



BUCKEYE
AT PLAY



**PARKS AND RECREATION
MASTER PLAN**



BUCKEYE, AZ

What is a *Parks and Recreation Master Plan*?



- Is a long-range plan (10+ years)
- Identifies key initiatives and implementation strategies
- Serves as roadmap for the City to prioritize projects



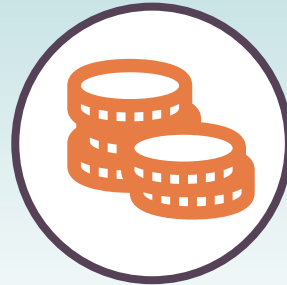
- Is NOT a capital improvement plan
- Is NOT a funding plan
- Is NOT a project-specific master plan



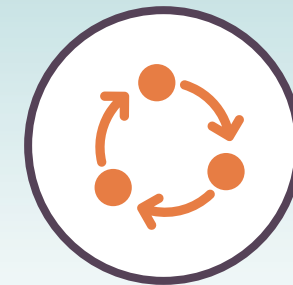
Parks and Recreation Master Plan: *Project Goals*



Create a comprehensive and compelling vision and direction for Parks and Recreation



Propose various approaches for accommodating growth while keeping the fiscal picture in balance



Strategically identify gaps and prioritize future improvements and programming for Parks and Recreation



Gain understanding of current and desired levels of service and facilities to demonstrate more equitable distribution of services

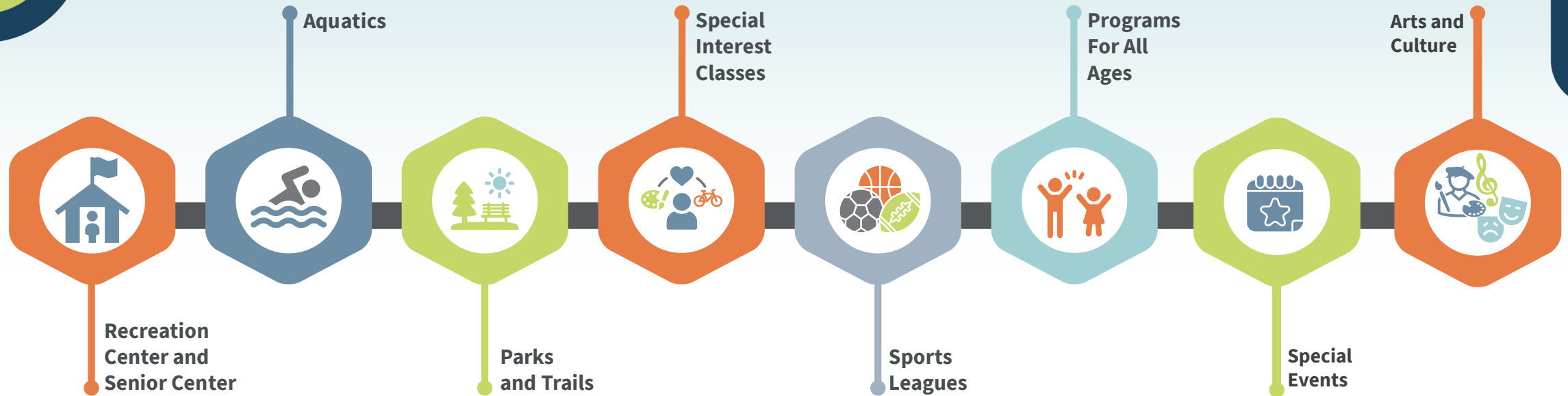


Understand potential partnership opportunities and funding options



Evaluate operations and maintenance practices with an aim to generate long-term sustainability and resilience benefits

Parks and Recreation: *Department Overview*



Community Engagement *Summary*



TOTAL INPUTS: 23,692



Themes and Recommendation *Methodology*



Top Needs City-Wide: *Amenities and Facilities*



Statistically-Valid Survey

1. Aquatics/Pool Facilities
2. Fitness and Exercise Facilities
3. Cultural Centers for Performing Arts
4. Outdoor Adventure Activities
5. Indoor Basketball/Volleyball Courts
6. Paved Multi-Use Paths
7. Natural Areas/Preserves
8. Splash Pads/Spray Parks
9. Recreation/Community Centers
10. Fishing Areas



Website Survey

1. Aquatics/Pool Facilities
2. Pickleball Courts
3. Multi-Use Paths
4. Indoor Fitness/Exercise Facilities
5. Recreation/Community Centers
6. Splash Pads/Spray Parks
7. Indoor Playgrounds
8. Multi-Use Fields
9. Indoor Walking/Running Track
10. Playgrounds

The grid consists of 12 numbered images, each with a caption below it:

- 1. Aquatics/Pools: A large outdoor swimming pool with people swimming and a lifeguard stand.
- 2. Fitness & Exercise: An indoor gym with various exercise machines like treadmills and ellipticals.
- 3. Art Performance: Two women in vibrant, traditional Mexican folk costumes.
- 4. Outdoor Adventures: People riding bicycles on a dirt trail in a desert landscape with saguaro cacti.
- 5. Splash Pads: Children playing in a water splash pad with multiple jets.
- 6. Natural Preserves: A scenic view of a dirt path winding through a hilly, natural area.
- 7. Paved Multi-Use Paths: A person pushing a stroller on a paved path in a park.
- 8. Indoor Ball Courts: People playing a ball game on an indoor court.
- 9. Community Center: Two women in aprons working at a table, possibly in a community center.
- 10. Fishing Areas: A person fishing in a lake with another person watching.
- 11. Multi-Use Paths: A person walking on a paved path through a natural area.
- 12. Nature Center: A person's hands holding small purple flowers, likely in a nature center.

Top Needs City-Wide: *Programming*



Statistically-Valid Survey

1. Hobby/Interest Classes
2. Fitness Programs
3. Special Events/Festivals
4. Art Programs
5. Art Performances
6. Family Programming
7. Educational Classes/Lectures
8. Nature/Environmental Education
9. Mobile/Pop Up Programs
10. Swim Lessons/Aquatic Safety



1 Hobby/Interest Classes

2 Fitness Programs

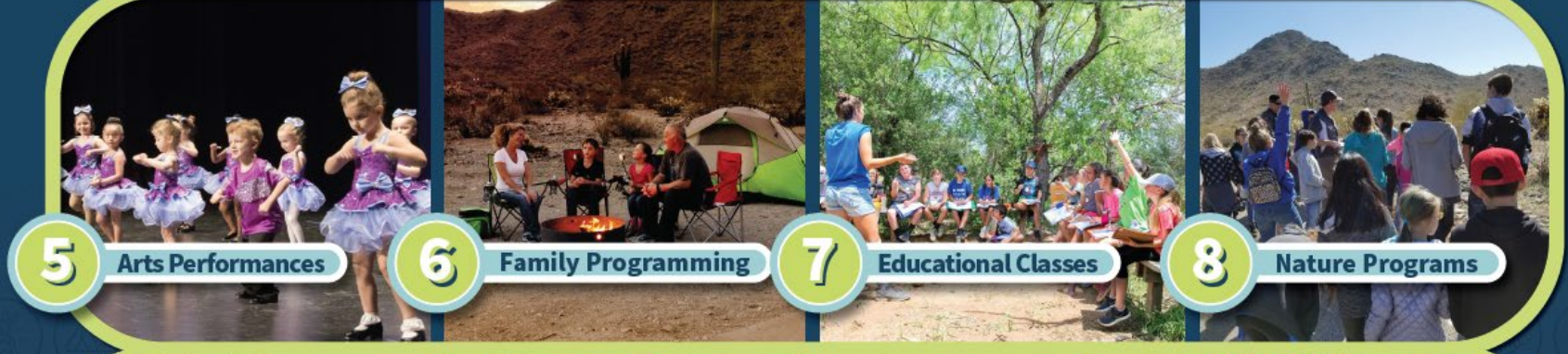
3 Special Events/Festivals

4 Arts Programs



Website Survey

1. Youth Sports
2. Fitness and Wellness Classes
3. Special Events/Festivals
4. Pickleball Lessons/Leagues
5. Adult Sports
6. Art Programs
7. Learn to Swim Programs
8. Hobby/Interest Classes
9. Arts Performances
10. Outdoor Fitness Programs



5 Arts Performances

6 Family Programming

7 Educational Classes

8 Nature Programs



9 Pop-Up Programs

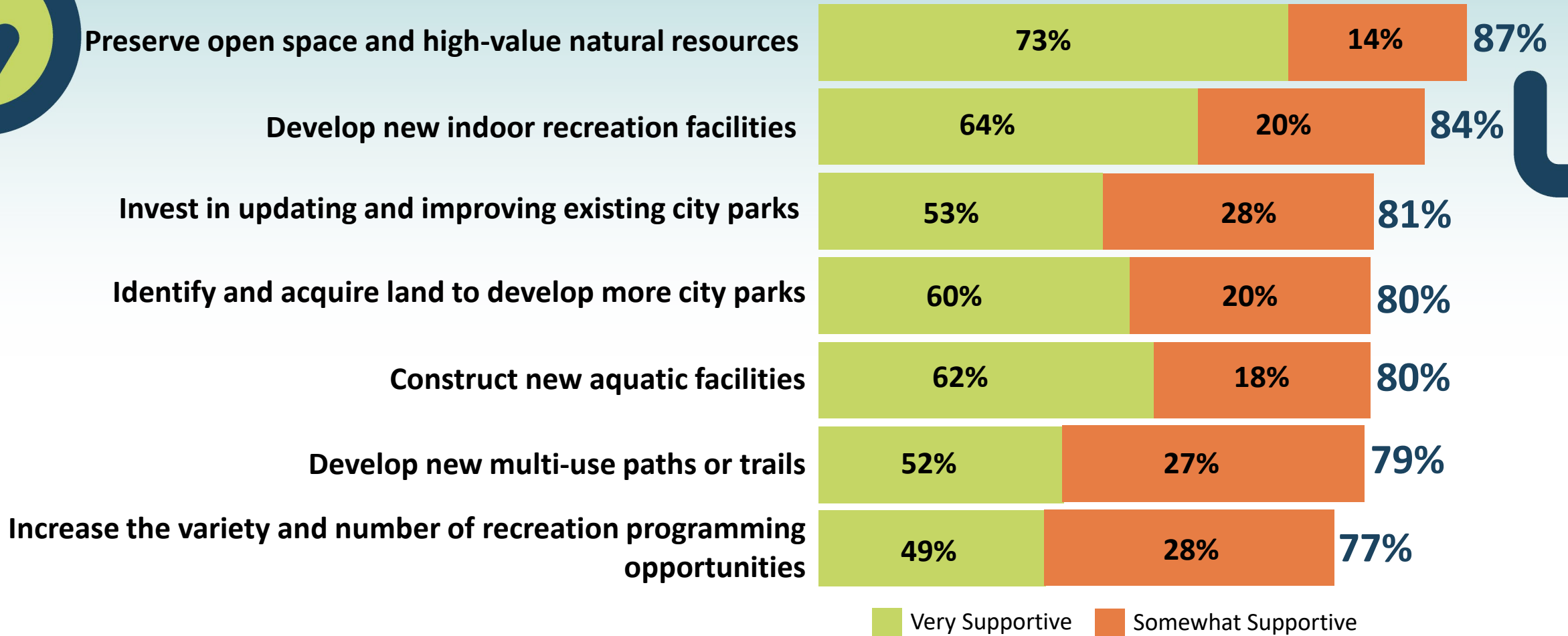
10 Swim Lessons

11 Adult Sports

12 Water Fitness Programs

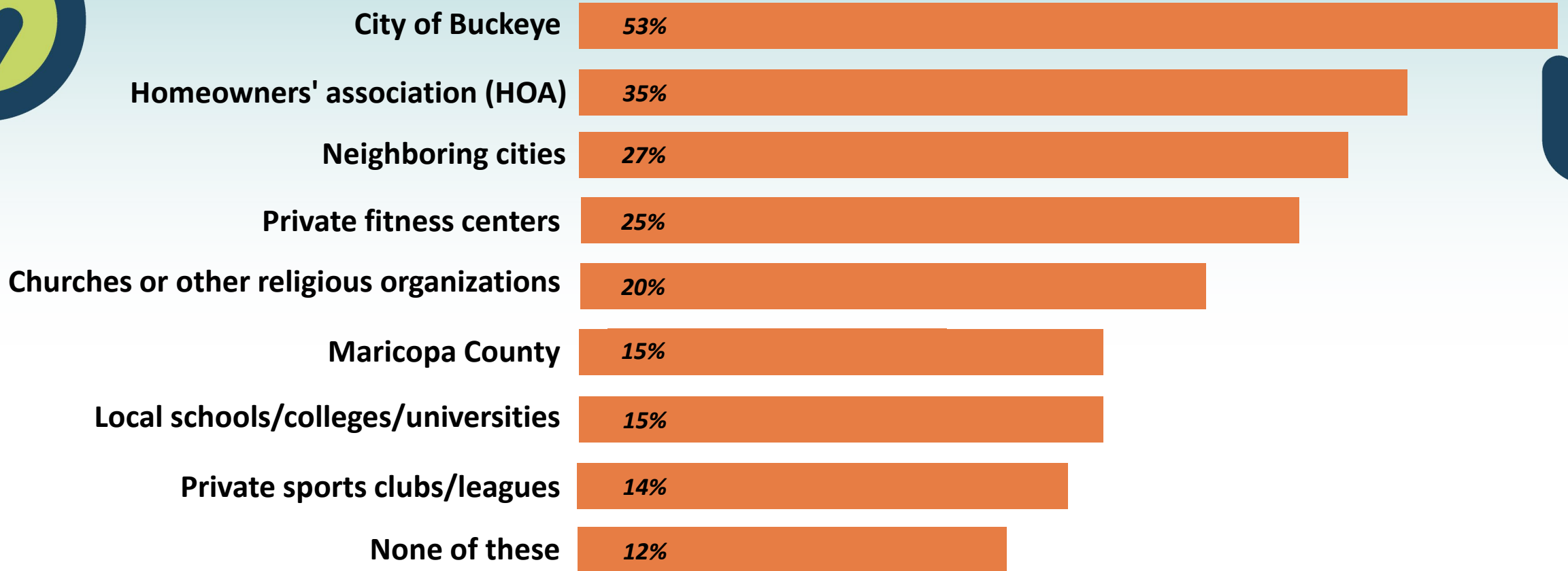


Please indicate your support for each potential action the City could take to improve its parks and recreation system





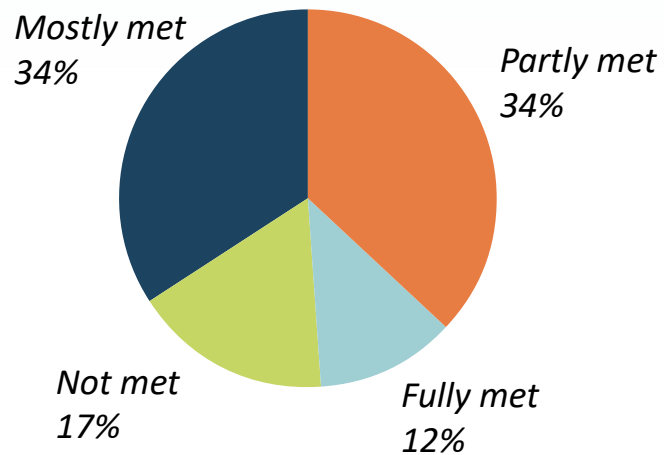
Which organizations do you or a member of your household use for recreation programs and facilities (check all)



TOP NEEDS BY *Planning Area*

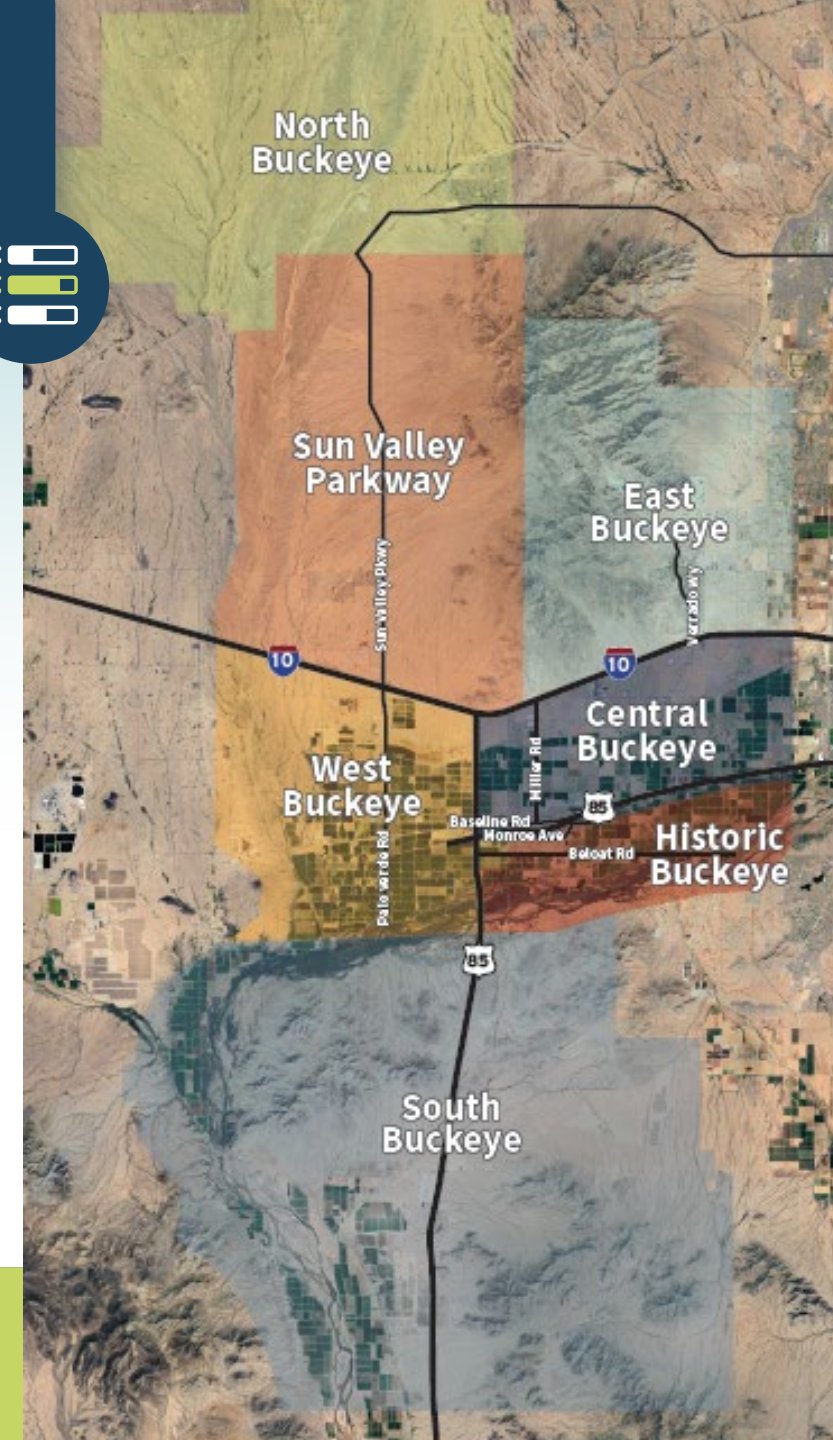
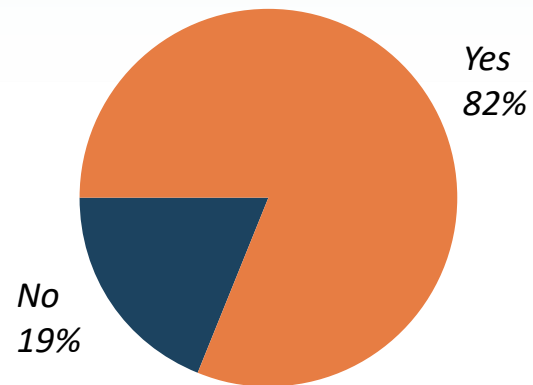
Overall, how well are your household's needs for parks and recreation amenities and programs being met by your HOA?

By percentage of respondents who have used facilities/amenities or participated in programs offered by HOA (excluding "not provided")



Do you live in a neighborhood managed by a homeowner's association (HOA)?

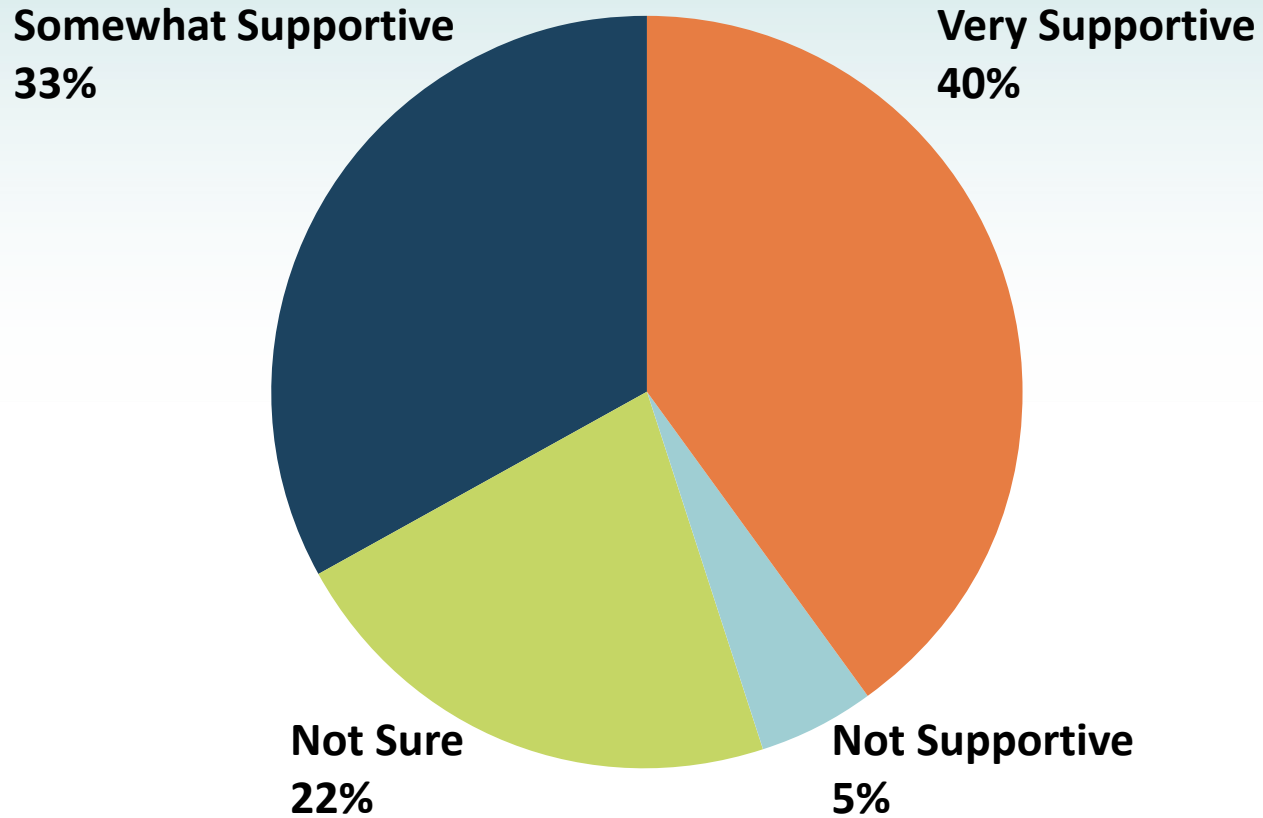
By percentage of respondents (excluding "not provided")





Please rate your level of support for dedicated funding options that enable the preservation of open spaces and development of parks, trails, and recreation facilities in Buckeye

This could include revenue bonds, a dedicated sales tax initiative similar to Scottsdale, or other agreeable options.



TOP PRIORITIES:

Amenities and Facilities



AMENITIES AND FACILITIES	Indoor Fitness/Exercise Facilities	Aquatics/Pool Facilities	Indoor Track	Pickleball Courts	Outdoor Exercise Equipment	Outdoor Fitness/Exercise Facilities	Recreation Center	Disc Golf Course	E-Sports Room	Multi-Use Paths and Trails
North Buckeye	●	●			●	●	●			
Sun Valley Parkway	●	●		●		●			●	
West Buckeye	●	●	●	●	●					
Central Buckeye	●	●	●	●		●				
Historic Buckeye	●		●	●	●			●		
South Buckeye		●	●		●	●				●
East Buckeye	●	●	●	●			●			



TOP PRIORITIES: Programs



PROGRAMS	Hobby/Interest Classes	Pickleball	Adult Sports	Art Performances/Events	Art Programs	Education Classes	Water Fitness Classes	Nature Classes	Fitness Classes	Adaptive Recreation	BMX/Biking	Intergenerational Programs	Performing Arts Classes	Teen Programs
North Buckeye	●				●			●	●	●				
Sun Valley Parkway	●	●	●	●	●						●			
West Buckeye	●				●		●						●	
Central Buckeye	●	●	●	●		●			●					
Historic Buckeye		●				●		●						●
South Buckeye	●					●	●	●				●		
East Buckeye	●	●	●	●			●							

North Buckeye

Sun Valley Parkway

East Buckeye

West Buckeye

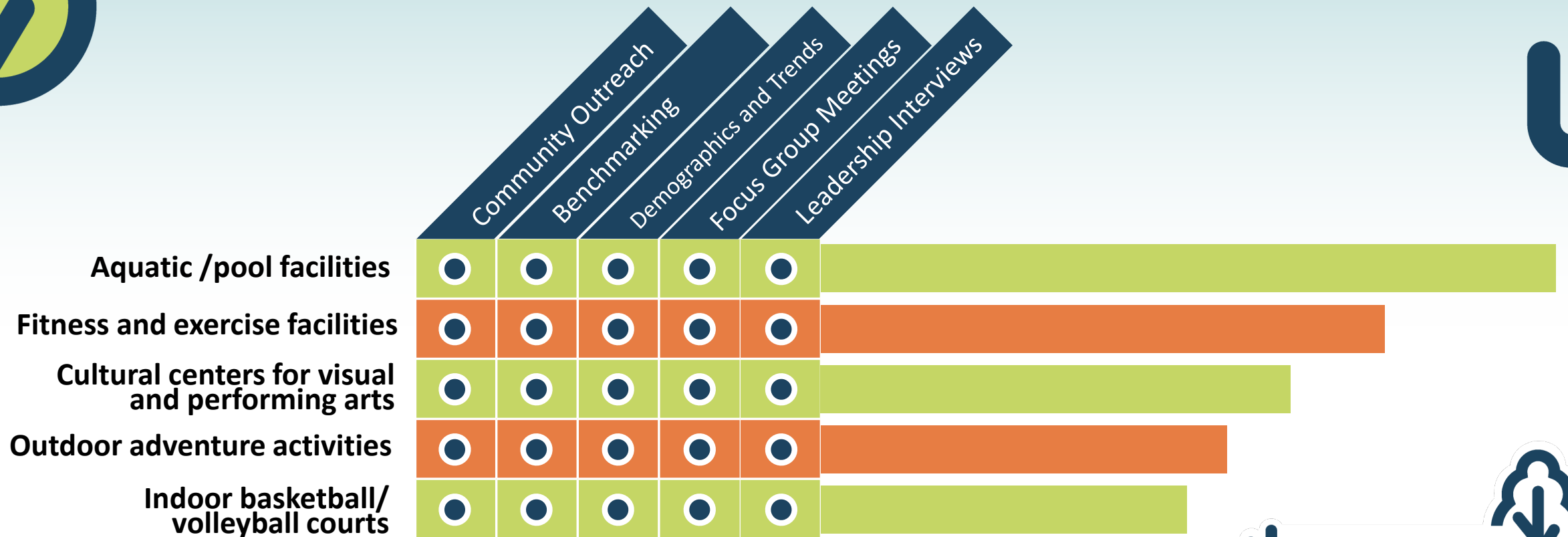
Central Buckeye

Historic Buckeye

South Buckeye



City-Wide: *Top Priorities for Investment*



Findings: *Defining Themes of the Plan*



**Celebrate Our
Natural
Resources**



**Enhance
Community
Connectivity**



**Grow a Well-
Distributed
Parks System**



**Strategically
Provide
Programming
Opportunities**



**Reinvest in
Existing
Assets**



Celebrate Our Natural Resources

Opportunities to connect with nature

Passive outdoor recreation opportunities

Preservation of natural resources and open space

Increased access to Maricopa County Parks in Buckeye

Key Recommendations

- ✓ Explore partnership opportunities for nature center with organizations like Audubon
- ✓ Continue the investment in Rio Reimagined
- ✓ Conduct a grant study on land purchase opportunities
- ✓ Partner with FCDMC to maximize green infrastructure drainage solutions as the need develops





Enhance Community Connectivity

Connected multi-use paths and trails

Invest in rivers to ridges, amber necklace, and Rio Reimagined initiatives

Increased special events and festivals

Strategic communication strategies to build awareness

Key Recommendations

- ✓ Create a trail connection between Skyline and White Tank Mountain Regional Parks
- ✓ Add connections to trails in Skyline Regional Park
- ✓ Connect rivers to ridges in the City
- ✓ Create a ten-year Arts and Culture Plan





Grow A Well-Distributed Parks System

Provide facilities and recreation opportunities to keep up with growth

Identify and acquire land for future parks

Partner with HOA communities to provide programs in venues across the city

Partner with school districts and developers to secure dedicated park space adjacent to new school sites

Key Recommendations

- ✔ Create a shared-use performing arts space
- ✔ Work with developers on opportunities to construct parks in master planned communities that could be conveyed to the city
- ✔ Partner and co-locate future schools with land for a community park, recreation center, aquatics facility, & library





Strategically Provide Programming Opportunities

Increase special event program offerings

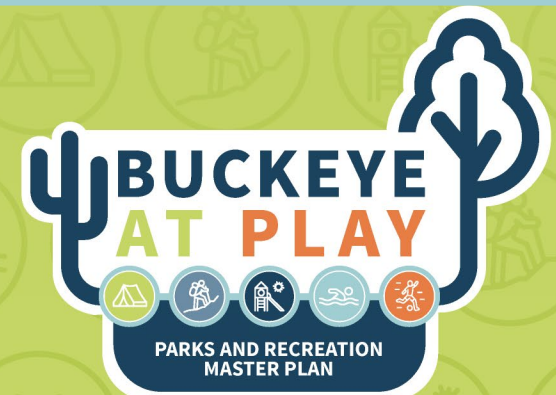
Expand arts and culture programming

Offer adaptive recreation programs

Increase indoor venue options to offer additional programs

Key Recommendations

- ✔ Partner with HOAs to host special events in various areas throughout the city
- ✔ Assess partnership opportunities to expand nature based education programs
- ✔ Provide adaptive recreation programming for all ages
- ✔ Explore opportunities to provide recreation programming in master planned communities





Reinvest In Existing Assets

Continued focus on asset management and maintaining high quality parks

Create neighborhood identity within the parks

Design venues to accommodate large gatherings

Balance use and overuse of limited sports fields

Key Recommendations

- ✓ Add pickleball courts where feasible in parks
- ✓ Implement park ranger program
- ✓ Implement formal volunteer program
- ✓ Create a gateway on the Monroe Avenue realignment near Town Park, study connection options between 6th Street Plaza and City Hall for events



Next Steps

Presentation to Planning and Zoning Commission

September 10th and December 10th

Presentation to Community Services Advisory Board

September 11th and December 11th

“Fired Up” Public Meeting Series

September 18th, 24th, 25th, 28th and October 16th, 21st, 22nd

City Council Meeting

Draft Master Plan for Review – December

Council Meeting – December 17th

Planning Efforts in Progress:

- ✔ Benchmarking
- ✔ Level of Service
- ✔ Organization Structure Assessment

Requested Feedback and Discussion



- Are the five themes/focus areas consistent with feedback you hear from residents and stakeholders?
- Are key recommendations consistent with feedback you hear from residents and stakeholders?
- Do you have any questions or concerns?
- Are there any plan findings you would like to discuss further?



Please Give Us Your Feedback!



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