town Council provide policy guidance on the current path forward for parks and recreation planning and implementation and offer any modifications to adjust the current path so that staff can develop specific project deliverables and associated timelines.

Background:

For over 20 years, the Town of Hilton Head Island has taken steps to assess and prioritize the future of park and recreation needs of Island residents and visitors. The Town's first Recreation and Open Space Plan was written in 1995, followed closely by incorporation of a Recreation Element into the Comprehensive Plan in 1999 which is updated every five years and rewritten every ten years. At the urging of our local recreation community, Town Council identified the rewrite of the Comprehensive Plan and a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan as 2019 priorities.

The *Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Part 1* (Master Plan) presents a needs assessment, analyses, and recommendations for the Town to consider to increase the level of service across the community over the next ten years. The Master Plan has been incorporated into and underpins Section 4.0, the Parks+Recreation element of *Our Plan*, the Town's proposed 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan as *Part 2*.

The four-part path forward for the Town's Parks and Recreation Master Plan is outlined in the attachment Staff Summary (Attachment A) and Process Chart (Attachment B). Currently, the process is midway through *Part 3*.

Our Plan has served as the foundation for *Part 3*, which has garnered feedback from the Island community about prioritization of recommendations and program development for specific sites. In October and November of 2020, community members and citizens had the opportunity to provide feedback through two Open Park Day events (results, Attachment C), three virtual Town Hall meetings (results, Attachment D), and an online survey (results, Attachment E). This community engagement involved over 500 participants.

The attached proposed park programming and project prioritization lists are based on professional recommendations with staff consideration of this public input. The latter part of the process for

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Part 3 will continue to include community input with oversight from the Parks and Recreation Commission. The result will be final conceptual site plans for the three major park projects, projected cost estimates, and a proposal for a phased approach to develop the parks sequentially so there is minor disruption in services for Island park users.

To date, Town Council has taken several legislative actions which has helped to lead us to where we are today.

On September 15, 2020 Town Council voted 7-0 to approve adoption of a Resolution supporting a path forward for parks and recreation planning and implementation including identification of funding sources (Attachment F).

On October 6, 2020 Town Council voted 7-0 to adopt the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Part I* (Attachment G).

Town Council then met on October 20, 2020, and voted 7-0 to adopt *Our Plan*, including Section 4.0 entitled Our Parks and Recreation (Attachment H).

Finally, the Parks and Recreation Commission met on January 14, 2021 and voted 6-0 to approve the proposed prioritization of parks and recreation Recommendations and Action Items (Attachment I) and proposed programming for each of the three major parks identified for near future development (Attachment J).

The Parks and Recreation Commission's approval of the proposed park programming informed the Request for Qualifications (RFQ, Attachment K) to solicit a consultant to provide design services for parks and recreation improvements including site specific concept plans for Chaplin Community Park, Crossings Park, and the Mid Island Tract. That particular RFQ has since been withdrawn in order to allow staff to meet with Town Council to develop a revised RFQ that is outlined below.

Discussion:

Further direction by Town Council will allow staff to move forward with a path to deliver parks and recreation planning and implementation based on the outcomes of the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan*. In support of this effort, staff has developed several options for Town Council consideration. All of these options would involve contracts with one to two highly qualified consultants procured through a competitive RFQ process and will require staff involvement in the selection and management of the consultant(s) and the engagement and approval process. Options involving limited consultants and limited scope may be able to be completed faster while other options may be more comprehensive and in line with the greater goals of the community.

Options for consideration by Town Council include:

1. Engage the professional services of a consultant to prepare a land plan focusing on the Mid-Island Initiative Area and design services exclusively for a community park on the Mid-Island Tract.
2. Engage the professional services of a consultant to prepare a land plan focusing on the Mid-Island Initiative Area as well as design services for a community park on the Mid-Island Tract. Phase two would include the preparation of plans for improvements to both Chaplin Community Park and Crossings Park.

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3. Engage the professional services of two consultants – one, an expert on land planning, to draft area plans beginning with the Mid-Island Initiative Area, followed by other local initiative areas; and one, an expert on parks and recreation, to validate the park programs and draft concept plans for a new community park on the Mid-Island Tract and improvements to the existing Chaplin Community Park and Crossings Park, followed by other parks and recreation improvements outlined in the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan*. These consultants would work collaboratively to ensure the process and outcomes are comprehensive.

We are hopeful that the execution of this process and its outcomes will result in the Town of Hilton Head Island being recognized for best-in-class parks and recreation through a diversity of recreational, arts, and quality of life offerings for all island residents and visitors.

Attachments:

- A. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Summary
- B. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Process Chart
- C. Compiled Open Park Day Participant Input
- D. Compiled Virtual Town Hall Meeting Live Polling Results
- E. Open Town Hall Online Survey Results
- F. Resolution 2020-20 (*Parks & Recreation Master Plan*, Chaplin Linear Park, & Shelter Cove Connectivity Project)
- G. Resolution 2020-22 (Adoption of *Parks and Recreation Master Plan*)
- H. Ordinance 2020-25 (Adoption of *Our Plan*)
- I. Our Plan Section 4.7 Prioritized Recommendations and Action Items
- J. Proposed Programming for Chaplin Community Park, Crossings Park, and the Mid Island Tract
- K. Request for Qualifications, RFQ 2021-5



Attachment A
Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Staff Summary
June 29, 2020

Lose Design, the consultant hired by the Town to prepare a parks and recreation master plan, delivered a report that evaluated the Town's public parks and recreation system, which includes recommendations designed to increase the level of service across the community over the next ten years. Their report, "Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Part 1", includes budget, staffing, maintenance, and needs assessments, with a gap analysis. The process involved extensive community input gathered through a variety of methods including stakeholder interviews, focus group meetings, open houses, and a community input survey. It also included input from the Parks and Recreation Task Group and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

This document, called a "master plan", is a technical document. The content is comprised of data analysis and assessment with recommendations. While the report is a good start, it is not the end, but rather part of a larger process to plan for and implement changes to the Island's parks and recreation system, including facilities, programs, and operations.

The plan provided by Lose Design comprises *Part 1* of the Town's overarching effort for the parks and recreation system. It provides a foundation that is integral to taking the next steps toward progress for parks and recreation. *Part 2* will utilize and incorporate this information into *Our Plan Section 4.0 Parks + Recreation*, which will guide recreation planning and policy direction for the Town of Hilton Head Island. *Part 2*, with input from the Task Group and the Parks and Recreation Commission, will result in Action Items for the Town as well as Goals, Strategies, and Tactics specific to parks and recreation on the Island.

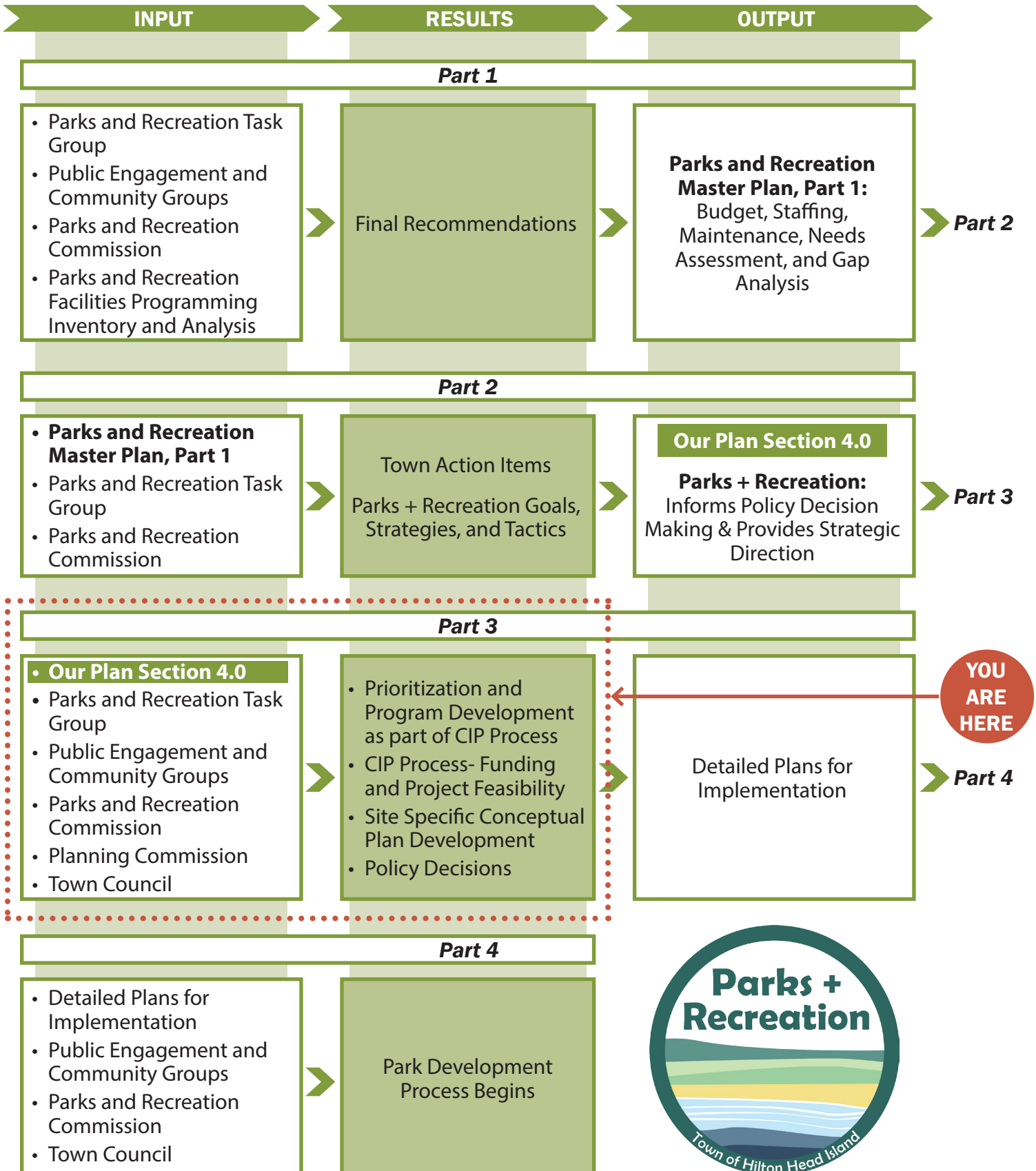
Our Plan will serve as a foundation for *Part 3*, which will include prioritization of recommendations, program development for specific sites, funding and feasibility analysis, and development of conceptual site plans. *Part 3* will also include extensive community input, recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission, and will guide policy decisions to be made by Town Council. *Part 4* includes the implementation process. Exhibit A, attached, provides a closer look at the break-down of the four parts comprising the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the Town.

This process and its outcomes will result in the Town of Hilton Head Island being recognized for best-in-class parks and recreation through a diversity of recreational, arts, and quality of life offerings for all island residents and visitors.

Staff joins Lose Design in thanking our elected officials, board members, commissioners, staff, and citizens who participated in the development of *Part 1* of the Master Plan, and look forward to continued participation as we move forward through the other phases toward implementation.

Attachment B

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Process





Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 3

Compiled Open Park Day Participant Input

November 5 and November 19, 2020

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Parks + Recreation

Recommendations and Action Items Prioritization

1.

Place **one blue dot** next to the park redevelopment project you would most like to see happen in the next several years.

22	Barker Field: new amenities and fields
14	Bristol Sports Arena: covered arena, connection to Crossings Park
14	Hilton Head Park/Old Schoolhouse Park: new amenities
2	Betsy Jukofsky Xeriscape Garden: update plantings, new signage
1	Greens Shell Park: new playground
2	Jarvis Creek Park: update playgrounds
39	Beach Parks: improved accessibility, covered overlook at Islander's Beach Park

2.

Place **one blue dot** next to the park facility or amenity category that is most important to you

11	Sports
12	Aquatics (swimming)
9	Water Access (for non-motorized boating)
62	Bicycle and Pedestrian
18	Nature
6	Culture
7	General Use (picnicking & playgrounds)

3.

Place **one blue dot** next to the recreation program type you would most like to see offered more for residents and visitors.

35	Sports Tourism (sporting): such as pickleball or sand volleyball tournaments
7	Sports Tourism (nature-based): fishing competitions or paddleboard racing
5	Non-Sports: programs for adults, like cooking classes
6	Non-Sports: programs for kids, like art classes
30	Arts & Culture: more festivals and events to celebrate local art, culture and businesses
9	Arts & Culture: more public art (permanent and temporary)
13	Arts & Culture: more interpretive signage and education programs

Parks + Recreation

Recommendations and Action Items Prioritization

Use **one green dot** to vote for the park facilities and amenities most important to you for each type listed below.

Use **one red dot** to vote for the least important to you for each type.

4. Sports	GREEN	RED	
	61	6	Pickleball Complex
	10	8	Sand Volleyball Courts
	13	6	Multi-Use Sports Field (natural turf)
	7	10	Multi-Use Sports Field (synthetic turf)
	9	1	General Purpose Sports Field (for pick-up games and community use)
	9	34	Public Driving Range
	4	24	Disc Golf or Foot Golf Course

5. Water & Aquatics	GREEN	RED	
	25	6	Aquatic Center
	19	17	Splash Pads and Water Play Areas
	4	13	Water Access (for fishing)
	31	7	Water Access (for non-motorized boating)

6. Bicycle & Pedestrian	GREEN	RED	
	22	6	Pump Track Facility (closed circuit course of small hills and banked turns for non-motorized bikes)
	41	6	Off-road Trails
	28	5	Dedicated Beach Bike Route
	28	5	Fitness Trails and Fitness Stations
	10	14	More Bike Parking
	26	1	Bike Maintenance Stations
	18	0	Trailheads (to support the pathway network)

7. Nature & Culture	GREEN	RED	
	9	29	Public Art
	18	1	Interpretive & Educational Amenities
	17	4	Designated Areas for Birding
	17	7	ADA Accessible Covered Overlooks

Chaplin Community Park

Programming and Amenities Prioritization

1.

Place **one blue dot** next to the current amenity at Chaplin Community Park that you use most when you visit.

10	Dog park
10	Tennis courts
1	Baseball/ Softball field
18	Multi-purpose sports fields
1	Picnic pavilion and picnic tables
17	Pathways
6	I park there to go to the beach
10	Bathroom buildings
2	Outdoor shower and footwash
8	Basketball court (for basketball or pickleball)
2	Playground
11	Walking trail

2.

The plan is to conduct a complete renovation of this park. Do you agree? Place **one blue dot** with your agreement status.

40	Strongly Agree
24	Agree
6	No Opinion
6	Disagree
1	Strongly Disagree

Chaplin Community Park

Programming and Amenities Prioritization

3.

Place **two green dots** next to the park amenities you think are most important for this park.

Use **two red dots** for the least important.

Use a comment card to tell us any other ideas.

GREEN	RED	
21	1	More pathways
37	2	Off-road pathways and boardwalks
6	1	Picnic pavilions
7	0	More bathroom buildings
7	2	Picnic areas
13	5	General use turf field (for community use and pick-up games)
15	2	Fitness trail with workout stations
22	2	Dog park
7	5	Playground
6	26	Splash pad
20	0	Nature trail with interpretive panels
12	12	Bird watching area
4	34	Concession stand

4.

Place **two green dots** next to the recreation facilities you think are most important for this park.

Use **two red dots** for the least important.

Use a comment card to tell us any other ideas.

62	10	Pickleball facility
4	5	Tennis facility
2	6	Outdoor basketball courts
18	22	Aquatics facility
11	0	Multi-purpose sports fields (natural)
13	5	Multi-purpose sports fields (synthetic)
0	2	Baseball/ Softball field
9	13	Disc Golf/ Foot Golf course
4	4	Sand volleyball courts
22	4	Bocce court
32	8	Pump track facility

Crossings Park

Programming and Amenities Prioritization

1.

Place **one blue dot** next to the current amenity at Crossings Park that you use most when you visit.

4	Baseball/ Softball field
1	Meadow
10	Soccer field
0	Picnic pavilion and picnic tables
25	Pathways
7	Bathroom buildings
0	Benches
1	Playground
18	Walking trail
1	Batting Cages

2.

The plan is to consolidate baseball and softball at this park and add community amenities. Do you agree? Place **one blue dot** with your agreement status.

25	Strongly Agree
38	Agree
8	No Opinion
0	Disagree
0	Strongly Disagree

Crossings Park

Programming and Amenities Prioritization

3.

Place **two green dots** next to the park amenities you think are most important for this park.

Use **two red dots** for the least important.

Use a comment card to tell us any other ideas.

GREEN	RED	
41	2	Pathway connections and boardwalks
44	0	Single track trails for bikes
1	0	Picnic pavilions
3	0	Picnic areas
6	0	General use turf field (for community use and pick-up games)
16	0	Fitness trail with workout stations
19	1	Dog park
6	0	More bathroom buildings
8	1	Playground
4	22	Splash pad
16	0	Nature trail with interpretive panels
5	4	Bird watching area
0	33	Concession stand

4.

Place **two green dots** next to the recreation facilities you think are most important for this park in addition to baseball and softball.

Use **two red dots** for the least important.

Use a comment card to tell us any other ideas.

33	8	Pickleball facility
2	6	Tennis facility
5	0	Outdoor basketball courts
15	16	Aquatics facility
6	1	Multi-purpose sports fields (natural)
9	3	Multi-purpose sports fields (synthetic)
3	11	Disc Golf/ Foot Golf course
5	5	Sand volleyball courts
9	7	Bocce court
24	3	Pump track facility

Mid Island Tract

Programming and Amenities Prioritization

1.

The plan is to build a new community park on the Mid Island Tract with a mix of passive and active amenities. Do you agree? Place **one blue dot** with your agreement status.

95	Strongly Agree
8	Agree
3	No Opinion
4	Disagree
0	Strongly Disagree

2.

Place **two green dots** next to the **typical** park amenities you think are most important for this park.

Use **two red dots** for the least important.

Use a comment card to tell us any other ideas.

GREEN	RED	
18	13	Inclusive playground with poured-in-play surface
28	3	Pavilions and picnic areas
9	44	Splash pad
15	30	Dog park
80	0	Multi-use pathways
7	21	Event lawn
25	47	Event pavilion/ amphitheater

Mid Island Tract

Programming and Amenities Prioritization

3.

Place **two green dots** next to the **special use** park amenities you think are most important for this park.

Use **two red dots** for the least important.

Use a comment card to tell us any other ideas.

GREEN	RED	
8	31	Splash pad
82	0	Off-road pathways and boardwalks (for pedestrians and cyclists)
26	3	Fitness trail with workout stations
5	19	General use turf field (for community use and pick-up games)
36	0	Nature trail with interpretive panels
29	5	Bird watching area
30	1	Conservation area/outdoor classroom (for education purposes)
21	1	Planted meadow
1	50	Concession stand
9	24	Public art

4.

Place **two green dots** next to the **active recreation** park amenities you think are most important for this park.

Use **two red dots** for the least important.

Use a comment card to tell us any other ideas.

7	31	Outdoor basketball courts
11	15	Multi-purpose sports fields (natural)
7	25	Multi-purpose sports fields (synthetic)
18	10	Disc Golf/ foot golf course
14	14	Sand volleyball courts
31	6	Bocce court
34	13	Pump track facility
23	5	Cross-country running course

**Parks + Recreation Master Plan
Open Park Day Table Map Comments**

Station 1: Hilton Head Island Parks and Pathways Map
Regarding the Fire Station at the back gate of HHP: Needs a bike path in front and adjoining pathways on Squire Gate Road
Turn Jarvis into a water sports park
Create strong linkage between Jarvis Creek and Chaplin Community Park
Address beach parking shortage impacting Chaplin Park
Add bird houses, bird watching platform or blind, bird friendly landscaping, information signage for bird identification at appropriate parks
I like the idea of using one of the bridges for bikes/peds as the bridges get upgraded. Bike to Bluffton! (I agree)
Connection between Water Walk Units (bldgs)
Bike paths: Need signs "speed limit" and "passing no left"
Eliminate back and forth crossings on Marshland Road
Marshland Road: Reduce number of street crossings
Marshland Road dedicated pathway
We need bike lanes
Would like bike shoulders on bridges from HHI to Bluffton
Remove "no bicycles or peds" signs on Cross Island Pkwy entrances. (I agree)
Station 2: Chaplin Community Park Map
Ample parking
Do more to divert traffic away from Coligny!!
Please do not convert actively used tennis courts for pickleball. There are many, many unused tennis courts in disrepair that would be great for pickleball!
Spray for mosquitos please
Station 3: Crossings Park Map
1) Off road biking trail
2) Improvements to existing
Boardwalks for flood-prone areas and raking and clearing of trails
What can be done with the Crossings Parks "unofficial" off-road trails. Get project with town off-road riders + SORBA to figure out and build a good off-road trail.
Publicize trails and locations.
Station 4: Mid Island Tract Map
Ensure fragile bird/wildlife habitats are preserved when site work is underway. Have a landscape architect and naturalist team to supervise site prep.
Keep name: Planters Row Park
Croquet courts and pickleball
Include local eco experts (a small team) through all planning phases please.
Croquet courts and pickleball

**Parks + Recreation Master Plan
Open Park Day Table Map Comments**

croquet courts
shuffleboard
bocce courts
lawn bowling
Please ask engineering to (first) get input from local eco experts. They are oblivious to the sensitive nature of Planters Row
Consider a "canal" system from Planters Row to Fish Haul Creek with a walking-biking path (soft surface)
pickleball
Possibly pickleball at this location instead of Chaplin Park
Create a greenway- walkway-bikeway along antural creek bed-drainage stream that runs through northend lagoon system
People live here- No park parking here (arrow pointing to Legends)
basketball courts
Parking is an issue. Where do people park?
First... designate a passive botanical area, then work other uses around that.
Parking at the Legends is NOT an option
Great location for single track bike trail for very little money
bathrooms (I agree)
Wide enough bike paths throughout park (I agree)
Wide enough bike paths.
1) If not Chaplin, pickleball complex here
2) off-road biking
Clean up green algae in lagoons
No! amplified music of sound systems
The lagoons are GREEN. Full of algae
A small trailhead for bike parking with kios, water fountain, place to hang out. But this needs to be a passive park.
Fishing pier at ponds. (I agree)
Fishing pier at ponds
Find some other example of world class passive parks. Learn from them with the best features.
Active/fitness road cyclists need somewhere to ride- separate from "family" bike paths. (I agree X2)
Ample parking
Create off-road bicycle obstacle course
Nature trails for Mid Island Park
Natural areas for birding
Public pool or water area (paddleboats, etc)
Walking trails
Pump track

Attachment D

Parks + Recreation Master Plan Compiled Virtual Town Hall Meetings Live Polling Results

1. Which of the following best describes your residency.		
Year-round resident of Hilton Head Island	82%	14
Part-time or seasonal resident of Hilton Head Island	6%	1
Year-round or part-time resident near Hilton Head Island	12%	2
I am a visitor to Hilton Head Island	0%	0
Total Votes		17
2. Did you participate in the Parks + Recreation Master Plan process with Lose Design or Our Plan?		
Yes	80%	12
No	20%	3
Total Votes		15
3. If yes, how did you participate?		
Parks and Rec Commission meetings	0%	0
Parks and Rec Task Group meetings	29%	4
Focus group meetings with the consultant	21%	3
Took the survey	21%	3
Attended an Open House	29%	4
Total Votes		14
4. Which park amenity type is most important to you?		
Sports facilities	37%	7
Water access	5%	1
Aquatics facilities	5%	1
Bicycle and pedestrian facilities	37%	7
Nature access and interpretation	16%	3
Culture and Arts interpretation	0%	0
Total Votes		19
5. Which type of programming is important to you?		
Sports tourism	56%	10
Non-sports for youth, like art classes	6%	1
Non-sports for adults, like cooking classes	6%	1
Arts and Culture	11%	2
Nature	22%	4
Total Votes		18

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October Virtual Town Hall Meetings Live Polling Results**

6. In addition to Chaplin, Crossings and Mid Island, choose a park redevelopment project you would like to see in the next several years.		
Barker Field: new amenities and fields	31%	4
Bristol Sports Arena: covered arena, connection to Crossings Park	15%	2
Hilton Head Park (Old Schoolhouse): new amenities	23%	3
Playgrounds at Greens Shell Park and Jarvis Creek Park	8%	1
Betsy Jukofsky Xeriscape Garden: update plantings and new signage	8%	1
Beach Parks: covered overlooks and accessibility	15%	2
Total Votes		13
7. How often on average do you visit Chaplin Community Park?		
Almost daily	16%	3
Weekly	11%	2
Monthly	32%	6
Few times per year	26%	5
Rarely	16%	3
Total Votes		19
8. Which current amenity at Chaplin Community Park do you use most frequently?		
Dog park	6%	1
Tennis court	13%	2
Baseball/softball or multi-purpose fields	44%	7
I park there to go to the beach	19%	3
Basketball/pickleball	13%	2
Playground	6%	1
Total Votes		16
9. What amenity would you most like to see at the new Chaplin Community Park?		
Off-road pathways and boardwalks	37%	7
Turf Fields	21%	4
Dog park	0%	0
Pickleball facility	37%	7
Tennis facility	5%	1
Sand volleyball courts	0%	0
Total Votes		19
10. How often on average do you visit Crossings Park?		
Almost daily	18%	3
Weekly	6%	1
Monthly	0%	0
Few times per year	35%	6
Rarely	41%	7
Total Votes		17

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11. Which current amenity at Crossings Park do you use most frequently?		
Baseball/softball field	12%	2
Meadow	12%	2
Soccer field	29%	5
Pathways	18%	3
Playground	6%	1
Walking trails	24%	4
Total Votes		17
12. In addition to baseball and softball at Crossings Park, which of these amenities would you most like to see added to the park?		
Pathway connections, boardwalks or bike trails	47%	8
General use turf field for community use and pick-up games	18%	3
Dog park	12%	2
New playground	12%	2
Splash pad	12%	2
Total Votes		17
13. For the Mid Island Tract, which of these typical park amenities would you most like to see at the new park?		
Playground	15%	2
Splash pad	15%	2
Dog park	38%	5
Multi-use pathways	23%	3
event lawn and/or event pavilion	8%	1
Total Votes		13
14. At Mid Island Tract, which of these special park amenities would you most like to see at the new park?		
Off-road pathways or nature trails for pedestrians and cyclists	35%	6
Fitness trail with workout stations	24%	4
General use turf field for community or pick-up games	12%	2
Bird watching areas	0%	0
Planted meadow	12%	2
Conservation area or outdoor classroom for education purposes	18%	3
Total Votes		17
15. At Mid Island Tract, which of these active recreation facilities would you most like to see at the new park?		
Outdoor basketball courts	0%	0
Multi-purpose turf sports field	28%	5
Disc golf or foot golf course	17%	3
Sa volleyball courts	28%	5
Bocce courts	17%	3
Pump track	11%	2
Total Votes		18



Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 3

Open Town Hall Online Survey Results

October 13, 2020 through November 24, 2020

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 3

The Town would like to know the community's interests and preferences regarding the Recommendations, Action Items, and other information included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 1 and Our Plan. Please take a few moments to complete our survey.

Introduction

In 2019, the Town of Hilton Head Island contracted Lose Design to conduct a needs assessment and analysis of the Island's parks and recreation facilities and programs. The resulting Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 1 (Master Plan), adopted October 6, 2020 by Town Council, included numerous recommendations for the Town to consider for implementation to expand and improve level of service offerings in the parks and recreation system for Island residents and visitors.

For Our Plan, the Town's proposed 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Section 4.0, Parks + Recreation, includes action items for consideration in addition to the Master Plan's recommendations.

Your input is important to us!

This survey is intended to gauge the Island community's interests and preferences regarding the recommendations, action items, and other information included in the Master Plan and Our Plan. Results from this survey will be used by Town staff and elected and appointed officials towards prioritization of the recommendations and action items, and for planning new parks and facilities.

Survey

- Recommendations Prioritization
- Chaplin Community Park Program
- Crossings Park Program
- Mid Island Tract Program (the Town-owned portion of the former Planters Row Golf Course)

For more information or to request a paper survey be mailed to you, contact Taylor Ladd, Senior Planner and Parks and Recreation Master Plan Project Lead at 843-341-4607 or taylorl@hiltonheadislandsc.gov.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 3

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Highlighted questions are open comment.

Summary Of Responses

As of November 24, 2020, 10:43 AM, this forum had:	Topic Start
Attendees: 617	October 13, 2020, 9:24 AM
Responses: 335	
Hours of Public Comment: 16.8	






QUESTION 1

Did you participate in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process?

		%	Count
Yes		29.2%	96
No		70.8%	233

QUESTION 2

If yes, how did you participate? Select all that apply.

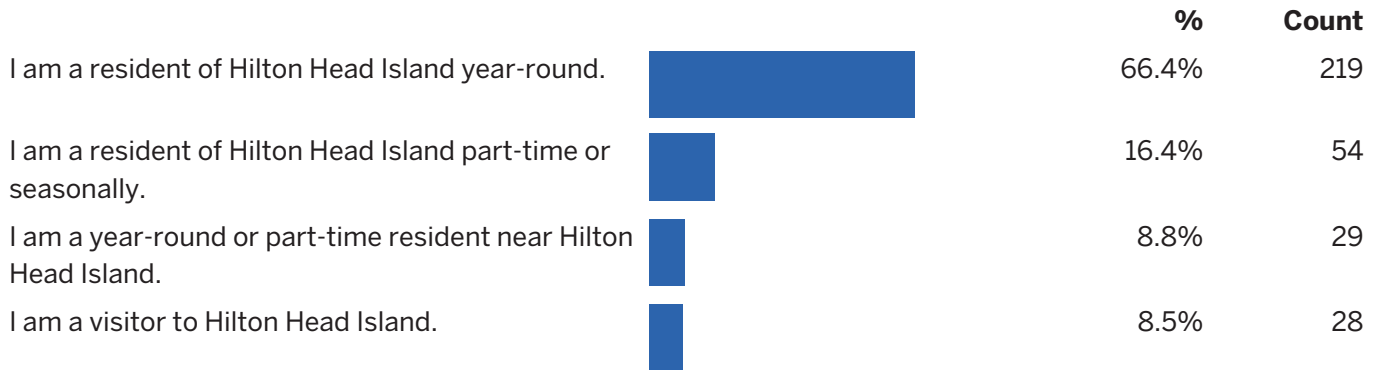
		%	Count
Parks and Recreation Commission meetings (observed or participated)		25.0%	28
Parks and Recreation Task Group meetings (observed or participated)		22.3%	25
Focus Group meetings with the consultant (observed or participated)		13.4%	15
Took the survey		81.3%	91
Attended an Open House		26.8%	30

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QUESTION 3

Which of the following best describes you?



QUESTION 4

What is the zip code of your primary residence? Enter 5 digits.

Count	329
Skipped	6
29926 or 29928 zip code	240

QUESTION 5

What is your age group?



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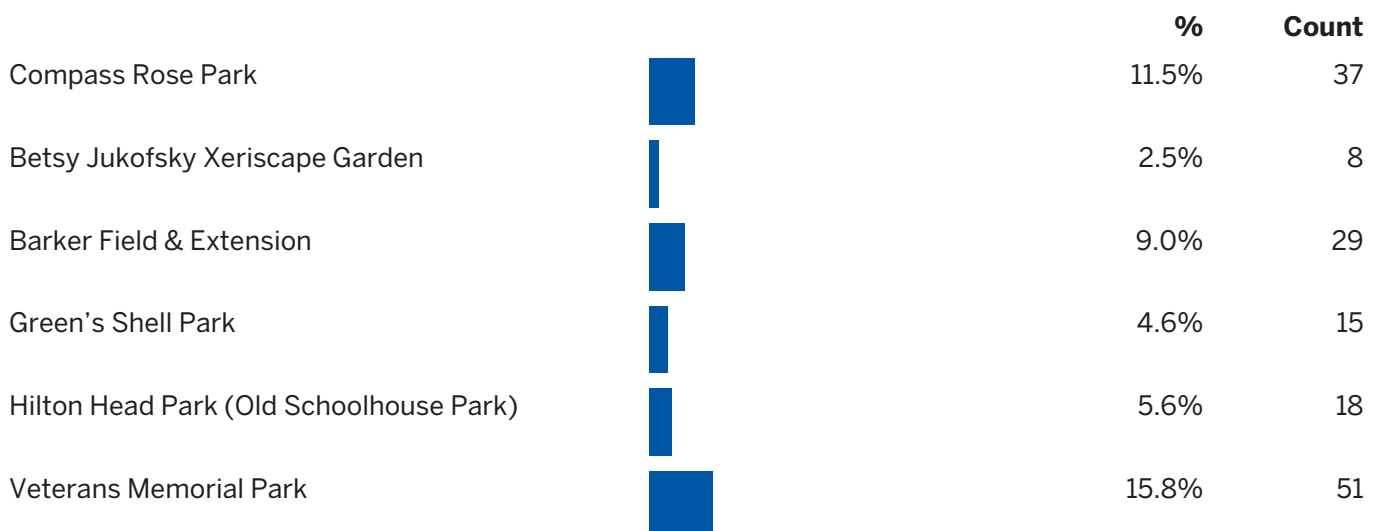
QUESTION 6

How often on average do you visit parks or beach parks on Hilton Head Island?






















QUESTION 7

Which parks do you visit? Select all that apply.



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		%	Count
Jarvis Creek Park		52.6%	170
Honey Horn		41.8%	135
Chaplin Community Park		42.4%	137
Shelter Cove Community Park		61.0%	197
Marshland Road Boat Landing		9.0%	29
Cross Island/ Broad Creek Boat Ramp		15.2%	49
Rowing & Sailing Center at Squire Pope Community Park		18.3%	59
Old House Creek Dock		1.9%	6
Crossings Park & Bristol Sports Arena		12.1%	39
Cordillo Tennis Courts		8.0%	26
Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park		23.2%	75
Folly Field Beach Park		26.9%	87
Driessen Beach Park		17.0%	55
Coligny Beach Park		42.4%	137
Alder Lane Beach Access		8.0%	26
Islander's Beach Park		35.0%	113
Burkes Beach Access		24.8%	80
Fish Haul Beach Park		30.3%	98
Island Recreation Center (Exterior & Pool)		46.4%	150

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QUESTION 8

In addition to Chaplin Park, Crossings Park and the Mid Island Tract, rank in order of preference the other existing park redevelopment projects you would like to see in the next several years.

1. Beach Parks
2. Islanders Beach Park
3. Jarvis Creek Park
4. Barker Field
5. Bristol Sports Arena
6. Hilton Head Park (Old Schoolhouse Park)
7. Greens Shell Park
8. Betsy Jukofsky Xeriscape Garden

QUESTION 9

Island parks are organized into park classifications. The current classifications include mini parks, community parks, regional parks, special use parks (such as Honey Horn), beach parks, sports parks, and neighborhood parks. Should there be a classification added for cultural and historic parks?



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QUESTION 10

Select the park facilities and amenities important to you that are needed on the Island for Sports.

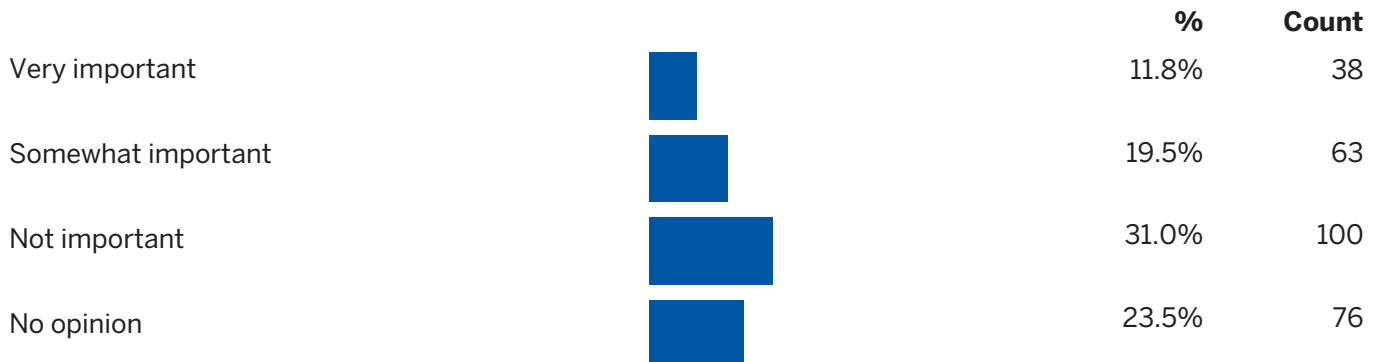
pickleball complex



sand volleyball courts



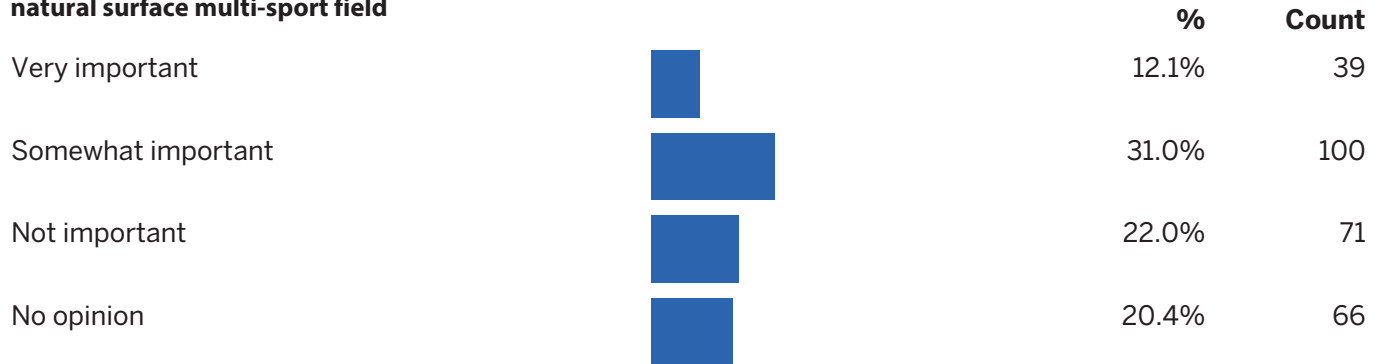
synthetic turf multi-sport field



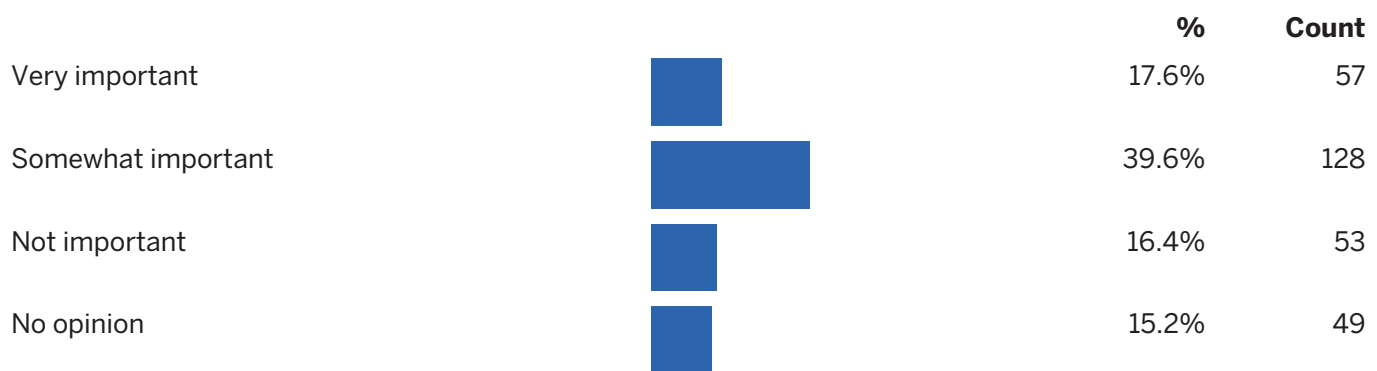
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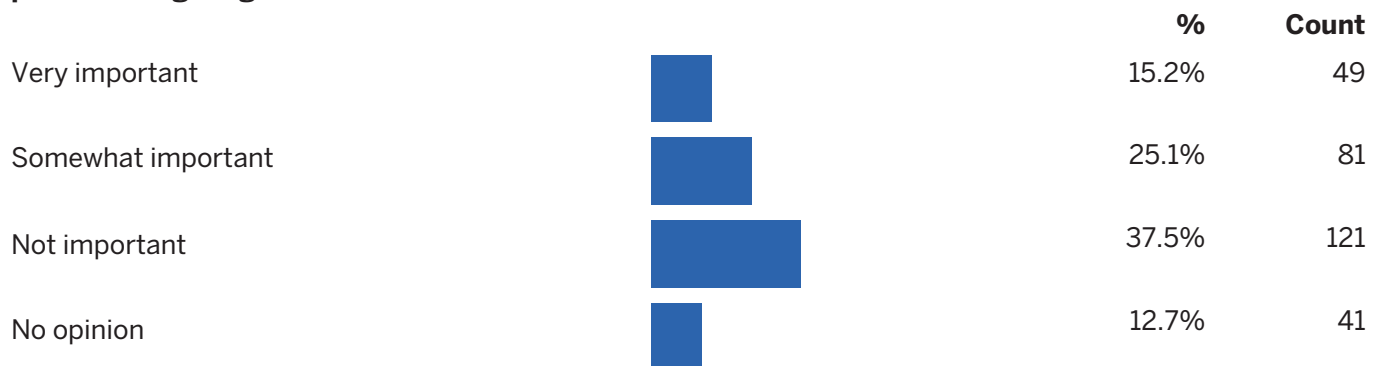
natural surface multi-sport field



general purpose natural turf field for community uses, such as pick-up ultimate Frisbee



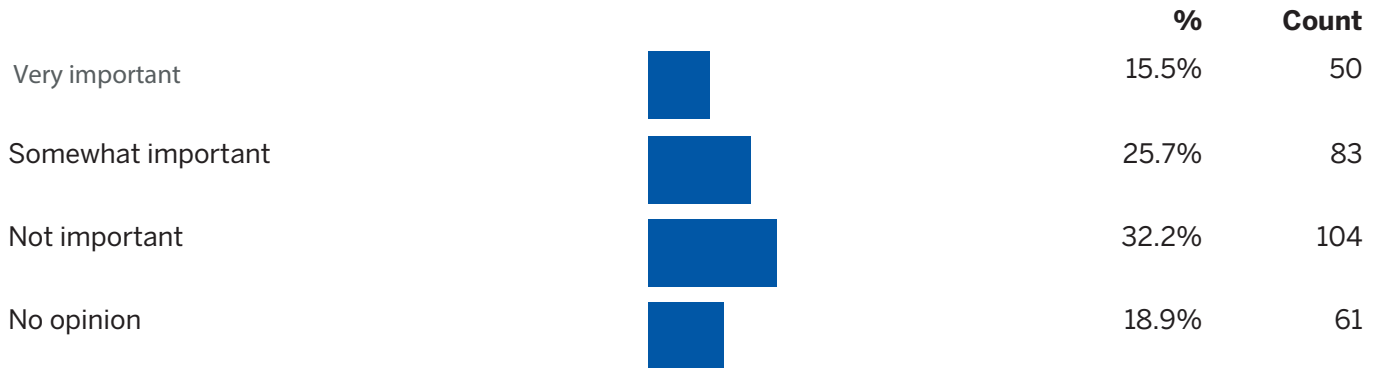
public driving range



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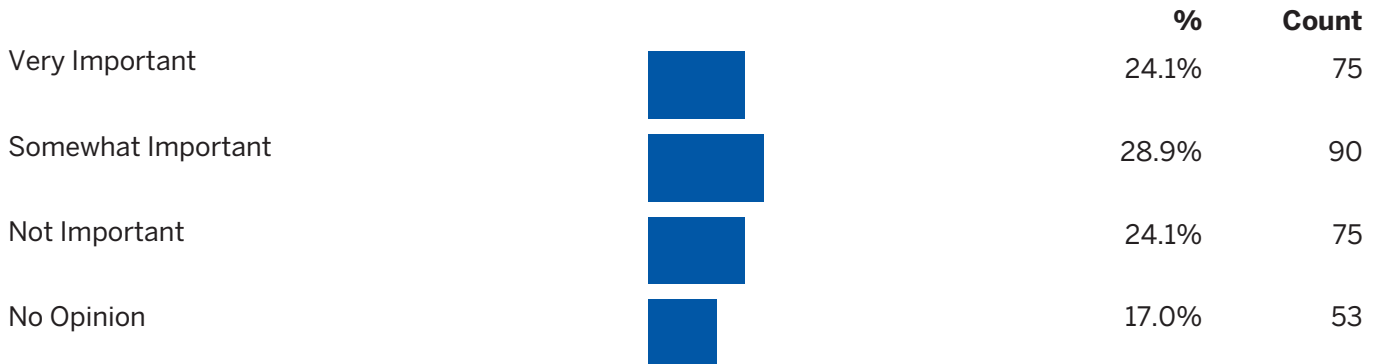
disc golf course



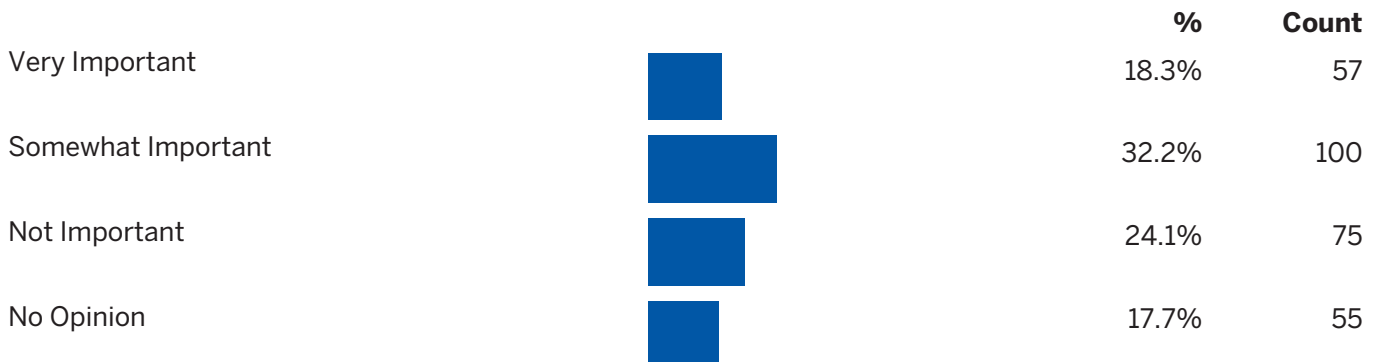
QUESTION 11

Select for the park facilities and amenities important to you that are needed on the Island for Water and Aquatics.

aquatic center



splash pads and water play areas



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water access for fishing



water access for non-motorized boats, such as kayaks and paddleboards



QUESTION 12

Select the park facilities and amenities important to you that are needed on the Island for Bicycle and Pedestrians (including walkers and joggers).

pump track facility



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off-road trails and boardwalks



dedicated beach bike route with mile markers and signage



fitness trails and fitness stations







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bike parking

		%	Count
Very important		32.5%	102
Somewhat important		45.9%	144
Not important		9.2%	29
No opinion		6.4%	20

bike maintenance stations

		%	Count
Very important		14.0%	44
Somewhat important		36.6%	115
Not important		29.9%	94
No opinion		13.1%	41

trailheads to support the pathway network

		%	Count
Very important		33.4%	105
Somewhat important		41.1%	129
Not important		8.0%	25
No opinion		11.8%	37

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QUESTION 13

Select the park facilities and amenities important to you that are needed on the Island for Nature and Culture.

public art

		%	Count
Very important		18.8%	59
Somewhat important		38.5%	121
Not important		25.8%	81
No opinion		11.5%	36

Interpretive signage and educational information

		%	Count
Very important		29.9%	94
Somewhat important		44.6%	140
Not important		13.1%	41
No opinion		9.2%	29

designated and/or recognized places for birders

		%	Count
Very important		21.7%	68
Somewhat important		42.4%	133
Not important		20.1%	63
No opinion		12.1%	38

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ADA accessible covered overlooks

		%	Count
Very important		33.8%	106
Somewhat important		40.8%	128
Not important		10.8%	34
No opinion		10.5%	33

QUESTION 14

Select the park facilities and amenities important to you that are needed on the Island for General Use.

inclusive playgrounds with poured-in-place safety surface

		%	Count
Very important		25.2%	79
Somewhat important		37.4%	117
Not important		20.4%	64
No opinion		12.1%	38

picnic pavilions

		%	Count
Very important		25.2%	79
Somewhat important		47.0%	147
Not important		16.6%	52
No opinion		9.6%	30

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QUESTION 15

Rank in order of preference the park facilities or amenity categories that are most important to you.

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian
2. Sports
3. Nature and Culture
4. General Use
5. Water and Aquatics

QUESTION 16

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or have no opinion on the following statements about recreation programming.

Sports Tourism: I would like to see more nature-based sporting events on the Island, such as paddleboard racing or fishing competitions.



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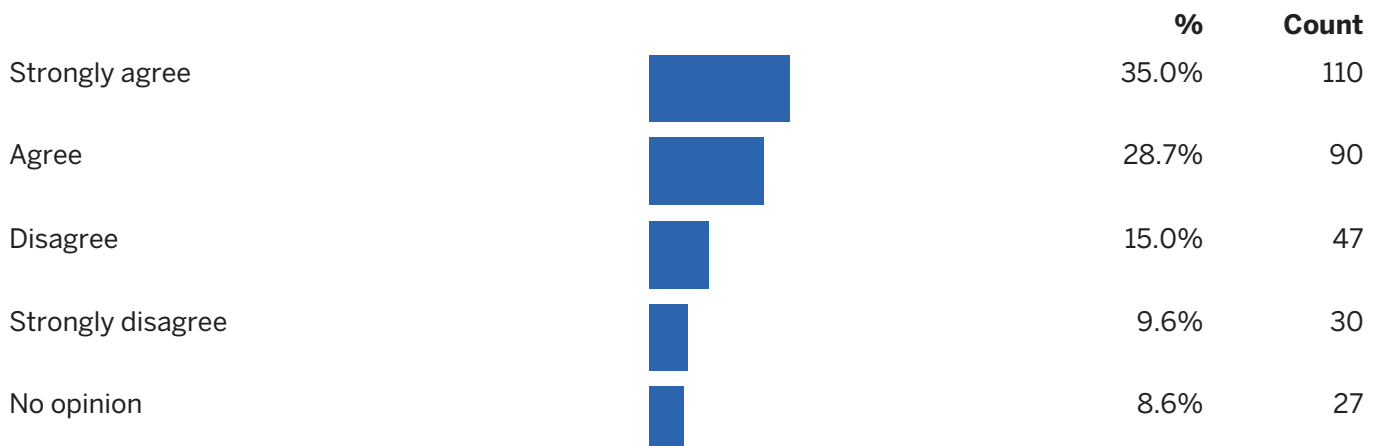
Sports Tourism: I would like to see more sporting events on the Island, such as pickleball tournaments and sand volleyball tournaments.



Sports Tourism: I would like to see more triathlon, biking or walking/running events.



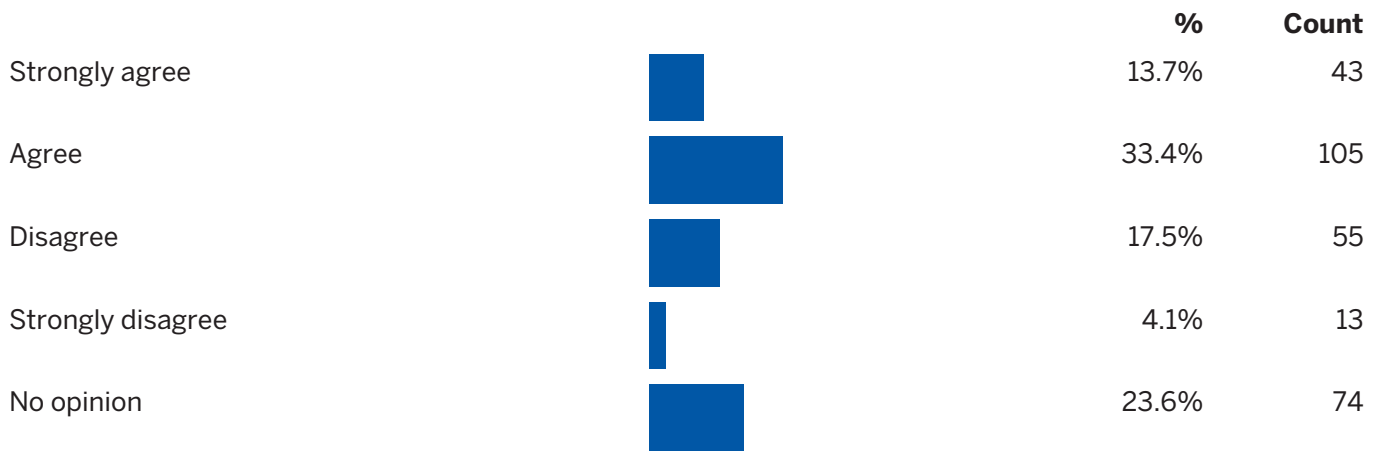
Sports Tourism: We need to improve the parks and add facilities so we can host special events like tournaments.



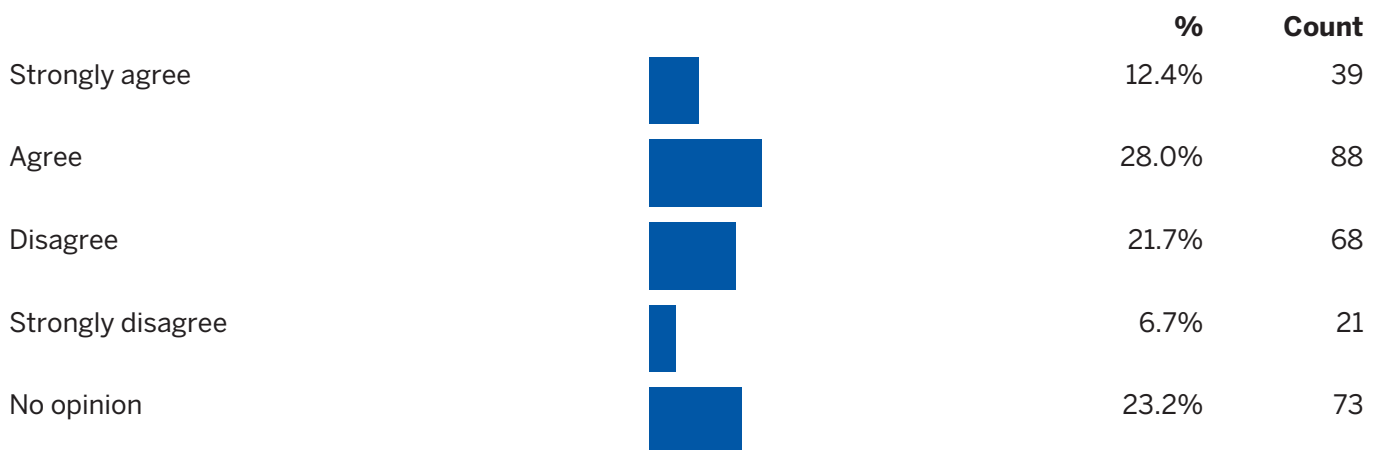
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Non-sports: there should be more non-sports programming for youth, such as arts.



Non-sports: There should be more non-sports programming for adults, such as cooking classes.



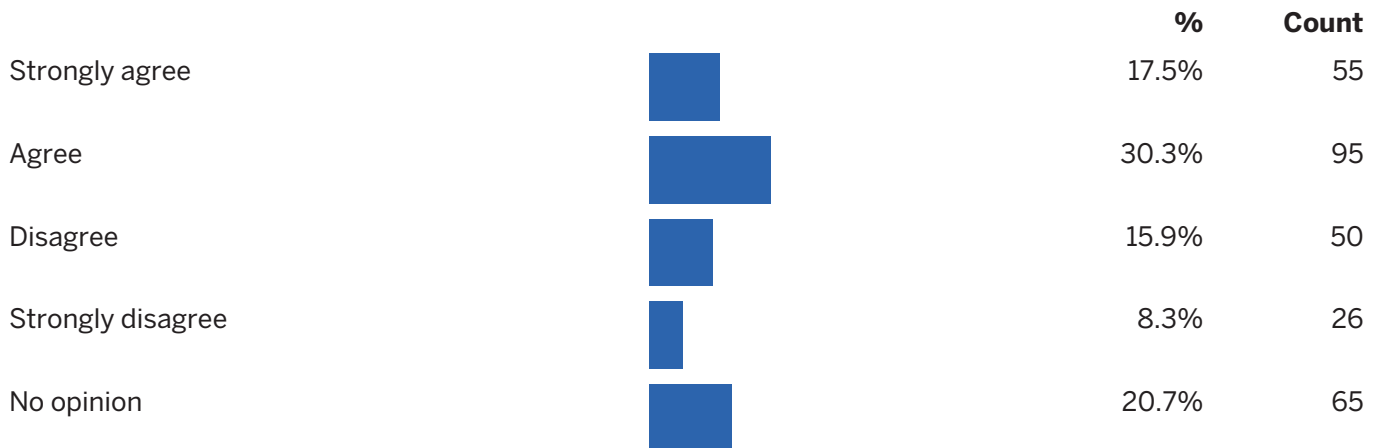
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Arts and Culture: I would like for there to be more festivals and events celebrating local arts, culture and businesses, such as Crescendo.



Arts and Culture: There should be more public art (temporary and permanent).



Arts and Culture: There should be more interpretive signage and education programs about the Island's history and culture.



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QUESTION 17

The Town should continue to partner with USCB to expand sports and non-sports recreation and program offerings on the Island for students, residents and visitors.



QUESTION 18

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements from the recommendations about funding for parks?

Increase funding from the Town of Hilton Head Island general fund budget to allow for improved maintenance of existing park facilities.



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Continue to look at alternative methods of increasing self-generated revenues to expand programming and special event opportunities.



Develop a tiered revenue policy to guide fees for programs and events.



Increase per capita spending so the recreation facilities and programs on Hilton Head Island better reflect the best-in-class image of the island.



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Provide additional funding for Island Rec staff as new park facilities are added to the system.



Consider other funding alternatives such as naming rights and beverage rights agreements to increase overall per capita funding.



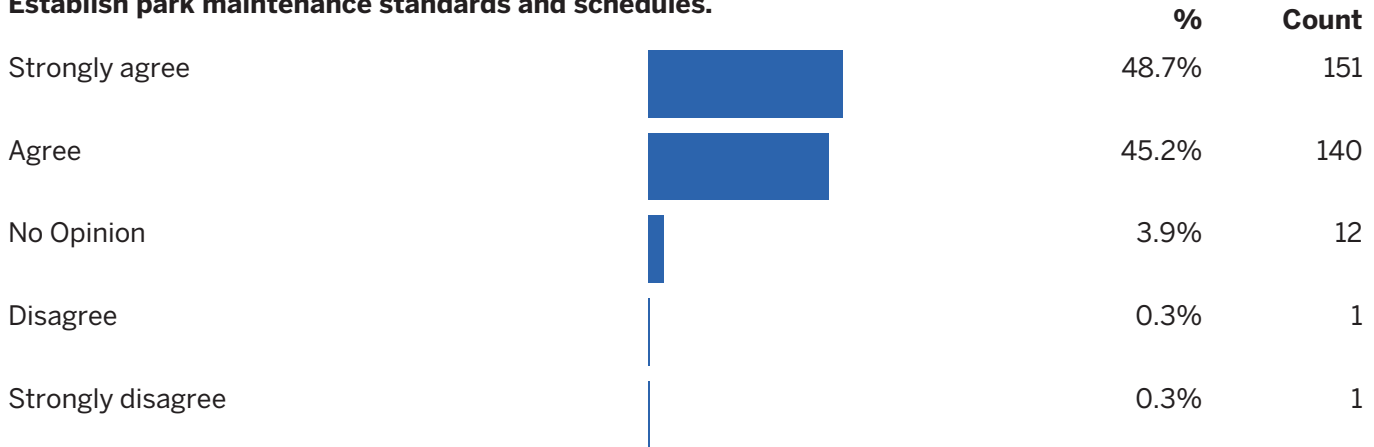
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QUESTION 19

Do you agree or disagree with the following recommendations about Maintenance and Operations.

Establish park maintenance standards and schedules.



Establish a marketing and communications program with the Island Recreation Association and the Town's communications platforms to promote the Island parks and recreation systems for residents and visitors.



Ensure the organizational structure defines each participating agency's roles.



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Evaluate the locations of the existing Debris Management Sites (DMS) to ensure the Town is maximizing its planned response to address goals and strategies related to resiliency as outlined in Our Plan, the Town's Comprehensive Plan.



QUESTION 20

Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's parks.

Answered	172
Skipped	163

QUESTION 21

Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's recreation facilities.

Answered	120
Skipped	215

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QUESTION 22

Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's programs.

Answered	57
Skipped	278

QUESTION 23

Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's funding.

Answered	69
Skipped	266

QUESTION 24

Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's maintenance and operations.

Answered	58
Skipped	277

QUESTION 25

Do you want to answer survey questions about Chaplin Community Park?






		%	Count
Yes		53.2%	177
No		46.8%	156

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QUESTION 26

How often on average do you visit Chaplin Community Park?

		%	Count
Almost daily		4.6%	8
Weekly		20.7%	36
Monthly		25.3%	44
Few times per year		31.6%	55
Rarely		17.8%	31

QUESTION 27

If you only visit the Chaplin Community Park a few times a year or rarely, why? Select all that apply.

		%	Count
I do not live in the area or near Chaplin Community Park.		24.2%	29
I mostly use the parks and recreation amenities or beach access provided in my community.		48.3%	58
There is not much for me to do at Chaplin Community Park.		37.5%	45
There is not enough parking or ADA access for me or my family.		6.7%	8
I am not interested in anything the Chaplin Community Park currently has to offer.		17.5%	21

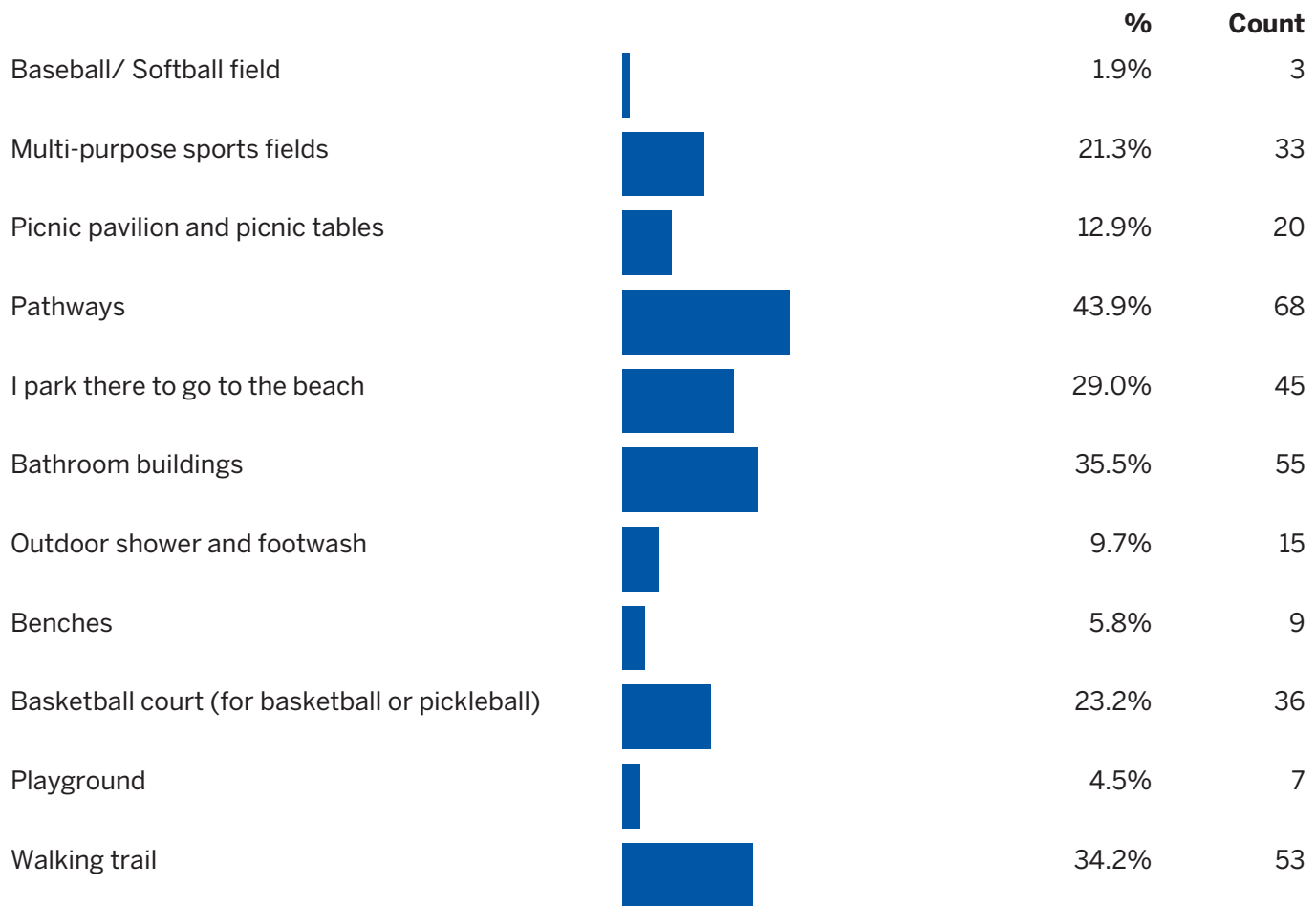
QUESTION 28

Which of the current amenities at Chaplin Community Park do you use when you visit? Select all that apply.

		%	Count
Dog park		23.9%	37
Tennis courts		21.9%	34

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QUESTION 29

The Master Plan recommends a complete redo of Chaplin Community Park. It should remain a community park with diverse sports and non-sports offerings for the Island community and visitors. This park has served the Island community well over the years, but now it is time to reimagine it.



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QUESTION 30

Explain your answer to the previous question regarding a complete renovation of Chaplin Community Park.

Answered	120
Skipped	215

QUESTION 31

Rank the following park amenities in order of importance that should be considered for Chaplin Community Park.

1. Other
 2. Off-road pathways and boardwalks
 3. Nature trail with interpretive panels
 4. A general use turf field for community use and pick-up games like ultimate Frisbee
 5. More pathways
 6. Fitness trail with workout stations
 7. More bathroom buildings
 8. Dog park
 9. Bird watching area
 10. Splash pad
 11. Playground
 12. Concession stand
 13. Picnic areas
 14. Picnic pavilions
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QUESTION 32

If you selected 'Other' in the previous question, please specify.

Answered	80
Skipped	255

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QUESTION 33

Rank the following recreation facilities in order of importance that should be considered for Chaplin Community Park.

1. Pickleball facility
 2. Turf multi-purpose sports fields
 3. Sand volleyball courts
 4. Disc Golf/ foot golf course
 5. Aquatics facility
 6. Tennis facility
 7. Bocce court
 8. Synthetic turf multi-purpose sports fields
 9. Outdoor basketball courts
 10. Baseball/ Softball field
 11. Pump track facility
 12. Other
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QUESTION 34

If you selected 'Other' in the previous question, please specify.

Answered	16
Skipped	319

QUESTION 35

Is there anything you would like for staff to know about Chaplin Community Park?

Answered	38
Skipped	297

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QUESTION 36

Do you want to answer survey questions about Crossings Park?

		%	Count
Yes		19.0%	62
No		81.0%	264





QUESTION 37

How often on average do you visit Crossings Park?

		%	Count
Almost daily		4.8%	3
Weekly		19.0%	12
Monthly		11.1%	7
Few times per year		33.3%	21
Rarely		31.7%	20

QUESTION 38

If you only visit the Crossings Park a few times a year or rarely, why? Select all that apply.

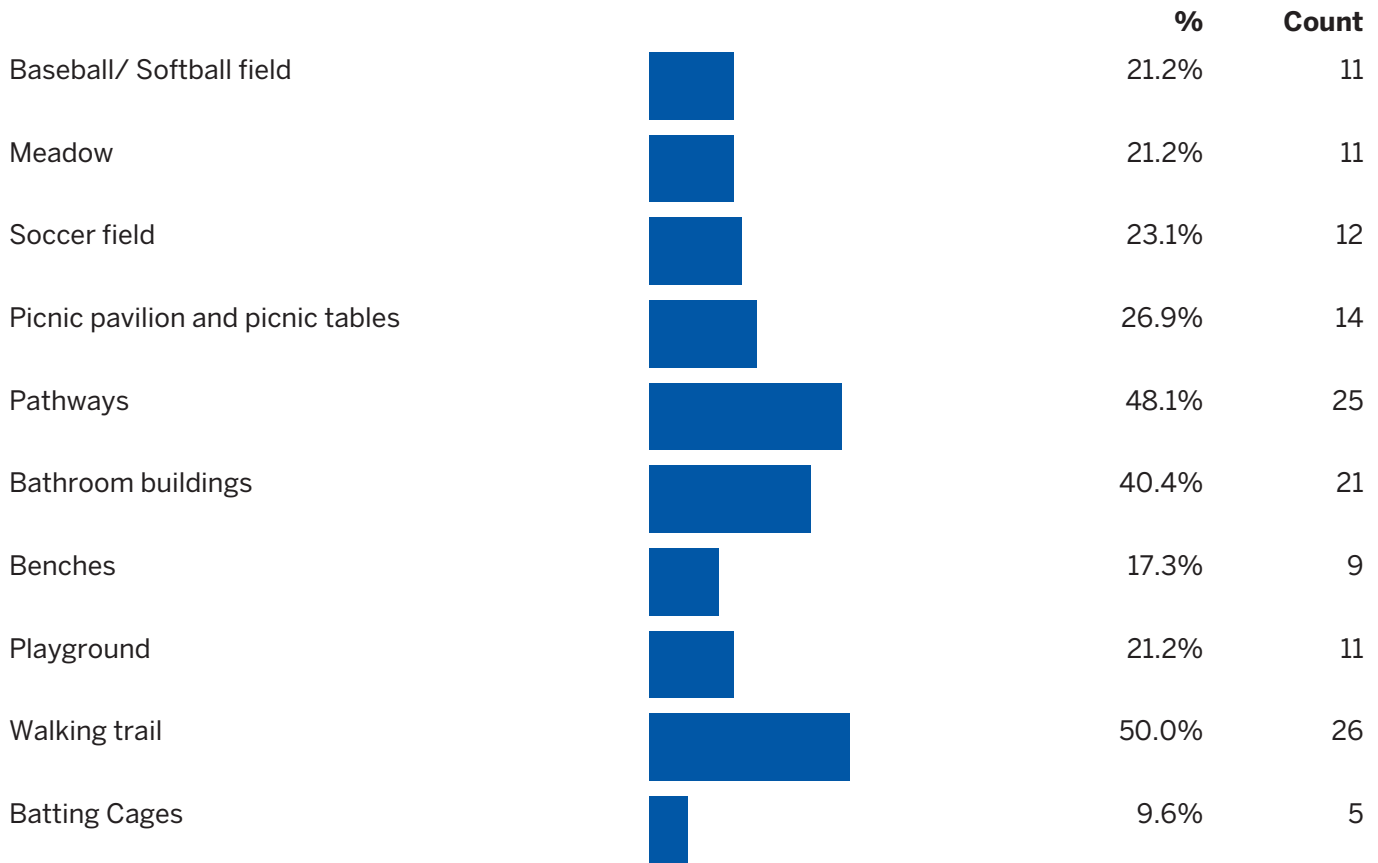
		%	Count
I do not live in the area or near Crossings Park.		43.8%	21
I mostly use the parks and recreation amenities or beach access provided in my community.		43.8%	21
There is not much for me to do at Crossings Park.		39.6%	19
There is not enough parking or ADA access for me or my family.		2.1%	1
I am not interested in anything the Crossings Park currently has to offer.		14.6%	7

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QUESTION 39

Which of the current amenities at Crossings Park do you use when you visit? Select all that apply.



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QUESTION 40

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommends a renovation of Crossings Park to include updating the baseball/softball fields and adding amenities to give it more of a community park feel. While this park has served the Island community well over the years, it is time to conduct a renovation.



QUESTION 41

Explain your answer to the previous question regarding a renovation of Crossings Park.

Answered	30
Skipped	305

QUESTION 42

Rank the following park amenities in order of importance that should be considered for Crossings Park

1. Nature trail with interpretive panels
2. A general use turf field or meadow for community use and pick-up games like ultimate Frisbee
3. Pathway connections and boardwalks
4. Single track trails for bikes
5. Bird watching area
6. Fitness trail with workout stations
7. Picnic pavilions
8. Dog park
9. More bathroom buildings
10. Playground
11. Splash pad
12. Other
13. Concession stand

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QUESTION 43

If you selected 'Other' in the previous question, please specify.

Answered	8
Skipped	327

QUESTION 44

The consultant recommended consolidating baseball/softball sports facilities at Crossings Park to include renovating the existing fields, adding two more fields and parking, and a few community type amenities, such as a new playground, to diversify the park to function as more of a community park.



QUESTION 45

Are there other active recreation or sports type facilities that should be considered for Crossings Park in addition to baseball and softball?

Answered	16
Skipped	319

QUESTION 46

Is there anything you would like for staff to know about Crossings Park?

Answered	15
Skipped	320

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QUESTION 47

Do you want to answer survey questions about the Mid Island Tract?

		%	Count
Yes		43.0%	141
No		57.0%	187

QUESTION 48

Did you ever visit the Mid Island Tract when it was a golf course?

		%	Count
Yes		43.4%	62
No		56.6%	81

QUESTION 49

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommends a new community park at the Mid Island Tract. The idea is for it to be a community park that offers a mix of sports and non-sports amenities for the Island residents and visitors.

		%	Count
Strongly Agree		52.1%	74
Agree		22.5%	32
No Opinion		3.5%	5
Disagree		11.3%	16
Strongly Disagree		10.6%	15

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QUESTION 50

Explain your answer to the previous question regarding the recommendation of a new community park at the Mid Island Tract.

Answered	96
Skipped	239

QUESTION 51

Rank the following typical park amenities in order of importance that should be considered for the Mid Island Tract.

1. Multi-use pathways
 2. Other
 3. Event lawn
 4. Event pavilion/ amphitheater
 5. Pavilions and picnic areas
 6. Inclusive playground with poured-in-play surface
 7. Dog park
 8. Splash pad
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QUESTION 52

If you selected 'Other' in the previous question, please specify.

Answered	57
Skipped	278

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QUESTION 53

Rank the following special use park amenities in order of importance that should be considered for the Mid Island Tract.

1. Off-road pathways and boardwalks for pedestrians and cyclists
2. Nature trail with interpretive panels
3. Planted meadow
4. Bird watching area
5. Conservation area/ outdoor classroom for education purposes
6. A general use turf field for community use and pick-up games like ultimate Frisbee
7. Fitness trail with workout stations
8. Public art
9. Other
10. Concession stand
11. Splash pad

QUESTION 54

If you selected 'Other' in the previous question, please specify.

Answered	27
Skipped	308

QUESTION 55

Rank the following active recreation facilities in order of importance that should be considered for Mid Island Tract.

1. Disc Golf/ foot golf course
2. Cross-country running course
3. Bocce court
4. Other
5. Turf multi-purpose sports fields
6. Sand volleyball courts
7. Synthetic turf multi-purpose sports fields
8. Pump track facility
9. Outdoor basketball courts

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QUESTION 56

If you selected 'Other' in the previous question, please specify.

Answered	32
Skipped	303

QUESTION 57

Is there anything you would like for staff to know about the Mid Island Tract?

Answered	42
Skipped	293

QUESTION 58

Do you have any other comments regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Our Plan?

Answered	100
Skipped	235

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Highlighted questions are open comment.

Survey Questions

QUESTION 1

Did you participate in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process?

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 2

If yes, how did you participate? Select all that apply.

- Parks and Recreation Commission meetings (observed or participated)
- Parks and Recreation Task Group meetings (observed or participated)
- Focus Group meetings with the consultant (observed or participated)
- Took the survey
- Attended an Open House

QUESTION 3

Which of the following best describes you?

- I am a resident of Hilton Head Island year-round.
- I am a resident of Hilton Head Island part-time or seasonally.
- I am a year-round or part-time resident near Hilton Head Island.
- I am a visitor to Hilton Head Island.

QUESTION 4

What is the zip code of your primary residence? Enter 5 digits.

QUESTION 5

What is your age group?

- 18 and under
- 19-34
- 35-54
- 55-74
- 75+

QUESTION 6

How often on average do you visit parks or beach parks on Hilton Head Island?

- Almost daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Few times per year
- Rarely

QUESTION 7

Which parks do you visit? Select all that apply.

- Compass Rose Park
- Betsy Jukofsky Xeriscape Garden
- Barker Field & Extension
- Green's Shell Park
- Hilton Head Park (Old Schoolhouse Park)
- Veterans Memorial Park
- Jarvis Creek Park
- Honey Horn
- Chaplin Community Park
- Shelter Cove Community Park
- Marshland Road Boat Landing
- Cross Island/ Broad Creek Boat Ramp
- Rowing & Sailing Center at Squire Pope Community Park
- Old House Creek Dock
- Crossings Park & Bristol Sports Arena
- Cordillo Tennis Courts
- Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park
- Folly Field Beach Park
- Driessen Beach Park
- Coligny Beach Park
- Alder Lane Beach Access
- Islander's Beach Park
- Burkes Beach Access
- Fish Haul Beach Park
- Island Recreation Center (Exterior & Pool)

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QUESTION 8

In addition to Chaplin Park, Crossings Park and the Mid Island Tract, rank in order of preference the other existing park redevelopment projects you would like to see in the next several years.

- Barker Field
- Bristol Sports Arena
- Hilton Head Park (Old Schoolhouse Park)
- Betsy Jukofsky Xeriscape Garden
- Greens Shell Park
- Jarvis Creek Park
- Beach Parks
- Islanders Beach Park

QUESTION 9

Island parks are organized into park classifications. The current classifications include mini parks, community parks, regional parks, special use parks (such as Honey Horn), beach parks, sports parks, and neighborhood parks. Should there be a classification added for cultural and historic parks?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

QUESTION 10

Select the park facilities and amenities important to you that are needed on the Island for Sports.

Row choices

- pickleball complex
- sand volleyball courts
- synthetic turf multi-sport field
- natural surface multi-sport field
- general purpose natural turf field for community uses, such as pick-up ultimate Frisbee
- public driving range
- disc golf course

Column choices

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important
- No opinion

QUESTION 11

Select for the park facilities and amenities important to you that are needed on the Island for Water and Aquatics.

Row choices

- aquatic center
- splash pads and water play areas
- water access for fishing
- water access for non-motorized boats, such as kayaks and paddleboards

Column choices

- Very Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important
- No Opinion

QUESTION 12

Select the park facilities and amenities important to you that are needed on the Island for Bicycle and Pedestrians (including walkers and joggers).

Row choices

- pump track facility
- off-road trails and boardwalks
- dedicated beach bike route with mile markers and signage
- fitness trails and fitness stations
- bike parking
- bike maintenance stations
- trailheads to support the pathway network

Column choices

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important
- No opinion

QUESTION 13

Select the park facilities and amenities important to you that are needed on the Island for Nature and Culture.

Row choices

- public art
- Interpretive signage and educational information
- designated and/or recognized places for birders
- ADA accessible covered overlooks

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Column choices

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important
- No opinion

QUESTION 14

Select the park facilities and amenities important to you that are needed on the Island for General Use.

Row choices

- inclusive playgrounds with poured-in-place safety surface
- picnic pavilions
- dog parks

Column choices

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important
- No opinion

QUESTION 15

Rank in order of preference the park facilities or amenity categories that are most important to you.

- Sports
- Water and Aquatics
- Bicycle and Pedestrian
- Nature and Culture
- General Use

QUESTION 16

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or have no opinion on the following statements about recreation programming.

Row choices

- Sports Tourism: I would like to see more nature-based sporting events on the Island, such as paddleboard racing or fishing competitions.
- Sports Tourism: I would like to see more sporting events on the Island, such as pickleball tournaments and sand volleyball tournaments.
- Sports Tourism: I would like to see more triathlon, biking or walking/running events.

- Sports Tourism: We need to improve the parks and add facilities so we can host special events like tournaments.
- Non-sports: there should be more non-sports programming for youth, such as arts.
- Non-sports: There should be more non-sports programming for adults, such as cooking classes.
- Arts and Culture: I would like for there to be more festivals and events celebrating local arts, culture and businesses, such as Crescendo.
- Arts and Culture: There should be more public art (temporary and permanent).
- Arts and Culture: There should be more interpretive signage and education programs about the Island's history and culture.

Column choices

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- No opinion

QUESTION 17

The Town should continue to partner with USCB to expand sports and non-sports recreation and program offerings on the Island for students, residents and visitors.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

QUESTION 18

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements from the recommendations about funding for parks?

Row choices

- Increase funding from the Town of Hilton Head Island general fund budget to allow for improved maintenance of existing park facilities.
- Continue to look at alternative methods of increasing self-generated revenues to expand programming and special event opportunities.
- Develop a tiered revenue policy to guide fees for programs and events.
- Increase per capita spending so the recreation facilities and programs on Hilton Head Island better reflect the best-in-class image of the island.

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- Provide additional funding for Island Rec staff as new park facilities are added to the system.
- Consider other funding alternatives such as naming rights and beverage rights agreements to increase overall per capita funding.

Column choices

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

QUESTION 19

Do you agree or disagree with the following recommendations about Maintenance and Operations.

Row choices

- Establish park maintenance standards and schedules.
- Establish a marketing and communications program with the Island Recreation Association and the Town's communications platforms to promote the Island parks and recreation systems for residents and visitors.
- Ensure the organizational structure defines each participating agency's roles.
- Evaluate the locations of the existing Debris Management Sites (DMS) to ensure the Town is maximizing its planned response to address goals and strategies related to resiliency as outlined in Our Plan, the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Column choices

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

QUESTION 20

Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's parks.

QUESTION 21

Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's recreation facilities.

QUESTION 22

Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's programs.

QUESTION 23

Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's funding.

QUESTION 24

Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's maintenance and operations.

QUESTION 25

Do you want to answer survey questions about Chaplin Community Park?

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 26

How often on average do you visit Chaplin Community Park?

- Almost daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Few times per year
- Rarely

QUESTION 27

If you only visit the Chaplin Community Park a few times a year or rarely, why? Select all that apply.

- I do not live in the area or near Chaplin Community Park.
- I mostly use the parks and recreation amenities or beach access provided in my community.
- There is not much for me to do at Chaplin Community Park.
- There is not enough parking or ADA access for me or my family.
- I am not interested in anything the Chaplin Community Park currently has to offer.

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QUESTION 28

Which of the current amenities at Chaplin Community Park do you use when you visit? Select all that apply.

- Dog park
- Tennis courts
- Baseball/ Softball field
- Multi-purpose sports fields
- Picnic pavilion and picnic tables
- Pathways
- I park there to go to the beach
- Bathroom buildings
- Outdoor shower and footwash
- Benches
- Basketball court (for basketball or pickleball)
- Playground
- Walking trail

QUESTION 29

The Master Plan recommends a complete redo of Chaplin Community Park. It should remain a community park with diverse sports and non-sports offerings for the Island community and visitors. This park has served the Island community well over the years, but now it is time to reimagine it.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

QUESTION 30

Explain your answer to the previous question regarding a complete renovation of Chaplin Community Park.

QUESTION 31

Rank the following park amenities in order of importance that should be considered for Chaplin Community Park.

- More pathways
- Off-road pathways and boardwalks
- Picnic pavilions

- More bathroom buildings
- Picnic areas
- A general use turf field for community use and pick-up games like ultimate Frisbee
- Fitness trail with workout stations
- Dog park
- Playground
- Splash pad
- Nature trail with interpretive panels
- Bird watching area
- Concession stand
- Other

QUESTION 32

If you selected 'Other' in the previous question, please specify.

QUESTION 33

Rank the following recreation facilities in order of importance that should be considered for Chaplin Community Park.

- Pickleball facility
- Tennis facility
- Outdoor basketball courts
- Aquatics facility
- Turf multi-purpose sports fields
- Synthetic turf multi-purpose sports fields
- Baseball/ Softball field
- Disc Golf/ foot golf course
- Sand volleyball courts
- Bocce court
- Pump track facility
- Other

QUESTION 34

If you selected 'Other' in the previous question, please specify.

QUESTION 35

Is there anything you would like for staff to know about Chaplin Community Park?

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QUESTION 36

Do you want to answer survey questions about Crossings Park?

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 37

How often on average do you visit Crossings Park?

- Almost daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Few times per year
- Rarely

QUESTION 38

If you only visit the Crossings Park a few times a year or rarely, why? Select all that apply.

- I do not live in the area or near Crossings Park.
- I mostly use the parks and recreation amenities or beach access provided in my community.
- There is not much for me to do at Crossings Park.
- There is not enough parking or ADA access for me or my family.
- I am not interested in anything the Crossings Park currently has to offer.

QUESTION 39

Which of the current amenities at Crossings Park do you use when you visit? Select all that apply.

- Baseball/ Softball field
- Meadow
- Soccer field
- Picnic pavilion and picnic tables
- Pathways
- Bathroom buildings
- Benches
- Playground
- Walking trail
- Batting Cages

QUESTION 40

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommends a renovation of Crossings Park to include updating the baseball/softball fields and adding amenities to give it more of a community park feel. While this park has served the Island community well over the years, it is time to conduct a renovation.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

QUESTION 41

Explain your answer to the previous question regarding a renovation of Crossings Park.

QUESTION 42

Rank the following park amenities in order of importance that should be considered for Crossings Park

- Pathway connections and boardwalks
- Single track trails for bikes
- Picnic pavilions
- A general use turf field or meadow for community use and pick-up games like ultimate Frisbee
- Fitness trail with workout stations
- Dog park
- More bathroom buildings
- Playground
- Splash pad
- Nature trail with interpretive panels
- Bird watching area
- Concession stand
- Other

QUESTION 43

If you selected 'Other' in the previous question, please specify.

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QUESTION 44

The consultant recommended consolidating baseball/softball sports facilities at Crossings Park to include renovating the existing fields, adding two more fields and parking, and a few community type amenities, such as a new playground, to diversify the park to function as more of a community park.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

QUESTION 45

Are there other active recreation or sports type facilities that should be considered for Crossings Park in addition to baseball and softball?

QUESTION 46

Is there anything you would like for staff to know about Crossings Park?

QUESTION 47

Do you want to answer survey questions about the Mid Island Tract?

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 48

Did you ever visit the Mid Island Tract when it was a golf course?

- Yes
- No

QUESTION 49

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommends a new community park at the Mid Island Tract. The idea is for it to be a community park that offers a mix of sports and non-sports amenities for the Island residents and visitors.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- No Opinion
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

QUESTION 50

Explain your answer to the previous question regarding the recommendation of a new community park at the Mid Island Tract.

QUESTION 51

Rank the following typical park amenities in order of importance that should be considered for the Mid Island Tract.

- Inclusive playground with poured-in-play surface
- Pavilions and picnic areas
- Splash pad
- Dog park
- Multi-use pathways
- Event lawn
- Event pavilion/ amphitheater
- Other

QUESTION 52

If you selected 'Other' in the previous question, please specify.

QUESTION 53

Rank the following special use park amenities in order of importance that should be considered for the Mid Island Tract.

- Splash pad
- Off-road pathways and boardwalks for pedestrians and cyclists
- Fitness trail with workout stations
- A general use turf field for community use and pick-up games like ultimate Frisbee
- Nature trail with interpretive panels
- Bird watching area
- Conservation area/ outdoor classroom for education purposes
- Planted meadow
- Concession stand
- Public art
- Other

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QUESTION 54

If you selected 'Other' in the previous question, please specify.

QUESTION 55

Rank the following active recreation facilities in order of importance that should be considered for Mid Island Tract.

- Outdoor basketball courts
- Turf multi-purpose sports fields
- Synthetic turf multi-purpose sports fields
- Disc Golf/ foot golf course
- Sand volleyball courts
- Bocce court
- Pump track facility
- Cross-country running course
- Other

QUESTION 56

If you selected 'Other' in the previous question, please specify.

QUESTION 57

Is there anything you would like for staff to know about the Mid Island Tract?

QUESTION 58

Do you have any other comments regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Our Plan?

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20. Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's parks.
utilize as much natural beauty for trails and bike paths. Keep as much green space as possible.
A Disc golf course/s would be a great addition to the Hilton Head area. It would not just benefit to the locals of all ages but bring in more visitors and bring in more revenue for the area as well as host events and tournaments.
A multi use turf field is something the island sorely lacking. Named sponsorship could absorb most of the cost.
A stadium and or venue to promote sporting events / tournaments. Such as Pickleball (fastest growing sport), title sponsor, baseball / softball, Lacrosse, etc.
An overall facility with many courts, fields and a A/V facility to stream events and broadcast events. Title Sponsors for everything
A well designed disc golf course would be a big draw for locals and visitors alike. As well could provide an opportunities for tournaments as well.
Add at least 1 or 2 new disc golf courses on the island. The sport itself is constantly growing and as someone who is on the island multiple times/week and working with a lot of visitors at their Air BNBs, people ask me all the time where they can go. The courses on the island have never been maintained so they have to drive over an hour to play and tourists do not want to do that.
Adding public, well managed pickleball courts would be a good, healthy improvement for the community.
Additional reads better!
Any changes with waterways, marshes and flow of water consult nature experts to understand impact of wildlife.
We have such beauty around us with birds and other wildlife. Areas for photography and or watching is key!
Beautiful parks. Just need improvements.
Better Parks = More Usage! Keep improving them
Birding, nature interests, walking trails are very popular; just look how busy Sea Pines Nature Preserve is to get an idea of what tourists like other than golf and beach. Birding/nature areas are slowly being diminished. I have heard many tourists in the past ask what has happened to Fish Haul Creek park with all the dogs running loose, chasing after the wildlife.
Can we have an area in each park with flowering plants for the butterflies
Chaplin Park pickleball and tennis center as described as a 2.9 million dollar complex ASAP
Disc golf is a sport for all ages but has grown tremendously with the retirement community across the country.
Do not charge Bluffton residents. Bluffton residents are so close to HH that we support much of the economy - especially off season!
HH needs dog park for pups to play.
Don't need more parks. We need undeveloped space
Emphasis must be placed on adequate parking at all parks, not just the events at the park
Excited about pickle ball center possibilities. Hilton Head can and should become a national stage for this fast growing sport.
Facilities should be primarily supported with a fee for service concept.
For a community our size and reputation we should have a town Parks and Recreation Department with a dedicated budget and funding the same as other town departments.

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For the "Mid-Island tract/the old Planter's Row Golf Course" - NO COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. I keep hearing about preserving green space and the natural beauty of HHI, but in reality, this doesn't seem to be the case. More condos, more building variances, more code changes, more tourist \$\$, seems to currently be the only mantra.
HHI needs dedicated pickleball courts
HHI needs disc golf
HHI needs to develop modern facilities to compliment the golf and tennis on the island. This would include a pickleball complex capable of hosting major tournaments and support the interest on the island.
Hilton Head is a beautiful island and our parks need to reflect this with updated facilities and pretty grounds.
Hilton Head Island is in dire need of a dedicated Pickleball Center to capitalize on the fastest growing sport in the US. It would further dramatically enhance the overall image of this beautiful all encompassing island.
I am a responsible dog owner and I get upset about people not picking up the poops on the beach... maybe the beach patrol should start to collect fines!
I am apart of a large group that would love to have disc golf in the area!
I am impressed with the number of parks on the island and the condition in which they are kept. I personally would like to see more open, natural areas for public use for bird watching and nature walks. I also enjoy the bike routes and would like to see additions in areas that currently have none.
I am opposed to any lighting or grandstands at the proposed mid-island park. We need to maintain and promote the natural beauty of the Island and not detract from it with man made structures.
I am very excited about the town's plans for Planters Row park. Please work to limit the housing and multi-level units at the site.
I applaud all who are involved in planning, improving and maintaining our various parks. Our parks are our biggest asset to be enjoyed by all. Thank you very much for all of your hard work.
I believe Forest Beach residents should not have to pay to park. It's bad enough you put up that monstrosity you call a park so close to people's residences, so I guess that will be the icing on the cake. Put all this crap somewhere else.
I believe the Town should consider adding passive parks for enjoyment of nature. One area well suited for this is the old Planter's Row golf course. I would also like to see a biking and pedestrian trail completed from Shelter Cove to Chaplin community Park.
I enjoy our parks and recreational facilities, and feel that expanding and maintaining them is a priority. I see it as a draw for the tourist and a benefit to living on this beautiful Island.
I enjoy our parks and would like to protect them.
I feel that simply using the word "recreation" to describe is a disservice because it can so easily be interpreted as just fun and games. For the majority of HHI's residents these are probably best described as a "health and recreation" proposals. Having quality and easily accessible facilities for both physical activities such as sport as well as art and cultural activities all contribute to one's overall health and well being. I believe that this viewpoint should be mentioned and strongly considered when reviewing funding. There is no higher priority than the health of our residents.
I feel that we should place emphasis on increasing our quality of life through developing our parks for more than active recreation. Good examples of this are Shelter Cove and our new Low Country Celebration Park in Coligny. The Chaplin Linear Park should be developed immediately as an educational experience teaching the visitors about the seven ecosystems that exist along its path from Broad Creek to The Beach. The park should also include public art.

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<p>I feel we have an above average variety of parks on the island. However the one area not represented is a significant nature preserve area with walking trails, picnic, and nature viewing. For example, think the Seapines forest preserve in The Seapines Plantation. We could use a park like that which is open to all island residents.</p>
<p>I grew up on Hilton Head but live in Charleston now. Disc golf has become a big thing here and I think it would fit in very well at some of the parks on Hilton Head, specifically at the new Planters Row park. It would be great to see a disc golf course installed at that park, and I'm sure if a few courses were added to the island it would only be a good thing for tourism and for the locals. An 18 hole course could easily fit at Planters Row, and since it used to be a golf course it would be very easy to set up a course. Would love to see some disc golf added to Hilton Head!</p>
<p>I highly encourage the town to use the Planters Row old golf course for a disc golf course. This area could be left with main walking/biking paths but also have the disc golf nestled within the area. I think they should use the Planters Row old golf course kind of like the Sea Pines Forest Preserve and the paths be gravel or just compact dirt, no need for pavement. Also, there could be disc golf nestled within the area.</p>
<p>I love the parks here. I am somewhat new to the community, having moved here early this year, but I have been to most of them at least once and some many times. I think that what is lacking here primarily are more bike trails that are similar to the path near Burke's Beach access. Something that is more of a trail rather than a paved path. Additionally, some of the parks need updating, as indicated by the questions asked. Water refill stations with sanitizing light would be awesome.</p>
<p>I love the parks on HHI. I can't wait to see what is done with Planter Row. I would love to see: - Old cart paths fixed enough to bike on them. - Use the old fairways for foot golf and frisbee golf</p>
<p>I strongly agree with plans that keep the Mid Island Trac primarily natural or open space developed. Walking trails, dog park, etc make sense. Please avoid "development" or a "venue". We have a beautiful island and should take the opportunity to preserve that whenever possible.</p>
<p>I think the pickleball should be at Port Royal property as a centerpiece and an area for future expansion. This project needs to be done immediately as we have been pursuing this over 5 years. We are light years behind other communities. We originally chose Chaplin so we did not need to add bathrooms and parking. I would like to see some of the courts be covered to shield the sun (it is very taxing on seniors to play in 90 degree plus temp) and permit play during or after rain. It would be a real plus for tournaments as they could be held rain or shine.</p>
<p>I use the dog park daily and am not happy with the way it is maintained and designed. The dog watering area is a big mud hole for dogs and is not designed to drain very well. Dirt never gets refreshed and it has lots of germs-dogs are getting sick from the poop. Some towns have beautiful natured & grass dog areas ...HHI dog park is a big poop dump with very low maintenance. No grass, waterfalls, and/or play equipment for the animals. People have been seriously hurt from being knocked down on the hard services. Why can't the city create a grassy area and/or a turf drainage area for the dogs. This park is probably the most used and frequented by the HHI residents and guest. There are too many people using this small park ..more dog park area is needed. Agility and dog play run/areas are needed.</p>
<p>I use the parks primarily for nature and especially birdwatching. This means the more natural the better, and dogs, especially off leash, are a detriment.</p>
<p>I was informed of this survey for making a disc golf course, which I think very many people would like to see. I travel to HHI from Savannah just about every weekend, so these improvements would be wonderful</p>

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I would like for the Port Royal golf site to become an executive course (par 3), Has that been discussed? We have no beginner golf courses on the island.
I would like to see some of our parks be quiet parks such as Jarvis Creek where there is a peaceful setting for walking around the lake, resident oriented more than visitor oriented. It should not be commercialized for the visitors. We need a little oasis during tourist time.
I would like to suggest a pitch and putt or par 3 configuration for part of the new Mid island park. This would also allow space for emergency debris in the event of storms.
I would love to see another playground like the one at the Island Rec Center. I have traveled to other places with similar playgrounds and my kids enjoy them so much more than the ones currently at Jarvis and Chaplin Park. I think it is important to make sure playgrounds are out in the open so parents can watch kids play sports and also see their other kids on the playground equipment which is not the case at Chaplin.
I would love to see more Disc Golf parks on the island!
I would love to see more public launch ramps for kayakers/paddleboarders.
If you are planning a Pickleball facility, be sure to include: benches, stations for water & gear, courts placed with the sun's path considered/rain runoff/easy access/fencing & netting. Why not put state of the art rollout roofs & sides to some for inclement weather use.
In general, I would like to see Hilton Head as a nature, cultural, historical spot, not a sports based, triathlon center, etc. Having said that I don't object to those special events, but keep in mind this is an island only 12 x 4.5 miles and we must preserve, protect and promote the fragile ecology of the Lowcountry.
It would be desirable for the town to have 100% ownership & maintenance responsibility for ALL the parks on the island.
It's great that we have so many parks available in such a small area!
It's wonderful that our little island has so many varied parks & activities available.
I've lived a lot of places, and very much appreciate the cleanliness, variety, and overall usability of our parks.
Jarvis Creek I love Jarvis Creek park and I believe it is an untapped goldmine for the town. You could turn Jarvis Creek park into a watersports complex run by the town. This could be a huge revenue generator and green outdoor tourism. This Facility could bring in multiple Tournaments and competitions. The town could bring in revenue form: Kayak/Canoe/Paddleboard/Peddle boat rentals Freshwater fishing equipment rentals Waterski/Wakeboard complex (Lessons, Tournaments) Wakeboard Cable park (Lessons, Hour/day rates of usage,Tournaments) Swimming and beach front. Another option for locals and tourist looking to relax, swim, play, and looking for open water training other than the ocean. Great facility for triathlons. This would be great for Locals and Tourist. We are always looking for ways to capture both of these markets. This park could be the golden ticket especially with its location. No developments or neighborhoods would be bothered by this.
Jarvis Park has a trash problem.

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<p>Leave Islanders beach for residents only. Stop busing tourists.</p> <p>Our island is an important stop for migrating birds, we need to stop removing trees and building.</p> <p>Need more passive parks that our quiet and relaxing.</p>
<p>Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.</p>
<p>Love our parks!</p>
<p>Love to see a full Disc Golf Course</p>
<p>Maintain natural beauty of the island, consider impact on wildlife first! Tailor changes to existing demographic (50+ years). Don't destroy parks to add sport courts when there isn't the population to support. Consider adding more public, well lit tennis courts.</p>
<p>Make idle areas such as the area next to Broad Creek Marina more accessible by using something like a gyrotrac to construct walking paths. There is also an area next to Broad Creek where a crabbing/kayaking dock can be installed. Parking can be under the power lines. This property is not usable as it is now but can be a beautiful asset to the Parks Department.</p>
<p>Make Islander's Beach Park for Islander's only as it name says. Stop the time share buses from dropping people off and remove the metered parking to stop the day trippers. Make it that you have to have a beach pass to park there.</p>
<p>Many of them aren't terribly accessible.</p>
<p>More natural surface spaces for active recreation would make life easier for active families.</p>
<p>More nature trails</p>
<p>More open space for nature, for birding and to continue the beauty of the Island.</p>
<p>More passive parks! Disc golf!</p>
<p>More pickleball courts for free</p>
<p>More public art would be great. It will give us a stronger identity.</p>
<p>Natural habitat must be preserved. It was the Hilton Head trademark. Not enough of the questions were about nature trails, birding, preserving trees.</p>
<p>Need a dedicated disc golf course!</p>
<p>Need less pavement and more natural areas</p>
<p>Need more access for nature based activities like birding and kayaking. Need more educational signage.</p>
<p>Need more expertise to determine best approaches to resolve issues raised in prior questions. We need to bridge the gap between different HHI functions and have a parks director responsible and accountable for upcoming projects and operations, not as it is now with different organizations responsible for Separate functional areas.</p>
<p>Need more grassy dog parks, not dirty dust and mud bowls</p>
<p>Need more pickleball facilities</p>
<p>Need permanent pickleball courts</p>
<p>Need Pickleball Complex.</p>
<p>Our family loves our parks, however there is a great need for additional fun/safe places for people to ride bikes. Not just on the bike trails, but off road, BMX or pump tracks.</p>
<p>Our main reason to stay in Hilton Head for an extended period of time is to play pickleball. We believe a new pickleball center would attract more tourists and grow the sport of pickleball on the island.</p>
<p>Our visitors primarily come to Hilton Head to go to the beach or play golf. I do not want to see Hilton Head have parks that have rides or anything unnatural that will draw large loud crowds. I think our parks need to remain natural for walking, biking and enjoying the natural scenery.</p>
<p>Overall, HHI has many excellent park options.</p>
<p>Parking seems to be a problem at both parks and beach facilities.</p>

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Parks in general are a place where drug dealers hang out, and kids get into trouble. They should be discouraged.
Parks need to be upgraded to meet the new demands for field sport as well as emerging sports such as pickleball.
Parks that offer wildlife and habitat protection are very important to Hilton Head in order to protect the birds, sea turtles/wildlife, and watery ecosystems that draw so many to Hilton Head. Do not overdevelop recreational facilities or encourage uses that come at the expense of nesting habitats for birds or breeding grounds for turtles.
Parks, art, culture, etc., should be for the pleasure of people here (visitors and residents) but not tourist attractions
Pickleball is the fastest growth sport in the US. There should be a large focus on creating public courts for locals and tourist to enjoy. October 22-25 is the APP Tour Pickleball Tournament at Palmetto Dunes, if we had a larger facility we could host bigger tournaments to draw players from all over the US.
Planters row golf course should be kept as a natural area for recreational activities, walking, biking and the natural enjoyment of the environment
Planters row mid island track should be a passive park NOT a soccer/ball field, NOT an aquatic center, NOT housing and NOT some type of sports complex. Need green space especially in area hit so hard with airport expansion beyond original master plan, arbournature fiasco, tree clear cutting.
Please build disc golf courses
Please consider building a bike pump track. They are growing very popular, and are a great way to workout. Pump tracks are great for any age.
Please include Disc Golf! Many part time residents and visitors to the island play disc golf in their respective places of residence and HHI is in need a championship caliber Disc Golf Course/s!
Please leave the trees!
Please make bike/hike trails along the power lines and other right-of-ways...gravel trails are great - not everything has to be paved to be enjoyed - get the power co-op to partner and allow access. One great section for this is the power line section along 278 as you first come onto the island. It's impossible to bike / walk from hhi to Pinckney (while that area may not fall under the parks Dept...find a way to partner w that gov organization and make Pinckney a proper gateway to hhi).
The power lines and bike path by crossings park that heads to the toll bridge...make that a community garden under the power lines and "rent out" garden plots as a fund raiser for the parks Dept. Image a bunch of locals growing their own food & flowers, or clubs growing and selling what they have pulled from the soil at the honey horn farmers market. Or small community farmers providing fresh local grown crops to our local restaurants. Develop that space with parking, a water source for the garden plots and public bathrooms. In time you will see what is currently an eye-sore / waste of space become a badge of honor for our town.
It would be great for locals and tourists to have kayak/boat/SUP destinations- provide access to many of the mini islands locally & partner with Pinckney & Bluffton to make a "water-way" trail with multiple "trail-heads" and maybe even some day use areas accessible only via the water trail. A vendor could do a food truck at the trailhead and a company like outside HHI could do a SUP/Kayak rental business there.
Please prioritize a Pickleball complex at Chaplin Park
Please provide recreational activities for seniors. We pay the bulk of the taxes. Dedicated Pickel Ball courts are needed

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Please remove the parking meters at Islanders' Beach Park so that the parking lot is reserved strictly for those of us who have paid for the pass.
Prioritize protecting the island's natural habitats upon which local flora and fauna depend.
Prioritize the development of the Planters Row Golf Course area into a community park with; wide paved walking paths and separated marked bike paths (one direction signage and mile-markers), an adjacent dirt running path (to safely allow walkers/bikers and runners to simultaneously access the trail); large natural grass athletic fields; an outdoor stage (for music performances) with a naturally graded inclined grass area for seating/chairs/blankets to accommodate an audience of 750 people; permanent structure bathrooms and environmentally friendly drinking fountains/water bottle filling stations; Parking lots made from permeable material to handle 300+ cars; and a maintenance budget that covers weekly lawn/trimming, cleaning of facilities, and regular safety patrols to keep the community park beautiful.
probably should be more shade areas, I realize you don't want ppl camping out, but boy can that sun be hot all day. I think you need a "moveable feast" around to all the parks, "park of the week" or something. ALOT of ppl don't know about all of them. phone recharging areas- even if you have to pay? Dare I say let vendors sponser a park and allow some food service, means "eyes on location" to keep people honest.
Provide recycling bins.
Really think it is critical to build the Pickleball facility! The sport is growing so fast and played by so many people at all ages that a first class facility is critical so it can be a Pickleball destination for both tourist and resident use along with bringing world class tournaments to HHI.
Re-development of Crossings Park and Barker Field are critical. With our best in class status as an island we could host multiple tournaments annually at these facilities and generate a great deal of tourism dollars for the island.
REMOVE ALL CAT BOXES AND FOOD FOR STRAY CATS IN PARKS/BEACHES. They make the parks look trashy and attracts vermin to the area. Also wild cats eat birds. The Humane Society should handle stray cats. CatsDO NOT belong in our parks. We wouldn't let dogs run unattended.
So happy the town is attempting to improve the parks & recreation centers of HHI. I imagine you are already seeking for donations from non rec center goers yet I would try to have a volunteer committee to work harder at this if not already done.
So impressed and it a a reason we return each year and likely will move there during retirement!
Some parks appear to receive very little use and consequently do not merit additional funding or improvements. Focus should be on water access/activities, highlighting of our unique island environment, and education regarding preservation of the island's natural resources.
Stop spending money on new parks you are doing a horrible job of maintenance now Not the maintenance people's fault, yours. To much put on them
Thank you for this important survey
Thanks for increasing the number of parking spaces at the Rowing and Sailing Center. This Park should be promoted for group outings. Is seems to be underutilized. Maybe a free open house one day with refreshments and entertainment.

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<p>The 24 court Pickleball Complex in Chaplin Park is my NUMBER ONE priority. My wife and I spend half of fall and spring in HHI and the primary attraction for us in Pickleball. We play with a wonderful group of people at the Island Rec Complex, but we have outgrown it. It is time for HHI to build a state-of-the-art Pickleball Complex.</p>
<p>The beach park, especially Islanders is not patrolled very well. While appreciated the presence of parking lot attendants this past summer during Covid, I found actual beach patrol lacking. None of the rules are followed, the guards do not enforce the rules and again the dogs are running amuck on this beach, no leash, no voice command. I witnessed a rather large dog running around the beach this past weekend, owner not really watching and the dog ran between a woman and her small toddler, while they were sitting on a towel. I also saw a lot of surf fishing during the high season this summer. That is not good, as it draws the sharks, which we know are there.</p>
<p>The beach parks are beautiful and well designed.</p>
<p>The few parks I visit and the few times I visit, I admire the maintenance and appearance of the islands parks.</p>
<p>The first priority for Hilton Head parks should be adding a dedicated Pickleball complex. The current public Pickleball options on the island are very inferior to what is available in most other communities. This sport is growing tremendously in popularity, and a public facility is needed on the island for both residents and visitors to use.</p>
<p>The former golf course at the intersection of Dillon Rd and 278 presents a terrific opportunity for residents and visitors to experience nature. I rank this as the highest priority for creating a new park and, properly done, it can be the centerpiece for the town's park system. Jarvis Park can serve as a guide with some natural areas, some picnic and exercise facilities and appropriate playground equipment for children. Part of the area should be kept natural with only limited trail access. Separation of the natural area from other (possibly noisier) parts will help insure that birds and other wildlife can continue to find refuge and nesting sites in the area.</p>
<p>The idea of a designated bike path along the beach is wrong on so many fronts. To single out one section of our island for this discriminates against the home owners who must put up with the increased noise and "traffic". There are miles of beautiful beach and bike paths bike riders can use!</p>
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<p>The Island really needs a "pickleball central" facility who can host tournaments attracting visitors from all over the world as well as local enthusiasts. Thank you</p>
<p>The Island especially the north end is looking old & tired. The existing parks, facilities should be updated to represent the high islands standards. It should not always be about south end understanding that is where the tourism is & revenue is generated. The residents should not be neglected. Then new facilities should be discussed. Work with what we have first. Thx u</p>
<p>The island is a beautiful place. HOPING more disc golf opportunities and locations for play. More pickleball locations as well. Thanks.</p>
<p>The Island Parks should showcase the nature on the island, protecting the natural habitat and landscape features for residence and tourists to observe and enjoy.</p>
<p>The Mid Island area should be transformed into a Community Park with walking and biking trails.</p>

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<p>The parks are an under-utilized asset to the community. Adding pickle ball courts is a good idea that I support. However, also adding a club house and concessions are excessive and will benefit only a few. Let the pickleballers socialize on the court. Seriously, if the club wants a clubhouse, let them build if from their own pockets. For concessions, provide parking for food trucks. This will benefit local businesses and not create a long-term financial liability.</p>
<p>The pickleball courts plan is great. By having one or two tournaments a year, HHI will introduce new visitors to the island.</p>
<p>There is no disc golf course in Hilton Head and I think it would make a great addition to the beautiful area! I travel there occasionally but if there was a nice, well designed disc golf course I would travel there a lot more frequently!</p>
<p>There is nothing in this survey about passive parks with walking trails. That's what I want. No ballfields, no playgrounds, just nice pathways to walk and enjoy the beauty of our island.</p>
<p>There needs to be more code enforcement, specifically as it relates to parking, trash and noise.</p>
<p>There should be a disc golf course because it is cheap to build and would attract many people. Also, the parks are terrible because they are only inclusive of toddlers. None of the equipment is inclusive of both younger and older kids but as a result, the older kids cannot play in the park. Just adding a few things so that 4th graders can go play at the park with their friends would make a huge difference for both residents and visitors. Toddler parks are unimpressive and unenjoyable for most kids plus parents.</p>
<p>This survey is set up to promote the arts. If the arts are so popular and such a big economic driver why can't ticket sales alone support them? We need to stop trying to push an arts and culture agenda when that is not what the masses participate in.</p>
<p>Turning the old Planter's Row into a park with trails and playground is our family's biggest desire. There are so many working families in this area, many living in condos with no yards (ourselves included), with little or no play areas within walking distance, due to a need to maximize parking at each apartment/condo development. The children in our condo complex do not know each other very well at all, other than waving "hi" to and from the car and front doors of our condos. There are actually signs in our parking lot that say, "No Playing in the Parking Lot". Understandable, as they are parking lots, not parks. But it's disturbing to think that this is what the kids of the people who provide this island's labor force will grow up thinking about this beautiful place we call home unless we change that. This would be tragically ironic, given the image we present to the world for tourism of how nature-accessible this place is. Thank you so much for all your are all doing to figure out what is most needed to bring our community closer to each other. That is one very big reason why we have hope and faith in this community's future.</p>
<p>We are only there as an owner for a few months at a time. The parks we frequent always look well kept and managed. If HHI is a top place to vacation, it would seem things are being done very well at present! I would like to see a concerted effort to message to visitors to manage their trash. We have a beautiful habitat. It is getting less beautiful with the growing influx of People. I do not appreciate trash on the beaches for example. I am always stopping my bike to pick up trash. Larger receptacles are not the solution. Have a program to Remind people to carry out everything they came with. The beaches are why they come. It is a largely unmonitored, growing problem on our No. 1 natural resource. Any park enhancements need to have a similar program. Overflowing trash or winds really devastate an otherwise beautiful environment no matter what additional activities are offered on this finite resource.</p>
<p>We are way behind Florida as a destination spot for pickleball. Let's correct that with the proposed 24 pickleball court Complex to catch up! We can do it.</p>
<p>We could use more Dog parks Mid island and on the North end</p>

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<p>We enjoy the island a great deal. We find it amazing that the island has good bike trails, walking trails, golf courses, tennis courts, water and boating, etc. But it is in the " dark ages" for pickleball facilities the fastest growing recreational activity in the USA. The most likely reason we would ever leave HHI is tied directly to the near term response to pickleball facilities.</p>
<p>We have lovely parks, but the maintenance on the Adrianna (Old School Park) needs attention. It is the first park seen as people come on the island and needs a parking lot and restrooms. It is utilized daily by pickleball players on the old tennis courts. Players are grateful to use the park but need water and better parking.</p>
<p>We need a dedicated pickleball facility. We are BEHIND the rest of the county (as expressed by our visitors...many REGULAR tourists!) in this area. It is a very negative aspect of the island to have neglected building a Dedicated pickleball While the significant trend has been the opposite elsewhere. People who vacation here just can't understand the mentality of our island's leadership.....neither can many of us residents.</p>
<p>We need a new Pickleball Complex at Chaplin Park..Could become a Meca for Pickleball Players on the East Coast..will increase tourism..</p>
<p>We need more activities for residents such as Pickleball courts. We do not need more parks aimed just at tourists. The open spaces should be cleared and offer views of the water. Especially along 278.</p>
<p>We need more natural non-developed space that is not The Beach for passive enjoyment of nature, like bird watching, walking in quiet spaces, and some benches to relax.</p>
<p>We need pickleball courts. It would bring significant revenue to the island.</p>
<p>We need the pickleball courts please.</p>
<p>We need to be more than a "golfing" resort, where visitors and residents can enjoy the beaches and other recreational activities.</p>
<p>We need to catch up with the rest of the pickleball world - HHI is sorely behind the times. Also we need to reevaluate multi-use paths to insure access to the entire island and safe crossings of major roads. There is no safe way to exit the main entrance of HHP and cross 278.</p>
<p>We need to find a revenue stream to maintain and upgrade our parks. We can handle a small tax increase to do so.</p>
<p>We need to take our parks back from beaufort county. Also we would be smart to utilize the top landscaping companies on the island, sponsorship? Competitions for best park? Rather than the don't care, mow and go county maintenance</p>
<p>We need to update many of our park facilities to keep in line with the beautiful island we live on.</p>
<p>We rarely use the parks cause we live at the beach and the traffic is already to much. We do not need any more uncontrolled traffic</p>
<p>We really need more than one tennis backboard like the one currently at Chaplin Park. These are inexpensive and they allow persons to exercise and practice without a partner. They can also be installed on current tennis courts with little construction needed.</p>
<p>We should encourage an outdoor and active culture on HHI, and not just for passive activities like walking or casual bike riding. I like the reference to expanding sporting and watersport activities. There are young folks and families here who are more activate and fitness oriented. We have neglected the active part of the population. To be a "world-class" destination, we need to fund, equip, and maintain our parks to that standard.</p>

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We should focus more on NATURE and educating people like the museum does. Dogs do not belong on the beaches EVER unless leashed. Too disruptive to nature (and I love my dog!) Need more dog parks. Stop trying to become a cheap tourist area. Go back to what we used to be....an area where nature is respected and not destroyed to build more Krogers, clear cut for high priced housing etc. Respect the Gullah people and their heritage by building up Mitchelville as the world class historic center it should be.

When planning Chaplin Park, please consider an Eco & Heritage Trail designation that would feature and protect the many contiguous Eco Systems reaching from the Ocean at Burkes Beach across Chaplin Park to Broad Creek and Shelter Cove. Make it a special "zone"
In particular, do not add a Parking Lot at the end of Burkes Beach Road. First ...ask local Eco Experts to explain the rare contiguous Eco systems that could literally be destroyed without a careful study and input from experts.

Regarding the Mid Island Tract, please don't lose the opportunity afforded by the current Eco System this had now become, by designating a major Protected Passive Park area for the entire Northern 2/3rds of the tract, including the new Ditches, water access areas, and incredible ponds system ... with limited number of biking-walking paths.

Protect some of the "groups" of dead trees for Red Headed Wood Peckers and other birds and for serious birders as a "destination". Only cut down 1/2 of the top portions of some trees, and keep the lower portions intact

Consider a "Green Canal" and pathway from Rt 278 across to FishHaul Creek and Outlet.

Widen the bike paths, they are becoming death traps!

With disc golf being the fastest growing recreational sport, it would make sense to have a championship level course in the island to counter its big brother, ball Golf

Would like to see the former Port Royal golf course more of a natural park with trails.

Would love to see a disc golf course nearby

Would love to see pickleball complex built

Would very much like to see a dedicated Pickleball center.

You desperately need pickleball facility. You will pull all locals at Palmetto Dunes.Fastest growing sport in nation. Will draw tourist S well as locals.

You should investigate putting a foot golf course in the old Port Royal property. the Island already has a public disc golf course and a public driving range.

You're moving in the right direction with Planters Row golf course, but need to include some facilities similar to Jarvis Creek Park so walkers, and picnickers can better use the green space.Can always use more soccer fields and pickle ball court

21. Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's recreation facilities.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. Public courts are needed to ensure access to the thissport.

A good Pickleball facility is a must (fastest growing sport in the US)

A lot of visitors come to the island because of its lure of outdoor recreation & activities... make more available obviously keeping Covid in mind.

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A pickleball specific complex would support the competitive and social aspects of this rapidly growing sport. Additional facilities such as clubhouse, pro shop, adequate parking, lighting and restrooms would be a worthwhile improvement.
A restroom needed at Adrianna.
Add more/lengthen disc golf courses
Already renovated rec center so that should not need to be done again. Need to keep to the green space, make bike/running/walking trails more continuous/ less interruptions with stoplights which makes many of the paths hard to use. Encourage running biking kayaking events to draw revenue to pay for parks. Also, now is not the time to impose more fees/taxes on homeowners.
As a recent new resident to Hilton Head (from Palm Springs CA area) I was very disappointed in the public facilities available for pickleball. temporary nets only. Palmetto dunes is nice but format for play not inclusive for many, (round robin only unless you have your own group.
Bike path is so incredible! Keep it maintained and the best in the US...
Can always use more soccer fields and pickle ball courts. Island Rec facility is an asset...keep up maintenance and cleaning in COVID times.Park maintenance is good overall
Chaplin needs to be updated or just redone. The lay out is terrible. There should be a central bathroom that the field surround or something like this. Also the playground should be seeable from the field because if you are a parent you would want to watch your one kid playing their sport but also be able to watch your other kid play in the playground.
Chaplin Park is spacious and allows many different activities to take place. We have played baseball there w our grandchildren, played tennis, while others hold soccer Practice and javelin at same time on spread out fields. Compass Rose well kept. Bike paths should be extended and expanded. Also, There needs to be regulation of Ebike rules for walkers and their sometimes reckless speed in Congested areas. We Love the HHI Is. Rec facilities and pool and exercise classes. Great programs. Great variety of membership choices. Quality program. People biking is healthy and less impactful.
Continue to add bike/walking trails, landscape, provide trash cleanup, plant more live oak trees, enhance the natural beauty of the island.
Crossings Park and Barker Field should be kept for sports activities, updated and improved. Jarvis Creek and Mid Island should be natural parks with no commercialization. Town Center Park is where events should be held.
During the non-swimming months the island needs to continue to attract the active retiree. The number one reason active retirees come to HHI is for the recreational activities. This also allows the building of community support and relationships.
Facilities need to have adequate accessibility for our population. Meeting ADA standards is not enough. As things like pavilions and beach mats are installed, invite those in the community who will be using these facilities to provide feedback. Seek out disabled or mobility challenged individuals to participate in the process. The minimum should not be Hilton Head's standard of excellence.
Focus on educating locals and tourists alike about our historical culture and protecting wildlife and the natural environment
HHI needs dedicated pickleball courts
Hilton Head an active cycling route with bike lanes and signage.
Hilton Head Island needs a pickleball complex for its residents. There are no up to date facilities to accommodate this growing sport. Building a new complex will bring new people onto the island.
Hilton Head needs a large indoor pool!!!!

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Hilton Head needs to upgrade and maintain their existing parks to offer the type of recreation a world class resort Island does. Upgrades should include new opportunities to recreate such as pickleball, a driving range, more pathways
Hilton Head Park (Old Schoolhouse Park) is a mess and an eyesore. The grass is continually over grown. These tennis courts are NEVER used. This park needs to be re-evaluated as to what the property is used for.
Hilton Head should not be transformed into a destination for organized sporting events. This type of activity is better suited for metro areas and locations with larger school age populations. Based on comments from others, we may be stuck with a lot of unused pickleball facilities in the future!
I am a part time resident of Bluffton. I love that I can play pickleball 5 days a week at the HHI Rec center. Ty
I am primarily a walker and birder, so visit a variety of parks weekly. I would very much like to see better enforcement of the regulations we have on dogs being on leash (not chasing birds or running into other users), and see if we can do more to reduce the feral cat populations (which kill huge numbers of birds and animals, and may carry disease). I also appreciate the existence of clean bathroom facilities at most, especially in the age of CoVid when most of us are uncomfortable trying to find bathrooms in busy restaurants, etc.
I believe that centralizing the ball parks into one location is a good idea. It will also centralize the equipment and supplies needed for maintenance. I also think that concessions are not a good idea -- provide parking for food trucks instead.
I continue to be amazed that an island the size of ours doesn't have a decent facility for competitive swimming. No Olympic sized pool? I'm not even a competitive swimmer but it just seems like a complete oversight.
I dont use the Rec Center as I am in Sea Pines., but I definitely support its existence, the adult programs, and especially programs and activities for students. I favor especially services and recreation for our CHILDREN, especially those who can't afford or simply don't choose to spend their money on golf or tennis. Programs and education based on the Master Naturalist Program at Spring Island are ideal for HHI and represent its ecology and natural history. Birding, biking, fishing, hiking, water activities, festivals, and historical events should be a greater focus for residents and tourism.
I have many friends who are interested in a pickleball facility.
I haven't used many of what would be considered "recreational facilities", but all I have really seen are tennis courts and I don't play tennis.
I spend three Winter months every year on the Island and the reason I come here and spend my money here is the Pickleball community.
i strongly feel that more tennis courts are not needed. Older people (the majority of the island) refuse to play on hard courts. There are Cordillo courts, high school courts, junior high courts, Chaplin, and more that I feel are underutilized. Palmetto Dunes has converted 6 courts from tennis as have many other places. See the trend.
I strongly support a pickleball complex at Chaplin Park. Yesterday I played at the Adriana courts (Rec Center annex) which have blue lines painted on tennis courts and there were app 30 players on 5 available courts. Lots of hanging around waiting for my turn to play. PB is a fast growing sport for all ages and abilities and it would be great if HHI had a class facility.
I strongly support the Pickleball courts project at Chaplin Park and believe this will help increase our tourism and enjoyment of our visitors. Pickleball is a sport that is exploding country wide and we need dedicated courts as soon as possible.
I would like to see a dedicated pickle ball facility.
I would love to see more Disc Golf parks on the island!

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if you develop the old Planter's run golf course in any way, ask for residents to assist in a cleanup weekend to assist in getting the facility ready for the build effort to help reduce project cost. The sports field, Foot golf and pump track are excellent ideas.
Island Rec center is a tremendous asset!
Island Rec is a real gem - the community should be proud.
It would be great to have an observation tower like they have over on the beach in the town of Port Royal or a climbing wall like they have in Charleston. Maybe even do a public / private climbing wall on the side of the boat house next to the zip-line place and contract with them to manage it. How great would it be if people came to HHI to enjoy our facilities not just our golf courses and beaches. Make our sports complex areas even more amazing by adding a pump track, climbing wall & bicycle maintenance trailhead that shows trails/routes around the island & that safely crosses out to Bluffton. The Charleston bridge park is a great model to copy- once the new HHI bridges are in place we need to have Pinckney (the part that's now just a parking lot/boat ramp) be a major destination for picnicking, movies in the park, concerts, art fairs, with a gazebo, swim area, kayak launch, good public bathrooms & showers & a splash pad, etc. start the process so this area can be managed by the town & become an area the islanders are proud of rather than the embarrassment it currently is (sorry if this sounds harsh but it's prime real estate that has so much potential. Make it a proper gateway to Hilton Head so people driving onto the island know ours is a island dedicated to fun, nature, recreation & the good life.
Jarvis Creek and Honey Horn are my favorites. Fish Haul used to be until it was renourished and promoted as a beach for tourists. No respect for nature there!
Lets just do a nice job of maintaining and updating the facilities in existing parks.
Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.
Love it. Very nice.
make planters row a passive park preserve
More disc golf.
More pickleball.
More opportunities for kayaking, canoeing and sailing.
Mostly adequate
Need better hours for adult masters swim program - 5 am is just too early for senior adults
Need dedicated first class Pickleball Courts. Maybe shuffle board courts for residents. We do not need any more basketball courts.
Need more emphasis on HHI's pathways. They have become a top 5 Town amenity, treated as second citizens. Part of this is to continually upgrade our bike and ped facility access and safety and to fill gaps in the current system.
Need more pickleball facilities
Need more pickleball facilities
Need Pickleball complex.
Need to focus on demographic growth - like pickleball
Need to have sports programs be more accessible to tourist
Our family loves the new playground at HH Rec Center!
Parking at the beaches can be problematic.
Pickleball complex is a very high priority
Pickleball court
Pickleball courts are desperately needed. This is the fastest growing sport and there are few courts.
Pickleball facilities are my number one choice for future spending.

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Pickleball is exploding and is a big draw for many Seasonal residents and visitors to the island. It's is an extremely friendly and sociable sport, enjoyed by people of all ages.
Pickleball is popular and currently of limited availability to residents and tourists
Pickleball/tennis complex at the 2.9 million dollar cost ASAP
Please add a tournament quality disc golf course
Please appoint a separate oversight committee of Eco & Wildlife experts to critique all Parks and Rec Plans, regardless of what stages they are in. Please give this aspect of planning and design every possible consideration ... long before you make any final designs or recommendations.
Please stop wasting tax payers money on public parks.if anything let's try to reduce spending, property and local taxes.
Pls keep Mid Island park as natural as possible so we can enjoy the bird population there, esp the woodpecker colony.
Pls move fwd with designate pickleball courts that our association has been asking for. Many Seniors that our permanent or part-time residents, along visitors enjoy playing.
Really believe a Pickleball facility would be a huge community asset and could become a potential revenue generator. I sincerely hope you move quickly on this.
Requires a dedicated pickleball center..!!
Rex center has expansive programs offered at fair prices
Some recreation sports lots are rarely used. This plan should focus on where the residence are using the parks the most and improve those areas first.
Stop putting so much money at Cologne beach. It benefits visitors more than residents.
Strike a balance between youth and senior programs and facilities.
Swimming pool for laps on south end
Tennis is fading the Island needs more Pickleball courts!
The bike paths are a big asset for Hilton Head Island as the public shifts away from interest in tennis. Pickle ball is growing rapidly across the country and HH Island seems behind the times. I am amazed at how many of our friends are choosing their retirement location to coincide with pickle ball facilities. A good pickle ball facility should increase property values.
The facilities we have are very nice and we are blessed to have them! We just need to keep them maintained,safe and clean. As I mentioned in the previous comment the only thing lacking is a large scale nature preserve park!!
The Hilton Head Island Recreation Center facilities maintains a well image.
The island rec is too expensive for most locals.
The island recreation center is an absolute gem.
The Island Recreation Center provides an excellent central facility and good programs, but the town itself seems lax about recreation priorities, communication about activities, and maintenance of recreation areas. Now, commendably, this Master Plan has begun addressing that situation.
The Island Recreational Center does an exceptional job!
The islands bike paths are an amazing value to the residents and guests of the island. Adding to the paths and maintaining existing paths should be a focused area.
The new facility is very nice - keep them coming!
The new recreation facility is an asset to the community however, the town needs to provide free access to pickle ball courts and tennis for all.

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<p>The pickleball complex needs to be a priority...and built asap...this is a fantastic opportunity for Hilton Head to attract people in the winter months...looking for a destination to come and play...plus tournament play...and play among all ages on the Island.</p>
<p>The pickleball facilities in Hilton Head are a disgrace for a tourism island like Hilton Head. About half of the players are visitor and might go to vacation locations that offer better facilities and less waiting</p>
<p>The playground at Coligney looks like it will be a wonderful addition to the island. kudos to the planning and ultimate outcome of the structure</p>
<p>The Rec Center is a beautiful facility but it really needs dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. The number of winter visitors continues to grow and though we get a chance to be social, there can be long waits for play time depending on the numbers showing up.</p>
<p>The rec center pool is too small, old, and a generally outdated facility. Additionally, the schedule for open / lap swim is entirely too restricted. It is a shame that this was not addressed during the recent Rec Center update.</p>
<p>The swimming pool should be covered in some way other than a bubble. Perhaps and "indoor-outdoor" structure that would allow the sides or top to retract when the weather is good, but provide an indoor environment during late fall and winter.</p>
<p>The town desperately needs a dedicated pickleball facility</p>
<p>The work of all the folks that have helped get us to this point now needs to be complimented by the town council making decisions & spending \$ to implement the recommendations.</p>
<p>They are modest at best and need to improve to continue to maintain the attractiveness of HHI. The next generation will want much more than just a golfing community.</p>
<p>Town needs to define the goal for the facilities (both maintenance and additional) before any comments</p>
<p>Updated water fountains at all parks should be considered.</p>
<p>Upgrade of island Rec Center and it's amenities was outstanding. We should continue investing in best in class facilities as the standard.</p>
<p>We are hosting professional pickleball players in our home, for a tournament at Palmetto Dunes. They have asked to see our community, non-private pickleball facilities. Well..... there is not even a bathroom or water fountain where we play. I continue to be amazed at how far behind the curve HHI is with respect to facilities for one of the fastest growing recreation/sports programs in the nation.</p>
<p>We do not need anymore. We came down since the 70's with our children and were completely happy with the beach, bicycles and enjoying the natural beauty of the island.</p>
<p>We need a dedicated pickleball complex!</p>
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<p>We need a pickleball complex.</p>
<p>We need a venue to host cycling sports such as a BMX track. These are revenue generators, they create and grow local athletes and they bring in visitors from other counties as well.</p>
<p>We need an additional fitness pool. This is an area of need for this community. Swimming and Triathlons are huge right now and in this community. People need places to train and our current pool is busting at the seams.</p>

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We need more dedicated pickleball courts. The Cordillo Tennis courts usually have more pickleball players on the courts than tennis players.
We need pickleball courts
We need to provide public facilities such as tennis and Pickleball, basketball etc rather than rely on the private gated communities which are not open to everyone and visitors.
Why do I think an Archery tournament could be cool- medieval dress up participation
Would like to see discount for husband wife joining rec center. Now for family offered but not husband wife with this being retirement community seems strange not offered.
Would like to see the temporary pickle ball courts at Adrianna turned into a state of the art outdoor facility for pickleball playing. It would be great to have players register, for a fee, to become "members" and have access to play on the courts. I would love to see dedicated times for specific skill levels to allow for players to improve and represent the area in tournaments.
Would love to see more disc golf on hilton head!
You are driving us off the island.
22. Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's programs.
Add new live oaks to the island parks and roads, organize trash clean up on all roads. There is litter everywhere.
Do a few things very well and do not try to blanket everything to please everyone
Generally the island offers good programs and varied programs for all age ranges. This survey is much appreciated as a means to establish priorities for continued programs and to offer priorities for new or expanded programs
HHI has a wide variety of programs, sports and sporting venues. How about more sailing and learn to sail activities?
High quality and educational programs are important esp for tourists on how to protect the beauty of our island.
Honey Horn is incredible!
I absolutely agree that there should be more arts programs, outdoor competitions (biking, kayaking etc).
I think the Island Rec Center has done an adequate job for the island but I do not agree that they should be the driving force nor the governing source for any future development, or redevelopment or additional programs.
I understand land was bought for a park near Scott's Fish in Shelter Cove! What a beautiful idea. Please create a pleasant space with places to sit for Folks. I notice (been here as owners since 2005) that people seek tranquil, peaceful, quiet settings around Shelter Cove. While millions of people converge here in vacation seasons. Everyone still seeks "quiet settings" while communing with the Natural surroundings. I know this sounds confounding, but I know this well. So, while you wish to add more activities like golf frisbee or other group athletic sports opportunities, be mindful it is an island :palm_tree:. It is finite space, Fragile topography and increasing footprints helps also destroy the very reason tourists flock here. If there is too much noise or too much trash, people will Move onto the next unblighted, not overly populated Vacation spot for very good reason - the planners ruined the very reasons why HHI was such a desirous place to get away from it all!
Improving dog parks will provide better daily living condition for our residents.
Island Rec does a wonderful job communicating and promoting island events.

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It seems clear that the town government needs a department or at least a high-level staff member whose only priority is parks and recreation.
It's not a question of how many programs we have. What matters is that they strive to be the best they can be. If that means we need fewer programs to achieve higher quality of each program than make decisions accordingly
Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.
Love Honeyhorn and its programs
More history programs
More organized activities by the city/town. Too much emphasis on relying on the commercial entities.
More Pickleball facilities, please.
More support history of Island support. I
Need more.
Need significantly more parks maintenance and standards. This requires expertise, leadership and funding.
Nice and I hope to attend again when safe.
Parks and Rec need to be a department with the town.
Partner with more clubs, companies & individuals to host more events...ex triathlon, bike race, running events, SUP race, beach swim... these events can be used as community fund raisers.
Personally, I feel the programs offered should be communicated better to the citizenship of the island. The town I came from sent out a quarterly news letter to all residents to inform them of all the programs and activities offered at the parks and recreation facilities.
Please strive for coordination of all steps and oversight of all steps between various Town departments and Town Council, and especially with Town appointed outside contractors.
Programs need to be expanded and the Town should hire a recreation director to over see everything from the rec center to the parks
Putting an emphasis on more Festivals, classes and outdoor Art exhibits is a plus for our town. If we had events going on in summer as well as spring and fall, it would benefit everyone, visitors and residents.
should focus on our strengths as an island walking, running, biking, kayaking that blend with nature not big sports centers. Don't see need to add arts to park programs - that would be a better fit with a different area/be a private endeavor.
Stop studying and get to work.
Thanks for all your efforts. There is no park on the island I feel uncomfortable using, and all that I have been to have been welcoming and clean.
The cost of the rec center is high and therefore is not an assest to the general community. They do not support Silver Sneakers or other fitness programs for Medicare aged folks. I do not support giving them more public money until they start thinking about the community they are supposed to serve.
The Island Rec Center does an outstanding job of facilitating programs for youth and adults, assisting with parks and organizing events.
The Town needs to examine the scope of services that it defers to Island Rec, which is a fantastic org, but there is little to no control or accountability for the funds that are spent. We have a Dir. of Arts and Culture, but no Dir. of Recreation. There is no one person at the Town who is in charge of scheduling facilities, ensuring quality programming, etc. This needs to be considered.
The Town should support and, in fact encourage, the hosting triathlons, running races, swimming competitions and other competitive events. We have an amazing location, infrastructure, and environment for these types on events and we are not using it to its full potential and not supporting those who are attempting to host these events. There is a Marathon held on the island and the course is one of the most boring you will find. We are missing the mark and a great opportunity for competitive events.

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The town should work USC to provide one night musicians and films like the Beaufort branch does. Many of us support the college and enjoy dinner and evening out.
The volunteer HHIPBC runs a very good pickleball program in conjunction with the Rec center but the facilities are very disappointing for such a popular sport.
There are too many playgrounds.
There is a huge need for more pickleball courts...as there is not enough court space for current demand...and the demand continues to grow from year to year.
They seem to be more of a list without adequate goals defined to see what fits where and what is actually needed - you know sort of like a long-term plan
They should not compete with local businesses
Venues for improved larger (outdoor) gatherings should be evaluated.
We could be easily better known as a birdwatching destination. This is a growing hobby and big business across the US, and we could be protecting our natural habitats and growing our nature lover tourism if we became more focused on this.
We have enough tourists. No need to encourage more.
We love Island Rec and hope it remains well funded.
We love the planning on HH. The bike and walking paths are great
We need a dedicated pickleball facility. We are BEHIND the rest of the county (as expressed by our visitors...many REGULAR tourists!) in this area. It is a very negative aspect of the island to have neglected building a Dedicated pickleball While the significant trend has been the opposite elsewhere. People who vacation here just can't understand the mentality of our island's leadership.....neither can many of us residents.
We need more athletic programs for adults, eg. softball leagues, pickleball facilities, tennis round robins for different levels.
We need to continue to grow our island's programs for adults. eg. pickleball, exercise classes, kayaking groups, softball, tennis, cooking classes, art classes, photography groups.
We need to have regular full-time (in season) beach patrol staff to monitor littering, alcohol consumption, and hole digging on our outstanding beaches. The hotels should be held accountable for their guests leaving towels, chairs and tents on the beach daily. High-end resorts on many islands charge a significant towel fee deposit (\$20-\$50 per beach towel) at check-in, which is refunded when the towels are returned. Note: As a Turtle Tracker, I have frequently picked up over 100 towels per day near the Westin Hotel.
We should always strive to expand programming and offerings to develop a more inclusive environment and expand options to the community.
Why not include residents more in the maintenance and cleaning, like more beach sweeps and kayaking to remove trash from the water or the land. As more responsibility is taken by the Parks, the more residents could be included fun events to help out. I carry a bag when I walk around to pick up trash...Consider "adopt a street" ideas to keep HHI clean. I can't believe the litter I see on this lovely island. It is everyone's responsibility, not just park maintenance.
Work too much, wish I could participate
Would love to receive more funding to create more opportunities for youth programs.
23. Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's funding.
After COVID, food trucks and outside festivals can increase revenue
Again, once you define the long term plan and rank the importance of each item, then you can look at funding options and determine who or what should fund what

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As a resident I would gladly pay my share for at least 3 full-time beach patrol enforcement officers. Our beaches are our best natural resource on the island and we need to increase our efforts to keep them beautiful. The regular beach re-nourishment program that we have is outstanding!!
As one project is paid for, ie. the toll bridge, divert that money to maintaining and adding to these new ideas.
Believe the mid island park should be a park modeled after NYC central park. Don't believe it should be filled up with a bunch of sports and active activities Needs to be about nature.
Do not charge Bluffton residents to use HH facilities! We are huge contributors to HH economy. If don't want to exempt all of Beaufort County atleast exempt Bluffton residents. We are so close to HH that we use facilities and support local businesses regularly.
Encourage running biking kayaking events to draw revenue to pay for parks. Also, now is not the time to impose more fees/taxes on homeowners.
Fees for services/activities should be used more broadly.
Also, the A-tax should view recreational development as a major component of 'marketing' the island.
For new facilities, do not be timid about charging for their use. Example: the expanded Island Rec Ctr. gym, and new classes offerings.
Funding for parks should be a top priority
Funding for recreation should come out of the general fund. It is essential that we provide recreational facilities and minimize the out-of-pocket expense to the users.
Funding should be increased to improve maintenance, develop best in class facilities and expand programming to meet community needs and expectations.
Funding should not be all for kids with play equipment, our residence should be prioritized for their needs. Not visitors.
Funding, in my opinion, should have as a major source a "pay to play" component. The limited size of permanent residents to fund this world class resort community dictates that the vacation visitor be it a day, a week, a month or more be a contributor to the development and maintenance of all public facilities in all areas.
Hosting more events could lead to more funding and would make more people want to move to Hilton Head
I believe an angle towards eco-tourism of the parks - birdwatching - like incorporating Audubon Wildlife - would be a valuable asset to the island.
I believe that having additional pickleball facilities will be a big boost in bringing additional vacationers to Hilton Head.
I do not think that the Town should increase funding for Island Rec. It has little to no control how the money is spent. Our Parks and Programming are some of our most visible assets, and the Town should own their operations and programming that happens there.
I do not want to pay extra taxes to market HH for tourists. In reading the island managers report Re. Trashed picked up, tents and chairs left behind is absolutely horrendous. The tourists coming in do not care about preserving our beautiful island- they trash it !!! We are becoming Myrtle Beach because of greed !.
I know nothing about dollars or funding of the parks.
I mentioned earlier our primary concern should be our communities health. In addition to providing venues and events I think there should be an effort made to educate the public about the benefits of exercise and recreation. If we are fortunate enough to be recognized as a healthy destination and local business can prosper from it, better yet .
I would continue charging the toll on the Cross Island Parkway and use those funds for Parks and Rec.

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<p>If any of these facilities and events are geared toward tourists and tourism, make them pay to use them. Do not charge HHI residents. Too many dollars are spent on tourists rather than tourist dollars benefitting us!</p>
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<p>If the Town can focus on designating some areas as "'protected' or as official Eco areas, this opens up access to Environmental, Heritage and Cultural GRANTS from a large number of sources Nationwide, but also Regional, County and SC State.</p>
<p>I'm not very well educated on this topic.</p>
<p>Increasing tax on visitors for new funding for pickleball facility and other sports related facilities</p>
<p>It is never easy, but additional funding or revenue sources should be identified to help deliver these goals.</p>
<p>Keep it non commercial as possible please.</p>
<p>Keep the toll going to generate funds</p>
<p>Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.</p>
<p>My responses to many of the survey questions were affected by the unspecified funding sources for increased budgets and allowances. Funding weighs heavily upon my opinions on many of the proposed programs/improvements.</p>
<p>Naming rights might be one way to get a good bit of the revenue needed to achieve the swimming pool enclosure as described above.</p>
<p>Naming rights work! \$\$\$</p>
<p>Not opposed to hi buying land but keep it natural and do not develop it. This island is already over built and over populated. Is there any way the town can tax all of the people who commercially rent out there places on vrbo? They are taking all of the profit every year from all of there rentals and the people who do live here year round suffer as a result with increased traffic and many other inconveniences!</p>
<p>Organize fundraiser events.</p>
<p>People move here to enjoy an active lifestyle; we need first class public recreational facilities. They should be fully funded by the town government.</p>
<p>Pickleball players Have raised funds through wristbands for facilities expansion which should be born by the town</p>
<p>Please! Come up with your PLAN derived from all this feedback and then "we can talk." in other words, let us vote on all parameters of what the PLAN encompasses. This is not just a time for feedback then enacting the PLAN.</p>
<p>It is unreasonable to thrust grand Island tourism enhancements without taking into Consideration not all the ideas and the SCOPE of those ideas meets with the</p>
<p>Needs or wants of all who live here. And we all need to protect this natural</p>
<p>And protected habitat. Thx!</p>
<p>Prioritize the funding for a new Pickleball complex at Chaplin Park.</p>
<p>Requires additional funding to further enhance the expansion of additional sporting events..</p>
<p>resident contributions to things like names on bricks or benches etc. as well as helping in the cleanup and build should help defray the cost of the projects</p>
<p>Self funding options should be used where reasonable.</p>

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<p>Sliding scale beach parking. 30 \$ at Coligny, 5\$ at least attended? get the tourists spread around the island. Try sponsers at an under used park and see what they come up with. the people who want to fish sharks on the beach should pay 100\$ a day. I DONT believe in creating permanent government jobs at sleepy parks where no ones watching the henhouse. I DO believe that every park could have 1 or 2 paid events annually to help cover some of the costs? what about kite rentals/ purchase/ vending machines- or a van that rotates around parks renting/ selling stuff? can some of the parks be used as training areas for local school sports and get some funding that way? get modern? why cant there be a CC reader at park entrances, at LEAST get 5\$ from everyone in peak season? Drone rentals, fishing rentals, Binoculars. t shirt Kiosk to represent your favorite HHi Beach? how crazy is it to have a "members" park. Pay upcharge usage to be able to store your beach stuff on site? Obviously it couldn't be Sea Pines Only or such- has to be available to everyone. and some park just have to be "free" small shoulder season events like October fest or harvest fair to have some old style rides and family style events.</p>
<p>Slow down the development and preserve natural areas.</p>
<p>Sorry that I don't know more about this, but am learning. Maintenance of the parks should be a high priority for HHI, as they see a lot of use and don't require admission or gate passes!</p>
<p>Spend less for consulting firms and ask residents input.</p>
<p>Spend more on sports/athletics/wellness. Spend less on arts/culture/history.</p>
<p>Stop spending money on luring tourists here. When I first started coming here 30 years ago, no one knew about Hilton Head, they'd say "Where?" Now the entire country and beyond knows about this Island. There is no off season anymore. I know we need the tourists, but we are starting to burst at the seams.</p>
<p>Stop taxing us so much. Stop with lying about a penny tax only to have it never go away and/or still tax locals when it was marketed as a "tourism" tax.</p>
<p>Stop trying to spend so much to attract tourists. We currently are attracting too many who have no respect for nature or residents!</p>
<p>That's the problem. Not enough "funding" also known as raising taxes. Don't do it</p>
<p>The funding For updating existing facilities should already have been earmarked. The residents should not have to bear any additional costs.</p>
<p>The halcyon days of a growing and unlimited budget for the town are gone. The town council and staff need to learn to live within limited means like the rest of us. To grow the parks, something else should be cut -- such as what we give to the chamber of commerce, or other town hand-outs from public funds.</p>
<p>Try to find funds through sponsorships, voluntary donations and business partnerships as much as possible.</p>
<p>We are new and don't know the funding structure.</p>
<p>We are spending too much for parks that focus on tourists. we need more things for the residents.</p>
<p>We do not want our taxes to raised to support things we do not use or agree with.</p>
<p>We made need to have a small tax increase to fund the maintenance and upgrading of our parks system</p>
<p>We need a dedicated pickleball facility. We are BEHIND the rest of the county (as expressed by our visitors...many REGULAR tourists!) in this area. It is a very negative aspect of the island to have neglected building a Dedicated pickleball While the significant trend has been the opposite elsewhere. People who vacation here just can't understand the mentality of our island's leadership.....neither can many of us residents.</p>

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We should continue to to utilize the sources of income the city derives from the large influx of tourists who visit our island each year. Additional ways to capture income from the tourists should be considered to shoulder the costs of maintaining the parks!!

We will certainly need additional funding to maintain the parks which will be transferred from Beaufort County. We will also need additional funding for programming four seasons of activities and five star maintenance at the Lowcountry Celebration Park.

Why can't south Forest Beach charge like Sea Pines and give us a tax break. I hate the way the island is progressing.

Would love to receive more funding to create more opportunities for all residents and special events on Hilton Head Island.

24. Please provide any addition comments you have about Hilton Head Island's maintenance and operations.

A typical governmental Parks and Recreation Department would provide for proper maintenance, operations, staffing and programs tasks that are common in most township, county or city governments P&R Departments.

Additional resources should be allocated to provide the 278 corridor with diverse landscaping, plantings, and more frequent maintenance.

Again, I have not seen a plan or schedule, so I can't comment

Always clean and mAintained

As I said above, I appreciate the efforts to keep the parks safe and clean.

As stated above, the cost of all services to the public requires that the vacation visitor plays a major roll in these costs.

The limited size of the resident population of Hilton Head should not carry the burden of cost for the vacation visitor in public activities .

Be a govt not a landscape company. Allow them to do what they're best at and take care of the parks.

Bike paths frequently have roots that grow under them and make the paths dangerous for bikers, which makes them choose the road instead, which is also dangerous without designated bike lanes.

Consider further outsourcing the work to maintain costs and quality

Coordination of maintenance responsibility between County and Town (?)

Don't have an opinion at this time.

Have our public works dept. maintain a scheduled presence and maintenance SOP at each park

Hotels along the beach should be made to clean up towels and debris left from their guests.

However / whenever new facilities are built, it's critical that maintenance is provided so that the investment makes sense

I always thought the look and maintenance of those parks we frequent were kept in marvelous condition. Please let tgem know and tgat we appreciate the love tgey bestow on them!

I like what's been done over the past years and am really looking forward to the Coligny Park completion. You've transformed a dump, literally, into a lovely spot for all to appreciate.

I think maintenance at public parks does a great job... Maybe take the trash out more often?

I think the island is well-kept and visually appealing.

im realizing the huge acreage and cost to maintain. I appreciate whats done and what cant be done. I thinking one park could be used as a quasi business/public test area. What are people willing to pay for...

It's a shame parks like Green Shell appear not to be frequented nor maintained--maybe the latter leads to the former? It should be in the same historic category as Mitchellville.

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Jarvis Park has a trash problem
Keep it up.
Keep up the good work!
Litter everywhere and keeps getting worse. Need a clean up crew for streams, creeks, trails, back roads. Plant more landscaping and live oaks.
Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.
Maintenance of park areas needs improvement. Trash removal needs to improve.
Maintenance of the dog park is rare. The gravel, dirt (poop) and holes in the park are harmful to the animals and humans. Waste cleanup and refreshing of the dirt is never done. Some dog parks have grass, natural mulch with good drainage, agility equipment & water features.
Maintenance seems good.
Maintenance standards and schedules would provide more consistent conditions for all park and recreation offerings. Additional funding to support meeting these standards will be critical to accomplish this goal.
Many of the parks are in excellent condition, the ones that are near the tourist areas are in good shape. However, other are less so well maintained.
Maybe weekly checks on appearance and possible maintenance
More funding needed for emptying trash cans at parks/beaches or having more. They seem to be full.
More money needs to be allowed to facilities .. to keep exist parks and beach clean and taken care of
More police at beach
Most of the parks seem very clean and tidy, however some look a little more rundown than others.
Need more responsibility and accountability. Need marketing to let people know more about events and park features and capabilities. Need a dedicated staff for maintenance and a tight organizational relationship between maintenance and operations/programming..
Need to find ways to keep costs down and to have outdoor events pay for some of the costs (marathons, triathlons, bike/kayak races-events that fit in with what the island stands for).
Needs to be improved.
Overall, the island seems well-maintained, but not so much regarding recreation.
Park maintenance is good overall....don't cut back and let it slide.
Parks need more garbage cans and more frequent garbage pickup. For example, eue to the Covid crisis, Jarvis Creek Park is being utilized more than normal and garbage cans are inadequate.
Please make certain that maintenence is a a real priority in and plans going forward and that it is fully funded
Please set up community-wide friends of the park volunteer events (and market them) so people who love our parks can come out and help build projects, maintain trails, pick up trash, paint, and offset some public expenses. Those volunteers that want to do important quality work such as painting, using power tools (ex chainsaws), drive a back-hoe or bobcat can get certified after volunteering in the park systems for x # of hours. Have these volunteers earn different levels - x # of stars based on hours volunteered and different badges for certifications or skills mastered. Partner with one of the equipment rental companies (ex Sunbelt) to provide a training class to drive a bobcat for instance. Users can pay for the class themselves, but after getting certified and volunteering x hours they get the class fee refunded. Make volunteering a fun community event. A great model to follow is the friends of the usvi park in St. John USVI...they have a public / private(not for profit) partnership to raise funds and provide volunteers.
See above
Should take over maintenance and scheduling for all parks located on the Island

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Some of our parks are not being maintained properly and look over grown.
The town has some hard-working maintenance staff. The operations folks should get out of the office sometime and mow grass or pick up trash. It would be a good team-building activity.
There is no doubt that a full time, high level town staff management position needs to be established for Parks & Rec. This survey makes that point. Many options & possibilities are mentioned here. Priorities need to be established and decisions made about where to spend money. Also, on-going expectations about performance needs to be set and evaluated. It all needs to come together at a position reporting to the town manager. It cannot be parceled out to different town functions. In other words, parks & rec needs to be organized as one functional area with one overall manager.
These should be Town Managed functions.
They are great people but can not do the job you are asking If you continue to pile more on them with limited staff
We MUST keep of with the maintenance of our parks to keep them clean and beautiful.
Well maintained and clean park facilities.
When we assume maintenance of the parks from Beaufort County we need expertise to care for them. That is we should not just contract out for grass mowing of fields. These fields need specialized management by experienced agronomists and turf specialists.
Would love to see all town parks maintained and kept regularly.
Years ago Islanders Beach was a great place for residents to go. There were no signs or notations on the tourists maps so it was mostly for residents. Buses now bring tourists from condos daily. Take out the parking for non sticker residents and tourists and stop promoting it.
30. Explain your answer to the question regarding if you agree with a complete renovation of Chaplin Community Park.
A 24 court pickleball complex will affordably address the needs of the large resident and visitor pickleball community. A complex will attract pickleball tournaments, bringing additional revenue and interest to the island.
A dedicated pickleball complex, along with tennis, and sports fields. Needs to include public restrooms, pavilion, picnic area, concession area, etc. This facility should be able to hold regional or national events.
A new Pickleball facility will keep me and several friends coming back to the Island every year.
A state of the art public Pickleball complex is badly needed on Hilton Head Island
A turf field would help out tremendously. A lot of Rec sports are played there.
Add Pickleball Complex.
add pickleball courts
Add pickleball courts
Add pickleball facility
Add Pickleball
Amenities need to be updated. This is also a good place for pickleball courts. Does it have beach access? Not sure...
An area for youth sports is very important. Better parking is need during youth games.
are pickle ball fields planed in Chaplin Park?
As long as the renovations do not adversely impact the Folly inlet.
As the Island grows, needs change

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Besides soccer and tennis, I think the park is not used much. It is probably one of my least favorite parks on the island. The playground is hidden and not friendly to parents as far as visibility while trying to see other areas of the park.
Better picnic areas, fitness trail, pickleball courts, tetherball court
Build a pickleball center there and it will greatly enhance Hilton Head island
Build a pickleball complex with at least 24 courts and related facilities and update the tennis courts.
Chaplin Community Park is a great tract of land and a perfect spot for a beautiful updated park.
Chaplin Community Park seems to be a good location for a very much needed Pickleball complex to be developed.
Chaplin Park is in a great centralized location where we can have a state of the art public community park. The facilities there are fine but they need to be updated with added amenities that make it a park that is indicative of what one would expect on HHI.
Dedicated fields for soccer
Don't think it needs a complete redo. Maybe just some updates.
During the summer cars park along the road leading to the beach perhaps not realizing that there is additional parking to the west of the soccer fields. Clearer directional signs could help.
Expand the pickle ball courts and tennis courts so more people can play. A better playground for children also with more beach parking
Fields are used seasonally, Tennis courts year round. Dedicated Pickleball courts and facility would be used year round. Additional facilities such as bocce, shuffleboard, corn hole, lawn bowling etc should be considered. Many of these facilities are provided at the time share resorts but are not available to the general public.
Having a state of the art outdoor pickleball facility would be FANTASTIC!
HHI needs to build a Pickleball Complex in Chaplin Park.
I agree the park offerings should enhance the residents and visitors enjoyment of the island.
I am greatly in favor of the planned pickleball facility which is a growing sport and can service may residents and visitors
I don't have a great deal of experience with Chaplin Park, but it seems that it might be time to see what will best serve residents and tourists now as opposed to what is currently offered there.
I don't use it often enough to have an opinion. I do think there needs to be open space for pickup games be they frisbee, soccer, basketball (providing there is a court), flag football. I also think those amenities that favor youth participation are paramount. We old folks have plenty of recreational opportunities already.
I love how open it is now, and how versatile it is in terms of the different field sports that can be played there. However, a pickleball complex is a top priority for me. If the park needs to be "reimagined" for that to happen, I am in favor of it.
I support a complete renovation of Chaplin Park as long as the number of tennis courts remains the same, or is increased, and additional tennis backboards are installed to accommodate exercise and practice by single individuals.
I support the proposed Pickleball complex. We have a lot of players that live and visit the island year round. This sport is growing rapidly and our island could become a Pickleball destination just like Naples, Florida.
I think Chaplin Park is fine the way it is.
I think it's important to give spaces like Chaplin the opportunity to grow and become more useful. I would hope that beach parking and general sports use are still the core of the park

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I think that Chaplin is very segmented, it is hard to navigate and the offerings are "hidden." I am a mobility challenged person and Chaplin used to be my favorite beach access point, but now that there is no close parking to the beach and the walk to the beach is very hard with no mobi mat, I don't frequent the park.
I think the dog park in Chaplin needs to be expanded and reimagined. The dogs of HHI need a splash pad. The restrooms are rarely used.
I think the park is perfect the way it is ,except for a few minor upgrades. I feel it does not justify the expense of a major re- imagining!!
I would prefer to answer "I agree and disagree". For the most part the park is great. Needs some ongoing maintenance and addition of 2-4 pickleball courts (have you been to Palmetto Dunes?). Otherwise I'm quite happy with Chaplin park and I use it daily.
I would strongly support a pickleball complex at this park. It is a centrally located park and has lots of space for multi use purposes.
Include pickleball courts
It is a critical LINK between 7 distinct, but contiguous Eco Systems that can be a new attraction for Eco minded Visitors, but just as important ... as an Educational tool and a daily reminder of our fragile Barrier Island Eco System and our vast Heritage history and assets for all Residents and school children. This approach also (by its adoption) becomes an automatic source of Eco Protection & Awareness for this area.
It is a diamond in the rough. Too many residents have no knowledge of it's existence and tourists / seasonal residents are in shock to even know it exists. It needs to be developed IMMEDIATELY !
It is a great park for the north side of the island that could use an overhaul. It has a lot of potential.
It is a great place to build a dedicated pickleball facility.
It is an ideal location for establishing a pickleball complex - mid-island; parking & restroom facilities already in place; turns un-used land into a first class facility; fees cover on-going maintenance; provides a sports tourism attraction; gets residents out of their homes to engage both socially & actively with other islanders; tournaments generate revenue for the town & local businesses.
It just seems dated. I haven't used any of the fields, and they seem fine, but the overall feel of it just feels very 80's. I love how shaded it is in the doggie park area, and I love the bike paths around it. I wish there were more natural trails to ride on.
It should continue to offer a wide variety of activity. Pickle ball courts should be added.
It should remain a community park. Other than the dog park, I've never visited it. It's too far from the beach to access, I go to the other parks for that.
What are you reimagining it as? I love the Shelter Cove Park, and what's been done there, so perhaps extending Chaplin Park as part of Shelter Cove could be terrific. Of course, that would include a walkover over 278, which would be very cool feature, albeit expensive.
it was pretty awesome as a lumber mill yard!! its pretty cool to see all those kids playing soccer and such. im open to ideas.
It's a great central island location and should be a "showcase facility" for the natural and diverse recreational uses available here with our wonderful climate.
It's always good to look at usage and possible new components""frisbee golf? Splash park?
Its a nice park, could use a spruce up but total rebuild seems unnecessary
Just need tennis courts also striped for pickleball.
Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.

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Make a one-way 3/4 round-about at the end of the road for people to drop off their passengers & beach supplies. The one-way should continue towards the tennis courts to re-join the main road which should also be just one-way exiting to the light by Harold's Diner.

This is a great beach park with a terrible parking area. The existing side street parking that's blocked off now needs to be re-opened with designated 45 degree angled street parking. We need that space for the kids soccer games & event parking. Re-direct bikers & pedestrians off the road and onto the bike paths.

The creek that winds out thru the marsh is amazing and the beach is one of our best. A boardwalk with a large-multi story observation tower / lighthouse would be beautiful here. Look how iconic the Harbour town "tourist" lighthouse has become... call this one Beacon - Park and let this lighthouse or observation tower set the tone / design motif of the park.

The beach is the dog park...but could there ever actually be a seasonally established fencing area to corral the dogs into a more controlled area?

A multi-food truck/trailer parking area where vendors rent space on a limited basis would be great so we get a variety of foods and competition & don't get stuck with one bad & expensive concessionaire. On busy days rent more spaces & on slow days rent fewer. Let visitors vote for the best vendors and allow the best to get the prominent parking spots. Maybe even set up design standards for what food trucks or trailers look like (just like many HOAs do with the homes in their communities). Ex: if a vendor wants to build a food trailer for the park and rent a space for the season, it must fit a Gullah theme or brightly painted Caribbean theme, etc.

More family oriented activities such as water related, ie. splash pads, water park

Multiple Pickleball courts are needed and would be used!

Need 24 pickleball courts

Need more pickleball courts.

Need more tennis courts, lighting, landscape clean up and re-do.

Need Pickleball Complex

Need pickleball facilities

NEED TO INCLUDE A PICKLEBALL CENTER...

Need to take more people out of the south end of the island which is becoming grossly overcrowded. This park needs to be tied in to Shelter Cove Community park and beach by the linear trail. It needs a trailhead, more parking, and a variety of alternative activities to develop mid island points of interest.

Needs modernization

no Comment!

Not seeing a need to completely renovate chaplin park. Seems to have the amenities it needs. Maintenance is one thing but a complete renovation seems unnecessary.

Parking is a nightmare, even more so now that we can't park on Burke's Beach Road. Needs a refresh with more modern technology/amenities/sports fields.

Pickel Ball courts are needed

Pickleball Complex

Pickleball complex

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Pickleball courts are needed.

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Pickleball growth has driven and a change in sport preference, especially in the 50+ crowd, that is seldom seen in sports. This fast growing sport has immense draw for locals and visitors alike. Adding the 24 pickleball court complex will bring HHI on par with Florida destinations.....that HHI has been losing out to.
Pickleball is growing nationwide and we need to keep up.
Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the world. It is popular with young and old alike. More & more young people are falling in love with the sport (my 4 grandchildren, ages 11, 13, 25, & 27 included). I believe it will soon be an Olympic Sport. We desperately need a first class Pickleball Complex on our island to help avoid losing visitors to other locations and become known as a Great Pickleball Destination as well as Beach, Tennis & Golf! Chaplain Park is the perfect place to build such a comply!
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Plans to expand/improve the park to include a pickleball complex should be completed. With pickleball being the fastest growing sport why are we not supporting it thus bringing in healthy minded individuals with money to spend all over our beautiful island.
Put in the Pickleball complex. It would be a huge community asset.
Require to include a good pickleball facility
should add pickelball courts and maybe some other facilities
Stadium events for multi purpose sporting events that have title sponsors and all that the constructed at the park has a sponsor.
Take advantage of the huge, growing demand for pickleball and develop a first date PB facility.
The addition of a pickleball/tennis complex as provided here would offer a vast increase in use of the park not only for local residents but for the vacationer and as an attraction for national recognition as a tournament sight. The revenue gained by a pro shop where merchandise, lessons, and other cost generating options could offset some of the initial costs and generate new sources of revenue.
The biggest problem with Chaplin is its use for storm damage vegetation processing as we experienced post Mathew where the fields were unusable for almost a year. If we can not find an alternative site for this activity then the fields should be converted to general play rather than organized team sports. A portion of these fields should be utilized for beach parking with a shuttle service to the beach. These parking areas should be stabilized turf rather than formal paved or pervious lots. The parking lots proposed in the Chaplin Linear Park Plan near the beach should not be constructed as that area is a Maritime Forest which should be interpreted as part of the Chaplin Linear Trail.
The central location in the community would make a great setting for more natural surface trails, a pumptrack and other active recreation activities.
The design of Chaplin right now is not practical.
THE dog park could use some work...too dirty. The bike trails through the park are good except maintenance needed on the bike trail from 278 into the park...big tree root and unpaved area.
The facilities need to be updated. The fields are in need of care and additional lighting. Parking in the area is poor and is now worse that the Town has limited parking off Burkes Beach Road for no apparent reason.
The park fits a need with the sports fields, etc. it's not a park I would want to go to for quiet walks, Or to sit and read a book. I think of Chaplin as a family park, with sports, kids running around, picnics, playgrounds, etc.
The park has much to offer but this beautiful area can be improved.
The park seems tired. Certainly one way to liven it up and meet an outstanding need would be to construct the pickleball complex that's put forth in the Master Plan. That would serve a lot of people in a relatively small space, and year-round.
The park should be reimagined for activities that are and will be popular, like pickle ball.

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The park's playgrounds need to be upgraded. The dog park is great, but it could use some upgrades - agility activities and a hose bib or dog wash station just outside the park. The biggest upgrade needed is the entrance to the beach. It needs a major overhaul - a drop off area like Coligny beach park, more and cleaner bathrooms, more outdoors showers, changing stalls, a hose bib to wash down gear, concessions, benches, etc.
The tennis courts are great. The dog park is dark & blah. The Pickleball courts are not very nice. A lot of tree debris.
There is a need for more pickleball courts, as the sport has grown tremendously.
There needs to be dedicated pickleball courts. When we are there for soccer practices, the fields seem to have poor drainage and they are soaked for many days after it rains. The entire Parks needs to be redone with better signage and awareness of what is there and exactly where it is. I have been there many times and had a difficult time finding where the pickleball/basketball court was. I am told there is a wall there somewhere that you can hit a ball against to increase our speed but still haven't been able to find it. I also had no idea there was a dog park there! Where???
This park should include trails, flex field space, dog park, tennis, pickleball, basketball, splashpad, parking and other amenities.
This park should remain primary for sports like soccer. But, it should be reconfigured to add more fields and parking by removing wooded areas , dog park, and playground.
This would be a great site for a new pickleball complex
Times have changed and different priorities now
to install pickleball courts for residents & visitors to HHI. There is a great interest in this sports for all ages & skill to play, beginners, immediate, & advanced would all enjoy having a dedicated courts on HHI.
Under utilized
Updating facilities and features should be an ongoing program.
Upgrade general turf fields, ball fields and tennis courts/pickle ball courts. Improve walking/biking paths and boardwalks. Install boardwalk or blue plastic runner to the beach to make it handicapped accessible.
upgrade the facilities for athletics and include amenities for beach goers as well
Very interested in adequate and permanent pickleball courts.
We Like the spread out expansiveness of it.
We loved taking our dog to the dog park. However, she contracted a fungus infection that eventually caused her death. The dog park is such a great amenity for the island. It is large and has the potential to be much better if more attention is paid to keeping the drinking fountains and water access in better condition and keeping the surface area clean. It is a wonderful opportunity for visitors with pets to exercise their dogs and offer playtime with others.
When visiting the park, it is never busy.
Would be a great location for a dedicated pickleball complex
Would like a renovation to include Pickleball and other activities to make use of this large area of public land.
Would like to see Pickleball offered there.
Would like to see the playground updated and more open playing field space available for families to play (soccer dominates most of the year).
Driving range and/or public golfing access. (Small practice greens, we know space is limited.)
Would love a pickleball center there
You do not have the resources to do it or more importantly to maintain it

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Pickleball courts with lights and a roof. A concession building is not needed.
Pickleball courts!
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pickleball for the future would rank #1
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proposed Pickleball complex
Pumptrack or skate plaza
what?!
34. Other recreation facilities that should be considered for Chaplin Community Park.
agility dog equipment
bicycle paths
Improved beach access and expanded parking
lawn bowling facility
More paths for bike riding.
Nature trails

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Pickleball Complex
pickleball facilities
Skate park
The costal empire and lowcountry lack at BMX track
Turf parking lots for overflow beach use in summer with shuttle service.
Updated Bathroom Facility
what?!
35. Is there anything you would like for staff to know about Chaplin Community Park?
Add additional parking and bathrooms as needed to accommodate the amenities and recreation facilities that are added.
Ask your local Environmental experts for their detailed input, and keep them in the planning process at all times.
Chapin is a great park and it's pretty well maintained, given how much it's used. The natural areas are under-utilized - adding nature trails/boardwalks and interpretive signs would be a good use of the land.
Do not see the need to totally renovate. Agree could use some maintenance but has all needed amenities now (fields, bathrooms, picnic area, playground, basketball, tennis etc). Need to spend within the current park budget for this.
Fix the bike trail between 278 and the park...tree root and unpaved area.
For the most part it's a great facility.
Great location for residents & visitors
Great location on Island
I have not been there much with the COVID restrictions. However before that there was increasing trash in the forest area near the beach off Burkes Beach road. That is an important nature and trail area and should be preserved.
I like that its the "center" of the island and seems like a center of activity. If you want it to be MORE successful its going to need MORE parking.
I think it is a nice park, with a good selection of amenities
Increase paid parking to access the beach so visitors are not forced to illegally park.
It is a beautiful site and whatever is done should be first class in keeping with the island's reputation.
It is a great place for a nerwe Pickleball complex which will draw visitors to the Island.
It needs a facelift as mentioned the dog park area & Pickleball courts.
It needs to somehow honor the native islanders (both the 1st Americans & the Gullahs) to some degree. Before Surfwatch was built there, I think there was a popular social club for the black community in this area - maybe research some history about this and incorporate some of that into the park's look and feel.
It was a lovely space when it was mostly woods!
I've only gone to Chaplin's dog park. When I go through it, I don't even think of it as a park. To me, it's more like a piece of land between some timeshare facilities with a dog park, ball field and tennis courts in the middle, and I rarely see anyone playing tennis or ball. Perhaps the park could be used for concerts and festivals in addition to a place for families and tourists. But dont' turn it into a shopping center or hotel area. Keep parking allowed on Burke's Beach Road. It is needed and has been there for years.

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Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.
Love the place.
Need expertise to decide what's best use of this land, not opinions of people who don't really know the answer. ex. Think Baseball/softball all should be moved to crossings park.
Need more public tennis courts on the island. The existing are always booked. Don't see a need for more playgrounds or sports centers. Small/temporary youth population.
Nice park. Clean up dead trees.
No
No Blue Mat to the beach. Keep it natural. Keep Burkes Sandy!
no Comment!
Not at this time.
Parking going to be an issue.
Pickleball....pickleball.....pickleball I play pickleball daily at the rec center. This facility is woefully under developed. In fact one of the courts was so poorly designed it is no even used Daily there are five courts in use with as many as 20 to 30 [players sitting on a couple picnic tables.....The baffles around each court has to be set up and torn down daily and offer nothing but an eye sore.
PLEASE make some productive development happen...NOW !!
Promote use of the parking lot on Singleton Beach Road for beach access with a shuttle service during the season.
Rebrand as mid-island beach access park to relieve overuse at Coligny beach park
This is a shaded park and is cool in the summertime, the surface is very dirty and concrete is hard if people get run down by the dogs. Not enough sitting area for the number of dogs.
This is the BEST location for a dedicated pickleball facility on the island. It should be the first addition/renovation/upgrade built within the park.
This may be a hidden gem. I'm not sure I've ever been there (have lived here for 2 years)...he park has not been promoted.
We enjoyed doing " pick up" baseball, while other activities were going on in other fields around us. Please do any " re-do" with maintaining its expansiveness - the beauty of the park itself.
We planned correctly, we have a great opportunity to take advantage of the folly with a pier and social gathering area along with family friendly activities such as picnics. Adding open air fitness areas throughout the park will also be a plus. Promoting healthy exercise options on within public parks will help enhance the Hilton Head world Class Resort Destination Brand
41. Explain your answer to the question about whether you agree with the proposed baseball/softball consolidation and diversifying the park for the community.
Adding a few amenities other than baseball/softball will be a great benefit to to the community. The nature trails could be improved with interpretive signage, restrooms, and benches.
Anytime I have visited this park, it is rarely used.
Crossings park could be the anchor for the Palmetto Bay area and serve as a catalyst for investment. There should be expansion of the baseball/softball facilities to not only meet local programming needs but to provide capability to host tournaments and other events.
Crossings Park has the highest density of natural surface trails of any park in your catalog , please don't cut more trees for fields! HHI doesn't have much for publicly accessible "woods".
Don't use it

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Don't visit often enough to have an opinion as to whether or not it needs a renovation.
HHI needs to prioritize the amenities at all of their facilities.
I know it has soccer fields and baseball and mutiuse. Picnic areas and the old skatepark/hockey park. great staging area for fun runs/ parades
I like the fact that crossings feels like a secluded park. There is plenty of shaded walking paths including the off-path nature trails. Between Bristol and the ball fields there are places to refill your water bottle and use the restroom.
I mostly visit to watch baseball games, and it seems fine the way it is. It serves its purpose.
I take my dog there, and rarely see anything going on. At least the dog park has a pavilion and your'e adding bathrooms, so that's good, but the field across the way is rarely used and am not sure why you want to add more. Perhaps it's better to focus on more student games/activities to fill up the existing fields! The skate park also appears unused, but perhaps skating is no longer the big deal as it was in the 1990s. Keep in mind, it's possible I don't notice the sporting events anymore because my kids are grown. But I sure would like to see more people out there. I used to walk a lot in the wooded area, but no longer after I spotted a very large alligator on the main road on the right, across from the concession stand. (It was after a heavy rainy season, which might explain the only time I've ever seen one.) BUT those woods are remote and I'm too old to be running from gators! Perhaps boardwalks like Sea Pines has could be installed through those wetlands and used for educational, nature and historical purposes. Something like that would get a lot of use because it really is pretty back there. Not sure exactly what a "water pad" is, but sounds like a cool option in the summer. It would bring more people when sports are out of season. Also, an idea just came to mind... design a small amphitheater for wannabe actors, locals, musicians to jam or act, which could serve as a double function to watch sports.
I think it serves a valuable purpose as it stands
I think that it should be kept as a primary baseball field but maybe update the park. It gets dark at night when games are going on and it is outdated. It is good for kids who don't want to watch their siblings play but it needs to be a little brighter and cleaner. I was always worried about snakes being in the equipment due to its location, the mulch and the darkness.
I think the baseball fields are adequate and used often. The bathroom facilities are excellent.
It is a great area that can be updated.
It's fine
It's the best baseball park I have ever seen. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. That money could be used elsewhere.
Need more baseball. Need better fields for year round use-- turf takes fields out of play. Play cycle wrong for growing grass.
Need to upgrade fields
Park is in desperate need of updating.
Park seems to be in reasonable shape.
Please don't tear down the trees
The baseball facility is rundown and it is not an attractive park
The fields and amenities can certainly use updated the main thing for me though is the maintenance and care of the facilities by locals who actually care about it
The park seems in good shape when I have visited. Maintenance that will fit in budget only.
This is a well used sports facility and should be in the best condition possible.

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This would be a great place for a dog park, revived batting cages, revamped single-track bike trails, and a multi-purpose sports field for pick-up games.

Love the idea of a splash pad, if space allows.

Whenever I have been there the park seems to be getting used by our youth leagues. It is important to maintain facilities for our youth teams.

With Hilton Head's best in class designation, redevelopment of the Crossings Park facilities would allow for additional sports tournaments annually which would generate a great deal of tourism dollars for the island in terms of hotel/motel stays, restaurants, etc.

Yes it's a great park but it's time to diversify what is thought of as just a park...if you consider the bike path area under the power lines, this section would make for a great community gardening area where users rent plots. No need for the town to pay for a building to sell food out of when the food truck/trailer thing has become so popular.

The mountain bike adventure trail back there needs to be better developed too please.

Tie in the whole area between the boat launch & crossings park with a combined theme / look and trail system. More gravel bike paths with bike maintenance area would be helpful.

Also include a food truck/trailer parking area (see previous comments regarding this). If we had enough food-truck parking areas, business could move between them to follow the crowds and would be willing to build their food trailers tailored to meet our aesthetic standards. I personally prefer food trailers to food trucks as they tend to look nicer & are better maintained. Perhaps have longer term tenants be restricted to trailers built to our "look" but allow food trucks to rent space on a limited basis for busy weekends.

43. What other park amenities should be considered for Crossings Park?

Add two more ball fields and a playground as recommended in the Master plan

At the boat dock add a SUP/kayak launch area and develop a water-trail system with stops at some of the islands along the way - the area behind Yacht Cove (owned by the town) could have a small landing kayak / boat dock as a destination. It's a nice wooded area with a good walking trail that could also incorporate picnic spaces.

disc golf

Need more baseball and softball fields with artificial surface.

Redevelop the baseball fields and add at least two more fields with proper drainage, etc.

Revived/More Batting Cages

sand volleyball

some type of amphitheater for local musical, acting, performances and gatherings. Design it to be used as a stand for watching games.

45. Are there other active recreation or sports type facilities that should be considered for Crossings Park in addition to baseball and softball?

A sand volleyball court would also be great at Crossings, especially with the large number of young professionals that live in adjacent palmetto bay marina.

Build out / expand the bike trails / adventure park and tie in the space with the boat launch area.

Fitness and bike / running trails better maintained though the woods.

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It would be horrible to lose the natural surface trails just for more ball fields. Trails can be used all the time, by anyone.

obstacle course?

concrete ping pong tables?

chess checkers w replacable pieces

giant lawn jigsaw puzzles?

funny photo Pose stations for family outings

foot bath polls for refresh and childplay in fountains?

island history quiz walkway to learn local history?

phone charging stations.

"day lockers" to store picnic stuff while go for a walk?

plink a plunk like tv show for family fun.

rent kayaks from there and get a key to access them at the bridge boat access? (warnings about tide/current)

Off road trials and cycling could be another use suited for this area.

Pickleball

Pump track if not put in Chaplin Park

Sand Volleyball

Skate park

soccer, basketball court, frisbee golf

Upgrading the skate park.

When I visit this park and playground, I do not see the park being utilized.

46. Is there anything you would like for staff to know about Crossings Park?

A Fitness Trail and workout area would be a great addition. The bike and running trails though the woods area citizen made essential and could be improved and maintained. Do not get rid of the wooded and nature aspect of this area by making too many large fields. Keep it wooded like it is and improve the trails (unpaved).

connect it to bristol sports arena!!

great location

I answered "no opinion" on the consultant recommendations because although I agree to upgrading and adding to the sports fields and adding a playground if needed, I don't think the sports fields should be consolidated on the south end of the Island. I would like to see Barker Field also upgraded. Is the idea to use just Crossings for baseball/softball? Where will the soccer fields be?

I see staff in there often and its well kept and clean.

It hasn't even begun to reach it's potential. So much more is possible.

Keep in mind activities and events for kids to use when they are not enrolled in team sports. Children need to have playgrounds, non-organized activities, places to run and play. So much on HHI requires kids to be enrolled and pay for golf, tennis, boating, games, etc. I think places that invite children and families to hang out, to have leisure, unstructured time together, is missing and is sorely needed. This could help bring the gated communities together too.

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Kids frequently race their dirtbikes and motoized vehicles disrupting the nature areas. It is dangerous sometimes. One area should be designated for motorized vehicles and leave the rest alone. There is also a terrible noise problem when they are driving their motorcycles.
Need to understand approach to maintaining the fields. They apparently are out of synch due to inherent conflicts on when grass needs to regenerate and when fields are needed for play. Believe it needs to be artificial turf to allow year round play and also accommodate sports tourism.
Please ad more nature and leisure trails!!!
Please consider Bristol Sports as part of the master planning.
Seems to have what is needed already.
The guy running the concession stand is gruff.
Turf the soccer field
50. Explain your whether you agree with the proposal to build a new community park at the Mid Island Tract.
A disc golf course would be amazing.
Add disc golf!
Add soft use access i.e. trails for walkers and birders. Include interpretive and educational signage
All those living mid-island (HH Plantation, Indigo Run and Port Royal Plantation) will have a place to either walk or ride bikes. Would love to see foot golf or frisbee golf.
Another great piece of property that can be transformed into a beautiful Hilton Head Park for the north side of the island.
As I mentioned previously in the survey we have a good variety and number of sports and general recreation parks on the island. What really seems to be lacking is a large forest preserve and nature preserve area dedicated strictly to nature lovers!!
As noted in earlier response, this green space is located right in our neighborhood. The children in our condo complex barely know each other, as there is nowhere within walking distance for them to play together. This new park would provide that, and equally important, it would provide a place for the adults of the neighborhood to be able to exercise outdoors and establish deeper neighborly relationships by way of simply seeing each other more than just to wave to and from our cars and front doors.
believe it should not be an active park. Needs to be a nature place in synch with sustainability. A quiet place with waking, hiking and biking tails.
Disc golf course allows great flexibility and easy maintenance. Proper signage will keep pedestrians safe and the park will be kept cleaner and safer with constant disc golf traffic.
Disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports and it would be a great addition for the community.
Disk golf please
History
I believe this area should be preserved in natural state and promote the natural beauty of the Island. It should incorporate walking and biking paths that fit with nature. I am strongly opposed to any lighting or grandstands. This area should be used as a passive area similar to an arboretum or bird watching area which will encourage activities that will have a minimal impact on the surrounding areas. Hosting tournaments with lights and grandstands is not consistent with the custodianship of the natural beauty of the Island. Whatever is done with this area should have a minimal impact on this tract and the surrounding area. The planned use should take into account increased traffic, noise and disruption to nearby neighborhoods.

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I feel very strongly that the Mid Island should be a new community park. It is a beautiful site and the addition of walking and biking trails would be a fabulous addition to what is available on the island. A nature center in the area would be
I have heard this is where a new disc golf course would be placed - I would frequent this course as would many others
I live in port Royal Plantation so parking and access and egress have to be carefully planned so as not to disrupt life in our neighborhood
I love near there and often go to the beach there, so I would love to have a park there.
I prefer the tract remain close to its pristine condition.
I think it could be a great disc golf course
I think it should remain a golf course. Public executive course par 3 for beginner golfers or those that just have a short time to play. Nothing like that on the island now.
I think nature should be preserved as much as possible. Walking, birdwatching, slow biking should be priorities. Sports should be concentrated in other parks (Chaplin, etc.)
I think that having a public use area there if done well could be amazing.
I think the Master Plan is wrong
I think this space could be better utilized. We have plenty of Parks. Why not investigate putting up more affordable housing here, for our dear workers. No more timeshares! They are a glut.
I want a disc golf course here
I would appreciate non-sports amenities geared to older populations -- like me!
i would like to see an area that is multi use.. Track for races 5-10k and areas to bike and visit
I would love to see Disc Golf added to the Park
If the money is available, I'm all for developing that property. But not at the expense of other properties that need updating. And not if the property owners have to pay for it through taxes.
If you mean sports such as basketball, soccer etc. I would suggest more activities for retired residents that make up a majority of full time residents.
It depends on what the mix is. As President of Hilton Head Audubon, we are concerned that development of the park could disturb one of the island's richest bird habitats and home to the only nesting colony of Red-headed Woodpeckers on Hilton Head Island. In limited explorations of the park, we have documented more than 60 bird species. While we support cleanup and improvements to the trails, we want to ensure that some habitat is managed and preserved for bird-watching and nature walks. This should include accessible pathways for the disabled to enjoy nature. Accessible facilities such as this are much needed on the island.
It has the potential to draw and produce tourism dollars.
It is a beautiful tract of land and it is important to keep it green for the Island community
It is a great location for building the green-scape culture HHI prides itself on. The space must be put to good use ASAP as it is a detrimental icon sitting in the central view of the island.
it is a large and beautiful area that needs to be utilized for the community.
It is large enough for many activities
It should be kept as a nature walk or biking trail. There are other areas designated for sporting events.
It will be a great park, but I'd hate to see too many "amenities" there. Its wildness, its extensive bird species, and its serenity are its main assets. Safe walking and biking trails, with areas left "wild" for nature, vegetated pond margins, etc. can be done carefully without losing the raptors, woodpeckers, etc. that now make it home.
It would be perfect for a disc golf course

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It's a tremendous piece of property and will be widely used if developed properly
Just not commercial, maintain the island's beauty and nature. It should be family friendly for everyone, residents and tourists.
Keep as a nature park with trails
Keep it a golf course or keep it natural!
Keep sports at Crossings other than perhaps a soccer field or two.
Leave it as green space
Less ball fields more open space for being outside.
Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.
make it a passive park preserve
Most remain passive
Multi use facility, but must be passive activities. No event facilities or concert facilities should be allowed. Since this tract was designated as PASSIVE, the definition of passive must be provided to insure any decisions avoid legal challenges.
Need a disc golf course in the area. It's the fastest growing sport in the world.
no sports fields pleas
NO sports! Keep it passive and natural. There are already so many places for kids, dogs and sports. We need a place that is just nature and NOT the beach. More than 60 bird species make their home on this Tract, including the island's only known nesting colony of Red-headed Woodpeckers. NO DOG PARK!!!! NO EVENTS!!! NO SPLASH PAD!! Just natural with some walking or biking paths PLEASE.
Open the cart paths to bicycles. Let it fill in naturally. No need for any sports fields. DON't cut down trees.
opportunity for something new
Park should feature a central "eco corridor", possibly along the natural waterway and drainage system that connects the Ashmore Tract with Fish Haul creek area. Sports facilities and other attractions should be along more visable boundary roads.
Perhaps a botanical garden, public art exhibits, a lawn bowling or croquet facility or Central Park motif, band stand
Pickel ball
Pickleball Pickelball pickleball
PLEASE leave this tract as open space for "passive" recreation -- birding, enjoying landscape and nature on foot or bicycle, photography, etc. With improved trails, it could be accessible for the elderly, who can rarely access birdwatching areas (since they are usually down long, uneven trails). Additionally, Red-Headed Woodpeckers, a declining species, nest on the tract and there is a rookery abutting. Minimal disturbance of natural features, improved trails, and replanting fairways for meadows to attract new species would all enable this park to help Hilton Head compete for "nature tourists" who bolster the local economy. Also, residents and snow birds would get to know their island in a new way, with amenities not duplicated at other parks.
Preserve some of the natural areas for nature lovers and birders.
Pump track
Should be a passive park with walking and biking trails. No sports activities.
Start putting stuff in other places on the island.
The area is large and easily accessed, and with its golf-course footprint has an attractive landscape foundation. Also, much of it does not have noise-sensitive neighbors.
The island has enough parks. Refurbish the golf course.
The island lacks public natural surface space and trails.

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<p>The Mid Island Trac should take every effort to be natural and open, not "developed". A wonderful opportunity to leverage a large open space to leverage the islands beauty.</p>
<p>The Mid Island Tract has the potential of being one of Hilton Heads crown jewels! It is a beautiful piece of land that is centrally located and easily accessible by bike. Most importantly it has abundant natural space and is a perfect example of what makes Hilton Head such a great place to live. Hilton Head excels when it preserves its natural environment.</p>
<p>The Mid-Island Tract should be left as a natural area. It is the only area on this island that has specific species of birds that nest there. No sports facilities are needed there. More walk-ways, trails for the natural environment</p>
<p>The question about a sports or non-sports amenities is too open ended. I support the idea of a passive park -- bird watching areas, cross-country running track, out of traffic areas bicycle paths. I do not support adding ball fields, splash pad, pickle ball courts, or event space -- not open lawn nor amphitheater -- to a new park in this area.</p>
<p>The question is too wide open. I.E. I would not support a baseball stadium.</p>
<p>The town should explore turning the mid island tract into a municipal golf course using the Charleston Municipal Golf Course as a model.</p> <p>Golf on the island is prohibitively expensive and non inclusive. The planters row infrastructure is already in place and could easily be turned into a par 3 course or short yardage course. A place where dress code is lax, rates and food and beverages affordable and walking encouraged. There is not a single public golf course on the island that allows walking for non-members. And many island residents simply cannot afford the expensive greens fees or feel offput by the dress code regulations or general exclusionary attitudes at local country clubs.</p>
<p>Think it should be for passive recreation.</p>
<p>This could be a great place for a very nice disc golf course. If it is designed properly, it is a big enough to potentially host tournaments which brings more revenue in for the city.</p>
<p>This is a great location for a park. It would also be a great location for a multi-purpose community building.</p>
<p>This is an excellent opportunity to showcase and reinforce our commitment to preservation of our natural environment. The area is large enough to allow a Central Park type concept where facilities enhance the natural setting.</p>
<p>This is an opportunity to showcase a best in class "Central Park" concept with a variety of offerings and amenities. Public investment in this area should stimulate reinvestment in the deteriorating commercial areas in the area.</p>

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<p>This is our opportunity to create a world class multiple use Central Park in the heart of the island. The unique natural resources of this tract make it a perfect place to create a world class botanic garden. The lagoons and connecting stream make the northeast section of the tract the perfect site for a series of themed gardens similar to botanic gardens throughout the world. This will create a major attraction for the visitors and residents alike. This enhancement of our quality of life should be undertaken with the University of South Carolina and would provide numerous volunteer opportunities for our residents. To the east to this area is a rookery and two other lagoons which are valuable birding areas and would be a perfect companion to the botanic garden. The south east section along the Union Cemetery Rd. is a great landscape for the development of synthetic turf ball fields for soccer and other team sports. Pickleball might also fit well here if it can not be accommodated in Chaplin Park. A pavilion overlooking the synthetic fields could serve as a location for concerts and other public gatherings.</p>
<p>This is the only remaining opportunity on Hilton Head, and especially the Mid Island and Norther end of the island ... for a Nature Park with world class standards and highly legitimate Eco designations, uses, protections and interactive educational options .. and as a perfect fit for a Post Covid world for creative ... but Passive ... uses. It's newly developed eco system of ground covers, ponds, creeks, ditches, bird rookery, dead trees for certain bird species, indigenous plants and Rare-Indigenous plants, as a "destination" for birders and schoolchildren, and Audubon bird watchers, garden enthusiasts. If you add any recreational park space for sports activities, please confine it to the South area near Union Cemetery Road and RT 278.</p>
<p>This land should be developed into a formal park system</p>
<p>This should be a passive park not sports/non-sports complex. NOT for multiuse fields, NOT for aquatic center, NOT for housing, NOT for a skateboard park, NOT for art, NOT for pavilion/amphitheater/events etc. These will cause issues with parking, noise, lighting, crime. This area of the island has been under attack with airport expansion outside original master plan, arbournature fiasco, tree clear cutting. For once, can we have some greenspace that is so badly needed? Peaceful coexistence with nature - need to go back to what makes this island special.</p>
<p>This should be a priority as I stated in my initial comments about the Parks and recreation Master Plan. We currently need this additional community park mid-island.</p>
<p>This would be wonderful. The land is there so let's use it for athletics. We need dedicated areas to ride bikes or run. Bike or running trails would be ideal. A BMX/Pump track will allow for a safe place for all ages to ride. BMX in particular will generate revenue and host weekly events/races. The Island Rec Center can be apart of this as well.</p>
<p>Too much traffic.</p>
<p>Variety of parks provides great options for residents and visitors.</p>
<p>We need a destination park towards the North end that includes world class amenities and recreational activities.</p>
<p>We need a par 3 course and driving range on the island so beginner golfers have a place to learn.</p>
<p>We need a park to be a destination for the North end of the Island. This would be a great park to have a community pool that is for recreational swimming, fun bike trails for people to ride on and a great outdoor concert venue like a clamshell area (similar to Rosemary Beach in FL). It is important that this park be for ALL islanders!</p>
<p>We need another park convenient to the north end of the Island</p>
<p>We need space for items like the first two prioritized below.</p>
<p>We've got enough sports and playgrounds at other parks. Can't we just have a place of beauty and quiet with walking paths and benches? Peaceful water features?</p>

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Would love to have a disc golf course!
Would prefer for it to be a community park with non-sports amenities, to enjoy the nature that is available at this site.
Would prefer to leave it as primarily open green space.
You have Barker field , Chaplan Park) for sports events and the Cross Island Park. I would like to see it be a natural park with walking and biking trails. People are here and enjoy our nature. The golf course before being overgrown was just that, a beautiful green area. We need more of that not more planned activities.
52. What other typical park amenities should be considered for Mid Island Tract?
Again a golf course. We do not want the noise of amphitheater and events so close to our neighborhoods, and HHI already has plenty of event venues
Bathrooms
benches
Bird watching areas.
Bird-watching and nature trails
BMX race track or bicycle pump track
Botanic garden and synthetic turf ball fields
Botanical garden area
Disc golf
Disc Golf
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Disc golf course
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Disc golf course
Disc golf course
Disc golf!!!!
Disk golf please!
Field sports including turf feilds to increase playability and host touraments should be a priority.
Foot Golf, Biking or Frisbee Golf
Forest and nature preserve with walking paths!!!
Gardens
It was the most challenging of the three Port Royal golf courses. It should be restored and it would bring in significant revenues.
lawn bowling, croquet grounds
Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.
Multi purpose community building
Natural surface trail appropriate for bike and cross country running events is in short supply on the island.
Nature Center
Nature preserve

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No facilities. Leave as is.
None of the above, keep it natural or golf
Par 3 course needed on the island
Pathways for walking or biking, Benches, restrooms, drinking water access.
Pickel ball courts
Pickleball
Pickleball
pickleball but not if it is going to be years and years away!
Pickleball courts
Pitch and putt or par 3 golf area
Preserve woodland habitats and "natural" features. allow meadows to grow. create more habitat for birds and wildlife.
Pump track
Reserve extensive space along union Dillon Road for a tree planning to replace the tens of thousands of trees at the town of Hilton head has destroyed near the airport
running trails
See above comment
see above. believe this needs to be a quiet place.
The ecological features of the mid island tract are a relatively unique and fragile environment that needs to be preserved as a first order of business. The other facilities can be tastefully added in areas adjacent.
The town should explore turning the mid island tract into a municipal golf course using the Charleston Municipal Golf Course as a model.
There should be some natural non paved biking trails along the outskirts of the property, something that goes through the trees and is a packed dirt trail with hills and valleys.
Trails for wildlife viewing and birding.
Use 2/3rds of the area for a Passive Park for walking-biking-meditating, Eco education and preferably a Botanically managed system with a fee based entry. World Class is preferred as a level to achieve. Also consider it's role as the beginning of a new Town initiative to upgrade and improve the entire Mid Island District
Walk Ways with bird watching areas
walker and wheelchair accessible areas for relaxing in nature, observing birds, etc.
We need a recreational swim complex for the community! The Island Rec pool is programmed every day of the week. Some islanders do not have a pool to swim in! We also need a community garden. Give people opportunities to grow their own vegetables.
54. What other special use park amenities should be considered for Mid Island Tract?
amphitheater for concerts and music events festivals
benches
Benches and a common area for a park like setting where people can gather for conversation, musicians to play together similar to what you find in Washington Square in NYC with more of a Harbor Town sitting area setting.
BMX / Pump track or running trails. We have the other amenities in other park locations.
Community/multi purpose building.
Cross country running track.
deffinitely NOT a concession stand

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Disc golf
Disc golf
Disc golf
Disc golf
Disc Golf
Disc golf course
Disk golf
golf course
I think walking trails would be good, along with more affordable housing
It should be kept as natural as possible. Walking, jogging, running paths . These are the ones njoent
Keep it natural or golf
Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.
Nature trails and interpretive signage.
par 3 golf course
Pickleball
pickleball courts
Recreational Swim facility & community garden
The town should explore turning the mid island tract into a municipal golf course using the Charleston Municipal Golf Course as a model.
There should be some natural non paved biking trails along the outskirts of the property, something that goes through the trees and is a packed dirt trail with hills and valleys.
We are under represented in open space nature preserves on the island,accessible to the public for free.
56. What other active recreation facilities should be considered for Mid Island Tract?
BMX Track
Disc Golf
Disc golf course specifically
golf course
golf course
Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.
Mid Island tract location should not be for sports facilities primarily unless they are multi purpose and general use
Minimize sports activities. Make this about quiet time with nature place
More of a green space location.
Natural paths, historical nature walks. Areas for picnics
NO sports
non sports
none of the above
None of the above, keep it natural or golf
None of the above.
NONE OF THESE ITEMS PLEASE>
Not in favor of choices.
Par 3 course needed
passive park with picnic tables/benches
Pickleball

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pickleball
Pickleball
Pickleball
Pickleball Courts
Pickleball courts
shuffleboard courts
Soccer and field sports
Splash pad
The town should explore turning the mid island tract into a municipal golf course using the Charleston Municipal Golf Course as a model.
Trails appropriate for cross country running are also appropriate for off road cycling
Walking trails and nature preserve should be the only uses for this beautiful tract of land
While I am sure there is some need for some of these, none are important to me. Whatever is hardest to find on the island would be a good choice.
57. Is there anything you would like for staff to know about the Mid Island Tract?
amphitheater for concerts and music events festivals and also have fitness related items like trails and outdoor exercise items
An amphitheater would be amazing and is badly needed
Changing the original feature of the tract will have a major impact on the lives and investments of nearby neighborhoods.
Definite NO to a pump track facility.
Disc golf would be good for all ages, it would be cheap to construct, and it doesn't take away from the nature
I have safety concerns with bringing more people/traffic to this area with the frequent heavy truck traffic that will be occurring due to the disastrous siting of Arbor Nature's Waste Transfer Station on Summit Drive in direct contradiction to our stated goals of being good environmental stewards.
I have walked on this tract many times and it seems to be an obvious choice to be utilized as a nature preserve. It has paths, water, vegetation and trees. There is nothing like it open to the general citizens on the island. With a little grooming and clean up it could be a real gem. For an Island known for its natural beauty, it is the only thing lacking !! The city has an opportunity to make this tract into a place both islanders and visitors can enjoy for generations to come!
I strongly oppose using the mid island track for a sports complex/sports fields/events/basketball courts/aquatic center or art center. This will bring excess noise, lighting issues, parking/traffic issues, and crime to an already stressed area. Nearby communities cannot take anymore after all the town has put us through over the last few years with the airport expansion beyond original master plan, arbornature fiasco, tree clear cutting, etc. ENOUGH! PLEASE STOP! Keep the green space as a passive park.
I think I have made my opinon pretty clear, but just in case - LEAVE IT NATURAL. Thanks for asking for public input.
If the town has a true tree bank, these funds to be used to replant trees lost with the Airport expansion, Clear Cutting for development, and the gifting of property by the town to ArborNature. It is recommended that 25% off the property be returned as a nature habitat and not everything developed for sports.

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<p>I'm not opposed to an Event lawn, This actually sounds lovely. However, it seems like an amphitheater would eliminate anything else besides that and the parking needed for it. (Not to mention the increased traffic created for a little side roads) For the working families of this area, far more immediate is the need for a walking-distance park and playground. And a pump track would be a spectacular addition to the island's offerings. I don't know where else a pump track could go but here.</p>
<p>If there's space for playground, pump track, disc golf, walking trails, etc., I could see an event lawn and pavilion being a wonderful addition.</p>
<p>It is ideally suited for conservation of nature and should be as undisturbed as possible, adding paving only sufficient to ensure accessibility to nature for the elderly and disabled. The development should focus on passive recreation, enjoyment of birds, and relaxation in the outdoors.</p>
<p>It is the home of a number of relatively rare birds (wood ducks, various raptors) as well as being the only nesting colony of red-headed woodpeckers on the island. Please don't cut down all their trees. Thanks.</p>
<p>It would be perfect for a disc golf course</p>
<p>It's beautiful. Please keep it that way. Quiet. Natural. Trees.</p>
<p>Its a great location. Keep it natural and dedicated to active recreation.</p>
<p>Keep it as natural as possible</p>
<p>Keep it green!</p>
<p>Keep it natural or golf!!!!!!!!!!!!</p>
<p>Keep it very green, not too cluttered ("less is more"), An arboretum like feel but with a low country natural environment. Not too developed, or keep the public recreation activities separate from the "unspoiled" areas.</p>
<p>Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.</p>
<p>Make it beautiful to be used by residents , visitors and their dogs</p>
<p>Near the historic cemetery</p>
<p>Need a par 3 course on the island!</p>
<p>NO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT!!</p>
<p>No.</p>
<p>Other than the Hilton Head National, it was the only golf course in the area that was free of private residencies - a truly open space course - which is very attractive to serious golfers. Again, it was the most challenging of the three PR courses and a draw for golf aficionados.</p>
<p>Planning for this park has to done simultaneously with Chaplin and Crossings parks. This will allow for providing all of the needed organized sports activities in a single planning process. Barker field should be part of this process as well.</p>
<p>ENSURE THAT THIS PARK WILL NOT BE USED FOR PROCESSING STORM DEBRIS IN THE FUTRURE!</p>
<p>Please analyze, plan and design anything on this tract, with an Eco Expert group at each step along the process.</p>
<p>Please see comments above. Hilton Head Audubon has expertise to offer and would be delighted to partner with the town in the design of any facilities for bird watching and other forms of nature enjoyment.</p>
<p>Please, please refrain from paving large areas for parking. There is a need for green spaces rather than more paving.</p>
<p>Protect the trees</p>

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Public investment in this area could include development of a municipal or civic complex to accommodate multiple community objectives. Locating a new Town Hall to include capabilities for an emergency operations center and improved meeting space abilities would serve the community well and place these in an area closer to the majority of permanent population. This use is compatible and consistent with the surrounding area and would provide an excellent opportunity for shared facilities with parks and recreation uses and schedules.

Putting pickleball courts at this location might be better suited as to not overwhelm the facilities at Chaplin Park.

Since there was a gold course previously at this location, the addition of foot golf on existing holes might be a good idea.

Showcase nature and keep it as natural as possible.

This could be the only area in this part of the island dedicated for open space and birdwatching. I recently walked Blufton's Old Carolina Trail on an abandoned golf course. It was amazing how the woods and meadows had filled in! A boardwalk had been constructed, for passive recreation -- and it's not even a park yet, I don't believe.

This is at the entrance of our neighborhood and is also mid-island in a residential area. Please keep it as a golf course or a quiet park.

Try to keep the natural beauty of that tract.

We have a wonderful opportunity to develop a community park that will be an asset for our island for many years; and I encourage the Town to invest the planning time and resources to make the area a wonderful place to enjoy!

We're getting to many places that are about doing things. Giving the ongoing decline in open space, believe this is an open space place accommodating walkers, bikers, runners.

Wish that it could be left as natural as possible, so that the beauty of nature could be realized and shared.

Would love a disc golf course here, it is perfect for one

58. Do you have any other comments regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Our Plan?

I am a pickle ball player from Pennsylvania and spend 6 to 8 weeks, on Hilton head Island every year. I play daily so the more courts available the better. Playing at the rec center last year with only 5 courts available we often had 40 people or more waiting their turn to play and would shorten scoring to win at nine points rather than the traditional 11.

1 first class Pickleball center that could host tournaments would practically pay for itself with more guests and visitors.

A Pickleball World Class facility on HHI

Add an annual open water swim event for adults - 1-2 mile open water swim!

Again, please prioritize maintaining and protecting the island's natural habitats upon which the local flora and fauna depend.

Again, thank you so much for the exhaustive work you are all doing to better our community!

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Are you kidding. As they say in sports. " I've already left all I had out on the playing field.

However, thanks for all your hard work & THOUGHT putting this together. WELL DONE!

WAIT: some comments about taking the survey. 1. It's very long & takes patience (& time) to complete. 2. Scrolling down to the very bottom of a section is tricky. On my computer on a number of screens I needed to use 2 different scroll bars to get all the way down to "NEXT". 3. Being able to register was also laborious. 4. However, once registered, I was able to revisit & edit my responses which I appreciated & am doing now. 5. There are many "discovery" aspects to the entire process. I can see where some folks may get confused & not stick with completing it. 6. FYI. I am a slow typist & it's taken me over one our to finally get to EOJ. Phew....

Build the Pickleball Complex in Chaplin Park.

Congratulations on the master pland. Keep up the good work.

Consider residents first and foremost. Take islanders beach, for example. As a second home owner, I pay extremely high taxes on my rental property. I go to the beach at islanders when I can find a place to park my car and put down a beach chair. There are so many tourists from the time shares and rental properties alone folly field road!! There should be no buses and van drop offs from hotels! There should be no public parking. Let non- property owners go elsewhere. Let property owners have a peaceful, reliable place to go in return for all their dollars!

Dedicated pickleball complex should be #1 priority. This facility will serve the local community, attract visitors and tournaments to help offset expenses.

Don't build more than you can afford to maintain.

Facilities for bird-watching and the enjoyment of nature would enhance the ecotourism appeal of Hilton Head Island. Birders from around the world visit the island, primarily for shorebirds on our beaches. Having more opportunities on the island for visitors who enjoy nature would enhance Hilton Head's reputation among this active and growing population. Recent surveys have indicated that enjoyment of birds is the nation's most popular outdoor activity, and its appeal has only grown during the current pandemic.

Fantastic Work - now let's use it!

God Bless

Good luck with the Plans...

Good work!

Hate it.

Hilton Head is rich with animal and wildlife and the Town should promote those activities. Thank goodness we have Honey Horn because the Town doesn't seems to promote much other than beaches and golf.

I already expressed my support for a new Pickleball complex.

I am looking forward to the development of the new park at the former golf course site near Port Royal.

I am only a seasonal resident/visitor but would be willing to volunteer to assist with any number of the ideas-programs-facilities-funding,etc .

I appreciate you gathering input prior moving forward. Thank you.

I hope the transition to move through the programming phase into the implementation phase is quick.

I like your list of projects and this opportunity to comment. I like recent upgrades in Islanders Beach Park, and at Jarvis. The current parks offer a lot of picnic and play opportunities, ball fields, etc. so I'd like to see the Mid-Island Tract much less "developed". Many islanders and visitors want a taste of wildness.

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I think the master plan is excellent but now needs to be paired down to just a few actionable items and then have the surveys based on those items.
I took the survey without having seen the plan
I urge our town leaders to make the mid island tract into a first class nature preserve. One that a first class Island like our's deserves!! For a town that has it all, this is the only thing missing!!! Just think of this tract as a beautiful natural canvas,which is waiting to be groomed into a masterpiece of natures beauty!! By preserving this tract,you would be following in the footsteps of the founding fathers of H.H. who had the incredible vision to make our island what it is today, a perfect combination of beauty and community!!!
I would like to see planning for the people that live here year round and not just tourists.
I would like to see some Pickleball courts built at Chaplin Park ASAP even if some proposed parts of a Pickleball complex have to be delayed.
I would like to see the High priority pickleball complex completed as soon as feasible. This badly needed addition to Hilton Head Island would attract outside play and events in addition to providing recreation for Island residents in this fastest growing sport.
I would love to see more Disc Golf parks on the island!
I'm very excited to know that a pickleball center is part of this plan!!
Island needs Pickleball Complex.
It is a good plan. Please implement it.
It's great Parks & Recs is taking the interest to get feedback. Good luck going forward.
Just that I feel that the pickleball complex will be a huge plus for everyone on the Island...benefitting restaurants, lodging...and would become another reason to visit and spend time on the Island.
Just to reiterate that pickleball is a big part of our decision to come to Hilton Head
Keep the mid island track as a passive park / green space. This is not the place for a sports, aquatic, events, or arts complex or multiuse fields. this will cause noise, lighting, parking, traffic and crime issues in an area that has already been so abused by the town.
keep up the good work
Looking forward to the development of a Pickleball complex.
Make it a top priority, fund it. The island's beaches, bike paths, golf courses, restaurants and lifestyle are big draws. Additional public parks and recreational facilities can only enhance our community.
Make them fully under the control of the island with appropriate tax money currently being hoarded by the county. Consider unique was to utilize local landscape companies for high quality maintenance, creating healthy competition between the "who has the best park" of the various companies.
More Park development on the Island is not needed. Please help to keep the green areas we have!
More trash cans and some recycling bins. People can't recycle if there aren't bins.
Get rid of cat food in parks
Nature tourism is a multi-billion dollar industry, and it is growing. Bird-watching, in fact, is particularly trending, and as the population ages, will likely continue to gain popularity. There are sports facilities already. There is really not so much a focus on nature. Once the "nature" is removed, it's expensive to attempt to replicate it, and it's never the same. Please consider emphasizing our very special habitat, and in particular this tract that abuts natural areas. Thank you.
Need a par 3 course, more tennis courts, maintain natural island beauty, plant new trees and landscape, litter clean up, more island activities like yoga and Zumba in the park.
Need pickleball facilities

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Need someone to be in charge. Someone with extensive parks & recreation experience and expertise. Need to hold someone responsible and accountable for results.
also need to hire Wood & Partners to to the conceptual plan. They know this island cold, are a resource on island that keeps on giving and provides continuity. Don't accept low bidder as the selection criterion. Look at the bigger picture and be willing to pay for their knowledge, wisdom and design expertise..
no thank you for the efforts
No, But I do appreciate the serious consideration being given to build a pickleball complex at Chaplin park!
Pickleball is fast growing sport and the island needs more courts for open play!
Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US and is played primarily by older persons. Our community needs to meet the needs of its older population and provide state of the art facilities that draw tourists and future residents.
Tournaments can be held and raise money to support the sport.
Pickleball popular nationwide
Pickleball would be a great money maker for a island
Please add more Pickle Ball courts.
Please build the pickleball complex. We stay in Palmetto Dunes and I would love a public option for pickleball like we have there
Please put a disc golf course at planters row and consider adding some courses at other parks around the island
Preserve the natural nature of the island. Areas of relaxation and nature. We have enough exercise and sports areas on the island. Keep the beauty of the island or what is left of it. Developers have clear cut areas and the defoliation of the island has not contributed to the plan of keeping the island beautiful. The master plan only benefits developers and those wishing to eliminate the natural beauty of the island for paved parking lots and industrial looking areas.
Safe for bikes, and kids, and a disc golf course
Should have a dog park
Stop spending money on things you can not maintain
Stop wasting tax payers money!!!
Thank You for adding Pickleball courts to the Master Plan. We so enjoy playing:) Val I
Thank you for looking into improving Parks and Rec for the opportunity to comment on these plans.
Thank you for making HHI a better place to live and giving us more spaces to enjoy. I moved here in 1995 and have lived between Hilton Head and St Thomas USVI during the subsequent years... both areas are amazing for their natural beauty. With proper stewardship of the beaches, parks and pathways, the natural environment can remain healthy while providing a wonderful resource for our heart and soul. Cheers to you all and may you stay healthy and active.
Thank you for offering this survey....much appreciated
Thank you to the committee members for caring about this subject. As we see our population increase and the island gets more crowded, we really need to have open spaces such as parks for the residents to enjoy the island. Open spaces enhance the enjoyment of the island, and for instance, some people don't like to use the beach when its crowded with tourists in july and August so having parks provides options for all. I appreciate the opportunity to give my opinion via this survey, thank you very much!
Thank you!
Thank you!!!!
Thanks for advancing parks and recreation planning for HHI!
Thanks for making this inclusive. Please prioritize the idea of "protection" into your process.

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The development of the mid island track needs to support the lifestyle and investment made by the nearby community, specifically Pirt Royal a plantation.
The mid island tract is huge, lets not waste this opportunity to fill it with nonsensical items. Lets put it to good use that helps all our residents and workers.
The recent proposal to convert one span of the old bridge into a linear park (much like the High Line in New York) is absolutely a home run! It would attract national and international attention, provide safe bike/pedestrian access to the mainland and to Pinckney, a unique space for cultural and natural Lowcountry interpretation and events, and the only land required would be for trailhead access. This could be done at modest cost, as the structure already exists and its reuse saves the cost and environmental impact of demolition.
the sooner the better on more public pickleball courts. Most players are over 65!
The town has a chance to turn the mid island park into a beautiful place to visit and enjoy. Barker Field and Cross Island Park are For sports activities, town Center Park for events and music and the new Celebration Park. We need a park for walking, biking, dog park that is green and clean without mud, enjoyment of nature. We do not need planned activities. Tourists get enough of that at home.
They seem quite thorough and intelligently done. And thank you for providing this survey.
This pickleball facility has been a teaser for years... let's do it right... and let's do it now!
Very through and detailed format
We are hopeful that the new pickleball center will be built in the near future. We think it could be a good revenue source for the island.
We are new to the island and are happy to see that the town has so many small parks throughout the island. Now it's time to update some of them with facilities that would benefit many. Pickleball and tennis are extremely popular sports and one that people of any age can play. We have lots of tennis courts but now we need pickleball courts. When we moved here my husband and I were surprised at the lack of pickleball facilities on the island. So many other areas in the southeast are so far ahead of us.
We don't necessarily need more than one dog park, but the dog park gets really dusty and muddy. Either expanding the existing one to include another fenced in grassed area or creating a new one with a grass or turf surface would be great. People used to use the open area near the Veterans' Memorial, but they got chased off. Clearly, people want a grassed area to exercise their dogs. A replacement area in the mid-Island is needed.
We have got to get with the times and build a public pickleball complex on the island. As a new resident, I was so surprised that HH was so far behind with amenities for this fastest growing sport. Either Mid Island Tract or Chaplin Park would be a great location for pickleball courts.
We need a dedicated pickleball facility. We are BEHIND the rest of the county (as expressed by our visitors...many REGULAR tourists!) in this area. It is a very negative aspect of the island to have neglected building a Dedicated pickleball While the significant trend has been the opposite elsewhere. People who vacation here just can't understand the mentality of our island's leadership.....neither can many of us residents.
We need to connect paths from the Shelter Cove Area to Chaplin Park.
What is the primary source of the funding for the Master Plan budget? Sales tax, hotel tax, property tax, etc?
While planning and making decisions, please do not be influenced by current trends.
Would like more information regarding plans for the Kingfisher parcel and the eventual connection to Burke's Beach. I remember years ago that there was talk of an pedestrian overpass, maybe no longer needed because of the new traffic light at that stop.

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Why playgrounds to be put everywhere? The # kids on the Island does not warrant it.
More tennis courts: Older people won't plan on hard courts and look at trend of # decreasing everywhere.
There are an abundance of unused courts on this Island. Are the 4 behind Jr. high ever used?
Is a Pro Shop being built so you can collect money?
Any grants available? Friend in Ohio got \$77,000 from Ohio Dept of Natural Resources Nature Works.
I would put most \$ in Mid Island Tract to make a real show piece for recreation. Put pickleball courts there so they can be expanded if needed. Chaplin originally endorsed because of existing bathrooms and parking spaces. Put that money to new site. Get pickelball professional involved in the plans. There are many high level professionals here on Island. Use their expertise.
Get this project moving! Other communities have built hunderds if not thousands in the time we are "consulting" and getting NOTHING DONE!
I would like to possibly see 4 covered pickleball courts. It would allow more play in really hot temps and rain. It would also draw more tournaments as some are cancelled due to rains and people hesitate to spend \$ on cencalled tournaments.
Golf and tennis driven sports tourism are down in numbers. Pickleball is increasing popularity and is the future. Look at Palmetto Dunes. Check out other areas and find out what's working and mistakes they made.
Sailing and Rowing Center: Great kayak access/dock. Would like to see this at other parks. Sailing lessons for adults similar to: Americansailinginstitute.org. It is an excellent program but nothing like it in this area.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS PER THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN, CHAPLIN LINEAR PARK, AND THE SHELTER COVE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Town of Hilton Head Island’s consultant, Lose Design, has prepared a Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 1 including recommendations for new parks and recreation facilities and improvements to existing parks and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hilton Head Island desires to prioritize the consultant’s recommendations and develop a program and site specific plans for park development and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hilton Head Island desires to refine plans for the Chaplin Linear Park and use the remaining approved TIF funds for implementation of phase 1 before expiration of the TIF in December 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hilton Head Island desires to make pathway enhancements and parking improvements as part of the Shelter Cove Connectivity project and put funding in place for implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, THAT the Town Manager is authorized to move forward with implementation of parks and recreation planning and development including identification of funding sources.

MOVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.

John J. McCann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Curtis Coltrane, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____



Town of Hilton Head Island
Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Staff Summary
June 29, 2020

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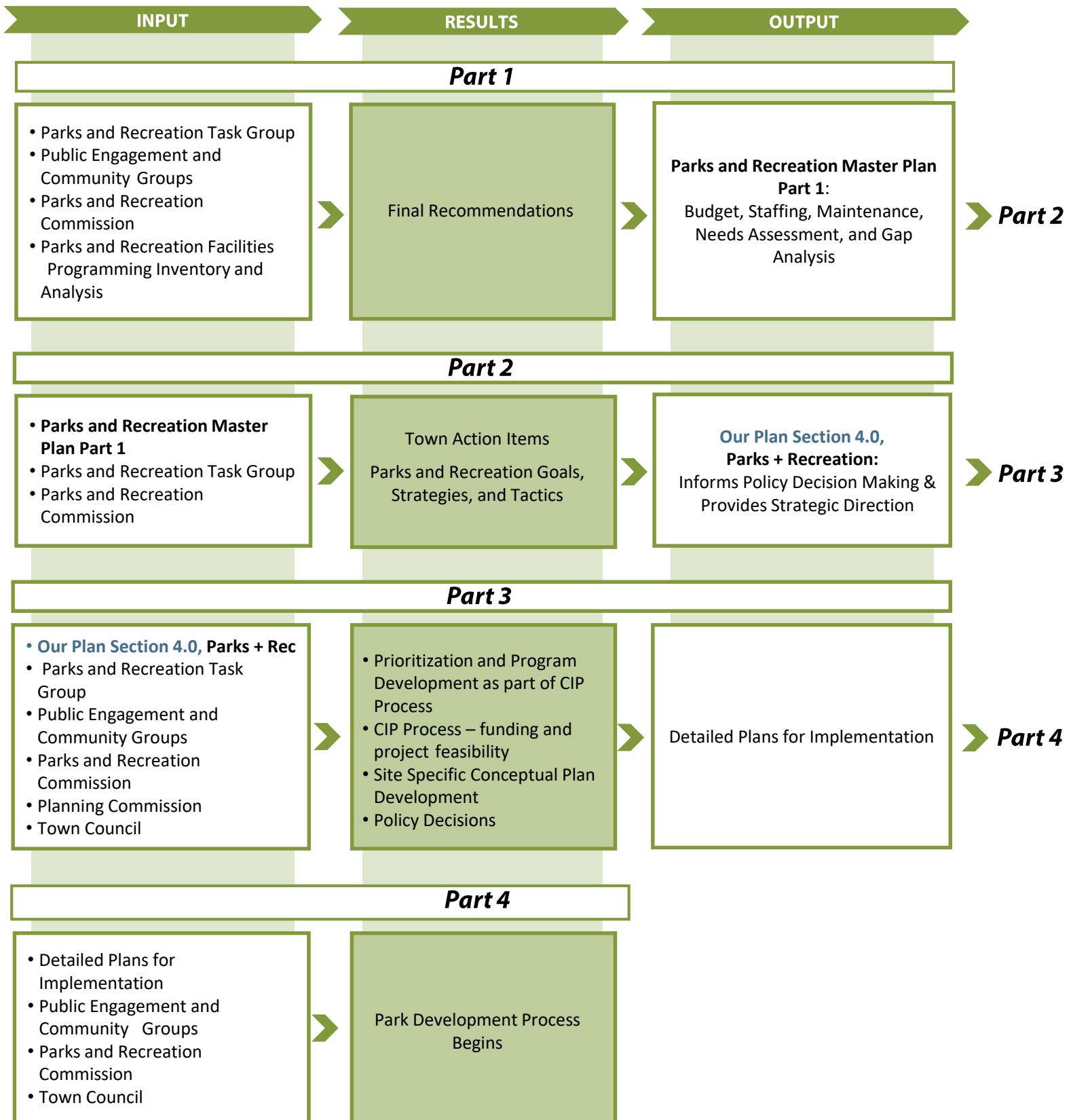
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Parks and Recreation Master Plan Process





TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Community Development Department

TO: Stephen G. Riley, ICMA~CM, *Town Manager*
VIA: Joshua A. Gruber, *Assistant Town Manager*
FROM: Shawn Colin, *AICP, Director of Community Development*
CC: Scott Liggett, *Director of Public Projects and Facilities*
CC: John Troyer, *Director of Finance*
CC: Jennifer Ray, *ASLA, Deputy Director of Community Development*
DATE: August 20, 2020
SUBJECT: Recommendations for Park Planning, Programming, Funding and Implementation

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Town Council adopt a resolution supporting the path forward for parks and recreation planning and implementation including identification of funding sources.

Summary:

Approval of the resolution will allow staff to execute the next steps in planning for parks and recreation improvements, identify and implement phase 1 of the Chaplin Linear Park, and finalize and implement the Shelter Cove Connectivity project.

Background:

In August 2019 the Town hired Lose Design to prepare a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Hilton Head Island. After an extensive community engagement period and professional assessment, Part 1 of the Master Plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Part 1 which will be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan includes recommendations for improvements to existing parks as well as recommendations for new park construction. The path forward for Parts 2-4 is outlined in the attachments (Parks and Recreation Master Plan Summary and Process).

When the TIF district was established Chaplin Linear Park was scheduled third in the sequence of implementation with USCB Hospitality Management Facility and Lowcountry Celebration Park. Remaining TIF funds should be applied to development of phase 1 of the Chaplin Linear Park before the TIF expires in December 2024.

Staff completed a concept for the Shelter Cove Connectivity Project with additional parking and park improvements in the Shelter Cove area to include improved pathway enhancements and boardwalk connections along the marsh-front of Broad Creek and along Shelter Cove Lane, additional parking, improved view shed to Broad Creek, additional public art locations, and gateway, directional, and interpretive signage.

Attachments:

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A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA ADOPTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN, PART 1.

WHEREAS, parks and recreation are recognized as important to the health, well-being, and quality of life for Island residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, having high quality parks and recreation is an important part of the Town of Hilton Head Island's interest and investment for the Island community;

WHEREAS, in 1996 the Town of Hilton Head Island adopted the Recreation and Open Space Plan, and amended it in 1998 and 2000;

WHEREAS, in 2005 the Town added the Recreation element to the Comprehensive Plan to update and replace the Recreation and Open Space Plan;

WHEREAS, in 2019 Town Council set a Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a priority initiative for 2019;

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WHEREAS, on July 23, 2020 the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 1 and recommended adoption;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 1 has been incorporated into Section 4.0, Parks + Recreation, of Our Plan, the Town's proposed 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 1 will be appended to Our Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT HEREBY IS RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, THAT the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 1 is hereby adopted.

MOVED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

John J. McCann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Krista M. Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Curtis Coltrane, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____



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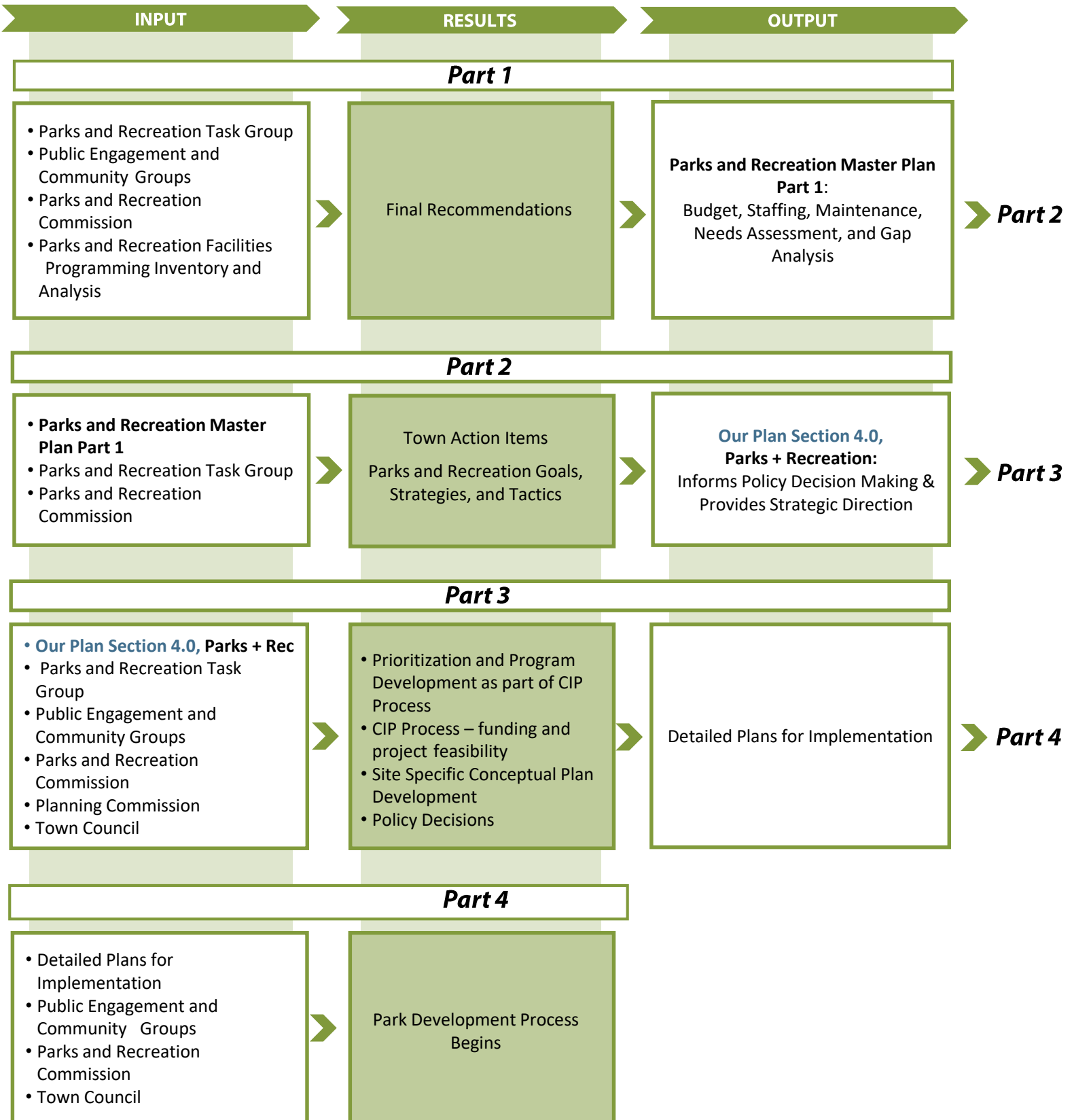
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EXHIBIT B

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Process





TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Community Development Department

TO: Stephen G. Riley, ICMA~CM, *Town Manager*
VIA: Shawn Colin, AICP, *Director of Community Development*
VIA: Jennifer Ray, ASLA, *Deputy Director of Community Development*
FROM: Taylor Ladd, *Senior Planner*
DATE: September 24, 2020
SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Part 1

Recommendation:

The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that Town Council adopt the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Part 1*.

The Parks and Recreation Commission met on July 23, 2020, and voted 7-0 to recommend adoption of the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Part 1* by Town Council.

Summary:

The *Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Part 1* (Master Plan) presents a needs assessment, analyses, and recommendations for the Town to consider to increase the level of service across the community over the next ten years. The Master Plan has been incorporated into and underpins Section 4.0, the Parks +Recreation element of *Our Plan*, the Town's proposed 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Adoption of the Master Plan will support *Our Plan*, and engage the Town's efforts for future parks and recreation planning through remaining parts of the process. Upon adoption the Master Plan will function as an appendix in *Our Plan*.

Background:

In August 2019 the Town hired Lose Design to prepare a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Hilton Head Island. Lose Design worked with Town staff, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Our Plan Parks and Recreation Task Group to develop the plan. After an extensive community engagement period and professional assessment, Part 1 of the Master Plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Part 1, incorporated into *Our Plan*, includes recommendations for improvements to existing parks as well as recommendations for new park construction. The path forward for the Master Plan Parts 2-4 is outlined in Exhibits A and B (Parks and Recreation Master Plan Summary and Process).

Attachments:

Exhibit A: *Parks and Recreation Master Plan Summary*
Exhibit B: *Parks and Recreation Master Plan Process*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-25

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2020-24

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF OUR PLAN, THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND 2020-2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, In May of 2010, Town Council adopted the Town of Hilton Head Island Comprehensive Plan and subsequently in 2012 and 2017 updated the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hilton Head Island Comprehensive Plan is required to be updated in accordance with Sections 6-29-520 and 6-29-530 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Our Plan is the proposed Town of Hilton Head Island 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Town staff, the Our Plan Development Team, and the Planning Commission were asked to rewrite the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Hilton Head Island; and

WHEREAS, Our Plan meets the requirements of The Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994 and its updates; and

WHEREAS, Our Plan includes the following core values: Relentless Pursuit of Excellence, Redefining Environmental Sustainability, Revitalizing and Modernizing the Economy, Fostering an Inclusive Multi-dimensional Community, Building a Connected and Collaborative Community Fabric, Expanding to Embrace an Integrated Regional Focus, and Innovative Approach to Create ‘Right-sized’ Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Our Plan includes the following elements: Cultural Resources, Natural Resources, Population, Housing, Community Facilities, Economic Development, Land Use, Transportation, Recreation, and Priority Investment and adopted appendices; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2020, the Our Plan Development Team voted to recommend that Our Plan be forwarded to the Comprehensive Plan Committee of the Planning Commission for review; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2020, the Comprehensive Plan Committee of the Planning Commission voted to recommend that Our Plan be forwarded to the full Planning Commission for review; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the Planning Commission reviewed Our Plan, conducted a public hearing, and voted and approved a Resolution recommending adoption by Town Council with staff’s recommended revisions and additions; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2020, Town Council conducted a public hearing to receive input and comments on Our Plan; and

WHEREAS, Town Council now desires to adopt Our Plan as the Town of Hilton Head Island 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC; AND IT IS ORDAINED BY SAID AUTHORITY OF THE SAID COUNCIL:

Section 1. Adoption: Our Plan, the Town of Hilton Head Island 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted pursuant to Article 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 16 (adopted July 21, 1998) of the Municipal Code of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina and Sections 6-29-510, 6-29-520, and 6-29-530 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.

Section 2. Severability: If any section, phrase, sentence or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

Section 3. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

Passed, approved, and adopted, by the Town Council of the Town of Hilton Head Island this _____ day of _____ 2020.

John J. McCann, Mayor

ATTEST:

Krista Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

Public Hearing: October 6, 2020
First Reading: October 6, 2020
Second Reading: October 20, 2020

Approved as to form:

Curtis Coltrane, Town Attorney

Introduced by Council Member: _____

Exhibit A

Development Team Comments

The following items were discussed by the Development Team at their meeting on August 12, 2020. In this exhibit, staff has provided a response and proposed Our Plan revisions per the Development Team comments for the Comprehensive Plan Committee's consideration.

1. Housing

1.1. **Comment:** Clarify what is meant by "vacancy" in terms of its meaning and use in Section 2.0, Housing Element.

1.1.1. Add definition and description for "vacancy" on page 62 and in Section 6.1, Definitions: In the context of housing demographic data and for municipal statistical analysis purposes, vacancy means a housing unit that is not occupied full time. Vacant housing units are either occupied part time as a second home or short term rental unit.

1.2. **Comment:** Suggest addition of a graphic about the 4% and 6% tax designations for properties on the Island that can be used as a baseline for the community.

1.2.1. Add to Section 2.0, Housing Element, information about the property tax designations with a graphic or map depicting how it is distributed on the Island.

2. Healthcare

2.1. **Comment:** Data from Table 2.7 on page 71 suggest healthcare is one of the top 5 employment industry sectors on the Island. Healthcare should be better represented in Our Plan.

Where Healthcare is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 2.0, Community Facilities and Economic Development Elements
 - b. Section 3.0, Chapter 1, Excellence: Key Ideas Shaping Excellence
 - c. Section 3.0, Chapter 2, Economy: Overview, Strategy 5.3 (healthy aging), Strategy 5.4
 - d. Section 3.0, Chapter 4, Inclusive: Key Ideas Shaping Our Inclusive Community, Opportunities for our Inclusive community, Goal 7 Keyword is Healthcare
 - e. Section 3.0, Chapter 5, Connected: Strategy 4.2 (aging in place)
 - f. Section 3.0, Chapter 6, Regional: Key Ideas Shaping Our Regional Focus
 - g. Definition for Housing, page 184.
- 2.1.1. Add a definition for healthcare as a reference in Section 3.0, Chapter 4, Inclusive, and in Section 6.1, Definitions: Healthcare for Our Plan encompasses the land use, economic development, and community facility components of the healthcare industry for the Island and region. While the Town's jurisdictional duties do not fall within the realm of healthcare, actions can be taken by the Town to bolster future development through Land Use

regulations and economic development engagement to promote private sector investment.

- 2.1.2. Add Excellence Strategy 2.12: Recognize the importance of the private healthcare sector to the Island's economy and quality of life through continued consideration for ways to bolster advancements and private investment.
- 2.1.3. Add Economy Strategy 6.5: Continue to advance opportunities where possible for the Town to have a role in the workforce development and private sector investment in the healthcare industry.
- 2.1.4. Revise Inclusive Strategy 7.3: Foster an environment that will promote innovation and private sector investment in the local healthcare industry ~~that can facilitate advancements such as telemedicine.~~ to attract a qualified and talented work force and provide opportunities for expanding the industry through land use regulations.
- 2.1.5. Revise Regional Strategy 1.4: Develop programs and policies to encourage the private sector to become involved in addressing issues such as housing, climate change, environmental protection, ~~and education,~~ and healthcare across the region.
- 2.1.6. Cross reference Excellence 2.12, Economy 5.4, Economy 6.5, Inclusive Goal 7, and Regional 1.4.

3. Workforce Development

- 3.1. **Comment:** There is a lot of discussion about workforce housing, but Our Plan does not appear to address workforce development.

Where Workforce Development is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 3.0, Chapter 2, Economy: Goal 6 Keyword is Workforce.
- 3.1.1. Revise Regional Goal 2 Keyword: Workforce ~~Housing~~
- 3.1.2. Revise Regional Goal 2: ~~To increase supply of workforce housing~~ improve and expand opportunities for workforce development and housing on Hilton Head Island and in the region.
- 3.1.3. Revise Regional Strategy 2.1: Pursue regional cooperation of public, private, and nonprofit agencies in meeting area housing and workforce needs.
- 3.1.4. Add Regional Strategy 2.5: Look for ways to coordinate with regional and local economic development partners to strengthen avenues for workforce development on the Island.
- 3.1.5. Cross reference Economy Goal 6 and Regional Goal 2.

4. Transportation

- 4.1. **Comment:** Transportation element is missing from Excellence, which should encompass all the elements. For example, our multi-use pathway network is exceptional and unique and it should be acknowledged through Transportation in Excellence.
- 4.1.1. Cross reference Excellence Strategy 1.6 to Infrastructure Goal 1.
- 4.1.2. Cross reference Excellence Tactic 1.6.1 to Infrastructure Strategy 1.3.

5. Technology

- 5.1. **Comment:** Does Our Plan address or provide direction for the increased reliance on remote services for Town operations, or for continuing to pursue online municipal services?

Where this is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 3.0, Chapter 1, Excellence: Strategy 3.5 and Tactic 3.5.3
 - b. Section 3.0, Chapter 5, Connected: Strategy 1.1
 - c. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure Goal 7
 - d. Section 5.6, Priority Investment Strategy 5.1
- 5.2. **Comment:** Is there a plan for developing Island-wide internet infrastructure?
- a. The Town works with public and private service providers when necessary and feasible in the development of internet access and cellular infrastructure for the Island.

6. Education

- 6.1. **Comment:** Things that make real communities include having a good education and recreation system and good healthcare.
- a. **Staff Comment:** The discussion about education should be expanded in concert with additional information being added about healthcare.
- 6.1.1. Add a definition for education as a reference in Section 3.0, Chapter 4, Inclusive, and in Section 6.1, Definitions: Education for Our Plan encompasses the land use, economic development, and community facility components of the education sector for the Island and region. While the Town's jurisdictional duties do not fall within the realm of education, actions can be taken by the Town to bolster future development through Land Use regulations and economic development engagement to promote private sector investment and to partner with the Beaufort County School District, USCB, and other private education facilities and programs.

6.1.2. Add Excellence Strategy 2.13: Recognize the importance of the public and private education sector to the Island's economy and quality of life through continued consideration for ways to bolster education opportunities, partnerships, and private investment.

6.1.3. Cross reference Excellence Strategy 2.13 and Inclusive Goal 1.

7. Disaster Mitigation (Resilience)

7.1. **Comment:** Disaster mitigation needs to be a part of the futuristic thinking as far as the plan is concerned.

Where this is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 3.0, Chapter 2, Environment: Goal 6
- b. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure: Goal 3
- c. Section 5.6, Priority Investment Goal 3

8. Marketing/ Branding

8.1. **Comment:** Is there potential for Town investment in advertising to attract more residential homebuyers?

How the Town's scope on this topic is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 3.0, Chapter 1, Excellence: Opportunities for Excellence, Our Ideals of Excellence, Strategies 1.1, 1.3, 2.10
- b. Section 3.0, Chapter 3, Economy: Goal 3, Strategies 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 and Tactic 4.1.1

9. Our Plan Language

9.1. **Comment:** Suggest the use of more proactive or stronger language in the goals, strategies, and tactics to propel the Town or community to do more and take action. This will cause the Town to take a leadership role and ensure we get things done. The use of "encourage" does not seem to be strong enough.

- a. **Staff Comment:** As Our Plan progresses through the adoption process, Planning Commission and Town Council can address if they concur, align with, or want to change language and wording in the plan.

Exhibit B

Our Plan Workshop Comments

The following items were discussed by the Planning Commission and Town Council at a workshop held on August 26, 2020. In this exhibit, staff has provided a response and proposed Our Plan revisions per the Planning Commission, Town Council, and public comments for the Planning Commission's consideration.

The numbered sections below carry over from Exhibit A, Development Team Comments, for continuity.

10. Gullah Community

- 10.1. **Comment:** It would be good to see an area in the plan that speaks specifically to Gullah Geechee issues. The Gullah community should be featured more in the plan.

Where the Gullah Community is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 2.2, Our History Timeline
- b. Section 2.3, Cultural Resources Element, pages 27-31, 37
- c. Section 3.0, Chapter 1, Excellence: Strategy 2.2
- d. Section 3.0, Chapter 2, Environment: Overview discussion
- e. Section 3.0, Chapter 3, Economy: Goal 4 about Tourism
- f. Section 3.0, Chapter 4, Inclusive: Multiple discussions in chapter, Goal 2, Goal 3, Goal 4, Goal 5, Goal 6, Goal 8
- g. Section 3.0, Chapter 5, Connected: Tactic 4.1.2
- h. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure: Overview discussion

10.1.1. The Gullah Geechee Culture Preservation Report Executive Summary with recommendations will be included in the Our Plan appendix for reference.

10.1.2. A discussion about Our Island's Gullah Community will be added to the Culture Resources element in Section 2.3 after page 27. See Exhibit C for the proposed content.

- 10.2. **Comment:** What is the Goodwill Church listed in the Timeline on page 23 in the 1865 information? Where did this come from?

10.2.1. Further research on this topic shows at some point in time the historic First African Baptist Church assumed the name Goodwill Baptist Church before reverting back to its original name. Goodwill Church was not formed out of the First African Baptist Church.

Revise the first paragraph under 1865 on page 23: Several historic African American churches formed out of this church, including St. James, Goodwill, Central Oak Grove, and Mt. Calvary.

11. Parks + Recreation

11.1. **Comment:** The map of Town parks on page 218 is labelled incorrectly.

11.1.1. The map will be corrected and updated.

11.2. **Comment:** Many private pathways on the Island within gated communities are part of roadways and not actual separated paths.

11.2.1. Add a note to the pathways maps on pages 86 and 227: In some locations on the Island, private pathways are marked sections of roadway where pathway users share the road with motorized vehicles.

11.3. **Comment:** The Park Maintenance discussion on page 223 is inaccurate.

11.3.1. Proposed revision: **Park Maintenance.** Maintenance of parks and recreational facilities is done by both the Town and County through shared informal agreements. The Island Recreation Association also shares in some of the responsibility. The County maintains the active recreation facilities, such as ballfields and multi-purpose fields. The Town's Facilities Management Division maintains the passive parks and beach parks located on Town properties. Table 4.3 lists the current maintenance responsibilities of each entity at specific Island parks. The Town also contracts with Shore Beach Services under a beach patrol franchise agreement to assist with patrolling and servicing the 13 miles of beach. According to the assessment for park maintenance in the Master Plan, the current level of maintenance is inconsistent. There is a high level of expectation by residents and visitors for the Island to have highly maintained parks and recreational facilities. Having a distribution of maintenance across multiple agencies is a major cause for the discrepancies in the delivery of this service. Some parks have a high level of maintenance, and others fall short of public expectations. It is recommended for maintenance responsibilities to be consolidated under one agency. If the opportunity to do this is not possible, the Town will need to investigate creative solutions to ensure park maintenance continues to meet the needs and expectations of the community. Maintaining the expected level of service could impact the fiscal resources of the Town, which also has to be taken into consideration when looking to the Town's Facilities Management Division to assume more responsibility for the parks. As mentioned, the Town should also continue to pursue ownership for all parks on the Island.

11.3.2. Add to the inset about Master Plan Recommendations:

- The Town of Hilton Head Island should take over maintenance of all the parks on the Island with financial assistance from the County. This would require the Town Manager to negotiate an agreement with the County to

take over maintenance of the County park properties located on the Island.

11.3.3. Revise Table 4.3 to reflect current conditions.

11.4. **Comment:** More clarity is needed to identify how Recommendations and Actions Items link to the Parks and Recreation Goals and to each other.

11.4.1. Key the Parks and Recreation Goals and Strategies to the Recommendations and Action Items in Section 4.7. See Exhibit D for the Section 4.7 proposed revision.

11.4.2. Add the following to the end of the second paragraph on page 255: All recommendations and action items are keyed with related Parks + Recreation Goals and Strategies.

11.4.3. Revise the first two sentences in the first paragraph on page 263: Town staff has reviewed the Master Plan, received community input, and developed action items for Town officials to consider in addition to the final recommendations. These action items with the final recommendations officially convey the findings ~~and final recommendations in~~ from the Master Plan that will best serve the interests of the Town for current and future park planning.

11.5. **Comment:** The pathways goals on page 226 does not include “safety.”

11.5.1. Revise:

- to guide the development and maintenance of a multi-use pathway transportation system that provides safe access and mobility throughout the Town
- to educate people about pedestrian and bicyclist transportation and safety
- to reduce traffic volumes by encouraging pathway use
- to provide opportunities for safe recreation and enjoyment for residents and visitors

11.6. **Comment:** Why include future parks on the parks map, page 218.

Staff Comment: The projected near future parks for the Island are included on the parks map to account for their inclusion in the “Gap Analysis” discussed on pages 233-235. Future parks proposed for development in the near future (next five years) are included in this analysis to demonstrate the improved level of service their inclusion in the parks system will provide for the Island community.

- 11.7. **Comment:** Why is Lowcountry Celebration Park classified as a “Regional Park?”
Do we need a “Regional Park?”

Where this is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 4.3, Our Parks: Discussion about Park Classifications
- b. Section 4.3, Our Parks: Defined on Table 4.1, NRPA Park Classifications
- c. Section 4.3, Existing Parks: Green text box to the lower right on page 219 discusses classification of Lowcountry Celebration Park as a “Regional Park.”
- d. Section 4.4, Gap Analysis: Page 233, last paragraph, third sentence

Staff Comment: Having regional parks is part of a holistic parks and recreation system for the Island. The Island is a destination for visitors from our neighboring municipalities, communities, and counties. There are many parks and open spaces on the Island serving a regional service area. Given the amenities and draw expected for Lowcountry Celebration Park as a place for recreation and as a venue, its location in a popular visitor area on the Island, and the desire to present a well-rounded parks system, staff does not recommend re-classifying Lowcountry Celebration Park to a “community park.” Its cross-over function as a community park for the Island is noted in the text in the last paragraph on page 233. The park is also included in the gap analysis as a functional “community park.”

- 11.8. **Comment:** Why is pickleball not on the NRPA park metrics Table 4.5, page 231?

Staff Comment: According to the NRPA, pickleball and golf are not included in the standard analysis method used for park facilities. Instead, the Town has relied on community engagement input to capture well-rounded public preferences.

- 11.9. **Comment:** There does not seem to be any mention of “greenways” in the “Pathways” goal for Parks + Recreation.

Where Greenways are addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 3.0, Chapter 2, Environment: Tactic 4.2.1
- b. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure: Tactic 1.9.2
- c. Section 4.3, Our Parks: Discussion about Park Classifications
- d. Section 4.4, Multi-use Pathway Network: Discussion about the Town’s pathway network
- e. Section 4.7, Final Recommendations: 1.15, 1.15.1, 1.16, 1.16.2, 1.17, 1.17.1, 2.3, 2.3.1
- f. Section 4.7, Action Items: 1.4

- 11.10. **Public Comment:** There is no pedestrian advocacy. It is an area of opportunity and attention to this by the Town deserves a mention.

Where pedestrians are addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 3.0, Chapter 5, Connected: Strategy 2.1
- b. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure: Key Ideas Shaping Our Infrastructure, definition for “Multi-Use Pathway Network.”
- c. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure: Goal 1, Definition for Transportation Network
- d. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure: Strategy 1.3, tactics 1.9.7, 1.10.2
- e. Section 4.4, Multi-Use Pathway Network, page 226: Town primary goals for the pathway network
- f. Section 4.5, Bicycle Advisory Committee, page 242
- g. Section 4.6, Parks + Recreation Goals and Strategies: Strategy 5.2, Tactic 5.2.1
- h. Section 4.7, Action Items: Items 2.3.3, 2.3.4

12. Best-in-Class

- 12.1. **Comment:** We need to define what “Class” we are in.

Where Best-in-Class is addressed in Our Plan:

- i. Section 6.1, Definitions: Best-in-Class is defined as “a description for the aspirational vision of the Island as state-of-the-art, and having high achievement and recognition, world-class environments, and embodying the three tenets of sustainability.”
- j. Section 6.2, Index: the term has 18 mentions in the Our Plan text
- k. Section 4.6, Parks + Recreation Goal 2 keyword

- 12.1.1. Add the definition in the margin on page 97 at first mention in the text, and on page 251 where is it a keyword in Parks + Recreation.

13. Our Plan: Goals, Strategies, and Tactics

- 13.1. **Comment:** We need a way to break down the goals, strategies, and tactics. The number of these in document seems voluminous. Is there a way to condense this down to a smaller size?

- a. **Staff Comment:** According to staff analysis of the goals, strategies, and tactics in Our Plan, there are several strategies and tactics resulting from current projects, initiatives, or Town operations. Many of these have to be maintained in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan in order to ensure foundational support for continuity of operations and existing initiatives and projects. Not all strategies and tactics are brand new ideas or suggestions.
 - About 53% of the 243 strategies are current projects, initiatives, or operations the Town is already conducting.

- About 43% of the 215 tactics are current projects, initiatives, or operations the Town is already conducting.
 - The 2010-2030 Comprehensive Plan for the Town had 153 goals. Our Plan presents a third of this number with 51 total goals.
- b. **Staff Comment:** Staff is preparing an Our Plan Guidebook. The document will present condensed information about Our Plan and act as a quick reference guide for staff, elected and appointed officials, and the community. Staff is looking into producing an online version of Our Plan to allow real-time tracking for the plan and interactive search features.

14. The Elements

- 14.1. **Comment:** Is there a way to show how the nine elements are integrated? We need a chart to make it clear.

Where this is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Each Chapter includes a matrix drawing comparisons between the Core Value goals and strategies with the elements.
- b. Sections 4.6 and 5.6 include a matrix comparing the Parks + Recreation and Priority Investment goals and strategies with the Cover Values, respectively.
- c. All comparison tables are included in Appendix 7.2.B.

- 14.1.1. Diagrams organizing comparisons for the Core Value goals and strategies by element will be included in the introduction to Section 3.0 as a new Section 3.2, and in the Appendix as a new Section 7.2.C. See Exhibit E for a sample of the proposed Section 3.2, The Elements and Core Values.

15. Recycling

- 15.1. **Comment:** We need to be sure Our Plan addresses recycling.

Where this is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 3.0, Chapter 2, Environment: Goal 1, Strategies 1.2, 1.3, 1.4
- b. Section 3.0, Chapter 6, Regional: Strategy 4.4

16. Potable Water

- 16.1. **Comment:** There is no reference in the plan to our potable water source and capacity. It would be good to have this data.

- 16.1.1. Add to page 70, Water and Wastewater, information requested from HHPSD about the Island's potable water source and capacity.

17. The Bridge/ U.S. 278 Corridor

- 17.1. **Comment:** The Infrastructure chapter should have more to support the future reconstruction of the U.S. 278 bridge.

Where this is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure: Page 183, Key Ideas Shaping Infrastructure for Land Transportation
- b. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure: Page 186, Opportunities for Our Infrastructure
- c. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure: Goal 1 (Transportation), Tactic 1.1.2
- d. Section 5.2, Collaboration: Discussion about regional collaboration for CIP projects

18. Our Plan Vision

- 18.1. **Public Comment:** During the August 19 meeting of the Planning Commission, Chairman Kristian asked where the vision statement could be found in the 370-draft. It would be good to include it on the cover, in the name of the plan, i.e., "Our Plan: Reinventing Sustainability ... Again!"

Where the Vision is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Executive Summary
- b. Section 1.2, Our Vision
- c. Section 1.3, Our Comprehensive Plan
- d. Section 3.0, Our Core Values
- e. Section 3.2, Chapter 2, Environment: Overview
- f. Section 3.2, Chapter 4, Inclusive: Overview
- g. Section 3.2, Chapter 5, Connected: Overview
- h. Section 5.6, Priority Investment Goals and Strategies

Staff Comment: Staff does not recommend at this time making alterations to the title and cover for Our Plan. The Vision for Our Plan is addressed in the plan in numerous locations. The name "Our Plan" is a functional descriptor of the Vision as described on page 9 with the Our Future + Comprehensive Plan diagram.

19. Our Future Vision and Strategic Action Plan

- 19.1. **Public Comment:** Under Environment, on page 115, in section 2.1, add "2.1.4 Develop a unique environmental ecosystem research laboratory to research environmental challenges as a barrier island and to address challenges of climate change." This strategic action is included on p. 37 of "Our Future Vision and Strategic Action Plan" and is missing from the current draft of Our Plan.

Under Regional, on page 175, in section 4.2, add "4.2.2 Develop a unique environmental ecosystem research laboratory to research environmental challenges as a barrier island and to address challenges of climate change." This strategic action is included on p. 37 of "Our Future Vision and Strategic Action Plan" and is missing from the current draft of Our Plan.

Where this is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 3.0, Chapter 2, Environment: Goal 1, Strategy 1.4; Goal 2, Strategies 2.1, 2.4; Goal 3, Strategy 3.3; Goal 4, Strategies 4.2, 4.6; Goal 5, Strategies 5.2, 5.3, 5.4; Goal 6, Strategies 6.5, 6.6; Goal 7, Strategy 7.5
- b. Section 3.0, Chapter 6, Regional: Goal 4, Strategy 4.2

Staff Comment: There are many great ideas and strategies discussed in the Our Future Plan for the Island community; however, not all these ideas, such as creating a research laboratory, fall within the scope or purview of the Town's operations. The Environment and Regional Work Groups chose to address this facet of the Our Future Plan through various strategies about partnerships and educational opportunities in the Environment and Regional chapters. Staff does not recommend the addition of new strategies as proposed by public comment. This is addressed in Our Plan in a way that falls within the Town's scope of work for the community.

20. Transportation

- 20.1. **Public Comment:** The following phrase from the current [2010-2030] Comprehensive Plan of the Town should be retained and included: "Investigate all possible alternatives to widening William Hilton Parkway before committing to such a project." The phrase is found on page 141 of the current plan. It should be included under Transportation in addition to the current language in 1.1.3 or instead of that language.

How this is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure, page 182-138: Implications for Land Transportation Goal
- b. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure, page 186: Opportunities for Our Infrastructure
- c. Section 3.0, Chapter 7, Infrastructure: Tactics 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.1.4

Staff Comment: Staff does not recommend the change to Tactic 1.1.3 as proposed by public comment as a discussion about widening William Hilton Parkway is too specific for a Comprehensive Plan. Other tactics and discussion in the Infrastructure chapter cover this statement in a more general manner and provide a foundation for the specific needs that may arise to address changes to William Hilton Parkway's infrastructure.

21. Section 5.0, CIP and Priority Investment

- 21.1. **Public Comment:** Did the public and did the Planning Commission's CIP Committee provide input in this section?

Where this is addressed in Our Plan:

- a. Section 5.1, Overview, page 269, third paragraph: Priority Investment is inclusive of all the Core Values, and Parks and Recreation, so there was no work group or specific community group organized to address it during the Our Plan process. Each group did identify opportunities for priority investment through the course of developing their chapters.

Staff Comment: The purpose of this section is to tie the capital improvements needs identified in Our Plan and adopted Town plans to forecasted revenues for the current and upcoming fiscal years. It presents a framework for achieving capital infrastructure described in Our Plan. To that end, the section is a synthesis of prior comprehensive plan development efforts and the Town's CIP budget, which are both public processes. The CIP Committee did not review this section since it is the role of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to conduct a review of the plan. The members of any Planning Commission sub-committee have the opportunity to make sub-committee specific comments in their capacity as Planning Commissioners during the adoption process.

Exhibit C

Our Island's Gullah Community Supplement for Section 2.0, Cultural Resources *(Reference Exhibit B Item 10.1.2)*

Our Island's Gullah Community

Today, the Island is home to a small, resident Native Islander Gullah population. Their contribution to the character and culture of the Island is very important to the community fabric, economy, and unique appeal of the Island. Over time, however, the Gullah culture has been in steady decline. This has been the result of family land (heirs' property) lost to incompatible development policy, tax sales, or acquisition as the Island has changed since the 1950s. The percentage of the Island's African American population, comprising the Gullah community, has been in steady decline or some time according to population data, *Figure 2.21*.

In response to concerns over this loss of the culture and population, the Town established the Gullah Geechee Land and Cultural Task Force (Gullah Task Force) in 2017. Their mission is, *"to identify and assist in the preservation of the Gullah Geechee culture for the purpose of detecting and resolving issues specific to its community, including, without limitation, heirs' property, taxes and land use, economic and sustainability issues for an improved quality of life, and through on-going education programs, workshops and seminars."*

Since 2017, the Gullah Task Force has worked steadily with staff to see the addition of a Historic Neighborhoods Preservation Administrator on Town staff, and the adoption of the **Gullah Geechee Culture Preservation Project Report** (Report). The three main purposes of this project were to: 1) Create a broad strategy for Gullah Geechee cultural preservation, 2) Identify potential revisions to the Land Management Ordinance (LMO) and other land use and development related policies, and 3) Identify tools for addressing the heirs' property issues. According to the Report it is,

"... important to understand the strong relationship between the topics of cultural preservation, public policies, and heirs' property. The ultimate goal of cultural preservation is to preserve the very existence of the Gullah people as residents of Hilton Head Island. The best way to achieve that goal is to provide them with economic sustainability. To gain economic

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sustainability, current challenges related to public policies and heirs' property must be overcome (Report, 2)."

The three major issues identified include cultural preservation, public policies, and heirs' property. The Report's Executive Summary, including recommendations, is included in Our Plan *Appendix 7.2.D*. The Report discusses in more detail each of the issues affecting the Gullah community.

The Town continues to work with the Gullah Task Force to prioritize the recommendations outlined in the Report and seek ways to implement them in a sustainable manner to continue to build trust with the Gullah community and further their preservation. Some ways to learn more about the history and culture of the Island's Gullah community include The Gullah Museum of Hilton Head Island; the Heritage Library; events at Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park; Gullah Heritage Trail Tours; or programs and classes at the Coastal Discovery Museum.

4.7 Recommendations & Action Items

Throughout the Master Plan process, recommendations have been presented to assist the Town with making decisions for the future parks and recreation system, projects, and operations. The Master Plan's function as a needs assessment presents clear indicators for areas where the Town excels, and where it has challenges. The Town will use these professional recommendations to make informed decisions for the future of the Island community's investment in parks and recreation.

This section presents the initial and final rounds of professional recommendations provided in the Master Plan, as well as proposed Town action items. All recommendations and action items are keyed with relevant Parks + Recreation goals and strategies.

Initial Recommendations

In support of the Master Plan, and in response to Town Council's request for input on potential big projects for the near future to consider during their 2019 retreat, Lose Design formulated the following initial capital improvement recommendations. These recommendations are based on the analysis of the Town's parks and recreation needs and preferences gathered early in the process. They were intended to provide a broad stroke draft to be improved as the master plan process is completed. At the time of the initial recommendation development, a majority of the community engagement and analysis portions of the process had been completed, so these recommendations were well informed. Note these are not all shovel-ready types of capital projects, and do not include recommendations pertaining to maintenance and operations.

As a step in the process towards the final recommendations, they are included here for reference. The Task Group and Parks and Recreation Commission both reviewed this information. The Commission further made a recommendation for Town Council to consider what was presented in the initial review.

Final Recommendations

The final version of the Master Plan presents the following list of final recommendations in the Executive Summary. This list, compiled by the consultant, is based on a comprehensive review of the Town's parks and recreation system through the Master Plan's inventory, analysis, and public engagement processes. The final recommendations are inclusive of capital projects, as well as operations, funding, and maintenance.

Initial Recommendations

Goal 1 ●1. PARKS, EXISTING & PROPOSED

Goal 2 ●

Strategy 1.4 ● 1.1 Crossings Park

Strategy 2.2 ●1.1.1 Consolidate baseball and softball facilities to Crossings Park.

Strategy 2.3 ● 1.1.2 Retain the three baseball fields at this location.

Strategy 1.1 ●1.1.3 Build 2-3 additional baseball/ softball fields at Crossings Park to address identified inventory deficit.

1.1.4 Add parking to support this expansion.

Strategy 2.1 ●1.1.5 Add a significant playground amenity to add community park recreation features to this property.

1.2 Chaplin Park

1.2.1 Develop a new master plan for Chaplin Park for a more efficient and user-friendly design.

Strategy 1.1 ●1.2.2 Build three multi-sport fields for soccer, football and lacrosse:

a. Build two multi-sport synthetic rectangular fields

b. Built one natural surface multi-sport field

Strategy 2.1 ●1.2.3 Replace support buildings (concessions, bathroom buildings and shelters).

Strategy 1.3 ●1.3 Mid Island Park (*proposed future park*)

Strategy 1.4 ●

Strategy 2.2 ● 1.3.1 New community park on the north end of the island to include:

Strategy 5.1 ●a. Bike trails (away from roads)

b. Disc golf

c. Adventure play area

Goal 2 ●2. RECREATION FACILITIES

Strategy 1.4 ●2.1 Pickleball Complex

Goal 6 ●

Strategy 2.2 ●2.1.1 Develop a significant pickleball complex to include:

Strategy 6.1 ● a. Lighted courts based on recommendations from Sports Facility Advisory

b. Support facilities such as restrooms and concessions

Strategy 1.4 ●2.1.2 This facility could be located at an existing, reconfigured park or a future park.

Goal 8 ●2.2 Additional Playgrounds

Strategy 1.4 ●2.2.1 Add new or update existing playgrounds at sports parks and special use parks to broaden the targeted users of these properties and help to serve the few underserved portions of Hilton Head Island.

Strategy 2.1 ●

Goal 6 ●2.3 Sand Volleyball Complex

Strategy 2.2 ●2.3.1 Develop six to eight competition level sand volleyball courts to support the growing high school and collegiate sport.

Strategy 1.4 ●2.3.2 This facility could be located at an existing, reconfigured park or a future park.

Final Recommendations

- 1. PARKS, EXISTING & PROPOSED** ● Goal 1
 ● Goal 2
 ● Strategy 1.4
- 1.1 Barker Field** ● Goal 6
- 1.1.1** Barker Field should be redeveloped as a neighborhood park to include the following:
 - a.** Build three to four practice fields (football, soccer, etc.)
 - b.** Add a new playground with poured-in-place surface ● Strategy 2.1
 - c.** Add a 1/2-mile walking path ● Strategy 5.1 ● Strategy 2.3
 - d.** Include 120 parking spaces
 - e.** Include a new bathroom building in the area of the existing baseball/softball fields
 - 1.1.2** Work with partner agency to improve level of maintenance or consider ● Strategy 1.2
 taking over maintenance responsibilities from PALS. ● Strategy 2.3
- 1.2 Bristol Sports Arena** ● Goal 5
- 1.2.1** Bristol Sports Arena may benefit by being incorporated into the larger Crossings Park with connections made by pathways that allow the existing improvements to stay in place.
- 1.3 Chaplin Community Park** ● Goal 5
 ● Goal 6
- Chaplin Community Park provides a wide variety of recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to the Town of Hilton Head Island. The recommendations for Chaplin Community Park were included in the initial recommendations provided by Lose Design in November of 2019. The planning team is recommending a Concept Plan be developed for the park with the following considerations:

 - 1.3.1** Resolve the conflict between debris management services and multipurpose athletic fields.
 - 1.3.2** Build two bathroom buildings; concessions; pathways. ● Strategy 2.1
 - 1.3.3** Add a natural turf multi-sport rectangular field to be used for casual ● Strategy 1.3
 activities in addition to organized athletics.
 - 1.3.4** Rebuild the tennis and add a pickleball complex (12 replacement tennis ● Strategy 6.1
 courts; 24 pickleball courts, clubhouse, pro shop and support amenities, parking and plaza with restroom buildings).
 - 1.3.5** Build a new large ADA accessible playground structure. ● Strategy 2.1
 - 1.3.6** Consider overall park redevelopment (parking; lighting; trails)..... ● Strategy 1.4
 ● Strategy 2.2 ● Goal 8
- 1.4 Cordillo Tennis Courts**
- 1.4.1** Park signage should be added to the Cordillo Parkway entrance to identify the park as open to the public.
 - 1.4.2** Play should be monitored to determine if other improvements are needed.
 - 1.4.3** Consider court lighting.
 - 1.4.4** Consider additional parking.
 - 1.4.5** Consider adding a bathroom building.

Final Recommendations

- Goal 6 ● **1.5** Crossings Park
- Strategy 2.2 ● **1.5.1** Consolidate all Island baseball/softball fields at Crossings Park.
- Strategy 2.3 ● **1.5.2** Redevelop existing baseball fields.
- 1.5.3** Replace existing concessions and plaza.
- Strategy 1.1 ● **1.5.4** Add two 300' baseball fields.
- 1.5.5** Add additional parking.
- Strategy 1.4 ● **1.5.6** Develop new park amenities (a dog park; splash pad and/or playground; pathways).
- Strategy 2.1 ● **1.5.7** Add irrigation.
- Strategy 2.2 ●
- 1.6** Hilton Head Park (Old Schoolhouse Park)
- 1.6.1** Add signage to identify the park property.
- Goal 8 ● **1.6.2** Add ADA accessible pathways connecting the parking area to park amenities.
- Strategy 1.4 ● **1.6.3** Consider adding a small playground feature and picnic pavilion to diversify the park's offerings and attract more visitors.
- Goal 4 ● **1.6.4** Evaluate possibilities for a non-motorized boat launch or pier. If conditions do not support this improvement, add an observation deck to provide opportunities for birding and marsh views.
- Goal 2 ● **1.7** Island Recreation Center
- Goal 3 ● **1.7.1** While the planning team does not foresee additional improvements within the next 10 years, the Town should work with staff of the Island Recreation Center to identify new programmatic and facility needs for the center.
- Goal 3 ● **1.8** Betsy Jukofsky Xeriscape Garden
- 1.8.1** Identify garden as a public park.
- Strategy 3.2 ● **1.8.2** Interpretive signage for plantings.
- 1.8.3** Re-imagined/updated plantings.
- Strategy 1.2 ● **1.8.4** Improved maintenance.
- Strategy 2.3 ●
- 1.9** Compass Rose Park
- 1.9.1** Address reconditioning of park elements.
- 1.10** Greens Shell Park
- Strategy 2.1 ● **1.10.1** Replace the playground equipment and add a poured-in-place surface to reduce maintenance requirements of the current mulch.
- Strategy 2.3 ●
- Goal 3 ● **1.10.2** Make a stronger connection to the adjacent cemetery and archaeological site with the addition of historic interpretive panels or public art.
- Strategy 3.2 ●

Final Recommendations

- 1.11** Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park ● Goal 3
- 1.11.1** This park should be celebrated for its cultural significance and natural beauty. Efforts to continue and expand the story of the families who founded Mitchelville should be supported by the Town through interpretive programs, tours, and special events.
- 1.11.2** Physical improvements are currently being considered in a master planning effort being undertaken for the park by the Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park organization. Any changes to the site should take this planning effort into consideration.
- 1.12** Honey Horn ● Goal 3
- 1.12.1** Any additions or changes to the site should follow the recommendations outlined in the Coastal Discovery Museum Strategic Plan 2016-2022 or updated versions.
- 1.13** Jarvis Creek Park
- 1.13.1** Consider a poured-in-place surface for the playground to reduce ● Strategy 2.1
..... ● Strategy 2.3
necessary maintenance of the sand fall surface.
- 1.14** Rowing and Sailing Center at Squire Pope Community Park ● Goal 3
..... ● Strategy 4.2
- 1.14.1** A playground is currently planned for the park using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Additionally, there is room for future expansion of the park. If interest in rowing increases, the Town may want to consider a facility with classrooms to use for rowing and kayak instruction, safety training, or related outdoor education activities.
- 1.15** Shelter Cove Community Park and Veterans Memorial ● Strategy 1.3
..... ● Goal 5
- 1.15.1** Shelter Cove is one terminus of the 2012 conceptual plan for Chaplin Linear Park and is one of the few parks that are not directly connected by public pathway to the larger pathway system. Today, bicyclists must navigate the Shelter Cove Town Centre parking areas to reach the pathway system. This is inappropriate for a destination park like Shelter Cove and should be addressed through construction of the Chaplin Linear Park.
- 1.16** Beach Parks ● Goal 4
- Beach parks include Alder Lane Beach Access, Burkes Beach, Coligny Beach Park, Driessen Beach Park, Fish Haul Beach Park, Folly Field Beach Park, and Islanders Beach Park.
- 1.16.1** Add beach mats to Burkes Beach. ● Goal 8
- 1.16.2** Create a low impact “beach path” for bicyclists linking Burkes Beach and ● Goal 5
Islanders Beach Park.
- 1.16.3** Include discreet beach path signage identifying Burkes Beach, Driessen Beach Park, Folly Field Beach Park, and Islanders Beach Park accesses.
- 1.16.4** Create a beach park at Burkes Beach per the Chaplin Linear Park plans to anchor its terminus at the beach.

Final Recommendations

Goal 5 ● 1.17 Mid Island Tract

- 1.17.1 A new community park on the Mid Island Tract is recommended based on size, location, and pathway connectivity. This property could be the location for additional bicycle paths that carry riders away from vehicular traffic. This location could also easily provide for disc golf or footgolf courses.
- 1.17.2 Consideration of multi-use sports fields is recommended for this property. Sports fields in this location would help to improve the Town's resiliency during natural disasters.

1.18 Park Classifications

- 1.18.1 Adding community park features like the recommended dog park, splash pad/playground and trails to Crossings Park would expand that property's purpose and serve a wider variety of park user.
- 1.18.2 The addition of Lowcountry Celebration Park, which is currently under construction, and the proposed park on the Mid Island Tract property would vastly increase the areas of Hilton Head Island that are within two miles of a community park.

Goal 2 ● 2. RECREATION FACILITIES

Strategy 1.4 ● 2.1 Pickleball Complex

Goal 6 ●

Chaplin Community Park would be a good location for a pickleball complex. The HHI Pickleball Club has developed a conceptual plan for a pickleball facility within Chaplin Community Park. The planning team reviewed this concept and recommends additional features that will allow the facility to better serve the recreation and social aspects of this popular sport. The facility should:

- 2.1.1 Provide a clubhouse/pro shop that will allow for socializing between games.
- 2.1.2 Provide adequate parking (150 spaces) in addition to the 24 courts and shelter proposed by the Pickleball Club's concept.

Strategy 1.4 ● 2.2 Pump Track Facility

Strategy 2.2 ●

- 2.2.1 A pump track facility is recommended in the park at the Mid Island Tract or within an existing park such as Crossings Park or Chaplin Community Park.

Goal 5 ● 2.3 Pathways

- 2.3.1 When considering new path routes, look for opportunities to carry users away from vehicular traffic.
- 2.3.2 Consider strategic widening of pathways in popular sections to accommodate user groups and amount of use.
- 2.3.3 Look for locations to extend pathways to make connections from residential areas and vacation areas to major destinations, where feasible.

Final Recommendations

2.3.4 Consider developing trailheads to support the network. Two potential locations include the northwest corner of Squire Pope and U.S. 278, and near Shelter Cove Community Park to support the Chaplin Linear Park.

2.3.5 Consider delineating a beach biking route between Burkes Beach and Islander’s Beach Park.

2.4 Water Access● Goal 4

2.4.1 Look to expand or improve, where possible, existing locations providing public water access if it is not feasible to add new locations.

2.5 Beach Access

2.5.1 Ensure there is emergency access through private developments to the beach where needed or feasible, specifically along the 4.5 mile stretch between Coligny Beach Park and Singleton Beach.

2.6 General

2.6.1 Develop a facility use agreement and review the current facility rental agreements.

2.6.2 Expand and make improvements to existing facilities to provide improved programming opportunities as outlined in the facility evaluation section of the Master Plan.

3. PROGRAMMING● Goal 3

3.1 Sports Tourism● Goal 6

3.1.1 Sports Facilities Advisory (SFA) does not recommend including plans for a new multipurpose sports venue.

3.1.2 SFA recommends utilizing current and future facilities/locations that are primarily intended for local recreation as venues for occasional sports tourism tournaments and events.

3.1.3 SFA recommends developing a plan to attract, host, and retain events that will utilize the outdoor pickleball complex (particularly when new courts are added) and/or beach-based events including sand volleyball and beach soccer.

3.1.4 Pursue sailing, kayaking, and paddleboard races and events.

3.1.5 Pursue hosting triathlons or similar outdoor race-based events.

3.2 General● Goal 1

3.2.1 All programs should be evaluated on an annual basis.

3.2.2 Create a guide or policy to be followed when adding or deleting programs.

3.2.3 Conduct short surveys with participants at the completion of each activity/program to ensure the programs are staying relevant and meeting the needs of the participants.

3.2.4 Expand alternate non-sports programming for youth and adults.

Final Recommendations

3.2.5 Develop a broader offering of adult programs for both young and older adult age groups.

Goal 3 ● **3.2.6** Study the Three Pillars of NRPA, especially the Conservation area, and look for ways to expand nature-based programs and introductory classes for water-based activities.

3.2.7 Track participation numbers and analyze three years of data when conducting program evaluations.

3.2.8 Explore development of senior sports leagues and other senior programming opportunities.

Goal 8 ● **3.2.9** Identify leaders within minority groups and work with these leaders to understand barriers to participation that may exist and then work to overcome those barriers.

Goal 8 ● **3.2.10** Financial assistance programs should be promoted to ensure equal access and transparency.

Goal 7 ● **4. FUNDING**

Strategy 2.3 ● **4.1** Increase funding from the Town of Hilton Head Island general fund budget to allow for improved maintenance of existing park facilities.

4.2 Continue to look at alternative methods of increasing self-generated revenues to expand programming and special event opportunities.

4.3 Develop a tiered revenue policy to guide fees for programs and events.

Goal 2 ● **4.4** Increase per capita spending so the recreation facilities and programs on Hilton Head Island better reflect the best-in-class image of the island.

4.5 Provide additional funding for Island Rec staff as new park facilities are added to the system.

4.6 Consider other funding alternatives such as naming rights and beverage rights agreements to increase overall per capita funding.

Action Items

Town staff has reviewed the Master Plan, received community input, and developed action items for Town officials to consider in addition to the final recommendations. These action items with the final recommendations officially convey the findings from the Master Plan that will best serve the interests of the Town for current and future park planning. The Master Plan is one piece of the planning puzzle needed for a successful park system. It plays an important role to inform park planners about gaps in service within the park system, and community interests and needs. This information will be used to assist the Town in making informed decisions about improving the park system where needed, and where to build from its successes.

Inclusion of projects and proposals in this list does not constitute their approval or guarantee to be implemented. Each recommendation will be subject to review for feasibility within the Town’s planning, budgeting, and capital improvement program processes. In some cases, the action items may fall within the scope of work of the Island Recreation Association.

Based on the findings of the **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 1**, and in addition to its final recommendations, the Town will also consider the following Action Items.

- 1. PARKS, EXISTING & PROPOSED**● Goal 2
 - 1.1** Cordillo Tennis Courts
 - 1.1.1** Continue permitting and planning efforts currently in place for the construction of the bathroom building.
 - 1.2** Taylor Tract
 - 1.2.1** Consider development of this Town-owned parcel as a mini park
 - 1.3** Patterson Tract● Goal 4
 - 1.3.1** Continue plans to develop this Town-owned parcel as a mini park
 - 1.4** Chaplin Linear Park● Goal 5
 - 1.4.1** Continue planning and implement the Chaplin Linear Park.
 - 1.5** Park Classifications
 - Reclassify the following parks:
 - 1.5.1** Barker Field & Extension, Neighborhood Park to Sports Park
 - 1.5.2** Honey Horn, Community Park to Special-Use Park
 - 1.5.3** Lowcountry Celebration Park, Community Park to Regional Park
 - 1.5.4** All boat landings and docks, Regional Parks to Special-Use Parks

Action Items

1.5.5 Rowing and Sailing Center at Squire Pope Community Park, Regional Park to Community Park

1.5.6 Consider the addition of a cultural and historic park classification.

1.6 General

Strategy 1.4 ● **1.6.1** Consider and prioritize the Master Plan's Existing Park Recommendations for implementation through the Town's CIP processes.

- a. Continue to incorporate community engagement and public input during this process.
- b. Consider starting with Crossings Park, Chaplin Park, and Mid Island Park recommendations specifically per the Initial Recommendations.

1.6.2 Plan park development concurrently where feasible in accordance with the CIP Principles to maximize planning and implementation resources.

Goal 2 ● **2. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

2.1 Additional Playgrounds and Splash Pads

Strategy 1.4 ● **2.1.1** Add new splash pads and new or updated playgrounds at parks identified through the Master Plan assessment that are in need of broadening the targeted users and that will help to serve the few underserved portions of Hilton Head Island.

Strategy 2.2 ●

2.2 Aquatics Facility

Strategy 1.4 ● **2.2.1** Continue to consider the feasibility for the addition of an aquatics facility at Chaplin Community Park indicated by prior planning efforts.

Goal 5 ● **2.3 Pathways**

2.3.1 Work with volunteer and community groups, such as the Bicycle Advisory Committee, to identify locations for strategic widening of existing pathway sections.

2.3.2 Assess Town-owned park and future parks land for potential development of off-road single-track bike trails.

2.3.3 Increase complementary consideration of pathway and bike-ped infrastructure with roadway projects and funding.

2.3.4 Continue to participate in County efforts and identify ways to integrate recommendations into the Town's bike-ped related planning efforts based on the Master Plan and County-wide **Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**.

Goal 8 ● **2.4 Beach Access**

2.4.1 Consider the addition of a handicap accessible covered overlook at Islander's Beach Park to accommodate disabled residents and visitors, and their caretakers.

Goal 6 ● **2.5 Synthetic Turf Fields**

Strategy 1.4 ● **2.5.1** Evaluate the best location to add two synthetic turf fields as recommended by the Master Plan so there is no interference with debris management sites.

Strategy 2.1 ●

Strategy 2.2 ●

Action Items

2.6 General

- 2.6.1 Establish a facility use agreement and review current facility rental agreements in order to formalize existing relationships.
- 2.6.2 Expand and make improvements to existing facilities to provide improved programming opportunities as outlined in **Our Plan** and the Master Plan. ● Goal 3
- 2.6.3 Evaluate ways to implement accessibility standards above and beyond minimal requirements for park development, events, and facility improvements. ● Goal 8

3. PROGRAMMING ● Goal 3

3.1 Schools

- 3.1.1 Consider shared use programming with the County School District for their facilities that are on the Island.
- 3.1.2 Work with USCB on potential partnerships to expand recreation offerings on the Island for students, residents, and visitors.

3.2 Level of Service ● Goal 1

- 3.2.1 Continue to engage the community in a regular and on-going assessment of needs and level of service that engages user groups, reflects Island user patterns, and focuses on individual facilities.
- 3.2.2 Evaluate opportunities for additional parks and recreation offerings on a case by case basis to supplement the parks and recreation system where there are identified gaps or needs. ● Strategy 1.4

3.3 General ● Goal 1

- 3.3.1 Evaluate programs on an annual basis through the Island Rec and Town platforms.
- 3.3.2 Ensure adequate and accurate translations in Spanish are available for recreation program and education materials, and park signage. ● Goal 8
- 3.3.3 Continue to seek ways to expand nature-based and passive recreation offerings and opportunities in the Town's existing and future planned parks to ensure there is diversity of amenities for Island residents and visitors. ● Goal 3 ● Strategy 3.1

4. FUNDING ● Goal 7

4.1 General

- 4.1.1 Continue to explore new opportunities for funding sources to support park development, redevelopment, and maintenance.

Action Items

Goal 1 ●5. MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

Strategy 1.2 ●

Goal 2 ●

Strategy 2.3 ●

5.1 Staffing

5.1.1 Consider staffing modifications to mitigate identified gaps in delivery of parks and recreation services, including to:

1. Serve as a liaison for the Town parks and recreation system to the Island Recreation Association, PALS, Beaufort County, and other agencies or organizations involved with parks and recreation on the Island.
2. Work with the Town's Facilities Management Division to identify needs for maintenance at Island parks.
3. Evaluate for capital improvement public input or observations regarding the parks system needs.

Strategy 2.2 ●

4. Monitor parks and recreation trends for applicability to the Town.
5. Work with the community, Island Rec, and Town staff to evaluate parks on a regular basis to identify areas for improvement in park facilities, recreation offerings, or programming.

Goal 3 ●

Strategy 3.1 ●

5.1.2 Consider addition of a nature program staff person at Island Rec to better address environmental education programs for Island residents and visitors.

5.2 General

Strategy 1.2 ●

Strategy 2.3 ●

Goal 1 ●

5.2.1 Establish park maintenance standards and maintenance schedules.

5.2.2 Establish a marketing and communications program with the Island Rec and the Town's communications platforms to promote the Island parks and recreation system for residents and visitors.

5.2.3 Ensure the organizational structure defines each participating agency's roles.

5.2.4 Evaluate the locations of the existing Debris Management Sites (DMS) to ensure the Town is maximizing its planned response to address goals and strategies related to resiliency as outlined in **Our Plan**.

3.2 The Elements and Core Values

The following pages present a listing of all the Core Value goals and strategies organized by Element. The intent of this section is to provide a quick reference to how the Core Values address the Elements and to ensure the goals and strategies of **Our Plan** are searchable by Element.

There is a page for each Element with a version of the wheel shown below, where the Core Value goals contributing to the specified Element are rendered in color. This presents a visual representation of the extent to which the Core Values are distributed for each Element. The goals contributing to each Element are then listed by goal number and keyword, with their corresponding related strategies.

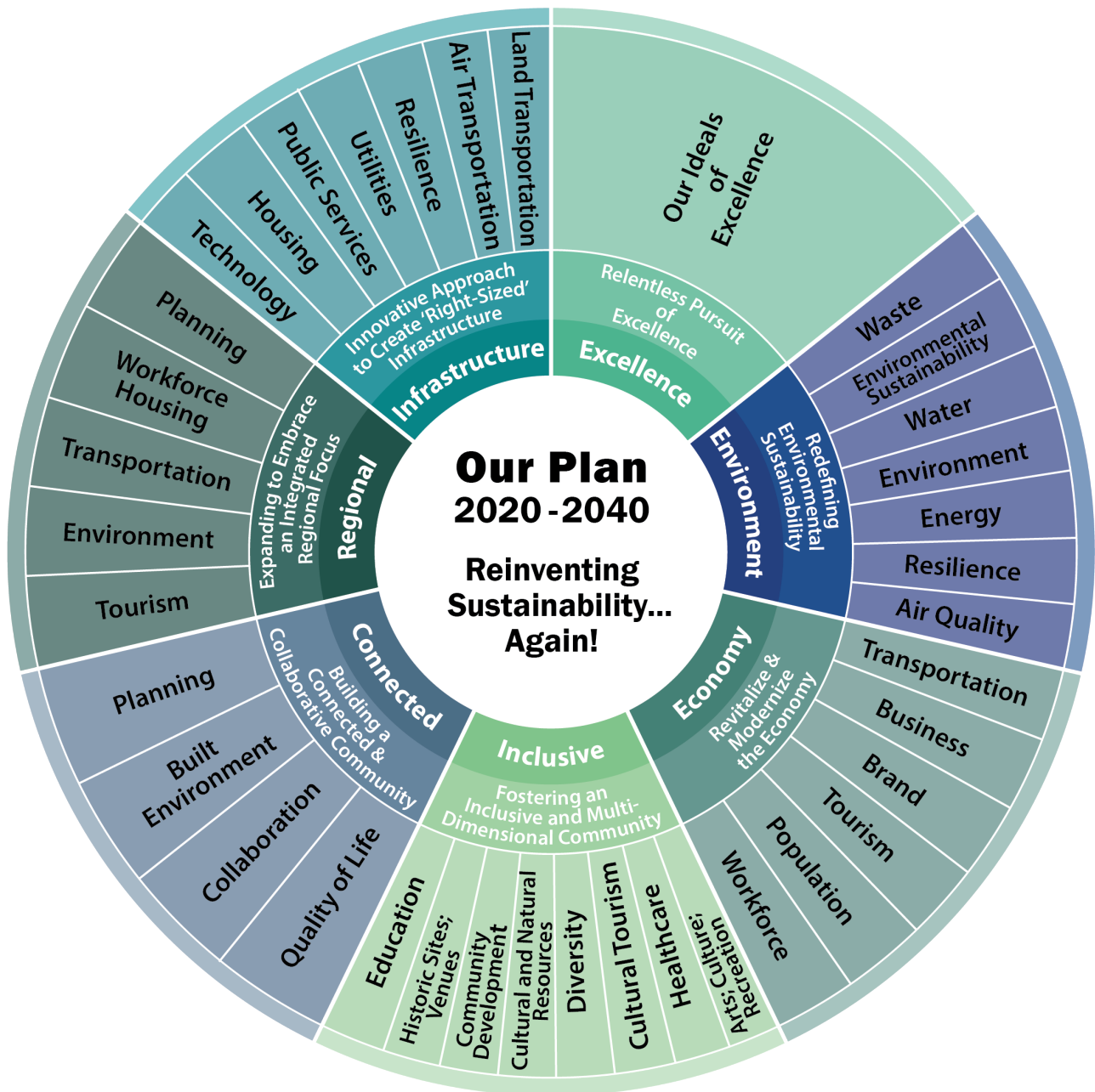


Figure 3.1, Our Plan 2020-2040 Core Values, and Goals

Cultural Resources

Excellence

- 1. Ideals of Excellence
Strategies for Our Place: 1.5, 1.6
Strategies for Our People: 2.2, 2.8

Environment

- 2. Environmental Sustainability: 2.4

Economy

- 4. Tourism: 4.1, 4.5, 4.6

Inclusive

- 1. Education: 1.3
- 2. Historic Sites; Venues: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8
- 3. Community Development: 3.1, 3.2, 3.8
- 4. Cultural Resources; Natural Resources: 4.1, 4.2
- 5. Diversity: 5.3
- 6. Cultural Tourism: 6.1, 6.2
- 8. Arts; Culture; Recreation: 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4

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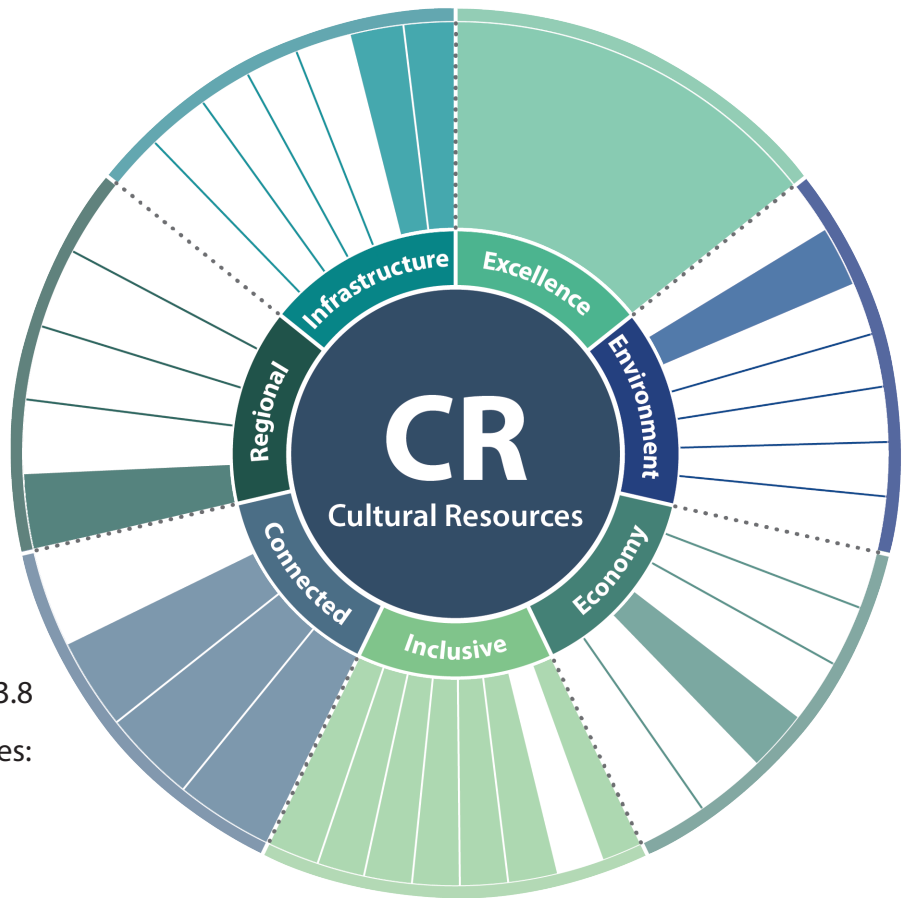
- 2. Built Environment: 2.1
- 3. Collaboration: 3.1, 3.5
- 4. Quality of Life: 4.1, 4.5

Regional

- 5. Tourism: 5.1

Infrastructure

- 1. Transportation (Land): 1.1
- 2. Transportation (Air): 2.2



Natural Resources

Excellence

- 1. Ideals of Excellence
Strategies for Our Place: 1.6

Environment

- 1. Waste: 1.4
- 2. Environmental Sustainability: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6
- 3. Water: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
- 4. Environment: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6
- 5. Energy: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4
- 6. Resilience: 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6
- 7. Air Quality: 7.3, 7.5

Economy

- 3. Brand: 3.1
- 4. Tourism: 4.1, 4.5, 4.6

Inclusive

- 4. Cultural Resources; Natural Resources: 4.1, 4.2

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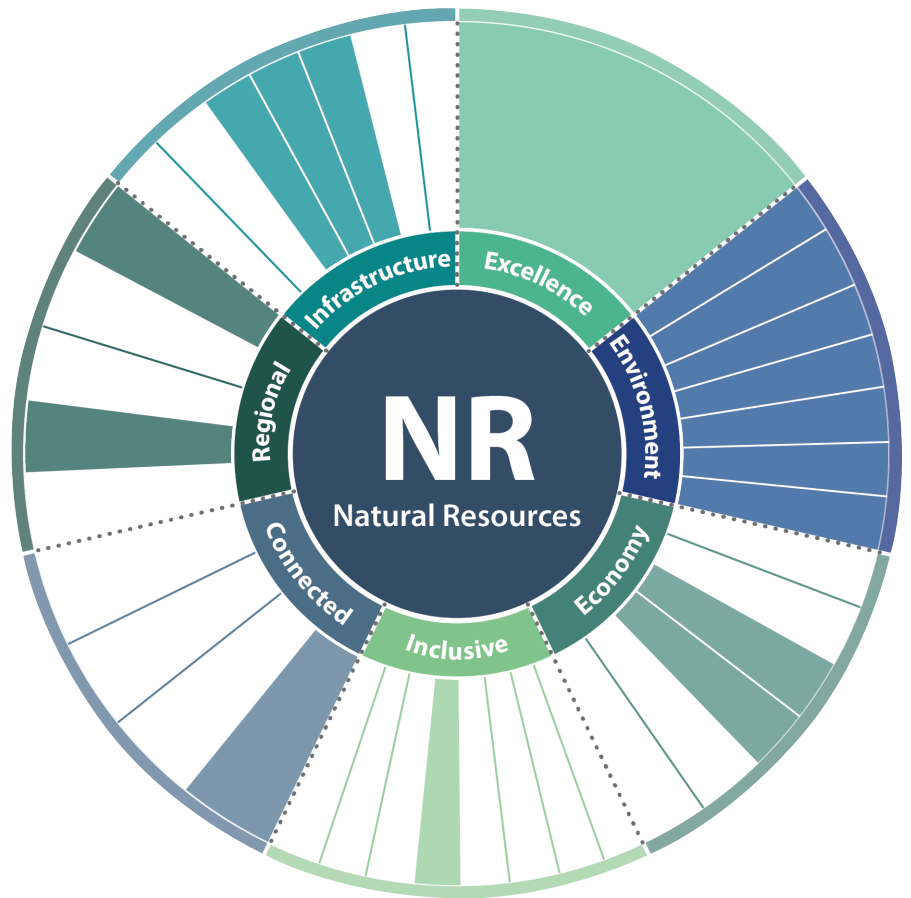
- 4. Quality of Life: 4.4, 4.5

Regional

- 1. Planning: 1.4
- 4. Environment: 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5
- 5. Tourism: 5.1

Infrastructure

- 3. Resilience: 3.1, 3.2
- 4. Utilities: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
- 5. Public Services: 5.6



Population

Excellence

- 1. Ideals of Excellence
Strategies for Our People: 2.4, 2.5, 2.10,2.11

Environment

- 2. Environmental Sustainability: 2.4

Economy

- 3. Brand: 3.2
- 5. Population: 5.1, 5.3, 5.5
- 6. Workforce: 6.1

Inclusive

- 1. Education: 1.4
- 3. Community Development: 3.1, 3.2
- 4. Cultural Resources; Natural Resources: 4.1, 4.2
- 5. Diversity: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4
- 6. Cultural Tourism: 6.1, 6.2

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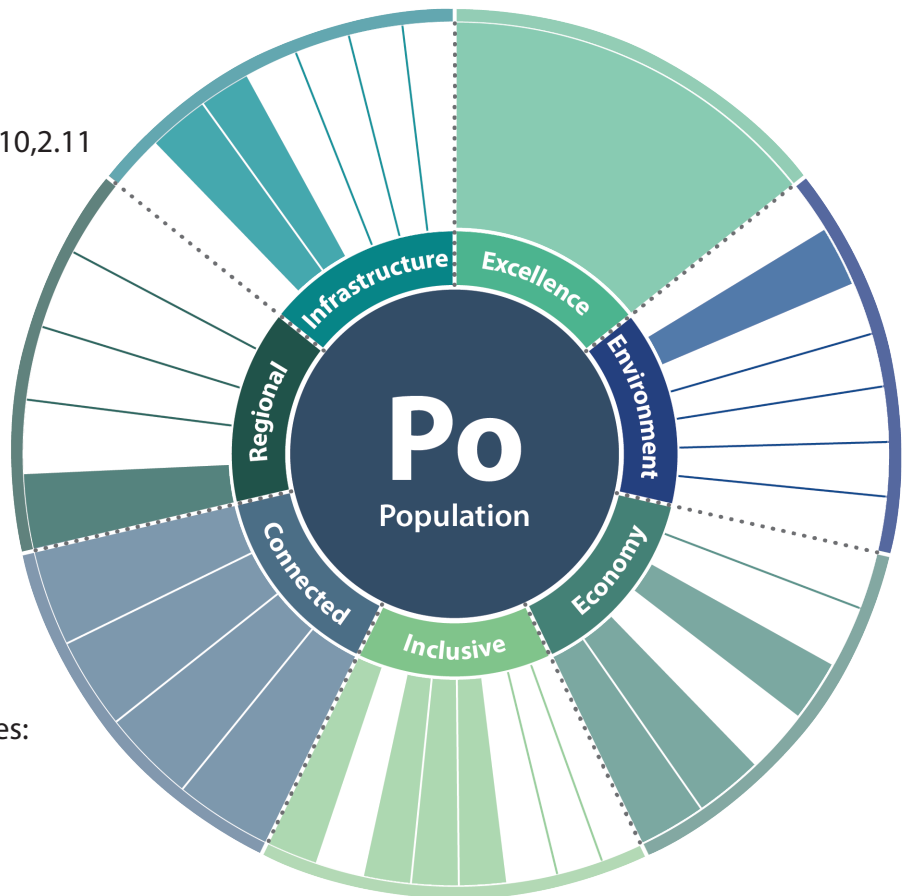
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- 2. Built Environment: 2.2, 2.3
- 3. Collaboration: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.7
- 4. Quality of Life: 4.1

Regional

- 5. Tourism: 5.3

Infrastructure

- 5. Public Services: 5.1
- 6. Housing: 6.4



Housing

Excellence

- 1. Ideals of Excellence
Strategies for Our People: 2.10

Environment

- 2. Environmental Sustainability: 2.2

Economy

- 3. Brand: 3.2, 3.3, 3.5
- 5. Population: 5.3
- 6. Workforce: 6.1

Inclusive

- 3. Community Development: 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.7

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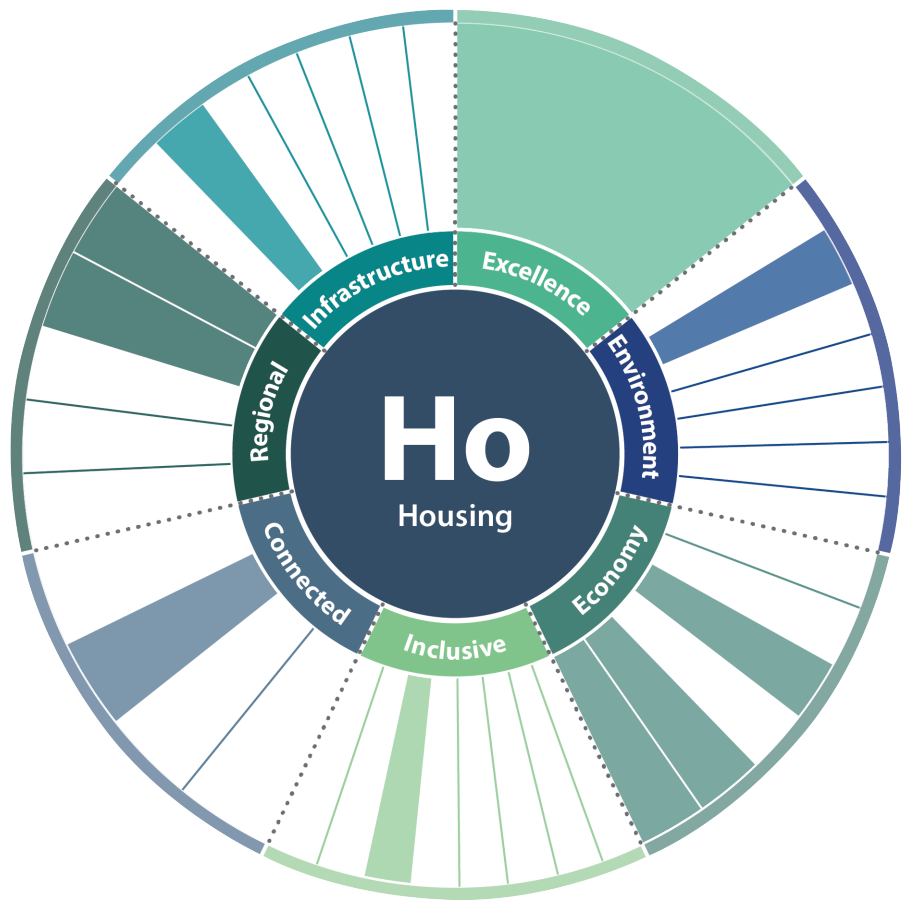
- 2. Built Environment: 2.4

Regional

- 1. Planning: 1.4
- 2. Workforce: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4

Infrastructure

- 6. Housing: 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4



Community Facilities

Excellence

- 1. Ideals of Excellence
 - Strategies for Our Place: 1.1, 1.2, 1.4
 - Strategies for Our People: 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, 2.12, 2.13
 - Strategies for Our Planning & Process: 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8

Environment

- 1. Waste: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4
- 2. Environmental Sustainability: 2.1, 2.3, 2.4
- 4. Environment: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5
- 5. Energy: 5.2, 5.4
- 6. Resilience: 6.3, 6.6
- 7. Air Quality: 7.3, 7.5

Economy

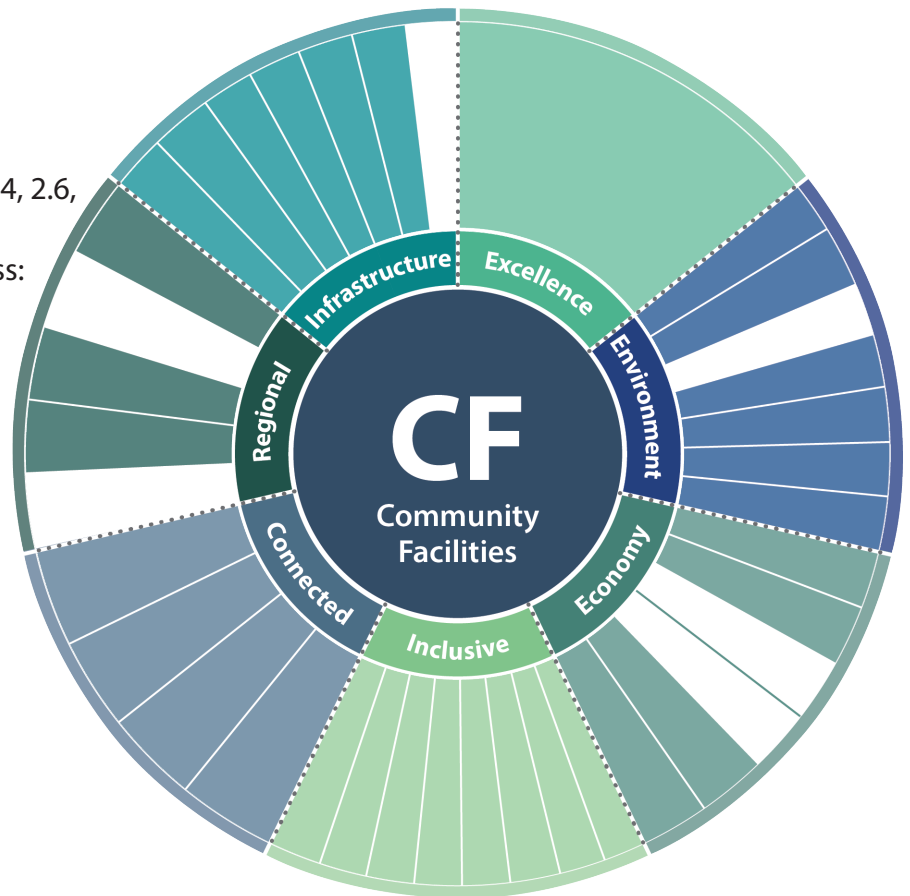
- 1. Transportation: 1.1
- 2. Business: 2.1
- 5. Population: 5.2, 5.4
- 6. Workforce: 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5

Inclusive

- 1. Education: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4
- 2. Historic Sites; Venues: 2.6
- 3. Community Development: 3.8
- 4. Cultural Resources; Natural Resources: 4.2
- 5. Diversity: 5.3
- 6. Cultural Tourism: 6.1
- 7. Healthcare: 7.1, 7.2, 7.3
- 8. Arts; Culture; Recreation: 8.1, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5

Connected

- 1. Planning: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4
- 2. Built Environment: 2.1
- 3. Collaboration: 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7
- 4. Quality of Life: 4.2, 4.3



Regional

- 1. Planning: 1.1, 1.2, 1.4
- 3. Transportation: 3.1
- 4. Environment: 4.2, 4.3, 4.4

Infrastructure

- 2. Transportation (Air): 2.4
- 3. Resilience: 3.1, 3.2
- 4. Utilities: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6
- 5. Public Services: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11
- 6. Housing: 6.2
- 7. Technology: 7.1, 7.2

Economic Development

Excellence

- 1. Ideals of Excellence
Strategies for Our Place: 1.3, 1.5
Strategies for Our People: 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13

Environment

- 2. Environmental Sustainability: 2.1

Economy

- 1. Transportation: 1.1
- 2. Business: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5
- 3. Brand: 3.2
- 4. Tourism: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6
- 5. Population: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.5
- 6. Workforce: 6.5

Inclusive

- 3. Community Development: 3.5, 3.7
- 6. Cultural Tourism: 6.2
- 7. Healthcare: 7.3

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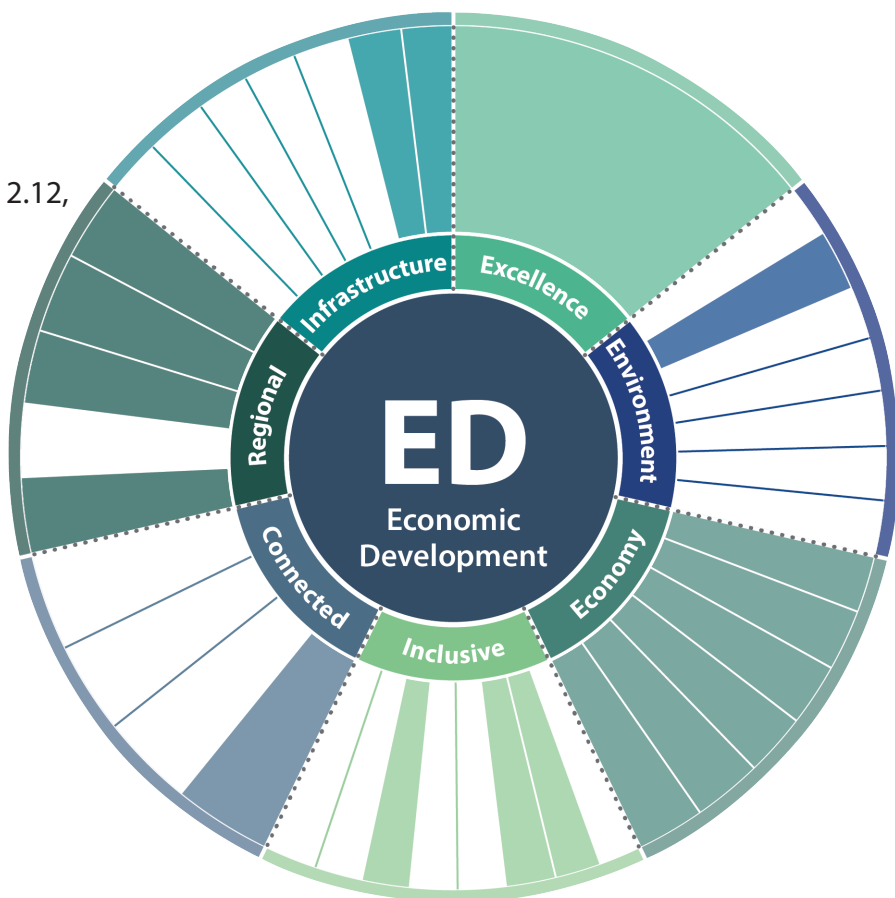
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Regional

- 1. Planning: 1.3
- 2. Workforce: 2.1
- 3. Transportation: 3.1
- 5. Tourism: 5.1, 5.2, 5.3

Infrastructure

- 1. Transportation (Land): 1.8
- 2. Transportation (Air): 2.1, 2.3



Land Use

Excellence

- 1. Ideals of Excellence
Strategies for Our People: 2.12
Strategies for Our Planning & Process: 3.3, 3.4

Environment

- 2. Environmental Sustainability: 2.5
- 3. Water: 3.1
- 4. Environment: 4.2, 4.4
- 6. Resilience: 6.2, 6.4
- 7. Air Quality: 7.4

Economy

- 2. Business: 2.3
- 3. Brand: 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.6
- 6. Workforce: 6.1, 6.5

Inclusive

- 2. Historic Sites; Venues: 2.1, 2.2, 2.6, 2.7
- 3. Community Development: 3.3., 3.4, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8
- 7. Healthcare: 7.3

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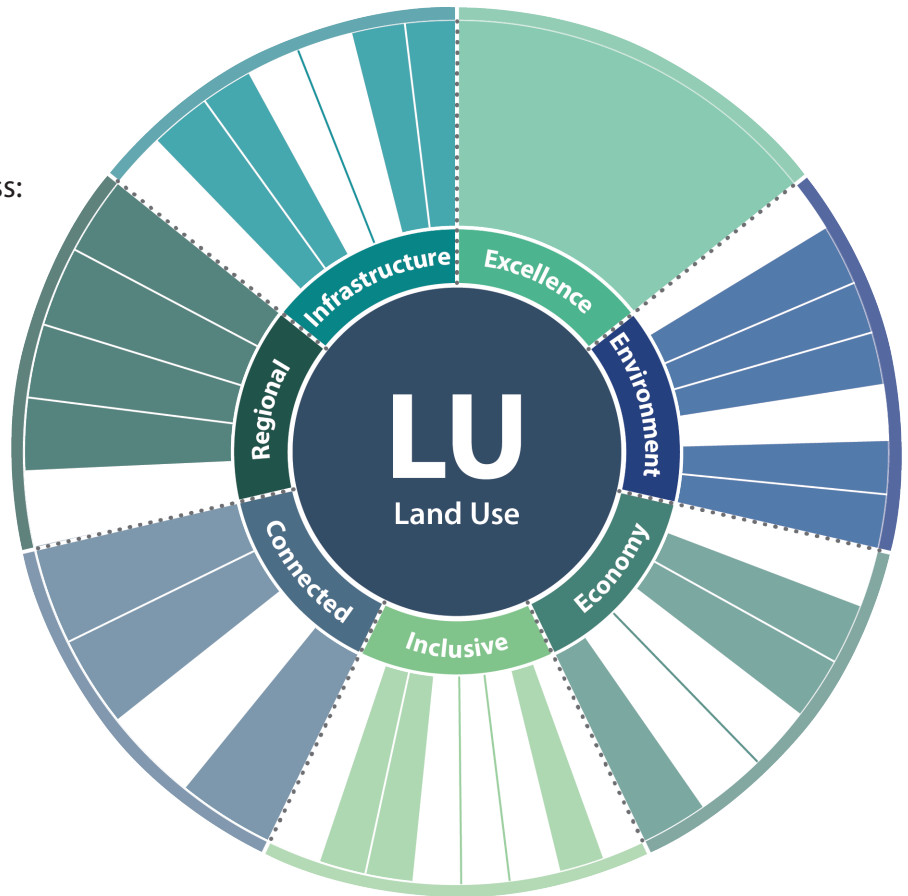
- 1. Planning: 1.4, 1.5
- 2. Built Environment: 2.2, 2.3, 2.4
- 4. Quality of Life: 4.2

Regional

- 1. Planning: 1.2
- 2. Workforce: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4
- 3. Transportation: 3.1
- 4. Environment: 4.3, 4.5

Infrastructure

- 1. Transportation (Land): 1.6
- 2. Transportation (Air): 2.2
- 3. Public Services: 5.4
- 4. Housing: 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4



Transportation

Excellence

- 1. Ideals of Excellence
Strategies for Our Place: 1.3

Environment

- 7. Air Quality: 7.1, 7.2

Economy

- 1. Transportation: 1.2
- 6. Workforce: 6.4

Inclusive

- 3. Community Development: 3.4, 3.7

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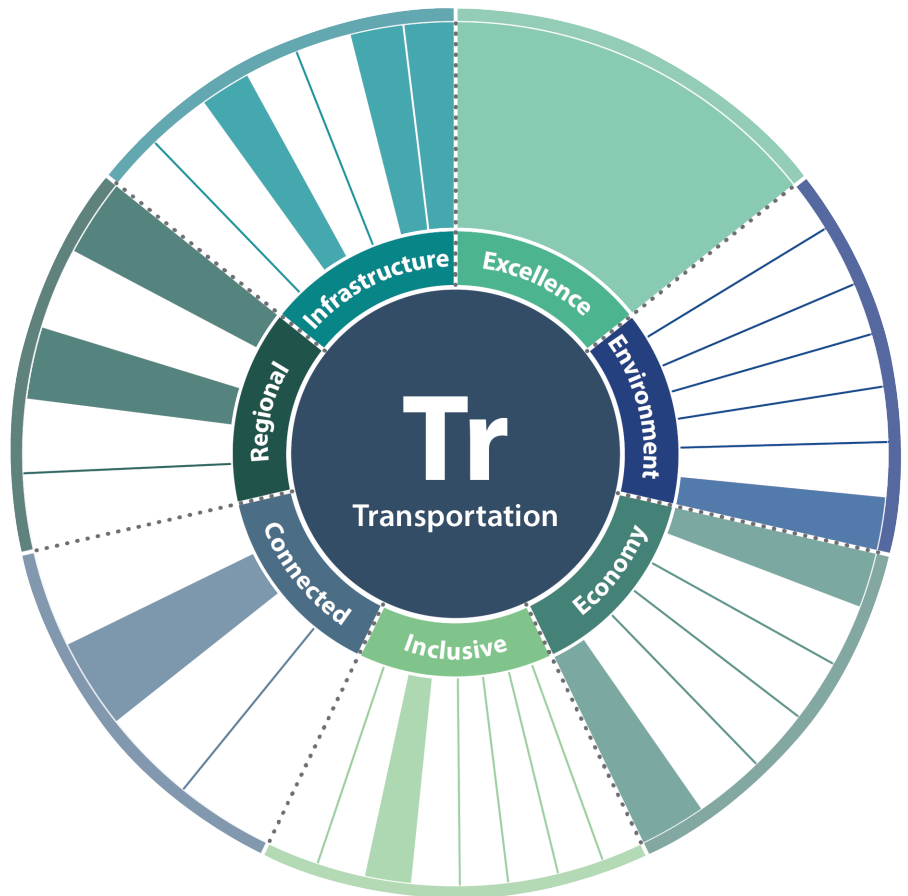
- 2. Built Environment: 2.2, 2.4

Regional

- 1. Planning: 1.2
- 3. Transportation: 3.1

Infrastructure

- 1. Transportation (Land): 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10
- 2. Transportation (Air): 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4
- 5. Public Services: 5.11



Parks + Recreation

Excellence

- 1. Ideals of Excellence
Strategies for Our People: 2.9
Strategies for Our Planning & Process: 3.7

Environment

- 2. Environmental Sustainability: 2.4

Economy

- 4. Tourism: 4.6

Inclusive

- 2. Historic Sites; Venues: 2.8
- 3. Community Development: 3.1
- 4. Natural Resources; Cultural Resources: 4.1, 4.2
- 5. Diversity: 5.2
- 8. Arts; Culture; Recreation: 8.5

Connected

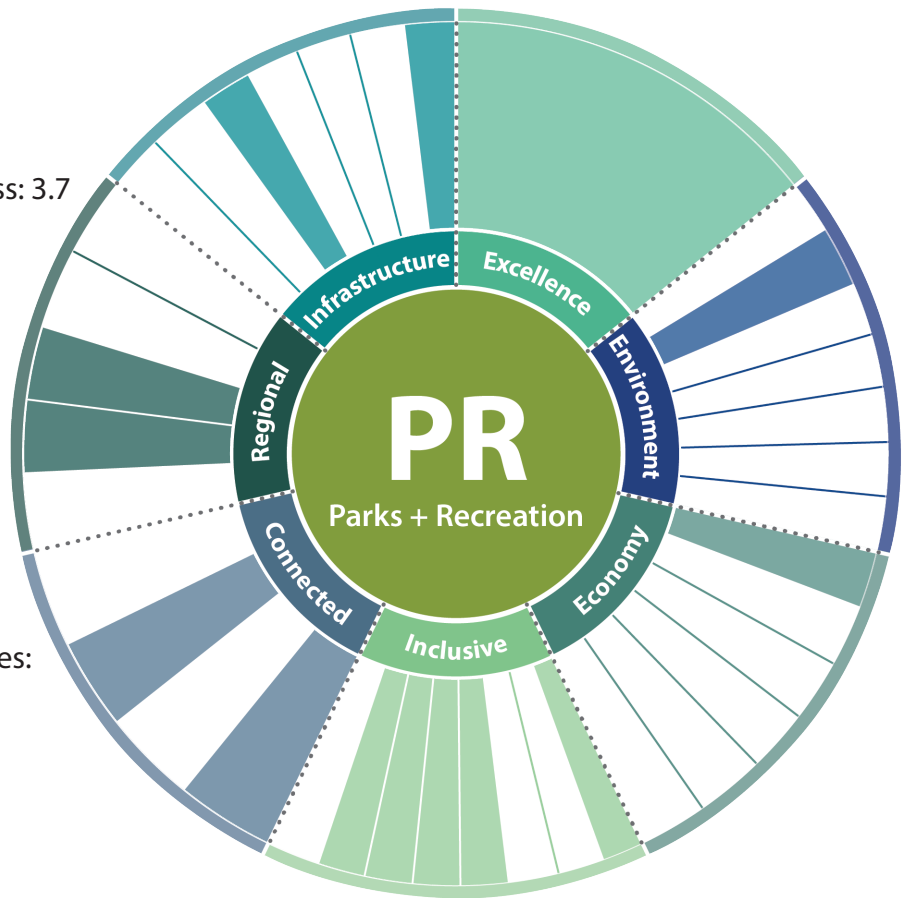
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- 4. Quality of Life: 4.5

Regional

- 3. Transportation: 3.1
- 4. Environment: 4.3, 4.5

Infrastructure

- 1. Transportation (Land): 1.3, 1.9, 1.10
- 5. Public Services: 5.2, 5.4



Priority Investment

Excellence

- 1. Ideals of Excellence
 - Strategies for Our Place: 1.6
 - Strategies for Our People: 2.6, 2.7
 - Strategies for Our Planning & Process: 3.1, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8

Environment

- 2. Environmental Sustainability: 2.3
- 6. Resilience: 6.3, 6.4, 6.6

Economy

- 1. Transportation: 1.1, 1.2
- 3. Brand: 3.1, 3.3
- 5. Population: 5.1
- 6. Workforce: 6.1, 6.4

Inclusive

- 2. Historic Sites; Venues: 2.1
- 3. Community Development: 3.7

Connected

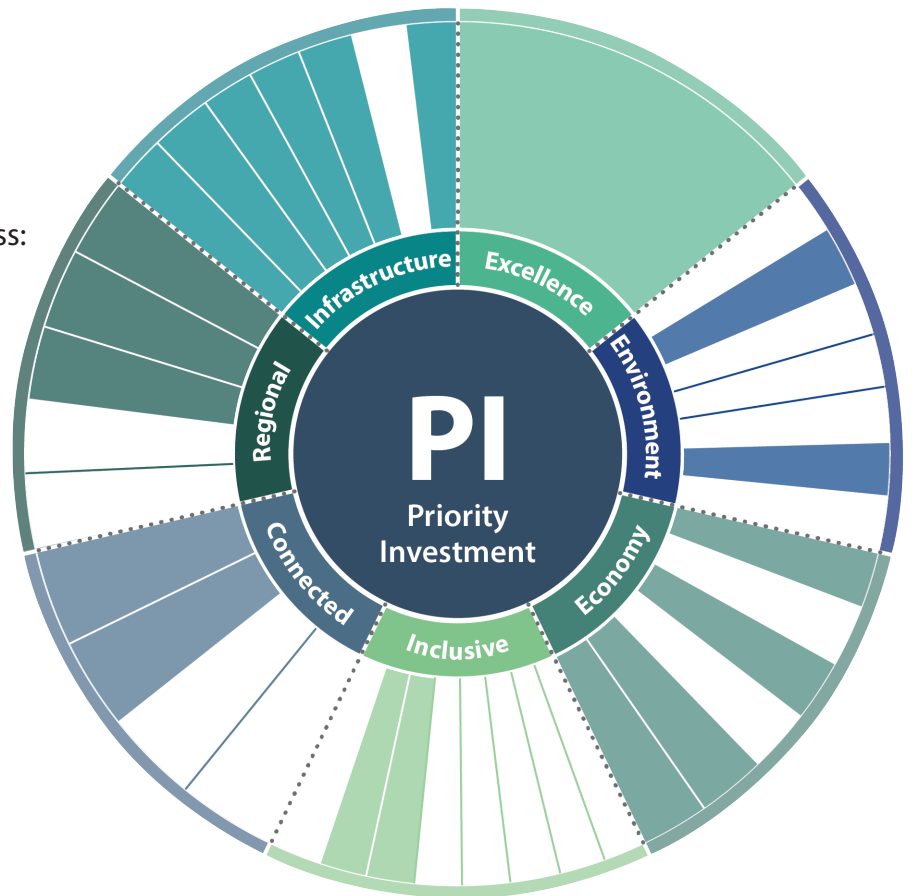
- 1. Planning: 1.4
- 2. Built Environment: 2.1

Regional

- 1. Planning: 1.1, 1.2
- 2. Workforce: 2.3
- 3. Transportation: 3.1

Infrastructure

- 1. Transportation (Land): 1.1, 1.4, 1.5
- 3. Resilience: 3.2
- 4. Utilities: 4.6
- 5. Public Services: 5.10, 5.11
- 6. Housing: 6.2
- 7. Technology: 7.2



Section	Sub-Section, Sub-Header	Page	Correction
Front Cover	Inside Cover- Info Page		Add new Town Mission: <u>The Town of Hilton Head Island's mission is to promote the health and vitality of the community we serve through ethical and inclusive programs, policies and actions.</u>
Executive Summary	Our Future and Our Plan	xiv	Last sentence: ..., and <u>its</u> purpose...
	The Elements and Core Values	xvi	Last sentence: <u>addressed</u>
	Priority Investment	xvii	Last sentence: correct "propriety" to say <u>priority</u>
	Goals, Strategies, and Tactics	xvii	9. View the region as a partner, <u>not</u> a competitor.
Section 1.0	Introduction	3	Figure 1.1: Adjust leading for legend text
		4	Figure 1.2: Adjust leading for legend text
	1.3, Organization of Our Plan	10	Section 2.0... Within this section, the information and data <u>is</u> structured...
			Section 3.0 ... as well as a matrix relating the goals and strategies to their respective elements. <u>The Key Ideas and Opportunities bulleted in each chapter demonstrate the genesis of the goals, strategies, and tactics.</u>
	1.4, Our Process	15	Add correct adoption meeting dates to Table 1.1.
		16	Add correct adoption meeting dates to Figure 1.9.
Section 2.0	2.3, Cultural Resources	27	Gullah Culture & Heritage: Remove second to last paragraph for use in the new "Our Island's Gullah Community" section.
Section 3.0	All Chapter Matrix Tables		Update to reflect additions based on new cross-references.
	3.1, Overview	93	Second paragraph, add before the last sentence: <u>The Key Ideas and Opportunities bulleted in each chapter demonstrate the genesis of the goals, strategies, and tactics.</u>
		94	Figure 1.3: Remove comma from figure title after Core Values.
	3.2, Chapter 2, Goals & Strategies	120	Tactic 6.6.2: correct spelling for <u>implement</u>
	3.2, Chapter 3, Key Ideas	128-129	Move second paragraph under heading to top of page 129. Shift third paragraph under the Opportunities text box.

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Section 3.0	3.2, Chapter 4, Key ideas	143	Last sentence remove colon and add a period.
	3.2, Chapter 6, Key Ideas	168-169	Move widow sentence at top of page 169 to bottom of page 168. Fix the cross-reference graphic for Figures 2.44 and 2.45.
		170	Align bullets in Opportunities text box.
Section 4.0	4.1, Parks and Rec Master Plan & Our Plan	208	First paragraph, second sentence: ... has resulted in Goals, Strategies, and Tactics, <u>and a Parks + Recreation Vision</u> for the Town, as well as...
	4.5, Our Recreation and Programs	238	Section header title: Change the "and" to an ampersand "&"
	4.6, Parks and Rec & Our Plan	253	Table 4.9: Align the "Inc" box on the 3. Programming line.
	4.7, Recommendations & Action Items	266	Revise Action Item 5.1.1: Consider <u>staffing modifications to mitigate identified gaps in delivery of parks and recreation services, including to:</u>
Section 5.0	5.2, The CIP and Adopted Plans	271	First paragraph, last sentence: ... staff works closely with the CIP Committee for the Planning Commission to <u>prioritize projects and develop the program.</u>
Section 6.0	6.1, Definitions		Add definition for "Natural disaster," <u>Any naturally occurring event that causes extensive damage or complete loss of property, the built environment, or natural resources, or causes loss of life.</u>
	6.2, Index	313	Correct Index listing for: Gullah Geechee <u>Culture</u> Preservation Report.
		317	For Resilience listing: Bold page numbers 188, 193

Exhibit G

Our Plan Planning Commission Comments

The following items were discussed by the Planning Commission at a public hearing held on September 16, 2020. In this exhibit, staff has provided a response and proposed Our Plan revisions per the Planning Commission comments for Town Council's consideration.

The numbered sections below carry over from Exhibit B, Our Plan Workshop Comments, for continuity.

22. Gullah Community

- 22.1. **Comment:** At the workshop we discussed the "Goodwill Baptist Church" described in the Historic Timeline on page 23. Can we add a description about the history of the First African Baptist Church to better understand where "Goodwill Baptist Church" came from?

- 22.1.1. Staff will highlight a note in the margin next to this timeline entry to expand on the genesis and history of the First African Baptist Church:

The church congregation moved to the Chaplin area briefly under the name "Goodwill Baptist Church" before moving to its present location in 1889 under the name "Crossroads Baptist Church." Eventually, the congregation adopted the name First African Baptist Church (Heritage).

- 22.1.2. Add www.heritagelib.org/first-african-baptist-church reference to page 88 in the "References and Works Cited" section.

- 22.1.3. Add reference for the First African Baptist Church on page 90 in the "For More Information" section.

- 22.2. **Comment:** In the public arts section, can we include something about Michael Smalls and basket making?

- 22.2.1. The public arts section focuses on discussion about the Town's public art installations, such as sculptures, and performance venues, so this is not the best location to add this information. Upon closer investigation for where to include this information, staff will highlight it in the information margin on the new page being added about the Island's Gullah Community:

The Gullah Geechee culture is full of tradition in language, art, food, song, and dance. Numerous festivals are held yearly on the Island that celebrate this vibrant culture. The Coastal Discovery Museum also hosts Gullah tradition classes and programs, such as basket making with Michael Smalls and Dino Badger and the history of indigo.

23. Our Plan Structure

- 23.1. **Comment:** In light of the extensive detail in the Parks and Recreation and Priority Investment sections versus the generalities in the other sections, is there someplace an explanation about why there is this variation?

Staff Comment: Upon closer investigation of this topic in the *Our Plan* text, staff was unable to find where it has been specifically addressed. It is only loosely implied. To clarify this facet of the plan, staff proposes the following:

- 23.1.1. On page xvi at the end of the third paragraph in the Executive Summary, “The Elements and Core Values” sub-section: The only elements Our Plan specifically addresses are *Recreation* and *Priority Investment*. These two elements are specifically addressed with larger sections in Our Plan because they represent significant interest areas and investments falling within the Town’s jurisdiction and direct scope of work for the Island community.
- 23.1.2. On page 10 at the end of the second paragraph in Section 1.3, “How Our Plan is Organized” sub-section. Where applicable, and in compliance with state requirements, the elements are keyed and indexed as they relate to the goals and strategies presented throughout the document. The *Recreation* and *Priority Investment* elements are specifically addressed with stand-alone sections in **Our Plan** because they represent significant interest areas and investments falling within the Town’s jurisdiction and direct scope of work for the Island community.
- 23.1.3. On page 210 in the second paragraph for “The Recreation Element” sub-section: For **Our Plan**, the *Recreation* Element is replaced by this section, devoted to parks and recreation, supported and informed by the Town’s 2020 **Parks + Recreation Master Plan, Part 1**. Because this section houses one of the Comprehensive Plan elements, synthesizes findings from the Master Plan with the recommendations and actions items, and due to the considerable investment and involvement for the Town represented by parks and recreation, this section is more detailed and lengthy than others.
- 23.1.4. On page 268 at beginning of the fourth paragraph for Section 5.1: *Priority Investment* is specifically addressed as a stand-alone section in **Our Plan** because it represents significant areas of interest for the Town in terms of the budget and investments falling within the Town’s jurisdiction. It is also specifically defined by State legislation. This section will present an overview of the Town’s CIP...

Exhibit H

A RESOLUTION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND RECOMMENDING OUR PLAN BE FORWARDED TO TOWN COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hilton Head Island has established a reputation as a well-planned community; and

WHEREAS, Our Plan is the proposed Town of Hilton Head Island 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, Town staff, the Development Team, and the Planning Commission were asked to rewrite the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Hilton Head Island; and

WHEREAS, Our Plan meets the requirements of The Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994 and its updates; and

WHEREAS, Our Plan includes the following core values: Relentless Pursuit of Excellence, Redefining Environmental Sustainability, Revitalizing and Modernizing the Economy, Fostering an Inclusive Multi-dimensional Community, Building a Connected and Collaborative Community Fabric, Expanding to Embrace an Integrated Regional Focus, and Innovative Approach to Create 'Right-sized' Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Our Plan includes the following elements: Cultural Resources, Natural Resources, Population, Housing, Community Facilities, Economic Development, Land Use, Transportation, Recreation, and Priority Investment and adopted appendices; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2020, the Our Plan Development Team voted to recommend that Our Plan be forwarded to the Comprehensive Plan Committee of the Planning Commission for review; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2020, the Comprehensive Plan Committee of the Planning Commission voted to recommend that Our Plan be forwarded to the full Planning Commission for review; and

WHEREAS, Our Plan has been made available for public review; and


WHEREAS, Our Plan is required to be adopted in accordance with Section 6-29-510, 6-29-520, and 6-29-530 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, THAT the Planning Commission hereby recommends that Town Council adopt Our Plan, the Town of Hilton Head Island 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan, with recommended additions and revisions.

Moved, approved, and adopted on this 16th day of September 2020.



Peter Kristian, Chairman



Krista Wiedmeyer, Town Clerk

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Draft

**Hilton Head Island
Our Plan
2020-2040**

in pdf format at

<https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/projects/CompPlanUpdate/documents/OurPlan2020-2040-Draft.pdf>



TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Community Development Department

TO: Stephen G. Riley, ICMA~CM, *Town Manager*
VIA: Shawn Colin, *AICP, Director of Community Development*
VIA: Jennifer Ray, *ASLA, Deputy Director of Community Development*
FROM: Taylor Ladd, *Senior Planner*
CC: Teri Lewis, *AICP, Deputy Director of Community Development*
DATE: October 7, 2020
SUBJECT: *Our Plan, Town of Hilton Head Island 2020-2040 Comprehensive Plan*

Town Council reviewed the draft and proposed revisions of *Our Plan* at their meeting on October 6, 2020. At that meeting, Town Council made no changes to Proposed Ordinance 2020-24.



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TO: Stephen G. Riley, ICMA~CM, *Town Manager*
VIA: Shawn Colin, *AICP, Director of Community Development*
VIA: Jennifer Ray, *ASLA, Deputy Director of Community Development*
FROM: Taylor Ladd, *Senior Planner*
CC: Teri Lewis, *AICP, Deputy Director of Community Development*
DATE: September 24, 2020
SUBJECT: Our Plan, Town of Hilton Head Island 2020-2040 Comprehensive Plan

Recommendation:

The Planning Commission recommends by Resolution that Town Council adopt *Our Plan*, the Town of Hilton Head Island 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan, with recommended additions and revisions per Exhibits A through G.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing for *Our Plan* on September 16, 2020, and voted 8-0 on a Resolution that Town Council adopt *Our Plan* with staff's recommended additions and revisions (Exhibits A through F).

The Planning Commission hosted a workshop with Town Council on August 26, 2020 to discuss *Our Plan*. No action was taken, however several comments were submitted to consider for additions or revisions to the plan (Exhibit B).

The Comprehensive Plan Committee met on August 25, 2020, and voted 3-0 to recommend the Planning Commission adopt a resolution recommending *Our Plan* for adoption by Town Council with the suggested edits included in Exhibit A.

The Development Team met on August 12, 2020, and voted 7-0 to recommend the Comprehensive Plan Committee forward *Our Plan* to the Planning Commission and consider the attached comments as discussed during the meeting (Exhibit A).

Summary:

Adoption of *Our Plan* will meet the requirements of the State's Comprehensive Plan Enabling Legislation and will provide a foundation for the Island's growth and development.

As the 2020 to 2040 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Hilton Head Island, *Our Plan* provides a baseline of existing conditions and outlines goals, strategies, and tactics for the future of the Town and Island community. It also serves as a tool for the Town and community leaders to strengthen and preserve the Island culture, image, character, and unique sense of place.

Background:

The Town's Our Future community engagement initiative developed the Vision for *Our Plan*. The Town's preferred future is to focus on the revitalization and modernization of its economy and infrastructure while building an inclusive and diverse community. A cross section of the environment, society, and the economy defines sustainability for *Our Plan*, where a community balanced in these three things has viable economic development, a resilient built environment, and equitable social conditions. *Our Plan* will help to usher this vision forward by directing the Town's focus and parameters for future policy and decision making.

On September 27, 2018, the Public Planning Committee adopted the Principles and Process to guide development of *Our Plan*.

On April 2, 2019, Town Council approved a Resolution creating the Development Team as an ad hoc committee of the Planning Commission to support the development of *Our Plan*.

The Development Team, which began meeting in May of 2019, met eleven times over the course of the *Our Plan* initiative, and ensured that the adopted Principles and Process were followed, and that there was meaningful coordination between the *Our Plan* Work Groups.

Our Plan Work Groups held over 90 public meetings in 2019, and reconvened in March 2020 to review the drafted Core Value chapters. The Parks and Recreation Task Group met in July 2020 to review the drafted Section 4.0, Parks + Recreation.

Staff coordinated the Development Team, Work Groups, and Park and Recreation Task Group with comprehensive community engagement activities, and delivered the draft for *Our Plan*.

Attachments:

Exhibit A, *Development Team Comments*

Exhibit B, *Our Plan Workshop Comments*

Exhibit C, *Our Island's Gullah Community, Supplement for Section 2.0, Cultural Resources (Reference Exhibit B Item 10.1.2)*

Exhibit D: *Revised Parks + Recreation Section 4.7, Recommendations and Action Items (Reference Exhibit B Item 11.4.1)*

Exhibit E: *Proposed Section 3.2, The Elements and Core Values (Reference Exhibit B Item 14.1.1)*

Exhibit F: *Our Plan Typographic and Editorial Corrections Proposed by Staff*

Exhibit G: *Our Plan Planning Commission Comments*

Exhibit H: *Planning Commission Resolution*

**Parks + Recreation Master Plan
Our Plan Section 4.7 Prioritized Recommendations and Action Items**

More information about Recommendation and Action Item projects shown below can be found in *Our Plan* Section 4.7. Most projects are detailed in *Our Plan* as an Initial or Final Recommendation or Action Item and can be found in the plan using the List Type and List Item # column references. Projects have been ranked based on public input.

Our Plan Section 4.7 List Type Key:

IR= Initial Recommendations; FR= Final Recommendations; AI= Action Items

Rank	List Type	List Item #	Proposed Parks + Recreation Projects	Notes
1. Parks, Existing and Proposed				
1	FR	1.16	Beach Parks	
2	FR	1.1	Barker Field	
3	FR	1.2	Bristol Sports Arena	
4	FR	1.6	Hilton Head Park (Old Schoolhouse)	
5	FR	1.13	Jarvis Creek Community Park	
6	FR	1.1	Greens Shell	
7	FR	1.8	Betsy Jukofsky Xeriscape Garden	
Other	AI	1.5.6	90% of participants agree with adding a cultural and historic park classification	
2. Recreation Facilities				
1	FR	2.4	water access for non-motorized boats	
2	FR	2.1	pickleball facility	
3	AI	2.3.2	off-road trails and boardwalks	
4	FR	2.3.4	trailheads	
5	FR	2.3.5	dedicated beach bike route	
6	AI	2.4.1	ADA accessible covered overlooks	
7		N/A	more bike parking	staff suggestion
8	FR	2.4	water access for fishing	
9	FR	2.6.2	picnic pavilions	
10	AI	2.2	aquatic facility	
11		N/A	fitness trails and stations	staff suggestion
12	IR	2.2	additional playgrounds	
13		N/A	general purpose field for passive use or pick-up games	staff suggestion
14	FR	1.18.1	dog parks	
15	AI	2.1	splashpads and water play areas	
16	FR	1.3.3	natural turf field	also for Barker Field
17		N/A	bike maintenance stations	staff suggestion
18	IR	2.3	sand volleyball complex	
19	FR	2.2	pump track	
20	AI	2.5.1	synthetic turf field	
21	FR	1.17.1	disc golf	
22		N/A	public driving range	public request

Parks + Recreation Master Plan

Proposed Programming for Chaplin Community Park, Crossings Park, and the Mid Island Tract

In no particular order.

Chaplin Community Park		Notes
A. Circulation and Bike-Ped		
1	Connect existing and planned pathways within park to Town's multi-use pathway network	
2	New pathways and/or nature trails with interpretation in natural areas with overlooks	Planned as part of Chaplin Linear Park
3	If needed, new vehicular circulation; maintain connection with Burkes Beach, Singleton and Castnet roadways	
4	Pathway and trail network trailhead	
5	Fitness trail with workout stations	
6	Adequate bike parking	
7	Burkes Beach drop-off (like Islanders)	Planned as part of Chaplin Linear Park
B. Active Recreation Facilities		
1	Tennis (12) and pickleball (24) court complex with lighting and ancillary site furnishings; provide 4 to 6 covered pickleball courts and practice backboards	
2	Sand volleyball tournament complex (6 to 8)	If not at Mid Island Tract
C. Passive Recreation Facilities		
1	New playground, inclusive and multi-age	
2	Splashpad	
3	Overlook tower at marsh or beach (for birders and others)	Planned as part of Chaplin Linear Park
4	Dog park with supporting amenities such as seating, fencing, dog wash and water fountains	
5	General use open play fields for pick up play or sports practice	
D. Standard Park Amenities		
1	Pavilions/picnic shelters/seating (benches, swings, etc.)	
2	Restrooms	
3	Water fountains	
4	Parking to serve proposed facilities and uses	
5	Wayfinding	
6	Bike parking	

Parks + Recreation Master Plan
Proposed Park Programs- Recommendations and Public Input
In no particular order.

Mid Island Tract		Notes
A. Circulation and Bike-Ped		
1	Connect existing and planned pathways within park to Town's multi-use pathway network	
2	Renovate existing and provide new pathways and/or nature trails with interpretation in natural areas with overlooks in ecologically significant area	
3	Vehicular circulation as needed	
4	Fitness trail with workout stations	
5	Soft surface x-country trail and single track bike trails	
B. Sports & Recreation Facilities		
1	Rectangular multi-purpose fields (2 to 3)	Evaluate a combination of synthetic and natural turf; with lights
2	Championship-style 18-hole disc golf course	
3	Lawn bowling or bocce	
4	Pumptrack	For non-motorized bikes
5	Sand volleyball tournament complex (6 to 8)	If not at Chaplin
C. Passive Recreation Facilities		
1	Large playground, inclusive and multi-age	
2	Event lawn/ flexible use open space	
3	Nature preserve/ conservation area	See above in Circulation
4	Event pavilion/ central gathering area	
D. Standard Park Amenities		
1	Pavilions/picnic shelters/seating (benches, swings, etc.)	
2	Restrooms	
3	Water fountains	
4	Parking to serve proposed facilities and uses	
5	Wayfinding	
6	Bike parking	
Notes:		
1.	The design concept and planning for Chaplin Community Park shall take into consideration its designation as one of the Town's Debris Management Sites.	
2.	The design concept and planning for the Mid Island Tract shall take into consideration its use as venue space for the Concours d'Elegance event, as well as potential for use as a Debris Management Site.	

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND
RFQ 2021-5
Design Services for Parks and Recreation Improvements

I. GENERAL INFORMATION AND SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Town of Hilton Head Island is soliciting responses from qualified professional design firms (land planning, landscape architecture, architecture, engineering) (“Offerors”) to provide design services for parks and recreation improvements in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan initiative.

A voluntary pre-submittal virtual conference/meeting will be held, details are below.

Voluntary Pre-submittal Virtual Conference/Meeting
10:30 A.M. Eastern Time on February 4, 2021

To join the meeting on a computer or mobile phone:
<https://bluejeans.com/611258118?src=calendarLink>

Phone Dial-in

+1.404.458.0105 (United States)

+1.312.216.0325 (US (Chicago))

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Qualifications must be submitted by the Qualifications Submittal Deadline shown on the Transmittal Page. Qualifications will ONLY be accepted electronically via the Town’s Procurement Portal which can be accessed using the following link hiltonheadislandsc.bonfirehub.com. If electronic submittal poses a hardship, please notify the Town Contact person identified on the Transmittal Page.

Submittals will be publically opened via virtual conference at the date and time indicated on the Transmittal Page. Only the names of Offerors will be provided at the opening. No other information will be shared at that time. To

participate, please use the following meeting link and information.

Virtual Submittal Opening Link and Information

2:15 P.M. Eastern Time on February 23, 2021

To join the meeting on a computer or mobile phone:

<https://bluejeans.com/8433843231?src=calendarLink>

Phone Dial-in

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All questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted in writing via the procurement portal using the “Opportunity Q&A” feature in the “Messages” Section of the Portal. Questions will be answered via the procurement portal as well. Offeror’s who have downloaded an original solicitation will receive email notification if any addendums have been issued for that solicitation. **However, it is still the Offeror’s responsibility to check the procurement portal for any issued addendums prior to submitting their response.**

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all responses received as a result of this solicitation, to negotiate with all qualified Offerors, to award multiple contracts for all or part of the scope of work, or to cancel in part or in whole this solicitation, if in the best interests of the Town. The Town reserves the right to refuse any and all responses and to waive any technicalities and formalities. The Town reserves the right to waive any requirement in this solicitation, including material requirements, if such requirement is unmet by all Offerors, and, such a waiver is determined to be in the best interests of the Town.

This solicitation does not commit the Town to award a contract or to procure for any articles of goods or services. The Town shall not incur or pay for any costs associated with the preparation of Offeror responses.

Submitted responses must be signed by an official of Offeror authorized to bind Offeror. Electronic signature using secure signature software is acceptable. By submitting a response, Offeror agrees that its response shall be good and held open for a period of at least sixty (60) days from the Due Date.

The Town does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex [including pregnancy and childbirth (or related medical conditions)], religion, age or disability in employment or in the provision of goods and services.

II. BACKGROUND

In 2019, the Town initiated an effort to evaluate the Town's public parks and recreation system, which includes recommendations designed to increase the level of service across the community over the next ten years. This initiative includes four parts.

- Part 1: Lose Design prepared a report, "Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Part 1" (Exhibit D), which includes budget, staffing, maintenance, and needs assessments, with a gap analysis and recommendations.
- Part 2: Town staff in conjunction with community Work Groups prepared *Our Plan*, adopted by Town Council October 20, 2020 as the Town's Comprehensive Plan. It includes *Section 4.0, Parks + Recreation* (Exhibit E) which guides recreation planning and policy direction for the Town of Hilton Head Island and incorporated information from *Part 1*. *Part 2* resulted in Action Items for the Town as well as Goals, Strategies, and Tactics specific to parks and recreation on the Island.
- Part 3: *Our Plan* has served as the foundation for *Part 3*, which included gathering feedback from the Island community about prioritization of the recommendations and program development for three specific sites: Chaplin Community Park, Crossings Park, and the Mid Island Tract.

In October and November 2020, community members and citizens had the opportunity to provide feedback on the recommendations and programming through an online survey, three virtual Town Hall meetings, and two Open Park Day events. *Part 3* further included the process of developing the programming for three park sites (Exhibit F) and obtaining professional design services towards their development.

- Part 4: Detailed design, permitting, and construction of parks and recreation improvements will comprise *Part 4*.

III. SCOPE OF WORK / SPECIFICATIONS

The Town intends that the successful Offeror will be qualified to provide design services for parks and recreation improvements based on recommendations

from *Part 1* with programming developed by staff through extensive and on-going community engagement. The Town expects that the successful Offeror will be qualified to work in close consultation with the Town's selected staff, as well as the Parks and Recreation Commission, and Town Council, if applicable.

The initial services to be furnished pursuant to this Request for Qualifications may include, but are not limited to the following as needed:

1. Review of Existing Plans & Documents: Conduct a review of plans and documents that are relevant to the scope of work including but not limited to *Our Plan*, specifically Section 4.0 Parks + Recreation (Exhibit E), the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan Part 1* (Exhibit D), and results from *Part 3* community engagement activities (Exhibit F).
2. Kick-off Meeting and Review of Existing Conditions:
 - Conduct kick-off meeting with relevant staff to obtain information about existing conditions, site use, and any current or planned CIP projects being conducted in relation to each project site (1 meeting).
 - Attend at least one (1) site visit at Chaplin Community Park, Crossings Park, and the Mid Island Tract.
 - Conduct kick-off meeting with Parks and Recreation Commission (1 meeting).
3. Prepare Initial Concept Plans:
 - Prepare site analysis and initial concept plans for Chaplin Community Park, Crossings Park, and the Mid Island Tract.
 - Review initial materials with Town staff (1 meeting).
 - Review initial materials with Parks and Recreation Commission (1 meeting).
 - Gather public input through in-person (open house) and virtual methods.
4. Prepare Final Concept Plans:
 - Prepare final concept plants for Chaplin Community Park, Crossings Park, and the Mid Island Tract to include for each site illustrative concept plans, preliminary cost estimates based on phased approach, and conceptual phasing for sequential park development where Island-wide recreation services are minimally disrupted.
 - Review final materials with Town staff (1 meeting). Make revisions

as appropriate.

- Review final materials with Parks and Recreation Commission (1 meeting).
- Gather public input through in-person (open house) and virtual methods.
- Present final materials to Town Council (1 meeting).

Selected Design Team will be responsible for providing all conceptual planning, design development and construction documents, and itemized cost estimates at each phase of design project.

Initial tasks include conceptual planning for three parks, Chaplin Community Park, Crossings Park, and the Mid Island Tract. It is anticipated that additional projects may be added in the future in conjunction with the Lose Design recommendations and Our Plan recommendations and action items.

IV. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS AND FORMATTING

Offerors are REQUIRED to submit all requested information and/or documentation outlined in this section of the solicitation. Any Offeror failing to do so may have their response rejected as being non-responsive and making them ineligible for contract award. Offeror must complete and return with their response the “Checklist of Submittal Requirements”, a copy of which is included in this solicitation as Exhibit A. Offerors shall submit their responses in a format and sequence that follows the section numbering and layout provided in this solicitation to assist the Town in its evaluation of responses.

The submittal shall be formatted as follows:

- Section 1 General firm background and Work Plan
- Section 2 Experience on similar projects and client references
- Section 3 Organization of Project Team including resumes and team member’s prior experience on similar projects
- Section 4 Description of project resources including summary of current workload
- Section 5 List of any litigation history of the firm for the past 5 years
- Section 6 Required forms (Exhibit A & Exhibit C)
- Section 7 Any additional relevant information

FEE PROPOSAL:

All Offerors must submit a fee proposal as a separate document. The fee proposal will not be used for evaluation purposes but will be used in negotiations with the successful offeror.

Offerors shall demonstrate that they meet the minimum qualifications outlined below for this project. Offerors not meeting these requirements shall not be considered for this project. Each person called out to be included on the project team shall supply a resume of their personal qualifications and list their similar prior experience in the submittal. The minimum qualifications are:

- Identification of the person who will serve as the overall project manager and the Town's direct point of contact.
- Provide a list of all relevant/similar experience on projects of similar size and scope completed within the last 10 years by the firm, by the project manager, and by the project team.
- Evidence of capabilities for cost-effective design, project scheduling and implementation, ability to make field investigations and critical decisions, ability to develop sound cost estimates, and assurance that plans, specifications, and schedules are met.
- Evidence of knowledge of current trends in parks and recreation and ability to gather public input and build consensus.
- Provide a list of litigation history of the firm for the past 5 years.
- Reference from similar projects including each project's project manager with telephone number and email address. Include a description of the project objectives and size, scope of work, dates, contract amounts, and lessons learned.
- Provide a resume and relevant work experience of the project team who will be assigned to support this project along with an organizational chart including sub-consultants if appropriate. The following must be included for each team member: title, roles and responsibilities on this project, education/degree(s), experience, office location, role in past projects of this type, and hourly billing rate on this project.
- Description of available backup personnel and their office location as well as project specific resources your firm would employ to accomplish the given objectives of the project.
- Work Plan: Describe in detail the strategy your firm would employ to accomplish the given objectives of the project including the approach for working with clients and steering committees to arrive at complete/comprehensive outcomes within the established Town parameters. Explain the roles of the team members, procedures and methodologies to be used and any other relevant information regarding

the actual work. Address any unique challenges or opportunities this project offers to meet the objectives outlined in in the Town’s scope. Identify methods for gathering public input on the project both in-person and virtually.

- Present and anticipated workload of project team over the life of the project. Develop a task based schedule for this project.
- Fee Proposal: Include a lump sum fee proposal for overall scope of work of initial services. Include separate fees for additional virtual meetings and additional in-person meetings that may become necessary throughout the project. Identify any suggested services not included in this RFQ and include a fee for those services. Include hourly rates for each team member to be used if necessary in additional services.

Please provide a minimum of five (5) client references. A minimum of three (3) of the five (5) references must be regarding work done by the prime consultant and two (2) references may be regarding work done by sub-consultants. Please take note of the following as it pertains to references:

- References for clients where the work performed was similar in size and scope are preferred, and will be given more weight than those not of similar size and scope. The Town shall be sole determiner on whether a project is of “similar size and scope”.
- The Town will only be evaluating five (5) references, regardless of how many are provided by Contractor. Town is not obligated to make more than a single attempt to contact a listed reference.
- If less than the requested number of references are provided, OR the Town is unable to obtain the desired number of responses, this will be reflected in the scoring of your response.
- The Town is not responsible for incorrect reference contact information.
- The Town reserves the right to only check references on those Contractors deemed to be “finalists” after initial scoring of responses.

V. EVALUATION CRITERIA AND CONTRACT AWARD

If a contract is awarded as result of this solicitation, such award shall be made to the responsive and responsible Offeror with the highest rated response based on the stated evaluation criteria. Contract award, as well as contract continuation of the contract in subsequent fiscal periods, is subject to availability of Town funds. In the event that contract negotiations with the

highest rated Offeror are unsuccessful, the Town reserves the right to begin contract negotiations with next highest rated Offeror.

Evaluation Criteria

1. Overall Project Approach and Work Plan (40%):

Strength of proposed approach and work plan for providing the required services, and demonstrated ability, including understanding of unique opportunities and challenges of this project. Clearly defined implementation plan and timeline with milestones identified.

2. Quality of Previously Completed Projects (20%):

Quality of previously completed projects of similar scope (minimum three projects of similar scope completed within the past ten years).

3. Experience of Proposer and Key Personnel (25%):

Demonstrated experience of proposer and key personnel in delivery of the required services.

4. References (15%):

Satisfaction level of references including demonstrated record of completing projects on time and on budget and meeting all defined project requirements/expectations. The Town reserves the right to only check references for those Contractors deemed to be “finalists” after initial scoring of submittals for criteria 1-3 above.

After initial scoring of the above criteria, the Town reserves the right to select a short list of finalists for a presentation/interview. Results of the interview process shall factor into the final scoring for contract award.

VI. STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Offeror acknowledges it has read and understands the terms and conditions provided in the Town’s standard contract clauses attached hereto as Exhibit B, and Offeror also agrees that such clauses shall substantially form the basis for a contract between Offeror and Town. Offeror also acknowledges that terms and conditions provided in this RFQ, either in their entirety or relevant portions thereof, may be included and become part of any resulting contract.

The anticipated term of the resulting contract shall be two (2) years, with the option to renew for up to an additional three (3) years.

EXHIBIT A

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Design Services for Parks and Recreation Improvements

Checklist of Submittal Requirements

The following checklist is intended to advise the Offeror of all items or information that must be included with their submittal. Offerors shall provide:

1. A submittal that addresses all the required elements and formatting as specified in this RFQ.
2. Signed Offeror Acknowledgement on this Exhibit A below.
3. Completed Affidavit acknowledging the requirements of the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act, Exhibit C.
4. Certificate of Insurance as evidence that Contractor meets the insurance requirements specified in Exhibit B of this RFQ. Town of Hilton Head Island shall be added as an Additional Insured on Contractor's Insurance upon contract award.
5. Offeror shall include current Town business license with their submittal if they have one. If not, Offeror will be required to obtain one prior to commencing any work if awarded the contract.

Offeror Acknowledgements:

In the space provided, Offeror shall acknowledge receipt and review of the following addendums issued for this solicitation.

Addendum #'s: _____

I have read the above checklist of submittal requirements as well as this solicitation in its entirety, and understand that failure to submit any item, document, form or information identified as being required in either document, may result in the rejection of our submittal and eliminate our company from consideration for contract award.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

EXHIBIT B

or otherwise made available to support continuation of this Agreement in subsequent fiscal years. In such event, the Town shall deliver a written notice to the Contractor that this Agreement is terminated effective the last day of the then current fiscal year due to the lack of appropriated funds, and the Town will pay the Contractor only through the end of the then current fiscal year at the existing rates in this Agreement.

6. Should any part of this Agreement be rendered void, invalid, or unenforceable by any court of law, such a determination shall not render void, invalid, or unenforceable any other part of this Agreement.
7. This Agreement has been made and entered into in the State of South Carolina, and the laws of South Carolina shall govern the validity and interpretation of this Agreement in the performance due hereunder.
8. This Agreement may not be modified unless such modification is in writing and signed by both parties.
9. The Contractor may not assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of the Town.
10. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Town, its officers, directors, agents, and employees from and against any and all actions, costs, claims, losses, expenses, and/or damages, including attorney's fees, whether incurred prior to the institution of litigation, during litigation, or on appeal arising out of or resulting from the conduct of any activity hereby authorized or the performance of any requirement imposed pursuant by this Agreement, however caused or occasioned, unless caused by the willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Town.
11. The parties hereto intend that no master/servant, employer/employee, or principal/agent relationship will be created by this Agreement. Nothing contained herein creates any relationship between the Town and the Contractor other than that which is expressly stated herein. The Town is interested only in the results to be achieved under this Agreement, and the conduct and control of the agents and employees of the Contractor and the methods utilized by the Contractor in fulfilling its obligations hereunder shall lie solely and exclusively with the Contractor and its agents and employees shall not be considered agents or employees of the Town for any purpose. No person employed by the Contractor shall have any benefits, status, or right of employment with the Town.
12. The Contractor, by signing this Agreement, hereby certifies that Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act, S.C. Code Ann. §41-8-10 (2007) et seq., (the "Act"), and that Contractor covenants and agrees as follows:
 - 12.1. Contractor shall not knowingly or intentionally employ any unauthorized alien and, unless excluded from coverage of the "Act", shall verify the work authorization of newly hired employees performing work under the Agreement by registering and participating in the Federal Work Authorization Program (E-verify) and verifying the work authorization of every new hired employee within three (3) business days after employing employee.

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12.2. Contractor agrees to provide to the Town all documentation requested by it to establish either:

- (a) the applicability of the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act to Contractor; or
- (b) compliance with the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act by Contractor.

12.3. Contractor agrees to include in any contracts with its sub-contractors language requiring its sub-contractors to:

- (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and
- (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

12.4. Contractor acknowledges and agrees that it shall comply with requirements of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 including the non-discrimination provisions thereof, and shall complete all required I-9 documentation for all workers employed by it.

12.5. Contractor certifies it shall comply with all state, federal, and local laws, rules, regulations and orders applicable to it in performance of work under the contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have affixed their signatures hereto the date first written hereinabove.

WITNESSES:

<< CONTRACTOR’S FULL NAME >>

By: _____
Its: _____

WITNESSES:

TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

By: _____
Joshua A. Gruber
Its: Interim Town Manager

EXHIBIT C

**CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT
SOUTH CAROLINA ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT**

In accordance with the requirements of the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act, _____ ("Contractor") hereby certifies that it is currently in compliance with the requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code Annotated and will remain in compliance with such requirements throughout the term of its contract with the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

The Contractor hereby acknowledges that in order to comply with requirements of S. C. Code Annotated Section 8-14-20(B), it will register and participate in the federal work authorization program (E-verify) to verify the employment authorization of all new employees; and require agreement from its subcontractors, and through the subcontractors, the sub-subcontractors, to register and participate in the federal verification employment authorization of all new employees.

The Contractor agrees to provide to the Town of Hilton Head Island upon request any documentation required to establish the applicability of the South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act to the contractor, subcontractor or sub-subcontractor. The Contractor further agrees that it will, upon request, provide the Town of Hilton Head Island with any documentation required to establish that the contractor and any subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with the requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the S. C. Code Annotated.

Date: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

EXHIBIT C

Construction

By signing its bid or proposal, Contractor certifies that it will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agrees to provide to the Town of Hilton Head Island upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable both to Contractor and its subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that Contractor and its subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." Contractor agrees to include in any contracts with its subcontractors language requiring its subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.

Non-Construction

By signing your offer, you certify that you will comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and agree to provide to the Town of Hilton Head Island upon request any documentation required to establish either: (a) that Title 8, Chapter 14 is inapplicable to you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors; or (b) that you and your subcontractors or sub-subcontractors are in compliance with Title 8, Chapter 14. Pursuant to Section 8-14-60, "A person who knowingly makes or files any false, fictitious, or fraudulent document, statement, or report pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be fined within the discretion of the court or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both." You agree to include in any contracts with your subcontractors language requiring your subcontractors to (a) comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14, and (b) include in their contracts with the sub-subcontractors language requiring the sub-subcontractors to comply with the applicable requirements of Title 8, Chapter 14.