

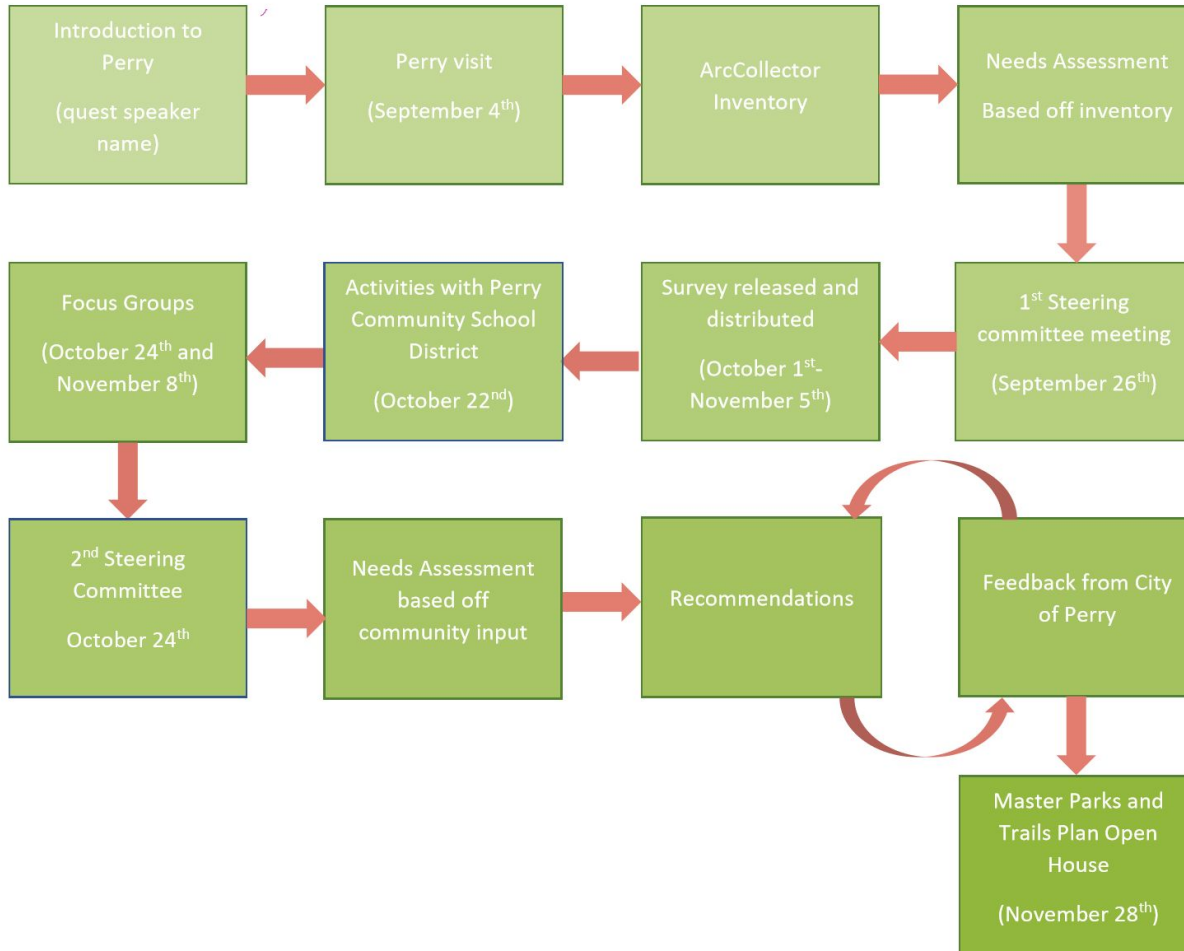
Goals of the Master Parks and Trails Plan

Create a community-based plan to steer the future of Perry's parks and trails in a cohesive direction

Provide a wide-array of activities that meets the needs of Perry's citizens

Promote strategic investment in capital improvements, operations and maintenance within Perry's Parks and Trails system

Connect commercial, recreational and employment hubs, to increase accessibility for diverse modes of transportation



Public Input Process

- Publicly available survey
 - City of Perry water bill
 - Local business
 - Social media (name specific Page)
 - City of Perry website
 - Local media (Perry News, Perry Chief, and Racoon River Valley Radio)
- Steering Committees
 - Gives residents the chance to guide the direction of our research
- Perry Community School District
 - Gives us viable input from park-users
- Focus groups
 - Allows citizen groups of similar interest provide insight via open conversation

All together, over 900 Perry residents gave their input in the creation of this document



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PERRY PARKS, TRAILS, AND COMMUNITY CENTER SURVEY

Please use the link below to find the survey to help direct the future of Perry's park, trail and recreation facilities. /

Favor de utilizar la siguiente pagina web abajo para realizar la encuesta y ayudar a dirigir el futuro del parque, el sendero y las instalaciones recreativas de Perry.

<https://www.perryia.org/>



SURVEY MISSION / MISIÓN DE ENCUESTA

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La Ciudad de Perry ha contratado al Departamento de Planificación Comunitaria y Regional de Iowa State University para estudiar las instalaciones de parques y senderos de la Ciudad, y los Arquitectos SVPA para estudiar las instalaciones recreativas de la Ciudad (específicamente el Centro McCreary) y desarrollar planes maestros actualizados que guiarán las mejoras futuras a estas instalaciones. Para completar estos planes maestros, se necesita información de la comunidad para identificar mejor las áreas de enfoque, prioridad y necesidad.

WHO IS INVOLVED? / ¿QUIEN ESTA INVOLUCRADO?

- City of Perry Parks and Recreation Department / Departamento de Parques y Recreación de la Ciudad de Perry
- Iowa State University Department of Community and Regional Planning / Departamento de Planificación Comunitaria y Regional de Iowa State University
- SVPA Architects / Arquitectos de SVPA



The City of Perry has partnered with Iowa State University and SVPA Architects to develop plans for our Parks and Recreation Department and the McCreary Community Building. Part of the planning process includes a community survey. Please help shape the future of our Parks and Recreation Department by participating and taking the survey. Thank you!



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The survey will focus on current conditions of the parks, trails and McCreary Center, and provide citizens and park users the ability to voice your opinions and provide feedback that will be used to determine community needs, desires and priorities that can be incorporated into the master plans.

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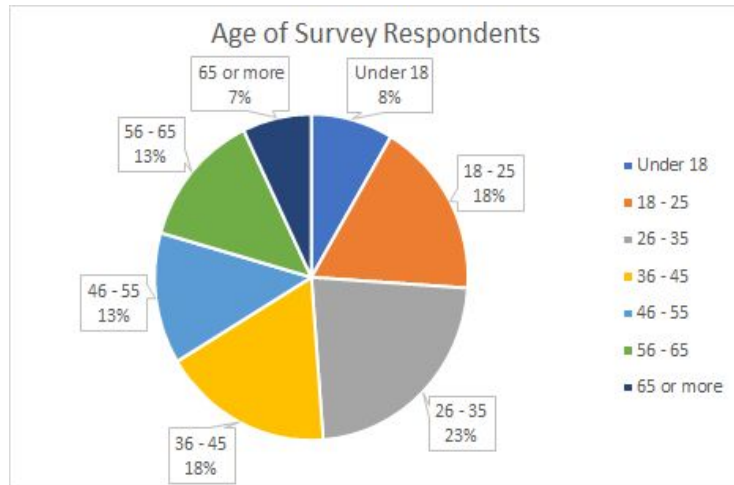
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Key Survey Results

- 5.2% of survey respondents use the Park system within perry on a daily basis and 31.2% on a weekly basis
- Personal Automobile identified as most popular mode of travel to Parks in Perry (63%)



Word cloud answer for Q4.7 "What would encourage you to use the parks more?"



- 66.7% indicated travel time to nearest park is 0-5 minutes
- 78.9% of survey respondents said they feel safe in Perry's parks.
 - More Lighting
 - Adapting police presence
- 46.9% stated that they were satisfied with the park system in Perry
- 92% of survey respondents were in favor for an outdoor aquatics center in Perry.

Needs Assessment & Recommendations

Parks

Recommendations - *Pattee Park*

- Lighting added to baseball fields and soccer complex
- Construct new bathroom facilities
- Construct enclosed shelter house
- Updated trail and road surfacing within park
- Renovated RV Parking area
 - If camping stays at this location, clear designated spots for camping, electrical hookups for RV's
- Signage indicating location of fields and facilities
 - Signage in and out of park, directional markings of field locations, restrooms, shelter, etc.



Needs Assessment - *Pattee Park*

- Playgrounds need significant investment & replacement
- There is a need for additional playground equipment
 - Variety of climbing playscapes
- Horseshoes critically underused
- Skatepark showing age, underutilized
- Camping area unmarked, without hookups
- Separation needed at the northwest residential-park boundary
- Shelters; restroom facilities need replacement, renovation
- Sports complex: Lighting needs replacement



Needs Assessment - *Perkins Park*

- Entrances are uninviting, fails to show brush clearing that's been completed
- Parking is low quality and far away
 - No handicapped spaces
- Lighting is limited
- Nature area is unappreciated & perceived as unsafe
- No supporting infrastructure for soccer
- Need to combat negative perceptions



Recommendations - *Perkins Park*

- Increase safety by increasing lighting and visibility throughout park
- Updated trails and parking lots
- Establish a nature walk
- Plant native species and design for ecological conservation
- Build bathroom and shelter facilities
- Increase educational opportunities
- Create vegetation buffer to prevent Frog Creek erosion
- Potential for primitive bike camping facilities



Needs Assessment - *Wiese Park*

- Clear signage needed, indicating entrance, exits, points of interest.
- Shelters, increase upkeep budget
- Recreation, included public activities
- Need to develop park character
- Disc Golf needs redesign



Recommendations - *Wiese Park*

- Public art projects
- Programming and partnering with schools
- Added signage for bike trails and loops within park
- Redesign of disc golf
- Maintain trail loops within park
- Replace and build new shelters
- Evaluation of park amenities
- Addition of outdoor aquatic center connected to McCreary Center.



Recommendations - *Wiese Park Aquatic Center*

- Design of outdoor pool & programming
- Evaluation of park amenities
- Construction of outdoor pool
- Sharing of staff and resources with current McCreary Center indoor pool
- Target window: within 5 years



Needs Assessment - *Caboose Park*

- Develop Caboose Park into both a trailhead and rest area for the regional trails, as well as a community park space
 - Install amenities for cyclists, including benches, water refill stations, showers, and shaded seating
- Additional amenities such as green spaces, playgrounds, and restrooms



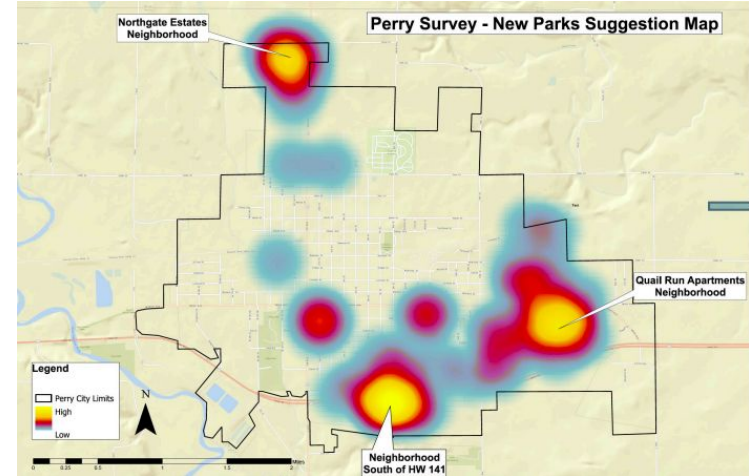
Recommendations - *Caboose Park*

- Add signage for the regional trails as well as Caboose Park
- Redesign the open spaces and existing green spaces as well as underutilized space in the parking lot
- Increase the amount of seating and resting space
- Find more temporary or a permanent use for the existing shed (former farmers market)
- Add amenities for out-of-town cyclists such as water refill stations, showers, bike repair, and camping areas



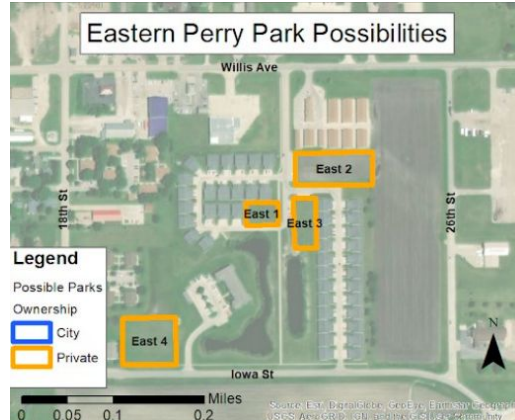
Needs Assessment - *New Parks*

- Northgate Estates north on 1st Avenue has no sidewalk access and is far away from all Perry parks
- Southern Perry, particularly south of Highway 141, lies outside the service area for community parks and is proximate to dangerous, high speed traffic
- The area around Quail Run Apartments in east Perry has extremely limited sidewalk access, high traffic on Willis, and lies outside the parks service area



Recommendation - *Neighborhood Parks*

- Identify and begin to acquire land near the Northgate Estates, south of 141, and in the low income neighborhood near the middle and high school.
- Acquire land in the medium term of 6-15 years.
- Develop neighborhood parks and investigate need for pocket parks in the long term of 16-30 years.

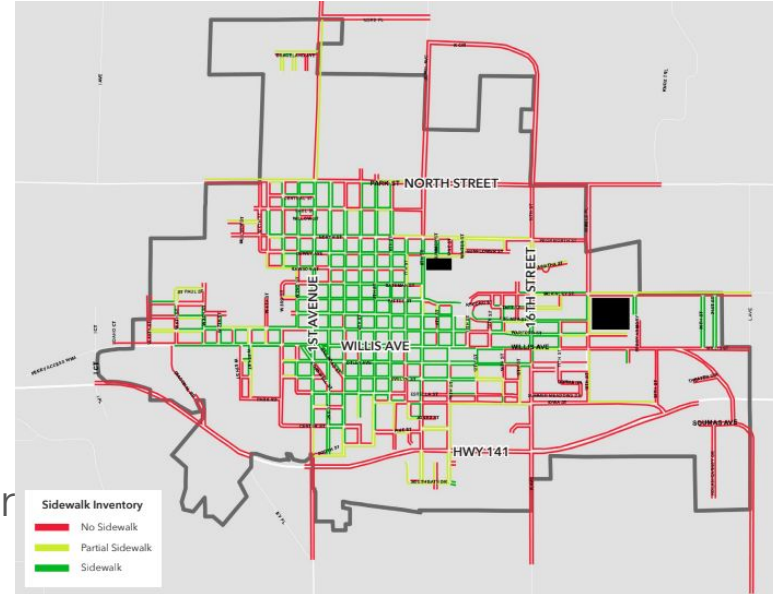


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Trails

Needs Assessment - *Local Trails*

- Maintenance, seasonal upkeep
- Character, resident inputs to add uniquely Perry flair
- Amenities, additional lighting, signage and wayfinding, water filling stations, benches
- Expansion, clearly marked route connecting High Trestle Regional Trail with Raccoon River Regional trail
 - Expanded route designation to areas of interest in Perry, i.e., parks, downtown, Hotel Pattee, La Poste, etc.



Recommendations - *Local Trails*

- Loop trail connecting city parks
- Establish urban trails
- Wayfinding and signage
- Bench seating at parks along local trail
- Sidewalks along high traffic roadways
- Public art along trails
- Complete local network signage
- StoryWalk
- Bike lanes throughout the city
- Improved and new lighting along trails



Needs Assessment - *Regional Trails*

- Signage indications to areas of interest within Perry
 - Connection points between Raccoon River Trail and High Trestle Trail
- Connectivity of city streets and sidewalks between regional trail



Recommendations - *Regional Trails*

**Dependant on Dallas County Approval*

- Wayfinding and signage
- Bench seating
- Art as wayfinding
- Repaving any trails, updated connections
- Additional lighting in poorly lit areas of connecting trails
- Bike camping designations within city parks and along intercity and regional trails



Thank you for attending!

Please be sure to visit our boards for additional information or if you have any questions



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