

Appendix A

Facilities by Park

Appendix B

Lebanon Parks Survey Results

Survey Methodology

In June, 2005, a written survey was distributed to a random sample of 1500 Lebanon residents. A survey is an important tool in assessing community needs and a common component of Park and Recreation Facilities Plans. CPW has developed a systematic approach to survey design and analysis. The following tasks illustrate the CPW approach for mail surveys:

Content Development

CPW developed survey questions based upon previous park needs surveys, conversations with City staff, and the Lebanon Parks Committee/Tree Board. CPW expanded upon those discussions and developed questions and responses in a format appropriate to the type of information to be gathered. The survey included demographic questions to allow analysis of responses by demographic characteristics.

Distribution

A total of 1500 surveys were distributed by mail, which is an adequate sample size given the project scope. The random household sample was selected from voter records. The survey mailings consisted of a cover letter that describes the nature and importance of the survey along with the confidential nature of the research, a copy of the survey, and a postage-paid return envelope. For those who did not respond after the first survey, a second survey was mailed approximately one week later, containing a cover letter, a second copy of the survey, and a postage-paid return envelope.

Survey Analysis

The survey responses were tabulated and analyzed using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) software. SPSS allows for extensive statistical analysis and cross-tabulation of survey responses.

City of Lebanon Parks Survey

The following is a copy of the distributed survey and includes the responses to each question. Written comments received from the survey are listed afterwards.

Lebanon Parks Survey

Instructions: Your household has been randomly selected to participate in this survey about parks in the Lebanon area. This questionnaire should be filled out by an adult in the household, someone 18 years of age or older. Please answer the questions on behalf of all members of the household. To be entered in the drawing, please return the survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope by **June 30**. All responses will be kept confidential.

Your participation is voluntary. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact Robert Parker at the University of Oregon (541-346-3801) or Rod Sell with the City of Lebanon (541) 258-4281. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, please contact the Office of Human Subjects Compliance, University of Oregon, 5219, Eugene, OR 97403, or call (541) 346-2510. Please mail completed survey in the enclosed business reply envelope.

First, we would like to ask you some general park and recreation questions.

Q-1 In your opinion, how important are parks to Lebanon's quality of life?

- Very important 69%
- Somewhat important 26%
- Neither important nor unimportant 2%
- Somewhat unimportant 1%
- Very unimportant 1%
- No opinion 1%

Q-2 How satisfied are you with the overall quality of the parks and recreation system in the City of Lebanon?

- Very satisfied 7%
- Satisfied 32%
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 28%
- Dissatisfied 24%
- Very dissatisfied 7%
- No opinion 3%

Q-3 How do you most frequently get to parks in Lebanon?

- Walk 37%
- Drive 60%
- Bike 13%
- Other, please explain 4% _____
- Do not use parks 10%

Q-4 Approximately how often do you or members of your household use the following park and recreation facilities? (Please check the appropriate box for each facility.)

Park	Never	Rarely (1-3 times/year)	Occasionally (4-12 times/year)	Sometimes (2-3 times/month)	Often (1-3 times/week)	Daily (4-7 times/week)	Don't know
Academy Square Park	81%	8%	2%	2%			7%
Booth Park	38%	36%	13%	8%	4%	1%	
Burkhart Creek Trail	83%	6%	1%	1%	1%		9%
Century Park	32%	29%	24%	8%	5%	2%	1%
Christopher Columbus Park	68%	13%	7%	5%	2%	0%	5%
City Hall	67%	17%	9%	2%	1%		4%
Eagle Scout Trail	85%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	7%
Gill's Landing	30%	29%	24%	10%	4%	2%	
Gill's Landing Campground	80%	13%	1%	1%	2%		0%
Had Irvine Park	85%	6%	0%	0%	0%		8%
Jaycee Park	84%	6%	3%	1%	0%		5%
Library Park	72%	12%	10%	2%	2%	0%	2%
Mural Park	82%	10%	5%	1%	1%		2%
Pioneer Cemetery Park	76%	13%	5%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Pioneer School Park	79%	11%	4%	2%	1%	0%	3%
Ralston Square Park	34%	26%	24%	9%	3%	2%	2%
River Park	16%	29%	32%	13%	5%	4%	1%
Santiam Travel Station	76%	14%	3%	2%			4%
Santiam Riverfront	62%	14%	11%	5%	1%	1%	6%
Santiam School Park	86%	5%	2%	2%	0%	0%	5%
Weldwood Park	58%	20%	13%	5%	5%	1%	2%

Q-5 If you “never” or “rarely” use the parks in Lebanon, what are the main reasons? (Check all that apply.)

- Inadequate facilities 49%
- Condition of facilities 49%
- Feel unsafe 31%
- Don't know where parks are 94%
- Too far away 21%
- Too crowded 3%
- Don't have time 47%
- Would rather do something else 28%
- Other (Explain) 26% _____

Q-6 How often do you or someone in your household participate in the following activities locally or elsewhere? Please check the appropriate response for each activity.

Recreation Activity	Do Not Participate	Infrequently (1-11 times/year)	Moderately (1-3 times/month)	Frequently (1 or more times/week)
Basketball	63%	23%	6%	8%
Bicycling	34%	24%	25%	17%
Boating/Rafting/ Kayaking	48%	38%	9%	5%
Camping	32%	52%	13%	4%
Disc Golf	84%	11%	3%	1%
Dog Walking	52%	12%	11%	25%
Festivals/Special Events	12%	67%	14%	6%
Fishing	41%	40%	11%	8%
Golf	72%	16%	6%	5%
Group Exercise Class	76%	10%	5%	9%
Horseshoes	78%	20%	2%	1%
Jogging	70%	13%	6%	11%
Picnics/BBQs	13%	54%	24%	8%
Playground Use	45%	26%	17%	12%
Skateboarding	82%	6%	6%	6%
Soccer	78%	12%	6%	4%
Softball	68%	20%	8%	4%
Tennis	79%	15%	4%	2%
Volleyball	80%	17%	2%	1%
Walking/Hiking	57%	23%	25%	33%
Watching Sports Live	46%	33%	13%	7%
Wildlife Viewing	36%	32%	20%	11%

Q-7 Do you think the City's Parks program should provide organized activities? (examples: sports leagues, nature walks, ceramics, youth camps)

- Yes 69%
- No 17%
- It depends (please explain) 14%

Q-8 Should the City provide for lake recreation opportunities, such as boating and fishing?

- Yes 49%
- No 28%
- No opinion 18%
- It depends (please explain) 5%

Q-8a If your answer in Q-8 was yes, what kind of opportunities would you want?

- Small Boat – Sailing/Row 76%
- Small Boat – Motorized 41%
- Canoeing 65%
- Flat Water Kayaking 41%
- Lake and Pond Fishing 81%
- Other (Explain) 13%

Next, we would like to ask you some questions about your satisfaction with Lebanon Parks.

Q-9 The City would like to know what residents think about the condition of Lebanon parks and what would improve them. The following table lists area parks and provides a column to rank the individual facilities. In the ranking column circle the number that represents your level of satisfaction with these facilities. In the following column you can provide comments about how these facilities can be improved.

1= Very Satisfied 3= Neutral 5= Very Dissatisfied
 2= Somewhat Satisfied 4= Somewhat Dissatisfied DK= Don't Know Park

Facility	General Satisfaction Ranking Comments and Concerns (Consider Landscaping, Safety, Maintenance, etc.)					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Academy Square Park	2%	4%	13%	5%	3%	73%
Booth Park	6%	24%	26%	16%	7%	21%
Burkhart Creek Trail	1%	2%	11%	1%	2%	83%
Century Park	9%	29%	22%	10%	5%	25%
Christopher Columbus Park	3%	11%	17%	6%	6%	57%
City Hall	6%	6%	22%	5%	4%	57%
Eagle Scout Trail	2%	1%	9%	1%	2%	85%
Gills Landing	13%	28%	25%	8%	5%	21%
Gill's Landing Campground	12%	14%	20%	7%	4%	42%
Had Irvine Park	1%	1%	10%	1%	2%	84%
Jaycee Park	3%	3%	17%	4%	7%	66%
Library Park	6%	11%	25%	5%	3%	50%
Mural Park	5%	11%	23%	6%	5%	50%
Pioneer Cemetery Park	4%	6%	22%	6%	5%	57%
Pioneer School Park	3%	6%	21%	3%	2%	65%
Ralston Square Park	21%	18%	18%	8%	4%	31%
River Park	15%	26%	23%	14%	12%	11%
Santiam Riverfront	4%	10%	16%	3%	5%	62%
Santiam Travel Station	7%	10%	17%	3%	5%	58%
Santiam School Park	1%	5%	16%	4%	3%	71%
Weldwood Park	10%	16%	23%	6%	3%	40%

Next, we would like to ask how important various park, facility, and program characteristics are to you and your household.

Q-10 Please circle the number that best indicates the level of importance for each of the following categories of parks and recreation service for existing and/or new facilities and services in the Lebanon region. (Circle one response for each item.)

Category	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Don't Know
Population Served						
Children (0-12)	69%	18%	6%	2%	2%	4%
Teenagers (13-19)	46%	36%	10%	2%	2%	4%
Adults (20-64)	31%	43%	19%	2%	2%	3%
Senior Citizens (65+)	35%	35%	19%	4%	2%	4%
Families	62%	26%	5%	1%	1%	5%
Low-income	40%	29%	15%	4%	4%	8%
Disabled	43%	32%	15%	2%	2%	6%
Features						
Close to home or work	28%	35%	29%	4%	2%	2%
Facility is well-maintained	76%	16%	5%	0%	1%	2%
Not crowded	23%	39%	30%	5%	1%	2%
Convenient hours of operation	42%	39%	14%	2%	2%	2%
Safety	74%	16%	7%	0%	2%	2%
Facilities						
Activity Center	26%	27%	33%	6%	2%	5%
River Access	22%	35%	31%	8%	2%	3%
BMX Bike Park	15%	21%	39%	13%	6%	6%
Community Center	19%	39%	31%	6%	3%	3%
Community Gardens	19%	30%	35%	9%	4%	4%
Library	51%	25%	16%	16%	3%	2%
Paved Trails	28%	37%	19%	9%	3%	3%
Unpaved Trails	22%	35%	35%	6%	2%	3%
Playgrounds	22%	31%	35%	6%	2%	3%
Picnic Areas	56%	33%	7%	1%	1%	2%
Skatepark	55%	35%	6%	1%	1%	2%
Water Play Fountain	26%	26%	32%	7%	7%	3%
Boat Launch	21%	28%	35%	7%	4%	4%
Water Trail	21%	30%	37%	7%	2%	3%
Special Events Facilities	17%	26%	36%	10%	3%	8%
Sports Fields						
Baseball	29%	40%	19%	4%	3%	4%
Football	36%	36%	19%	3%	2%	4%
Soccer	27%	32%	29%	7%	2%	4%
Sports Courts						
Basketball	34%	35%	22%	4%	2%	4%
Racquetball	36%	36%	18%	3%	3%	4%
Tennis	18%	25%	36%	11%	4%	5%
Volleyball	29%	38%	23%	3%	3%	4%
Parks						
Mini parks (2,500 ft ² to 1 acre)	18%	36%	33%	5%	4%	3%
Neighborhood parks (1.1 acres to 10 acres)	46%	35%	14%	2%	2%	2%
Community parks (10.1 acres to 50 acres)	41%	34%	17%	3%	75%	3%
Dog Park	24%	24%	30%	10%	9%	3%
Open space (undeveloped)	23%	15%	39%	10%	8%	6%

Q-11 Do you think the Lebanon region and the City of Lebanon need, or don't need, additional parks? (Check all that apply)

- The Lebanon region *needs* additional parks 38%
- The Lebanon region *does not need* additional parks 32%
- The City of Lebanon *needs* additional parks 32%
- The City of Lebanon *does not need* additional parks 15%
- Don't know 17%

Q-12 If you think the Lebanon region or the City of Lebanon need additional parks, please indicate what kind of parks and the type of facilities you would like.

Q-13 How do you believe the City should direct its efforts and resources? Please circle the number that best indicates the level of importance for each of the following categories.

Activity	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Don't Know
Maintain the existing park system as it now exists	45%	30%	15%	3%	3%	3%
Upgrade or renovate existing park areas	49%	32%	9%	3%	2%	4%
Acquire and develop more parks, trails and open space	27%	15%	24%	12%	14%	7%
Abandon some existing park areas and focus efforts and resources on remaining parks	14%	15%	35%	8%	13%	15%

Next, some questions about funding parks in the Lebanon area

Q-14 Would you be willing to pay more for new parks, open space, facilities, and recreation programs?

- Yes 41%
- No 42%
- It depends (please explain): 16%

Q-14a If your answer in Q-14 was *no*, would you be more willing to give money if you were sure it would go to a specific project you wanted?

- Yes, What projects would you support? 40% _____
- No 48%
- It depends (please explain): 11% _____

Now skip to Q-16

Q-15 If you answered yes or it depends in Q-14, how much **more** on an **annual basis** would you be willing to pay for a higher level of service?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$25 25% | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75-\$99 12% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25-49 32% | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100-149 11% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50-74 14% | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 or more 6% |

Q-16 If you had \$100.00 to spend on parks in Lebanon, how would you divide it among the following categories? (You can put it all in one or in any combination of categories.)

Activities/facilities	Dollar Amount
Additional mini parks (2,500 sq. ft. to 1 acre)	\$ 2.18
Additional neighborhood parks (1.1 acres – 10 acres)	\$ 8.21
Additional community parks (10.1 – 50 acres)	\$ 6.41
Additional natural areas	\$ 4.99
Additional trails	\$ 9.29
Additional sports facilities/fields	\$ 12.32
Maintenance and improvements to existing facilities	\$ 49.47
Other (specify) _____	\$ 7.12
TOTAL	\$100.00

Q-17 Which of the following funding options would you support to fund parks? (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I do not support any funding 10% | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers 59% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General funds 36% | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax levies 17% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donations 63% | <input type="checkbox"/> User fees 25% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> System development charges 15% | <input type="checkbox"/> Grants 56% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Partnerships 29% | <input type="checkbox"/> Park district 25% |

Finally, some questions about your household.

Q-18 How long have you lived in the Lebanon area? _____ years

- | | |
|------------------|------|
| 0-1 year | 3% |
| 2-5 years | 12% |
| 6-10 years | 13% |
| 11-15 years | 10% |
| 16-20 years | 9% |
| 21 or more years | 53% |
| Total | 100% |

Q-19 Do you own or rent your home?

- Own 82.4%
- Rent 14.3%
- Other 3.3%

Q-20 Please estimate your *total household income, before taxes*, in 2004?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$10,000 8% | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to 59,000 13% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 to 19,999 9% | <input type="checkbox"/> \$60,000 to 74,999 15% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 to 29,000 10% | <input type="checkbox"/> 75,000 to 99,999 10% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000 to 39,000 13% | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to 149,999 6% |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$40,000 to 49,000 16% | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 or more 1% |

Q-21 What is your age? _____ years

Age Group	Percent
18-24	7%
25-34	13%
35-44	15%
45-54	21%
55-64	23%
65-74	10%
75 or older	11%
Total	100%

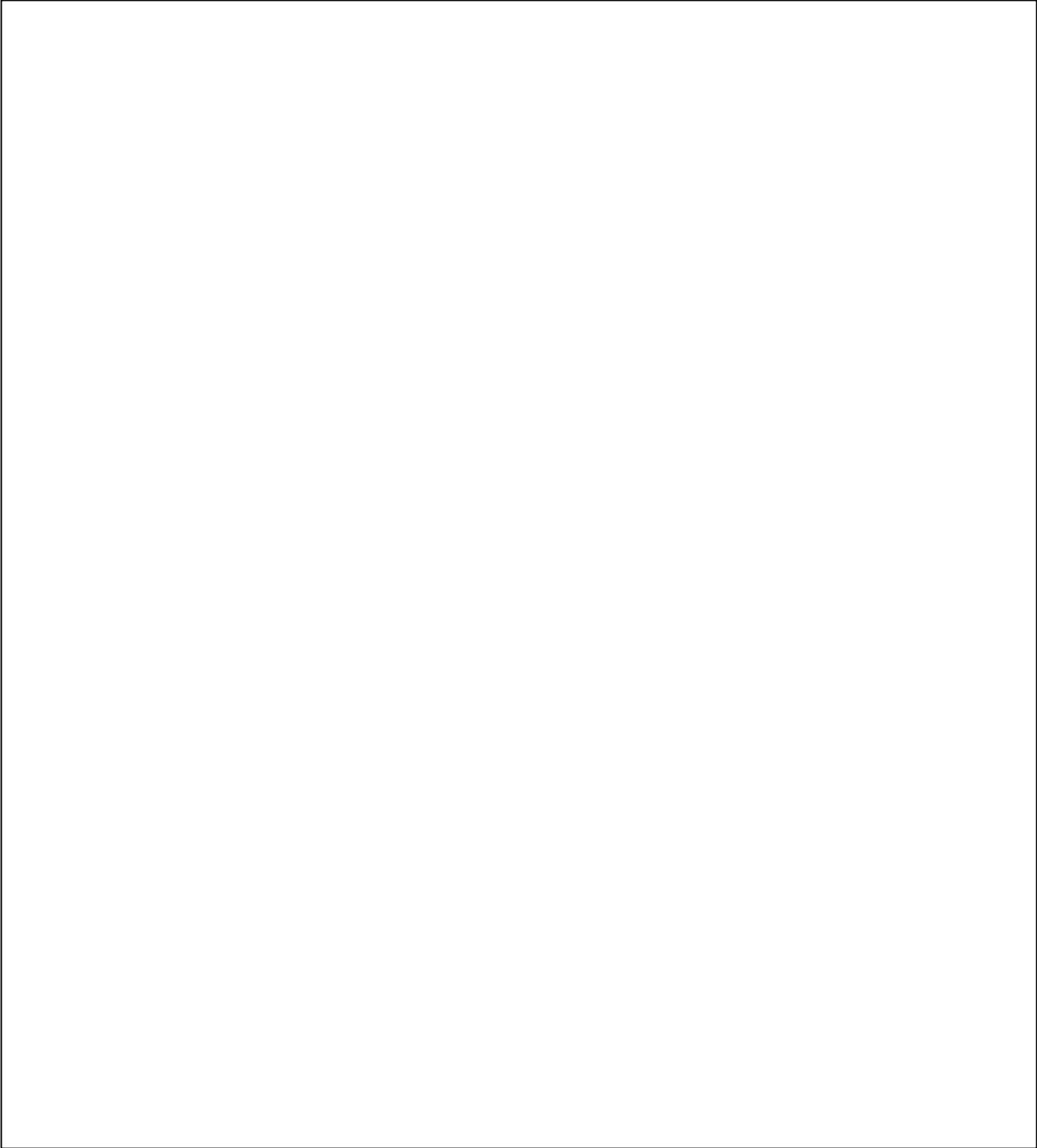
Gender? Male 34% Female 66%

Q-22 How many people live in your household? (Write a number in each blank; enter 0 if none.)

_____ Under 18 years
_____ 18-64 years
_____ 65 years and over
_____ TOTAL

Average household size: 2.77 persons

Q-23 Please provide any additional comments or suggestions related to parks in Lebanon in the space provided below.



Thank you for your assistance!

Written Responses

Q-3 How do you most frequently get to parks in Lebanon? Other please explain...

- Used to walk all the time, until city changed park from multi-use to baseball only. Now have to drive, if go. All are too far away.
- Skateboard
- Depends on which park – distance
- Never use
- Have to depend on others to get us to any park
- Entertainment & picnicking
- What parks are you speaking of?
- There are no nice parks besides Waterloo
- Meet friends
- Car

Q-5 If you “never” or “rarely” use the parks in Lebanon, what are the main reasons? Other explain....

- Rest rooms filthy
- Bike to Waterloo
- Spend time in backyard – park-like setting
- I use parks only when involved in a social or group activity.
- Work out of home & don’t have children that take part in sporting events, etc. Would take grandchildren, but would like parks on S.E. side of town, perhaps near new school.
- Too busy
- New to the area
- Prefer other parks
- Simply not inviting
- Never heard of them – not sure if we’ve been there or not. An address next to the name would be helpful because I’m sure we’ve been to all of these – just don’t know what’s what.
- Lots of work to do
- I travel to Albany or Corvallis for nicer parks
- River Park restrooms too far away for campers, overnights are mostly homeless living there – do not recommend camping at River Park. We use Ralston for concerts – enjoy it very much!
- When I have my great grandchildren I take them
- I go when I have grandchildren, also go with a friend
- Other people who use parks, too much drug use
- Busy senior who just has not used parks, but glad to know they are there
- When we do go to a park we go to Waterloo Park as there are things for small children to do and bathrooms close and usually have a roof over the tables when we have a big group like a family reunion. And have a beautiful setting besides all those trees
- Some are cemeteries, not parks
- No real reason to go there
- Health reasons
- The smaller parks are not maintained – i.e. baseball diamonds. We need wading pools!! We need parks & rec summer employment that has activities – planned activities. We need a skateboarding park.

- Looking for a place to safely exercise myself & dog
- Recently moved here from Indiana
- Live 2.5 miles outside city
- Mobility impairment
- No bike paths
- Parks are allowed to dry up and brown in the summer
- Don't have children
- Do not have a reason to use
- Ability to access park through alt. forms of transportation: bike, walk, etc. No bike paths. Some "parks" are too small for use
- Age & health have slowed us down.
- I don't enjoy going places by myself & would far rather do something mentally stimulating!
- Don't have small children
- Play @ elem school play structures & other – not aware of facilities @ most parks
- These are not parks, I've never even heard of them
- Check out Drake Park in Bend, Oregon. That's a park!
- Is Gills Landing CG open yet?
- Use mostly for "special occasions" never to "relax"
- The grounds could be kept up better
- Feel unsafe, esp. River Park
- Re Mural park & the others – I enjoy driving by them. I'm glad they are there.
- I go with church gatherings
- My husband is in a wheelchair
- Limited mobility due to age and physical impairment
- Most park hosts are rude! Campground at Gills Landing
- Because of my age – I don't get around that much
- I have lived in Lebanon for over 30 years and am unaware of several of these parks – where are they?

Q-7 Do you think the City's Parks program should provide organized activities? It depends explain.....

- There is nothing for kids over 12 yrs old to do in this town.
- Sometimes – for fun
- If sports fees are not too high
- If they fund themselves
- They can be offered, but also paid for by people using
- Depends on other such activities available in community
- If there is genuine interest in an activity, then a program should be provided. Programs must be dropped as soon as participation wanes.
- Scope of budget obviously restricts, programs to targeted audiences. I believe the elderly & the youth should have priority.
- How well the event is advertised – putting signs up & in the Lebanon Express doesn't work.
- If it is for the better good of the park
- Allow organizations to use without charge
- If they are self-supporting
- Leave it to Boys/Girls Club to plant & operate organized activities
- Scope of budget obviously restricts programs to targeted audiences. I believe the elderly & the youth should have priority.
- We would LOVE organized activities.
- I don't know if you would find the support in the community for such programs.
- Please, we need this in our community

- Right now, I don't think they have the money to support – would be good if they could swing it
- Do not need another paid government employee
- A recreation program would be nice for local people
- Would be nice to see these activities provided for our youth if people knew about the activities
- Anything to get people together
- These are offered through LBCC
- If reliable volunteers could be encouraged to donate time & skills
- If it's going to cost us anything
- Adult leagues (softball, volleyball, basketball) & youth activities not provided by the Boys & Girls Club would be great, but should be financially self-supporting.
- Something that everyone could enjoy – large park with running paths & biking (long paths). Maybe skateboard areas for skateboarders so they stay off streets
- If could be done and at a reasonable cost and thought out in earnest before jumping in
- Would be nice but not high in budget priority
- Something for kids, especially during the summer
- Soccer, softball, youth camps
- Only if participant pays to cover direct costs
- Not routinely – for special events – funding is a problem for city
- If the business community &/or various fraternal &/or other organizations carry most of the financial load as well as volunteer staff
- Should not be in conflict with Boys & Girls Club
- It would be nice, although more expense for us
- B & G Club could use support from city to expand programs & facilities
- No – it would cost \$ for employees – Boys & Girls Club does a good job
- Already provided by Boys & Girls Club
- If enough people would be interested
- Would like to see if there is enough response
- Sports programs are provided by other organizations. The other things can be sponsored by the city with the cooperation of youth organizations and city groups and, dare I say it, churches.
- If there is proper funding to make the activities worthwhile
- That would be awesome
- If you bring Oregon Symphony to town, I'll go
- Nature walks
- Definitely!
- I think with the right exposure it could be fun
- It would be nice, but funding being limited I think money needs to be spent on keeping the parks nice
- Maybe sports leagues or youth camps
- Rather have more/better facilities than organized activities. If any activities, would prefer nature walks.
- If there are enough participants/interest
- Should concentrate on providing better facilities for a large cross-section rather than certain specific groups
- If there is enough participation and \$ is sufficient
- Particularly for the youth
- Need more for the kids. They're not going to have a skating rink much longer & they're hanging out on Main St next to a bar & across from a bar. They could be in danger from drunks, fights, etc.
- We already have sports directed at children. More activities for us who work from 6-6pm week & can't do a lot of these now.

- I think Lebanon can use all the programs it can get to keep the young people busy or involved in the community. There just isn't enough for the younger teens (9-15) to do.

Q-8 Should the City provide for lake recreation opportunities such as boating and fishing? It depends explain....

- If there is money, but taxpayers would need it
- Concerns over liability & only w/parental supervision. A lakeside ramp would be nice.
- Make sure we can water ski!
- I'm concerned about safety and liability with river activities – a lake would be safer
- Where would this happen? River is not that large
- No lake in Lebanon
- If current assets could be incorporated – don't want to build from scratch or buy
- Not the creation of any ponds or lakes, but better access to the river for canoeing & kayaking. Foster Lake is there for boaters.
- Small day sailing
- Our taxes should be used to pave the unpaved roads in the city
- Where is the lake?
- If there is lake or river access on city property
- We already have the river
- Will it be with donations and mostly volunteer help?
- It depends on the lake
- What lake?
- Yes, I think I will help commerce. Lebanon needs all the help it can get.
- Provide the place and opportunity w/volunteers and donated equipment
- User fee supported after donation to build
- All kinds!
- I think they should maintain our parks like mow the lawns, keep it clean – supply swings & playground equipment
- Fishing activities would be nice & boating if available
- I think having these things available will be helping encourage healthy activities with guidance

Q-8a If your answer in Q-8 was yes, what kind of opportunities would you want? Other explain....

- Safe swimming areas
- Rapid surfing
- Swimming/beach area/picnic area
- Where grandparents could take kids
- Paddle boats similar to Waverly Park
- No jet skis
- Water skiing
- Swimming beach
- Sail boarding
- Sail boarding
- Different strokes/different folks
- Diving or swimming in open water classes

Q-9 The City would like to know what residents think about the condition of Lebanon parks and what would improve them. The following table lists area parks and provides a column to rank the

individual facilities. In the ranking column circle the number that represents your level of satisfaction with these facilities. In the following column you can provide comments about how these facilities can be improved.

Q-9a (Academy Square Park)

- Waiting to see further use of bldgs
- Could be very nice
- Looks like nothing there
- Is this the old middle school?
- More benches
- Needs more landscaping, tables
- Enjoy seeing it used!
- Power wash sidewalk, stain bench, landscape bark mulch
- It looked better when my parents moved to Lebanon in 1950!
- Where is it?
- Should have left school/trees
- Where is this one?

Q-9b (Booth Park)

- Not well maintained (I think the Lions Club or ?? was taking care of)
- Needs more upkeep/bathrooms
- Needs restrooms & more tables
- Gross
- No restroom facility
- There's very little play equipment
- Old structures, unclean
- Not much activity for kids, no bathrooms
- Needs better playground equipment & RR
- Playground safety, needs upgraded
- Need better playground equipment for kids
- Usually very boring
- Playground equipment not safe for preschoolers (3-6), slide especially
- Good for ball games, nothing else
- Landscaping, playground
- Cleanliness – landscaping very poor condition
- Could be kept better
- Often looks poorly maintained
- Too much dog poop!
- More picnic tables, more playground, flowers
- Good location, nice landscape – old equipment
- Better restrooms
- No bathroom
- Need shade trees & picnic tables
- Comfort facilities?
- Needs bathroom badly
- Needs to be kept up
- Needs prevalent
- Needs more landscaping
- Doesn't seem very clean
- Nothing there!

- This park is not well maintained
- Needs bathrooms
- Needs bathrooms
- More/better playground equipment, basketball hoop, grass cut more often
- Ugly & unkempt
- Needs good restrooms
- Nothing to do, dog poop, lack of maintenance
- Needs trees & greener grass
- Boring
- Too hard to get walkers & wheelchairs

Q-9c (Burkhart Creek Trail)

- Is this in the new subdivision on S. Main?
- Doesn't go very far
- Never heard of this one
- Where is it?
- Don't know where that is
- Never been
- Nice trail in daytime
- Where?
- Needs cleanup
- Where is it?
- ??

Q-9d (Century Park)

- Need to keep green – more landscaping
- Consider landscaping
- Don't keep grass watered in summer
- Safety concerns
- Cleanliness of playground equip.
- Needs restrooms
- Limited landscaping – good to see improvements
- Poor maintenance, lots of drugs
- The playground is not very clean
- At least this park is used, 1 of 2 nicest parks in town
- Need another covered area – tables
- Safety is a huge issue – have found drug paraphernalia where small children play
- Unsafe – drug dealers!!
- Too much drug traffic
- Like the fenced playground, too much litter, nice mature trees for shade
- Nice for children & family
- Cleanliness poor quality
- Rough part of town, better upkeep
- Safety
- Kind of crowded, but mostly OK
- Nice play area
- Bathrooms?
- Great park, a fountain would be good here
- Needs upgrades & updates. Considering its size & location it should be a lot better.
- Work is being done to improve courts
- Where?

- Glad to “finally” have tennis courts repaired & cleaned
- Needs to be kept up
- Children enjoy the playground
- Used to be nice, now run down
- Lots of things to do, sometimes worry about people who are there

Q-9e (Christopher Columbus Park)

- We thought this was a private park
- Maintenance of water faucet
- Lots of teenage drug activity
- Old
- Needs patrolling – graffiti, dirty – limited maintenance
- The only time it has been painted was 6 yrs ago when the neighborhood painted it – no bathrooms. The hills make it hard to keep an eye on the kids.
- Cats use gravel as a litter box, no toilets
- Don’t know where this park is
- Where is it?
- Playground safety due to drug usage at park
- Need to get rid of bees in playground
- Cleanliness poor quality
- Water the grass
- Old equipment – no bathrooms
- No bathroom, very windy
- Where?
- Don’t always feel safe if by myself
- Great kids’ park for people who live in area
- Needs new equipment

Q-9f (City Hall)

- Need new jail facilities, less engineers on payroll
- City Hall has a park?
- Is this a park?
- Building outdated, too small, no room
- I didn’t know there was a park there
- Upgrades are nice, bathrooms great
- Need play equip and get rid of nutrias
- What park?
- City Hall Park?
- Where is this?
- A park?
- Nice park at Christmas time

Q-9g (Eagle Scout Trail)

- Never heard of it in 22 years here
- Needs to connect to other trails
- Two feet of grass do not make a park
- Where is it?
- Don’t know where this is
- Never been
- Where?
- Gills Landing?

- ??

Q-9h (Gills Landing)

- Unsafe area
- Open a swimming area
- Don't always feel safe
- More riverfront beach & access
- Good place to launch a boat
- Nice improvements!
- Overcrowded, drugs
- More cleanup is needed
- More sandy beach
- Boat landing – people play in water. Good effort, but not finished – paved to negotiate driving through cement curbs!
- Much better than before
- Only good during day; unsafe
- Patrol for out of control dealers, clean carcasses out of water
- Getting nicer
- No benches
- Nasty water
- Looks dirty, dirty people there
- Often looks poorly maintained
- Very nice
- It's brand new & unused
- Needs to have more kids toys & bathrooms open 24 hours all year long
- No landscaping or walkways
- Needs to be kept up
- Very nice
- It can be kind of a creepy place
- Safety is a factor
- Needs better restrooms
- New picnic tables; mark trail entrance
- Wooded area south of parking area needs better maintained walks – would make great resource!
- Landscaping
- Trails unmarked – length, maintenance – what are official trails or on private property, litter on trails – benches by river
- Use to dump RV sewage \$3.00
- Bad – unsafe @ times

Q-9i (Gills Landing Campground)

- Nice improvement
- More police presence needed
- Much better than before
- Too new to evaluate – step in right direction
- Need to fill new construction with trees
- Looks very nice
- Often looks poorly maintained
- Would never come here – scary!
- Looks good from what I've seen
- Needs bathrooms open 24 hrs & all year long
- Where?

- Needs to be kept up
- Great
- Nice campground; however, homeless folks have been known to live in the wooded area
- Landscaping
- Glad parking lot paved
- Needs non-snobby host
- Scary

Q-9j (Had Irvine Park)

- Needs development & better access
- Did not know that was a park
- Don't know where this is
- Where?
- It will be good when finished

Q-9k (Jaycee Park)

- Not well maintained
- Good dog-pooing park
- Is this at the old JC building, if so does not qualify as a park
- What park?
- Undeveloped
- Safety issues, drug buying & syringes found by our grand kids & daughter
- Where?
- Needs bathrooms & needs landscaping
- Needs to be kept up
- That's a park?
- Park will be nice, being developed
- Small
- Sell this one
- Don't use much
- Cleaner bathrooms & more benches
- Where? Near Girls & Boys Club – not a park

Q-9l (Library Park)

- Grass needs spraying for weeds
- Seems nice for people waiting for rides
- Relaxing
- Clean, well landscaped, safe
- A park at the library? Didn't know
- This space of green grass doesn't qualify as a park & it's just landscaping for a building
- Need more benches accessible for readers
- Nice area for lunch, not much else
- What park?
- Often looks poorly maintained
- Well maintained by city
- Nice place to sit outside and read
- Has really nice landscaping – a kid's atmosphere, picnic table
- Nice place to sit and rest while walking

Q-9m (Mural Park)

- Needs more watering – mural repair
- What is this, other than painting on wall?
- Just okay
- Never see any activity there, just an empty space
- Needs bush pruning
- Nice place to sit
- City needs public restrooms as well as Ralston Park
- Safety and too dark
- Not that pleasant of an area – lack of trees, grass, shrubs
- Very dirty & people feel unsafe
- Enjoy murals
- Nice place in middle of town
- No attraction, consider a coffee kiosk
- On Main St? Nice concept
- This would be a perfect downtown park with a glass cover to protect users who would prefer lunch in the park for most of the year.
- Nice to look @, just don't find reasons to sit there, grass would be great
- Litter
- Should clean up more often
- It's a big flashy!

Q-9n (Pioneer Cemetery Park)

- Protection from vandalism
- Not well maintained (volunteers maintain)
- Looks pretty run down
- Don't consider this a park
- This is a cemetery. Who would call it a park?
- Needs more flowers & repair of head stones
- Didn't realize it was a park – go walking about 1-2 times/week
- Looks a lot better
- Mowers not careful – hit stones
- Benches would be nice, improve landscaping
- Unkempt
- This is a cemetery, not a park
- Needs work
- Don't go to that park

Q-9o (Pioneer School Park)

- Is this just the ball fields?
- When did we start calling school grounds parks?
- Not a lot to do for kids
- Bathrooms not available when school not in session
- Where?
- More lighting
- This is a school – asking for vandalism?
- It's nice, trail could be upgraded some

Q-9p (Ralston Square Park)

- Best in town

- Would like to see the ducks back!
- Great concerts & holiday events
- Dirty
- Very nice park!
- Questionable folks hanging around
- Nice job – hope we can expand
- Unsafe
- Drugs a problem
- Nice place – kept beautiful
- Nice park but safety is an issue. Get out the bums.
- This would be a good place to hold children’s activities
- Unsafe
- Would like permanent bathroom facilities
- Looking good & well maintained
- Need play equip and get rid of nutrias
- Nice area for lunch, shade from mature trees & canal area for playing around.
- Love music, restrooms not good
- Improvements are great!
- Very pretty, but doesn’t get much used/not for kids
- More activities
- Where?
- Great cleanup – love new bathrooms & rose beds
- Looks better
- Restrooms inadequate – love swing
- Water system needs attention
- Concern safety;, people in park after dark, litter in stream/park very clean though
- Go to music & art in park
- Too many bums
- Keep the druggies out – good park location, needs swings
- That’s a beautiful park
- Miss the ducks for kids to feed
- Needs to have better maintenance

Q-9q (River Park)

- Cleaner facility for food prep.
- Allowing grass to dry up & non-utilization of a beautiful area. Unsafe
- Each time we have been there, poorly maintained
- Update facilities & equipment
- Update facilities
- Not inviting
- Landscaping & safety
- Restroom facilities are poor
- Nice location/facilities need updating
- Don’t always feel safe
- Restrooms bad!!!
- Needs better maintenance, nice area
- Too many uneven areas in grass. Unsavory people bothering people.
- Camp host thinks he owns our back yard!
- Needs more water
- Landscaping & safety
- Unsafe
- Well kept, fun for kids, lots of room
- More bathrooms

- Good place for children to play
- Play area needs to be mowed, too!
- Don't like that the playground is enclosed
- Unsafe; only open during the day
- Nice fenced play area & paths to bike or walk on to Gills Landing. Needs a bit better maintenance.
- Need volunteers such as elderly & disabled to keep eye on addicts & alcohol
- I don't feel safe in this park alone
- Restrooms not good
- Often looks poorly maintained
- Not clean – water the grass
- Has gone downhill! Bums sleeping area
- Landscaping/mowing
- Needs to be kept up better
- New stuff there
- Needs facilities upgrade
- Needs to be kept up better
- Good
- Can be a creepy place, but is a nice place to fun!
- Run down
- This needs a lot of attention for safety
- Too many transients
- Don't always feel safe if by myself
- Overall good, attractive park
- The playground grass can be 4-5' tall
- Litter, parking lots have big potholes, poorly lit, needs more landscaping, equipment
- Updated facilities & restrooms
- Use for lunches & playground
- A net ball stop for the outfield on the softball diamond
- Vagrants/homeless
- Too many bums
- Very dirty, not maintained
- Needs greener grass
- Bad area
- Gravel too hard to get walkers & wheelchairs

Q-9r (Santiam Riverfront)

- Never heard of park. Is this just riverfront in general?
- More upkeep needed & more trail
- Update facilities
- Better access to the water, better trails
- Where does the city keep this up?
- Graffiti!!
- Public fishing access needed
- Didn't know it was even developed
- Is this different than River Park?
- Very pretty
- Needs work
- Accessibility is main issue

Q-9s (Santiam Travel Station)

- Beautiful restoration!! Very rarely used.

- Very attractive from outside
- Destination/meeting rooms
- Never been inside – looks good on outside
- Nice addition – now do feed store!
- Landscaping for a building, not a park
- Not always available – nothing here
- Really not a good meeting site
- Not much there for kids
- What a waste of money!
- Landscape some
- This is a park?
- Where is the park?
- Landscape looks good
- Nice area, but too expensive to rent
- Good
- Not a park (very snobby people), nothing to do

Q-9t (Santiam School Park)

- The playground?
- No restrooms
- Need skate park!!
- Improve field area – more seats – better parking – add picnic area
- When did we start calling school grounds parks?
- Needs landscaping
- Only a field, no maintenance
- Don't use this one

Q-9u (Weldwood Park)

- Consider landscaping
- Looks nice
- Needs improved maintenance – organize use more
- Could use more children's activities
- I wish it had more toys
- This seems to be used by the sport groups a lot
- Ball field maintenance is poor
- Great for baseball, not a whole lot for kids other than small play structure. No mature trees for shade
- A shade structure
- Our baseball parks should be good as out-of-town folks use those alot!
- Where?'
- Needs ground work
- Park seems to be kept up quite well
- This sports field is embarrassing for Lebanon, in poor condition
- Great for kids' sports
- Gravel too hard to get walkers & wheelchairs

Q-12 If you think the Lebanon region or the City of Lebanon need additional parks, please indicate what kind of parks and the type of facilities you would like to see.

Code 0 (other)

- Newer playgrounds, nicer areas, clean, update the parks we have
- I think some of the parks we have in our city can be IMPROVED rather than making new ones, however, our outlying areas need MORE community type. Facilities – restrooms, multi-function community-based.
- A family park with play sets, bathrooms, swings, baseball park, and an open field
- I would like to see a park with canoeing access & great picnicking facilities.
- As the city of Lebanon expands, additional areas are necessary for parks where new housing developments are built.
- Many of the listed parks aren't what we would consider parks. They're tiny or unused. We need to improve existing parks!
- Parks that provide facilities for all age groups
- There is a definite need for a skateboard park. They are ruining tables in Ralston Park and using areas they shouldn't. They definitely use downtown streets in spite of signs.
- Indoor & outdoor – i.e. volleyball, basketball in the winter, year round access
- Bicycle & motorcycle parks
- It would be really good to have a well-maintained, marked soccer field (with goals) that is open to the public.
- The region needs a frisbee golf park
- Family parks, fountains, wading pools, skate park, sports complex
- At least basic parks for the new growth. Activity parks to keep young people busy & in shape.
- If parks are distributed based on demographics & the urban growth boundary I am pleased.
- Disc golf
- Multi-function community-based
- Outdoor pool
- More public fishing docks would be nice.
- Water parks, community center. I like Corvallis's & Albany's Parks & Rec. They offer classes, sports, etc.
- I would like to see a park with canoeing access & great picnicking facilities.
- We need a park with a fountain the kids can play in!
- More activity based, picnic, covered areas, playgrounds, & skate park
- Family picnic areas & camping
- An "activities center" park to hold classes at for children
- Activity parks (sports)
- We need one very large park with jogging trail, shaded benches. 4 or 5 small parks around town for kids/skateboards.
- City needs parks similar to Waterloo Park for picnics & barbecues
- What is needed is volunteers to organize games, picnics, sack lunch outings for children and elderly, nature walks, exercise, safety, to watch undesirables.
- With the type of housing construction being allowed in the city there needs to be places for kids and families to go to stretch out.
- More camping areas
- Clean & protected for safety, RV parks with full hookups, picnic areas
- Community parks with new swimming pool
- Parks and activities for youth 8-16, to keep them off of the streets
- Sports facilities, other than the high school or grade schools
- We have a big list of parks; instead of adding look at the parks on a map. Are they dispersed somewhat equally throughout Lebanon. Maybe improving what we have and

maintain them. When we did use parks they were not being maintained because of budget reasons.

- The City of Lebanon needs culture and something to make it not look so dirty. They need culture like Corvallis.
- Activity parks
- More trees for shade
- More camping parks would be nice! Provide fishing, biking, walking trails – would bring more people to Lebanon!
- Facilities that accommodate toddler age & bigger kids @ same location
- Columbus Park is a good park – has playground, baseball & basketball. Similar parks in other neighborhoods would be nice.
- Ponds w/swans, beauty, play equipment, music, bluegrass festivities, BBQs, jogging paved trails, easy access, pretty.
- More sports
- I'd like to see the old middle school campus used as the main city park & have a stage to use for concerts.
- Real bathrooms would be great, but port-a-potties are better than nothing.
- Disc golf park
- Better family parks – one that serves all ages
- A safe place for people to experience wildlife habitat as well as a place to gather with family and be out of doors.
- Tennis courts
- Stayton is a beautiful town about our size. I would like to see a park-recreation center such as they have.
- Larger family area facilities for large groups
- Covered areas
- Musical concert facilities
- I would like to see a spacious park, perhaps by the river
- One large park with different areas for activities; ex: fishing, picnic, sports, dog area, playground, garden area, walking paths, bike trails
- Skate parks, water parks, more bathrooms in parks, more trees & shade
- Some cross between Century & Ralston
- Facilities to acquire sports equipment
- One that has an activity center with things for kids to do & a skateboard park
- At this time we would enjoy toddler use parks for our children and Kayak/canoe parks
- Community center, picnic areas, special events facilities
- Developed for classes and activities indoors, social gathering 50+
- I think parks are very important for good safe places for kids to play, explore, to have BBQs, to enjoy the out-of-doors in a safe environment.

Code 1 (River access)

- River access with trails, fishing areas, and family areas (open spaces)
- More river/Cheadle Lake development would be awesome – could be regional draw adding economic benefits to Lebanon area merchants
- Something by the river over by River Rd with water access & good playground & walk trail
- A river path like Alton Baker would be a big plus
- When planning new developments, there should be a small park area within 6 blocks of a home.

Code 2 (pedestrian/bike paths – paved)

- Acquire Cheadle Lake and enough surrounding property to use the lake. More river & creek frontage. More trails of all kinds.
- More walking trails – around water areas, park w/volleyball nets (like N. Albany Park), newer play equipment for kids ages 2-10, and dog friendly park.
- Bike and walking lanes
- Nature walkways – handicap access
- Bike paths
- Something by the river over by River Rd with water access & good playground & walk trail
- More bike trails
- Paved bike/walking trails
- More neighborhood parks at the edges of town connected by paved trails would be great. Also interested in water trail w/put in & take out for canoes/kayaks
- We need one very large park with jogging trail, shaded trees
- Walking paths
- Walk or bike trails
- Long bike trails & paths
- Bike trails
- Somewhere that the kids can go and ride bikes or skateboards without feeling in danger
- Lebanon needs a “system” of parks allowing for bicycling between
- More camping parks would be nice! Provide fishing, biking, walking trails – would bring more people to Lebanon!
- Community parks, biking/jogging trails & childrens’ play area
- Would like trails w/exercise stations
- Jogging paved trails, easy access, pretty
- Connected to waterways undeveloped
- BMX, biking trails
- I don’t Lebanon needs more parks. I think what they need are more bike lanes, and not the kind that takes up part of the street, but are a path of their own.
- Walk path (blacktop), bike trails
- One large park with different areas for activities; ex: fishing, picnic, sports, dog area, playground, garden area, walking paths, bike trails
- Walking trails – marked
- Larger park with longer trails
- Walk trails
- Paved trails

Code 3 (hiking/nature trails – unpaved)

- Acquire Cheadle Lake and enough surrounding property to use the lake. More river & creek frontage. More trails of all kinds.
- More walking trails – around water areas, park w/volleyball nets (like N. Albany Park), newer play equipment for kids ages 2-10, and dog friendly park.
- Walking trails for all skill levels
- More trails
- What is needed is volunteers to organize games, picnics, sack lunch outings for children and elderly, nature walks, exercise, safety, to watch undesirables

Code 4 (Cheadle Lake)

- Acquire Cheadle Lake and enough surrounding property to use the lake. More river & creek frontage. More trails of all kinds.
- More river/Cheadle Lake development would be awesome – could be regional draw adding economic benefits to Lebanon area merchants. First need better maintenance of existing parks & development of Cheadle Lake.
- Get a developer to come in and help with the Cheadle Lake site.

Code 5 (information – signage)

- It would be really good to have a well-maintained, marked soccer field (with goals) that is open to the public.

Code 6 (playground equipment)

- Newer play equipment for kids ages 2-10, and dog friendly parks
- Better playground equip for kids
- Bigger play structures – have it be a secure area around the kids
- Ponds w/swans, beauty, play equipment, music, bluegrass festivities, BBQs, jogging paved trails, easy access, pretty.
- Playground for kids

Code 7 (ADA access)

- Easy access for seniors & disabled.
- Nature walkways – handicap access

Code 8 (dog parks)

- Dog friendly parks
- Dog parks
- Dog (off leash) parks
- Dog parks 1 acre +
- Wading pools, dog parks, tennis courts, volleyball courts, skateboard parks, community gardening parks, new jungle gym toys
- Off-leash dog park (fenced). How about Jaycee Park?
- Dog park
- One large park with different areas for activities; ex: fishing, picnic, sports, dog area, playground, garden area, walking paths, bike trails
- A leashless dog park would be wonderful!
- Dog park (off-leash area)

Code 9 (skate parks)

- There is a definite need for a skateboard park. They are ruining tables in Ralston Park and using areas they shouldn't. They definitely use downtown streets in spite of signs.
- Skate park
- The city needs a skate park
- Skate park
- Skating & skateboarding is needed badly. Our older kids need to have a place to go to do this that is safe and free to use. They shouldn't have to use a parking lot where there's traffic and other hazards.
- Skate park, skate park, skate park

- Skate park
- Skate park
- A skate park is needed for the 7-16 age group
- Skate park for kids
- The kids need a skate park!
- Playground & skate park
- Skate/BMX parks
- Skateboard park
- 4 or 5 small parks around town for kids/skateboarders
- Skateboard & BMX trax
- Skate park
- A skate park is greatly needed for our community.
- Somewhere that the kids can go and ride bikes or skateboards without feeling in danger.
- BMX/skateboard parks
- Skate park for the skaters, that way they're not getting in trouble by cops for skating, and they need a safe, car-free place to skate.
- Wading pools, dog parks, tennis courts, volleyball courts, skateboard parks, community gardening parks, new jungle gym toys
- Skateboard park
- Skateboarding
- Skateboard park
- Skate park
- We need a skate park
- We need a skate park for the kids
- Skate parks, water parks, more bathrooms in parks, more trees & shade
- Skateboard park
- Skate & bike park
- Something like a skate park for skateboarders
- One that has an activity center with things for kids to do & a skateboard park
- Skate park
- Skate park
- Skateboard park
- Skate park

Code 10 (basketball courts)

- Kid parks – basketball – softball
- Indoor & outdoor – i.e. volleyball, basketball in the winter, year round access
- A family park with play sets, bathrooms, swings, baseball park, and an open field
- Basketball courts
- Columbus Park is a good park – has playground, baseball & basketball. Similar parks in other neighborhoods would be nice.
- Neighborhood parks with playgrounds & basketball courts
- More tennis courts and basketball courts

Code 11 (softball fields)

- Kid parks – basketball – softball
- Community parks with fast pitch softball & new swimming pool

Code 12 (soccer fields)

- It would be really good to have a well-maintained, marked soccer field (with goals) that is open to the public.
- Soccer
- Provide multi-use areas for soccer, frisbee, football (aka team sports)

Code 13 (open space)

- Open space parks
- More river frontage
- River access with trails, fishing areas, and family areas (open spaces)
- More opportunities and places for the community to meet and interact
- General use parks – where larger picnic areas are available
- A family park with play sets, bathrooms, swings, baseball park, and an open field
- Family picnic areas & camping
- Need a park for families on N. end of town
- Open spaces, lots of shade trees
- A safe place for people to experience wildlife habitat as well as a place to gather with family and be out of doors.
- Safe and modern. Open and good location

Code 14 (volleyball)

- Indoor & outdoor – i.e. volleyball, basketball in the winter, year round access
- More walking trails – around water areas, park w/volleyball nets (like N. Albany Park), newer play equipment for kids ages 2-10, and dog friendly park.
- Money would need to go for park programs. I don't think adding it to taxes is the answer. There needs to be a different way.
- Wading pools, dog parks, tennis courts, volleyball courts, skateboard parks, community gardening parks, new jungle gym toys
- Volleyball

Code 15 (bathrooms)

- Restrooms, sports facilities appropriate to location
- Restrooms
- Skate parks, water parks, more bathrooms in parks, more trees & shade

Code 16 (existing parks)

- No more parks, just update & take care of the ones we have already!
- Maybe it's not additional parks, but a better awareness of existing parks and what is offered in each.
- There is no reason to spend money on new parks, just update and make use of what is already there. Thanks.
- Maintain existing parks
- Our city has parks – just not adequately maintained
- I'd like to see the parks already there utilized – adapted to needs
- We don't need additional parks. The ones we have need to be improved. Drive by almost any park in the summer and there are very few people there except at Century Park & parks that have organized games.
- Consolidation of smaller parks into larger & better maintained facility. Multi-purpose makes better sense to me

- First need is better maintenance of existing parks & development of Cheadle Lake.
- I think we need to take care of and improve the several parks we have.
- Why would we need more when the ones I do know are seldom used? Only occasionally are they used.
- Why not work w/school system? Save \$ and improve baseball diamond across from old LMS and how about those yucky bathrooms @ LHS!
- Can't take care of the ones they have now.
- Needs to keep up and improve the parks they have!
- They should make people more aware of existing parks & take better care of them.
- They're empty 90% of the time as it is & underutilized
- They need to improve what they have!
- Just clean up the ones they have, maybe ask for neighborhood help & adopt-a-park with city help program

Q-14 Would you be willing to pay more for new parks, open space, facilities, and recreation programs? It depends explain....

- Kids parks – basketball – softball, open space parks, more river frontage
- Year round access
- 1st we need a new library
- Developers should be requested in larger parcels & new home areas to set aside appropriate parcels.
- It depends on the improvements. I think River Park needs updated equipment and better landscaping in the play area – also again feel we need a skating/skateboard park.
- At present I live outside city limits, but adjacent to boundary
- No fees for use of facility, but maybe the activity. Sm inc in taxes okay.
- Cheadle Lake improvements!
- Developers should be required in larger parcels & new home areas to set aside appropriate portions.
- If I had money to give I would
- We will support programs for physical activity and camping for adults & children – keep busy with activities – exercise, concerts – positive happenings
- We need a community “drive” to take more pride in our parks & make them into family friendly spaces – more flowers, landscaping, trails, classes, etc. Without a good volunteer base to “drive” this project I would not want to put \$ into it. Gov't cannot make these things happen – the people have to decide it's important.
- On the recreation programs
- On what the money is used for & how it is collected
- If a multi-purpose (skateboard/BMX) area is incorporated with existing or new parks
- Only for parks @ edge of town, connecting trails, water trail w/put-ins & take-outs
- For a good idea, yes! For some lame political idea, no!
- Where the money comes from
- I don't have any kids or relatives that skateboard, but I see kids trying to skateboard on streets, at library, etc. They need a place to go to be safe! Also, it makes our town look like we don't care about our youth.
- Property taxes are already crazy high
- New pool & fast pitch softball parks
- Ralston Park needs to be watched more for drug users
- I get tired of something new in a park being trashed by teens. Maybe a person should be on patrol at all times.
- I like to rent local parks for family activities such as b-day parties, BBQs

- If it would benefit the youth in this community, and be user friendly for the community.
- What park & why?
- I am working to pay for maintenance of existing parks
- More info
- If the people of Lebanon are part of the decision process
- How much and for what
- Depends on what choices they would give the public
- Only for off-leash dog park, paved bicycle paths or unpaved trails
- There should be community meetings for input and decision-making
- Some programs, i.e. adult exercise programs
- How much and types of changes & renovations
- I would like to see upgrading of some existing parks and would help pay. Need to keep parks free for low income, etc.
- Where the \$ was directed & who was directing. LHS School Board . . . year after year
- As parks are no – NO! More bathrooms, water & shade
- Probably not a tax levy. The school levy “tapped me out” and I’m unwilling to pay more, unless it does not add too much to my tax bill.
- Lebanon would be wise to spend funds in other areas that Lebanon could really use
- I would want to know where the money was going towards first.
- Depends on type of program & if I could help with \$ or thru volunteering
- On how financed and how much community input was sought and used
- No sports, no chic groups (boys girls parents club). Allow all in equally, disband big parents from dictating how and who.
- How payment would be made & how much

Q-14a If your answer in Q-14 was no, would you be more willing to give money if you were sure it would go to a specific project you wanted?

Yes, What projects would you support....

- Walking trails
- Soccer fields, community vegetable garden, organized youth activities
- New library, special events facility
- Trails, improved park facilities, river access
- Skate park & frisbee golf
- Most all improvements
- Kid-involved projects, projects for teens/young adults
- Making River Park and Gills Landing a true waterfront park
- Handicap access
- Skate park only
- Children’s programs & community events
- If I knew it would go towards the park only
- Recreation or 3 more parks
- Mostly upgrade of existing parks
- Upkeep, safety
- Bike & hiking trails
- Skateboard park
- Large park, community activities center
- Full time volunteers to assist users, organize activities, for child safety
- Better setup for seniors & disabled
- It would have to be defined exactly

- Dog park
- River rafting and canoeing
- Recreation programs
- Projects for youth 8-16
- Low income medical assistance
- Bike trails
- Trails for walking & biking
- Any that came up if I have the fu
- Projects to beautify & bring culture
- Paved bike & skate trails
- Nature classes for kids
- Skateboard, basketball, library
- All, exp. Festivities/Sat market & music
- Skate parks, only skate parks
- Upgrade our streets
- Skateboard, biking
- Lebanon's taxes are high as it is. I would be interested in seeing how things are distributed.
- Music presentation – concerts/classic
- Development of area by Strawberry Festiv
- Skate park
- Skate/Bike parks – equipment
- More, attractive nature trails/dog parks
- Bike, walking trails
- Neighborhood programs
- More transportation to parks
- Skate park

It depends please explain....

- This city already has outrageous taxes on home owners
- We all as Lebanonese are already paying enough on city taxes. No rise on fees is necessary.
- Use the jail work crews more. Get volunteers. Get users to pick up first and after using. If people use parks they are the ones that should support them. That avoids spending money where it shouldn't be.
- Only if monies were used specifically for the projects & accounted for
- If 100% of my donation was used for projects, and not to pay someone for allocating the donations received.
- Willing to pay if they are taken care of. But from what I see, or don't see, makes difference. Lived here 6 yrs, know of 2 parks out of all listed.
- I would support a new skate park
- Perhaps a park & rec district similar to the swim pool district would be a possible means of funding
- If it was to improve the way of life for people in the community to get out and enjoy themselves it would be worth it
- I am on a fixed income and have enough trouble taking care of myself and my daughter.
- On needs direct to population influx, area & locations of new parks, types of parks available, space & cost of land, facilities needed & cost of provision and site cost of maintaining what we have now would be affected
- If it was focused on families and kids
- More info
- I don't feel the money being spent is really used to its fullest potential

- I do not support expanding the parks in any way at this time
- Restrooms need attention, no toilet paper in some
- I would if the money was used to put more play stuff in the parks for kids, little swimming pool
- I wouldn't ever support Lebanon's present downtown sidewalk and one-way streets projects. The money could have been spent in much more need areas.
- If the \$ was going to upgrade the current state of the parks
- They need more help caring for what they have
- Adopt-a-park to help city with work & costs
- I'm a low-income person
- We are over-taxed now. The monies that have already gone to parks went to shop yards – our parks need maintenance & equipment to stay well maintained for public use without the high fees to the city's public people

Q-16 If you had \$100 to spend on parks in Lebanon, how would you divide it among the following categories? Other specify...

- Personnel
- Community activities
- City treasury should use existing funding from city tax for maintenance
- Skate park/Frisbee
- Youth interests – boarding/skating/hockey
- Skate park
- Cheadle Lake
- Get rid of drug dealers in the parks & drunks
- Organized activities
- Renovation & “beautification” of the existing parks after prioritizing which ones to keep & which to close
- Skateboard – BMX
- Go toward a skate park
- Dog park
- Skate park
- Skate/BMX park
- Skate park
- Add a facility that can be rented by families for parties & reunions.
- Put it in a savings acct until it adds up to an amount that would do some good.
- Library
- Skate parks
- New toy equipment
- Off-leash dog park
- Dog park
- Adult programs
- Skate park
- Skate/bike park
- Skate park
- Restrooms & covered areas for picnics, etc
- Create craft class at night

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- I feel it is very important to work out a way to use Ralston Park for serving the Strawberry Fair shortcake. After the parade the downtown is deserted and these are businesses who support the Fair. In that way, people could enjoy the park and the flower show. Those who are interested in the carnival can leave any time. This year the shortcake was “free” with a \$5 parking fee! This is not fair and I’m sure a few people who would like to eat downtown wouldn’t hurt the carnival business that much.
- Thank you. Do what you can. It all helps. Help the kids first.
- There is very little community pride in the people under 25 yrs old. If there was a way to tap into that resource it would be a great asset to this area.
- We need skate parks w/bicycle friendly access parks. Like Corvallis. – Skate Park –
- We & our families & friends love visiting our local parks! Absolutely loved having the ducks at Ralston Square Park! The “Duck X-ing” sign was a nice touch. Would like to see the ducks back there, & more protected from people who chase/try to catch/abuse them! There should be stiff fines for people who have hit ducks with their vehicles! We like our wildlife! The majority of town does, too!
- A well-maintained soccer field would be great, even with a small user fee/membership fee. Community activities, esp. for youth and kids, should be planned and publicized. Hands-on classes, intramurals, exercise groups, volunteer opportunities, and other activities would be wonderful for kids after school and during the summer. More bike trails around Lebanon would make it much safer – there are many bikers in Lebanon who have to ride in traffic to get around. Bike trails, bike lanes, and general biker- and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure is needed. Many parks and park activities/facilities are not well publicized. You should provide park maps & activity fliers, encourage public events & speakers to be held in parks, and mark them well with clear signs in (and directing to) the parks. A community vegetable garden and “extra produce” trading center tended by volunteers would allow low-income people to take home free food and create a space for people without room (apartment dwellers) to grow their own.
- I found from my answers that we have very little knowledge or use of Lebanon parks. Maybe a photo contest, bike tour, history ride, or something similar could introduce more people to the parks.
- I think to advertise where parks are located would be helpful. Also which parks have boating, biking, natural trails, picnic areas, fishing, etc. Also which parks charge for services, which are free.
- We are fortunate to have county parks nearby and I feel that the park situation within the city is adequate.
- I have four daughters who would benefit from a parks and rec sports facility. The Boys and Girls Club is fine, but having to buy a membership just to play a sport irritates me when we have NO need for a membership. If Lebanon offered a parks and rec sports opportunity, that would be a nice alternative.
- Our family used the parks in Lebanon frequently, I’d like clean, beautiful parks to take my grandchildren & trails to walk with my husband & dog to stay healthy! Thanks for asking.
- I think Lebanon is a great community, but feel we need more places for our children to go play. I feel we need more things for the teenagers to be involved in so they stay out of trouble, a place to go and hang out that is safe.
- The City of Lebanon is getting better at maintaining the parks we have. I think they should keep focusing on upgrading these facilities before looking to expand.
- We lived in Springfield from 1981 thru 2000. One of the big reasons was their park & recreation system that our children and entire family enjoyed on a regular basis, especially the swim club. I’m only familiar with 2 parks in Lebanon, but intend to rectify that right away. Parks are extremely important as areas other than streets for

young people. But it's also extremely important for the parks to be monitored so they don't become havens for drug dealers and child molesters!!! Unsafe parks can do more harm to a neighborhood than good.

- Park program similar to Albany keeping kids off streets, exercising, having fun. Boys/Girls Club does not address needs of older youths. More organized & publicized activities for all ages. Interest the community in using the parks.
- Century Park needs to be restored very badly. River Park and Gills Landing could be much more popular if river access was improved and if River Park was kept looking better and better maintained. Community events like 3 on 3 basketball or softball tournaments could spur local interest in parks.
- Lebanon needs a skate park!!
- Well-formed survey!! I think that the parks in the city are good, but need more maintenance & small improvements to be more attractive & user-friendly. Our community would benefit from a rec center to coordinate activities, sports fields, events, etc. I would LOVE to see a grant to rebuild the feed store behind the train station & have room for activities & programs – build downtown! Another logical choice to me is the old Jaycee bldg by B & G Club – merge those 2 locations all adjacent to Century Park. Our family feels that the ball fields & courts should be better maintained for year-round appeal & use, rather than the sports season. Academy Square/Santiam can be developed in an attractive, multi-purpose area for our community. Adopt-a-Park for civic groups (F-troop rocks!). Remember community. Thanks for asking!
- I believe our money could be better spent maintaining or possibly improving existing parks. I don't think activities that only a small group (skateboarding, bmx) would benefit from should be paid for by the majority. These things should be privately funded. Parks should be family friendly, not divided by age groups or financial backgrounds. Our tax money would be better spent on making us safe (police) and maintaining better what we do have.
- Thank you for sending this to me. I've been thinking of volunteering; the Parks Dept. would be a good one.
- Parks here in Lebanon are somewhat clean, but I don't feel safe taking my grandchildren to the park by myself due to the drug use & alcohol in the parks.
- Lebanon is, or was, a great place to grow up in. However, as I look back and now live in a community which values parks, bike paths, dog parks, native plant demonstrations, etc., I feel that the city of Lebanon could use and benefit from having more of a focus on parks and green spaces. It would be wonderful to see the "new" downtown (Main St.) refreshed with Raywood Ash trees or planter boxes or just a fresh coat of paint. The businesses coming into Lebanon can afford to help with the upgrades and should, for they are responsible for all those now-empty store fronts; yes, this is Wal-Mart I am noting. I love this small town & I will be visiting for years to come. Please give me a place to bring my kids that I can be proud of.
- In our increasingly "privatized" culture fraught with inactive individuals, we need leadership from the city to maintain safe and adequate parks with activities that encourage folks to come out of their houses to interact with other people and rebuild a sense of community in Lebanon. Having 1 town festival a year isn't enough to give our town an identity as the "town that friendliness built." If we are not careful, we will soon be holding all of our community events in the Super Wal-Mart because we fear what the rest of our town has become.
- I was unaware there were so many "park" areas in Lebanon. Development of existing parks seems to be a good idea along w/promoting existing areas.
- Lebanon needs to support education and pay teachers more, not add more parks that are not used.
- I want to stress the need for a skate park. The skateboarders wander the streets looking for a place to skate together. They are getting in trouble by the police for skating in public places. For the most part, the "skater" kids are good kids; they need a place to skate without getting into trouble. I have seen smaller towns build wonderful skating

and biking ramps and parks, and I wonder why Lebanon doesn't. We should want our younger citizens to be occupied in a healthy, athletic hobby. Instead we have them wandering the streets looking for something to keep them busy and entertained, being stopped by the police. Isn't it a fact that kids involved in athletics have a lesser chance of being involved in drugs and crime? What is Lebanon waiting for? More drug use? More crime? That is what we can't afford! A skate park we can afford.

- Improved parks would be great. City league sports, programs for kids < 5 yrs, summer programs, etc. We need a parks program.
- I like the parks for chilling with my family, walks. Maintain trails! (machete.) I've even done it myself. Bike trails are cool, too. I like Waterloo, but River Park & Gills Landing are improving. Spread upriver? Don't spend lots of \$\$ though. Thanks!
- This was very difficult to fill out. We felt we had inadequate info to do a good job. Before anything is done, a good study with information on what is now available through churches, schools, private funding. We know, to, that this city has not funded such recreation as an outdoor pool – used to have! They used to take care of the parks better, but as budgets were voted down, funds, of course, not available. As seniors, we especially see the need for paved, handicapped available walking areas and camping facilities for friends & family out of and in state. A good working sewer dump is important for all to ensure health & safety – we have seen well-planned skate parks lighted (to keep kids busy) in other cities – would like to see here. Be sure & survey churches (all) and schools so no overlapping services are planned. Thank you!
- The only “trails” I know of are either “lame” or feel unsafe. I don't know the names of many of the parks I've explored, but what I've found has generally been poorly maintained, unattractive, and pedestrian in nature. Where is the creativity, the community pride? Where are the flower beds, the roses, the paths? I go into Corvallis or Albany with my kids or out to Waterloo because of the lack of imagination, lack of adequate play equipment here. Even the elementary school in our neighborhood (Riverview) which is brand new, has nowhere for parents to sit and watch their children – no shade – no attractive flower beds near the playground – no “paths” and no play equipment suited to the preschool crowd. Go look at Wildcat Park in Corvallis – it is part of a school – see how interesting and creative the play structure & equipment are. Also Avery Park – we have nothing on that scale with paths & picnic areas & play equipment!
- There isn't any play equipment for 15 month olds to 3 year olds. It is sad that I travel with my 18 month old daughter to Albany so that she can play in a park.
- Our sen who recently moved to Eugene commented that he enjoyed the running, biking trails available in that community.
- I think we have plenty of city parks. They just need some sprucing up and I'd like to feel safe about letting my children play in them. Playground equipment should be adequate and the grounds clean. Nature trails would be great! River Park could be a nice park if the drunks didn't live there. When things are kept in good shape and feel safe people feel good and will use them more often. Lebanon is growing and we should be proud of our area, not embarrassed.
- Appears to be too much gang and/or drug activity – most families don't want their kids exposed to elements who frequent parks. Too many older unsupervised teens for family enjoyment
- The parks in this area don't have a lot to offer so we typically go out of town to participate in our activities. If the parks were better maintained and had more to offer for youth activities and families we would be more willing to come to the parks in Lebanon instead of going out of town. Lebanon needs to have parks that are available for everyone to enjoy even if each group has 1-3 parks to choose from. The parks need to be safe and well maintained so parents don't stop taking their children there because we find drug paraphernalia and are worried what our children are getting into because of other people's carelessness. Thank you for asking me to participate in this survey.
- One of our main concerns is that the parks are unsafe for children and teenagers. Many of the parks have drug dealers and/or users. Many of the parks in Lebanon are tiny,

with nothing but a picnic bench. The parks need to have restrooms!! If I could add one new thing, it would be paths for runners and a park for skaters. Exercise is extremely important, and Lebanon doesn't seem to notice. They also don't appreciate kids. They're turning their parks into retirement homes. I plan on becoming a teacher and a parent soon. If things do not change here, I will definitely leave the area! It is not fit for children.

- Right now they are dirty and unkempt. Would like to see more trails – along river would be nice
- I think it's too bad that I have to drive once a week to Corvallis or Eugene to enjoy their paved bike trails. Lebanon needs a similar system. During the summer I also have to drive to go to off-leash dog parks because none exist in the Lebanon area. I would be willing to pay a yearly fee to enjoy these parks closer to home.
- The majority of my time in city parks is limited to when I take my grandchildren. I do camp at Waterloo & that is a wonderful facility. If the city could come up with something like that it would be great. My understanding is that Gills Landing is headed that way. I would hope that River Park could be improved for campers/trailers/motorhomes
- I do not care for homeless families having to camp out in the parks for the safety of the children and their health. We need to do something for them. I feel that it should be a big issue to find homes for them. To me, we have 3 families without homes. There is a deaf/mute living on the streets and in parks with an 11 year old boy. Also, another woman was put on the streets & parks with a 3 year old, 5 year old, & a year old. What we need is shelter for them, not to upgrade or expand or add city parks. I've lived in a travel trailer 11 years due to the fact on my low income I cannot afford anything else. Thank you for listening
- I believe the police should pay more attention to the parks they know have drug and violence problems. I also believe the City of Lebanon should care for the smaller neighborhood parks as much as River, Gills, and Ralston.
- It would be nice to have hiking & biking trails in Lebanon and surrounding areas.
- I am very supportive of Rod Sell's Comprehensive Parks Master Plan. Especially of the proposed parks south of town and the proposed connecting trails. We always enjoyed the Corvallis system being able to walk or ride off the street to various parks around town. We are also very interested in a water trail w/multiple put-in points along the river for canoeing. The immediate short-term need, though, is for better maintenance of existing facilities regarding grass mowing, litter removal, play area maintenance, etc. I'm interested & excited to support these efforts with both my time & donations.
- The city does nothing for kids, exception tennis & basketball courts at Century. The other activities are Boys & Girls Club, and outside organizations or individuals, i.e. summer softball & baseball programs.
- Keep pets out of the parks or else have a marked area for them. It's bad enough to have to clean up after all the neighborhood cats and dogs, but when the city workers cannot work to do repairs etc. in our parks without stepping in the poop from these same dogs and cats then something needs to be done. Lebanon has a leash law but those dogs still have to poop and the owners don't want them using their yards so they take them for a walk past my yard or else to the park that is nearby. That is also why I don't use the parks more than I do. What happened to the leash and pooper scooper law? I'm tired of cleaning up after all the cats & dogs in my neighborhood. No I don't own a pet.
- I would want an idea developed by a non-politically influenced organization that would present various ideas to the public. Maybe an independent company that haws progressive thinking with fiscal responsibility. Thanks!
- I love parks where children and families go for picnics, to play sports, use playgrounds, walk river trails, etc. We need to organize a group of retired and disabled (but able to get around parks) volunteers to have a place where park users can check out balls, bats, horseshoes, etc. Also these volunteers can keep an eye open for vandalism, addicts and alcoholics, childrens' playgrounds (for anyone paying

unwanted attention to children, not related to them), also any illegal activity. I've seen gay men engaging in sexual acts along trails south of Gills Landing and in restrooms at the Landing and River park, also in Gills parked at the Landing and Park. There are plenty who would volunteer for 4 to 8 hrs per day, up to 3 days per week to cover from 19 am to 7 pm weekdays and 9 am to closing on Saturday and Sunday. This would only be for the parks such as River Park, Century Park, part-time at Booth Park where users go for sports, swimming, picnicking, hiking, biking, or to sit and enjoy warm summer days, and to use playgrounds. These volunteers would be available from April thru September and holidays. I know the city has people living at Gills Landing and River Park, but the only time you see them is early morning and at dusk when park closes. I have spoken to quite a few parents who will not allow their children (under 15 yrs old) to visit parks unless they can escort them. Volunteers at these parks would allow those children from 6 or 7 to 13 or 14 to participate in activities. The child would check with this person who would sign a card when the child enters the park, then again upon leaving so parents can see that child is being safely overseen, or at least they have someone to report any problems to. This way, no one could solicit for prostitution, be sexually inappropriate, use drug & alcohol, vandalize park, or kidnap a child. They can also notify authorities of such activities and have descriptions of people or license numbers.

- Take care of what we have. Improve on what we have. Add a skate park to an existing park such as Century or River Park. Work with LHS – lots of people walk/run the H.S. track & use the tennis courts so work w/school district & put in decent bathrooms @ the football field – show some pride in our schools & community & our kids!
- The facilities that are being used by G.G. Club should pay user fees. If a facility is being scheduled for any group there should be a user fee charge. Any monies would go back into the park fund and any levies would have to be strictly defined and approved before monies could be spent.
- I use River Park every day to walk my dog. The park has been much improved in the 34 years I've been going there. The introduction of a park host was an excellent idea – it is my understanding that this position was recently changed from a paid position to a volunteer basis. I think the park host at larger parks is too important to depend upon volunteer help.
- We need playground equipment so children can get exercise. The new housing developments are so dense there are no yards to romp in anymore; the yards don't have room for swing sets or badminton nets. I think developers should be required to provide a mini park for every 2 or 3 blocks of houses. The parks we have should be kept green and clean, in good repair and have ample ball playing areas, hoop courts, and great playground equipment. We need lots of picnic areas. I have to confess I didn't know half the places on your list existed. If trails are built I hope they will be in safe areas where people can walk without worrying about perverts lurking in the bushes.
- We like the parks. We would like them to be in better condition, more restrooms, and water fountains would make it a lot better
- It is currently depressing to go by the Lebanon parks – they are rarely maintained at a level that is appropriate. I feel like I need to do a safety scan of the area to ensure my kids' safety before they can play. I would love to see jogging/walking trails put in Lebanon. My husband and I currently run on River Road and feel it is not the safest conditions – a trail would be GREAT!
- We need a safe, secure, well-fenced dog park. It would attract people from adjacent community which should increase/support Lebanon businesses.
- Safety for all is the most important – we do not use most parks or community services like evening walks because we do not feel safe with Lebanon being one of the towns with most predators
- Improve existing parks. Build skate park
- All parks need restrooms that are open and usable, dogs should not be allowed to poop everywhere, I have a dog and clean up after him, maybe there could be one dog park.

- Money & time could be much better spent on street repairs, sewer & water upgrades, schooling, & health care assistance to low income, or training for job assistance so that we don't need shelters for homeless to live in
- I enjoy walking in the parks & go to see all that happens there. I wouldn't want to see them closed due to inadequate funding and facilities.
- Open play structures are important to me so kids aren't climbing into them and destroying, burning, vandalizing them, i.e. Century Park in the bubble. Century Park: The sawdust and sandbox in fenced area are used as a litter box by local cats. Very dirty! The covered area thee needs a sink. Bathrooms are not kept up. I think city league sports activities would be great, i.e. Albany adult soccer, softball, basketball. I am a big fan of Millersburg Park in Albany. Open areas – covered, simple, restrooms, tennis courts, B.Ball very nice. Very nice play structure – Irvings. My favorite
- Know parks are important
- Better management! Really unhappy about the handling of the Rotary's efforts to improve Academy Square Park – the "trees committee" kept changing direction and would not approve Rotary's plan – even when changed to what the committee asked for at the prior meeting! Rotary finally got tired of the run around & withdrew its funding to improve this park. The city lost out on what could have been an ongoing (for 2 to 5 years) program to make this park into a beautiful welcome spot for people entering Lebanon on Main St. It appears that committee is s hindrance rather than a help to the city!
- We really need more biking/walking trails. Also make the parks more inviting so that they get more use – maybe abandon a few small parks that get little use like Jaycee Park. I would like to see activities added to one park system so kids thru adults have places to enjoy life together. We need positive activities happening. Albany does a beautiful job on parks & red – they would be someone to emulate.
- In general I feel they should all have restrooms if there is to be any picnic areas or playgrounds. Rules should be posted for parks. Also, hard surface paths for wheelchairs & strollers. Is there a map of the parks in the Lebanon area so the community knows where to find them?
- They don't look as good as the corporation yards on Oak Street.
- I feel very unsafe at River Park walking my dog. There are so many people drinking & yelling at me, but the other parks close to me have nowhere to walk my dog.
- I feel Lebanon needs something to make it more inviting, to provide better quality of life. Corvallis is an excellent example of a city with recreation parks like Bald Hill where you can hike on trails & exercise. Dog parks, leashed & unleashed, are important as well.
- Lebanon has the potential to have great parks! Maintain and improve what you already have. Build some nice paved trails so folks can take the kids for a bike ride and a picnic. These paths are also great for seniors and handicapped residents, because they are smooth and wheelchairs and walkers can go on them with ease. Don't forget security!
- Accessibility is difficult from all parts of the city to the multi-use areas. Living in both Eugene & Corvallis has shown that access to parks & natural spaces is the key to increase usage and community involvement in the parks systems. Most parks in Lebanon are small & not adequate for extracting one's self from the urban environment. The larger spaces are well used, but more accessibility could make them flourish with expanded paths & open spaces. Joining/expanding River Park to Riverview School, providing linking bike paths through downtown between parks would be the ultimate quick fix for the Lebanon Park System. Biking/walking in Lebanon is a hazardous exercise as there is limited shoulder or sidewalks available. There is limited neighborhood to neighborhood connections.
- Try to keep the bums out of the parks and away from the kids' areas. Get the kids to feel safer.
- Keep in mind while reading this that it is being written from my perspective, that of an independent, retired, well-educated female, military veteran who owns her home and

has no family or close friends in the area. In order to determine the “community’s park needs” I need to know the city’s definition of what a park is. Since receiving this questionnaire, it seems that my two dictionaries and I all differ from the City of Lebanon’s apparent definition of a park. What population does the city want to include when developing a master plan for parks? If the planners want to serve seniors as well as others, the severe lack of transportation must be addressed (i.e., public buses, vans, lacking as well of the need for taxis and volunteer drivers). Flyers or equivalent describing each & every park need to be distributed. Have public input at council, etc. meetings held during the day – not evenings – when more people drive, or have phone in access at meetings held for viewing at public access t.v. channels.

- Booth park needs more for the kids. It’s not being used at all. In all the times I drive by there is nobody there. River Park has really gone downhill – a lot of homeless people under bridge. Needs something to draw people there. A lot of unused space. Make the campground bigger & nicer, better bathrooms w/showers (for campers). Gills Landing is very beautiful! We need to draw out-of-towners here – for camping. We have a lot of fishing areas, hiking, etc. Lebanon also needs to get more biking areas. Just came from Seattle & Canada & saw people biking everywhere!!
- Bills Landing RV park fee for RV camping is too high. \$20 for this town is probably a bit high, but tolerable.
- Have never heard of most of the parks listed. Maintenance and improvements by city employees and through business and volunteer organizations & partnerships.
- Just a question: How do you figure that the library is considered under parks & recreation?
- Make parks & facilities fun & inviting for families & young adults for this aspect to be a positive part of Lebanon
- Some of these parks you mention – I’d like to know who designated them as parks.
- A summer water fountain like Corvallis’ downtown area would be so nice. Century Park would be a good location. Booth Park needs new equipment also. Kids play baseball at Green Acres School, but fields are very poorly maintained.
- No parks really are pretty & well-known to tourists. Should have regular musical festivals in summer. Sat. markets, too. Look at Drake Park in Bend.
- The kids and some adults in Lebanon NEED a skate park to skate in. They’re tired of being harassed by business owners and busted by the cops. It’s not fair that they have no designated area to skate. The need a skate park; the town is full of skateboarders and the closest skate parks are in other towns. I really doubt that middle schoolers can drive themselves to other towns to skateboard. It isn’t fair for the kids and it isn’t fair for the parents who have to see their kids get harassed and stopped by the cops because they’re trying to have fun. Make them have to pay a small fee – get donations – build a skate shop next to it to help pay for it – whatever it takes, just give the kids their skate park!!!
- Clean restrooms & more baseball, football, sports, etc.
- Lebanon is in dire need for a skate park and a YMCA-type of place for children, teens, & parents. I do believe the City of Lebanon could pay more attention to the Lebanon School District super. And get some funding from him. His salary is much too high.
- My family enjoys the many parks of Lebanon. Most of them are not in walking distance, so the lack of bathroom facilities requires us to pack up and leave. (Yes, we do tell them to go potty before we leave the house. That doesn’t always work.) Other than that, I don’t think I’ve ever been disappointed with the upkeep of the parks. All the equipment has seemed in good repair and safe.
- Bathrooms open 24 hrs a day all year long. Parks manager checking on them or parks hosts in some cases maintaining the bathrooms as well as the grounds, etc. More covered as well as power outlets for bad weather, due to parks are not just for hot, sunny weather. New, or updated, toys for all ages. More activities as groups and sign-ups, free as well as dues (small dues, too!) for activities. Make sure the community is well informed of the new programs and activities. Informing the public is a big part of the parks and recreation being a big success and hit, and be used by the kids (all ages)

as well as all people in the community as well as visitors. Visitors brochure at the Chamber of Commerce and other various places as well so people do know and have full access to the information and it is not hard to find as well as publish in the Lebanon phone book in front few pages so it's more noticed. Like the other events they publish in the Lebanon phone book already. Notify by advertising on radio, TV or flyers more widespread & maps as well. Thank you.

- Vandalism seems to be a continuing problem. One thing that would help is to have more "camp hosts" that live in an RV on the park property. Another possibility is camera monitoring.
- I think you do a fine job in maintaining existing parks. More tennis courts would be appreciated. Need better care of the canal and the duck populations.
- I am a 5th generation resident of Lebanon. My ancestors came on the wagon train of 1846 to the Lebanon area. I am 78 years of age and have seen all stages of our city. I have been very active over the years and feel I have contributed much to our city to make it enjoyable & livable. I am still active reaching out to the poor and lonely through my church. What does this have to do with parks? Plenty! Instead of subsidizing the world's "richest family" (Wal-Mart) our city leaders should have all our parks beautiful and a joy for us oldsters and the youngsters, too.
- Lebanon has a "treasure" that few cities have. Namely, the canal or millrace that begins at the dam, flows thru Lebanon and across the fields to Albany. I'm unsure of its legal status as I've read that it may actually belong to Albany as its water source. At any rate, I propose that steps be taken to promote development of this waterway by improvements to allow more passive (visual) and active use of its easement for trails and parks usage. I am only aware of two other communities that have a similar resource. One is Venice, California and the other is Eugene, Oregon. The millrace in Eugene has many residential and commercial properties adjacent to it as does the Lebanon canal. By improving some existing access such as along the cemetery and hospital, small but significant steps could be accomplished. It appears as though the canal could benefit from brush cleanup and pruning also. There is apparently a great deal of wildlife that lives in the habitat. I hear pheasants and there are a number of ducks. I once saw a beaver. Viewing areas where visitors could have an opportunity for seeing wildlife could be a tremendous opportunity. A long-range plan may be to develop a hike-n-bike trail from Lebanon to Albany which would really be scenic as well as healthful. Of course, financing would require some creative thinking, but certainly its feasibility is within the realm of possibility. One thought was a private/public partnership with residents and businesses such as Leow's and the Wal-Mart Super Center. The mutual benefit to those businesses and the public should be evident. I doubt if you know about the recent addition to the Lebanon Hospital. It may be the only hospital in existence to boast of an authentic Japanese Garden. It would be relatively easy for visitors to be directed to and from the garden to the canal trail system. I'm not too sure where a similar opportunity may exist, but this idea could be explored further. One possibility may be the areas adjacent to Safeway's northern property line. Another aspect to future growth is the attraction of secondary retail as seen by the proposed development by Carls, Jr. and KFC/A&W mobile food restaurants near Wal-Mart Super Center. Future growth can also be anticipated in North Lebanon. It may be prudent to anticipate the possibility of providing parking areas that allow the shopper and/or patron an alternative of parking near recreation areas such as a trail network. This network would connect parks, the canal, residences, and the retail sector into a comprehensive trail system that offers an alternative to the automobile, roads, and parking lots. Perhaps just such a program could begin at Academy Square as it is accessible to both highways 34 and 20.
- 1) Safety – Lebanon has a high rate of drugs and this needs to be recognized and dealt with. Maybe a volunteer citizen safety patrol could help. 2) Education in the schools with regards to respect for property. Children are no longer taught this at home so we need to address this issue elsewhere. I drive by the parks and the teens are littering the tennis courts when there are garbage cans right near that could be used. 3) Before we have more funding for parks we need more funding for public safety officers so we

have a greater showing of police enforcement in our area. This would cut down on the use of drugs in our parks and make them safer.

- Make sure what you put in is going to last for a long time. And that it is something that is going to be useful for a lot of people, and is easy to maintain.
- I have not heard of most of the parks mentioned, so I cannot comment on them. The parks we have appear to be somewhat adequate at this time. I don't believe we'll have a large influx of people anytime soon, even with Lloyds Warehouse dist. coming in. This town does not need to expand the park system now; but we do need to maintain what we have with volunteers and donations.
- I really want to see a dog park and safer bike trails.
- Eager to see new facilities at Cheadle Lake with sailing, canoeing, etc, playgrounds, walk trails.
- Don't let highly used areas such as tennis/basketball courts fall in disrepair. It discourages people from coming to those areas. It also reflects on the city as a whole as not caring. All parks should receive equal funding for upkeep and repairs. Keep weeds down and areas green.
- I am very pleased with the developments at Gills Landing. It has had an effect on types of people who hang out there.
- What parks? Didn't know there were any. I go to Corvallis & Albany.
- In other cities the Parks and Recreation put on programs for kids, and I think that it works quite well to occupy kids in the summer. Also, I've seen some parks in Corvallis and I've seen a couple beach (sand) volleyball courts. I don't know what it takes to maintain these, but they are fun! One more thing. I like the idea of trails. They are good to run on & walk. Also, I know they can be hard to keep safe. River Park's trails can have some sketchy people, but if it is open & used then maybe there won't be so many problems.
- In conclusion, Lebanon needs a big central park that accommodates all ages and different activities. It needs to be maintained, have a working restroom, and feel safe to the public (officers' patrol). Developing the area by the Strawberry Festival site makes sense. I see people fish at the old mill site and the undeveloped land would be ideal for a big park. I have small dogs I love to take for walks and I also ride my bike. Maybe the smaller parks I remember are not well maintained or visited. I think we should focus on having one big park & maintaining three to four existing parks. If an organized group really wanted to maintain one of the smaller parks, they could adopt it (like the little road adoption program). Hope this helps!
- Would like to see well maintained jogging trail with no dogs or bicycles on it. Like in Eugene and near LBCC.
- Some parks I don't feel safe in, such as River Park. Hence the reason I don't visit it often. Other parks, like Booth or Jaycee, don't have much to offer children (to play on) so I don't visit there often either. Even other parks, such as Christopher Columbus Park, are in desperate need of new & improved play equipment! So Lebanon parks are definitely in need of some major improvements!!!
- Parks have not been a priority except during Ronn Passmore's term. Vandalism occurs too often; for small kids it isn't safe due to unruly, out-of-control kids. Parks are allowed to brown in the summer and are not maintained enough to be proud of to use.
- Community should be able to liberally use all school outdoor facilities outside of school usage, including Lebanon High School outdoor sports facilities!
- Go parks!
- Kids need skate & bike park. Maybe it would cut down on kids getting in trouble at the dykes, where they now ride bikes. It would cut down on kids skating on school grounds and parking lots.
- Lebanon needs to reduce its park budget and transfer it to other areas that Lebanon could sure use – education improvements and opportunities, road & street improvements. Parts of streets in Lebanon remain unpaved!
- The city's lack of care for current parks does not engender a desire for additional \$ for additional parks/services.

- Picnic tables are usually in short supply. A park designated for picnicking might be a neat way for families, church groups, and other groups to come together in one place.
- Don't like a park district at all!
- Any improvement to the non-existent "park program" in Lebanon would be a step in the right direction. And anything that takes the youth of this community into account would be refreshing!
- Parks need more maintenance – whoever is running mower needs to be more careful – take more time to do edges – slow down on power equipment. Thinking of Pioneer Cemetery Park, needs bench or two and/or bench and table combo. Fences are nice if they are maintained, spray grass so edges are not so shaggy looking, in Pioneer Cemetery Park spray areas the mower can't get to, raised plots
- 1) Ralston Park: crime has been a problem in this park, and has not been adequately address, i.e. fights, drug dealing, people in park after hours that are disruptive to neighborhood – loud; I believe a camera has been placed in park and it is appreciated. 2) A skate park is greatly needed. It is a healthy activity that many members of this community participate in – young people, especially teenagers, need a place where they can safely and legally skate. 3) Information and advertisement: The city should provide residents with better information as to where parks are located, what the hours are, park construction/modification. I don't know where many of the parks in this survey are – if I did I would use them more. Also, there are nice tennis courts at the high school, but are locked (understandably so to maintain condition). However, I have no idea how they can be accessed, although non-high school students in the community have a key. Information regarding use/access at the park would be appreciated. Many parks do not have posted rules or hours.
- The Lebanon parks seem to be ill-maintained. They feel like "unsafe" places to actually spend time in! They do not seem "community friendly," and you never hear people say to each other, "we can meet at the park" for whatever reason. Lebanon needs to invest money in cleaning the town up, and not adding new things until things existing are correctly prioritized in order of importance for long-term goals, etc.
- I didn't realize we had so many parks, and am unaware of their locations and names, so I am going to dig out a map and try to find these parks/trails. Since we have multiple parks, maybe a lake for non-motorized boats & fishing. Closest one is Foster.
- We are senior citizens. We recognize the community needs for youth are in need of improvement. We are, however, limited in our own use of the facilities. Our family (children) are all grown and far away with no grandchildren close. We responded since we think you need a cross-section of opinions. Hope our input is helpful. The Senior Center has improved a lot but needs additional support.
- Lebanon spends too much on city vehicles, shop yards, subdivisions, etc. Lebanon needs to maintain the established neighborhoods rather than developing new ones. Lebanon needs to look at pre-existing neighborhoods in need rather than developing new ones. River Park used to be a wonderful park to enjoy, but they have closed off the drive-thru loops, the grass is not maintained, the restroom is gross. Century Park is well maintained and is appreciated by many. We have plenty of parks in Lebanon. We don't need any more. There are some that need a lot of TLC already. Why create more headaches and eyesores? We tax people don't want to pay any more \$ on parks that the city can't keep up.
- Spread out east & south of town. Keep chic parent circles from dictating who is in. Get rid of b/g and the unfriendly. That would be nice for the rest of us & our kids. They make it uncomfortable and thus unsatisfactory experience for all. Their children get preferred treatment, which creates the lack of interest by the others – 90% of Lebanon. Lack of involvement by 90% and you can shut all down and we will keep the vandals and delinquents here status quo. I don't live within city, the library is not available to me. I can't go or participate in activities in city. Sucks, doesn't it?
- I think that a lot of parks have bad names because of drug activity and violence. I think that there needs to be a safety plan.

- I think Lebanon has some really nice parks – not every park has to have a lot of entertainment value. They can just be a nice place to sit in the grass or play with the kids. I think a parks & rec program would be GREAT, especially now the kids are out of school. Helping them get involved or stay involved with people in the community might help keep the boredom down and help deter from destroying the parks. Overall, I think the parks I go to most often are well kept. I would like to find out where a few of these other parks are. Thank you for letting us participate in your survey!
- I have been disappointed in Christopher Columbus Park even when it was Aspen. There are no toilet facilities for the children. My grandchildren would have used the park for more if there would have been. Even walkers would benefit from bathrooms in residential parks.
- Maps showing where parks are so when relatives come you can point out places to go for a nice picnic
- River Park needs to be watered during summer months. When parks are made they always forget to think on how the people can use them – turning area for their lg. rigs that come in – it's kinda like eating places – they aren't made for lg. motor homes/school buses to even picnic – so they continue on til they find a place. There are too many homeless that spend their time in parks – therefore people don't want to put up with them. Parks need to be on the way in or out of town, not out on some street. Waterloo has a nice park not too far off the main Hwy 20.

Appendix C

Parks and Recreation Facilities and Providers

Park and Recreation Facilities in the Vicinity

Park and recreation facilities operated by county, state, and private entities in the vicinity of Lebanon, but outside the planning area, provide recreation opportunities to residents and should be considered in the parks planning process. Facilities operated by Linn County, the State of Oregon and private owners surround the City.

Linn County Facilities

Linn County Parks owns and operates seven park and recreation sites in the vicinity of Lebanon.

Gedney Creek Access

Gedney Creek Access is located approximately 14-miles southeast of Lebanon on the north shore of Foster Reservoir. The facility includes restroom facilities, parking, and a double-lane boat launch. Popular activities at Foster Reservoir include fishing for trout and kokanee, water skiing, and sailing.

Larwood Wayside

Larwood Wayside is located approximately 14-miles northeast of Lebanon at the convergence of Crabtree Creek and Roaring River. The site is located next to the Larwood Covered Bridge and an old water wheel power plant and offers swimming, fishing, and picnicking.

Lewis Creek Park

Lewis Creek Park is located approximately 15-miles southeast of Lebanon on the Foster Reservoir. The 40-acre site provides moorage, picnic facilities, and beach access. Popular activities include swimming, water skiing, and picnicking.

McDowell Creek Park

McDowell Creek Park is located approximately 6-miles east of Lebanon. The park provides bridges over McDowell Creek, viewing decks of Royal Terrace and Majestic Falls, and 3-miles of hiking trails.

Roaring River Park

Roaring River Park is located approximately 14-miles northeast of Lebanon along the Roaring River. The 28-acre site offers open spaces, three group picnic shelters, hiking trails, and a fishing pond. Popular activities include fishing and picnicking.

Sunnyside Park

Sunnyside Park is located approximately 15-miles southeast of Lebanon on Foster Reservoir. The site offers camping, fishing, and water skiing. The campground

provides 165 campsites and restroom and shower facilities. Two campsites are ADA accessible.

Waterloo Park

Waterloo Park is located approximately five-miles east of Lebanon off of Highway 20 in the town of Waterloo. The park offers camping, fishing, hiking, and swimming. The campground provides 120 campsites, restroom and shower facilities, and several picnic shelters. Four campsites are ADA accessible.

State of Oregon Facilities

The State of Oregon operates one recreation facility in the vicinity of Lebanon. The South Santiam Fish Hatchery is located south of Lebanon in Sweet Home. The hatchery rears spring Chinook salmon and summer Steelhead salmon for the South Santiam River. The hatchery provides viewing and educational opportunities for visitors.

Private Facilities

Private owners operate two recreation facilities in the Vicinity of Lebanon, Pineway Golf Club, Mallard Creek Golf Club, and Willamette Speedway. Pineway Gold Club is a 9-hole public golf course located approximately 4-miles south of Lebanon on Highway 20. Mallard Creek Golf Club is a 18-hole public golf course located approximately 6-miles east of Lebanon on Bellinger Scale Road. Willamette Speedway is a 1/3-mile clay dirt track located on Airport road near the west City limits.

Recreation Providers

Currently, the City does not offer a sports or recreation programs for its local residents, with the exception of the Lebanon Senior Center. For the most part, sports and recreation programs are either offered by private organizations, other cities or simply not offered. Listed below is a summary of the recreation providers in the Lebanon area.

City Recreation Providers

Several organizations within Lebanon offer recreation programs and activities. These include:

Lebanon Senior Center

- Nutrition program, transportation, senior classes and services

Boys and Girls Club

- Youth sports (baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, football, basketball), arts and crafts, choir

Santiam Fitness Center

- Exercise classes, weight instruction

Lebanon Racquetball Club

- Racquetball instruction, weight instruction

Other Recreation Providers

Since the City and other private recreation providers do not offer certain recreation and sports programs, other communities are fulfilling the local needs. These include:

City of Albany

- Adult softball, adult volleyball, adult basketball

City of Corvallis

- Adult softball, adult basketball

Appendix D

Funding Information

The following list provides brief descriptions and contacts for the funding strategies presented in Chapter 8. The list includes both monetary and non-monetary sources such as volunteerism and partnerships with community groups.

Partnerships

Federal

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Assistance available through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service include the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program. Since 1987, the program promotes conservation and habitat protection by offering technical and financial assistance to private (non-federal) landowners to voluntarily restore wetlands and other fish and wildlife habitats on their land.

Contact:

Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Oregon
26000 SE 98th Ave. Suite 100
Portland, Oregon 97266
Phone: (503) 231-6179
Fax: (503) 231-6195
Website: <http://partners.fws.gov>

Bureau of Land Management

The BLM manages a wide variety of public land uses in Oregon. Public land uses include land for wildlife, recreation, timber harvest, livestock grazing, mineral resource extraction and other public uses. The BLM offers grants for land acquisition requiring that it be used for public and recreation purposes. Local government can also obtain parklands at very low or at no cost if there is a developed park plan.

Contact:

Oregon State Office
Bureau of Land Management
333 SW First Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204
P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208
Phone: (503) 808-6002
Fax: (503) 808-6308

Website: <http://www.or.blm.gov>

United States Forest Service

The Pacific Northwest Region of the U.S. Forest Service offers urban and community forestry funds and assists with economic diversification projects.

Contact:

Group Leader, Grants and Agreements
USDA Forest Service – Pacific Northwest Region
333 SW First Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97208
P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon 97208-3623
Phone: (503) 808-2202
Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6>

State

Division of State Lands, Wetland Mitigation Banking

The Wetland Program provides technical and planning assistance for wetland planning efforts. Elements of the program include wetland inventory, identification, delineation, and function assessments as well as wetland mitigation, public information and education.

Contact:

Wetland Mitigation Specialist
Division of State Lands
775 Summer Street NE, Suite 100
Salem, Oregon 97301-1279
Phone: (503) 378-3805, Ext. 285
Website: <http://statelands.dsl.state.or.us>

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) provides and protects outstanding natural, scenic, cultural, historical and recreational sites for the enjoyment and education of present and future generations. OPRD administers grants and provides technical assistance to communities involved in parks planning.

Contact:

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street NE, Suite C
Salem, Oregon 97301-1279
Phone: (503) 986-0707
Website: <http://www.prd.state.or.us>

Oregon Youth Conservation Corps

The Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) provides communities with needed services, while unemployed youth are placed in gainful activities. OYCC funding is distributed in equal amounts to each county in Oregon every summer. The program funds individual projects ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The OYCC program consists of grants of labor and capital financing. Grants support conservation or environment-related projects proposed by non-profit organizations.

Contact:

Oregon Youth Conservation Corps
25 Capital Street NE, Third Floor
Salem, Oregon 97310
Phone: (503) 378-3441
Fax: (503) 373-2353
Website: <http://www.oycc.state.or.us/Default.html>

Local

There are a variety of public, private, and non-profit organizations available to provide the City of Lebanon with additional parks and recreation facilities and services. Local partnerships create cooperation among public and private partners in the area. A list of potential partners besides police and fire departments, utility providers, and the school district include:

- Boosters
- Rotary Club
- Community Association
- Garden Club
- Historical Society & Museum
- Lions Club
- Upper Rogue Kiwanis
- Boy Scouts of America
- Girl Scouts

Local businesses may also be willing to partner with the city to provide partner services. The Chamber of Commerce is a good way to begin to form such partnerships.

Contact:

Lebanon Chamber of Commerce
Village House
1 School Street
P.O. Box 97
Lebanon, NH 03766
Website: <http://www.lebanonchamber.com/>

Not-for-Profit Organizations

The Nature Conservancy

This is a national environmental organization focused on the preservation of plants, animals and natural communities. They have worked in direct land acquisition and in obtaining conservation easements for protection of wilderness and agricultural lands. Their grants program is usually focused on acquisition of land, but they are willing to work with communities who want to purchase land if it is to be set aside for environmental preservation.

Contact:

The Nature Conservancy of Oregon
821 S.E. 14th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97214
Phone: (503) 230-1221
Fax: (503) 230-9639
Website: <http://nature.org/Oregon>

Grants

Private Grant-Making Organizations

National Grants

Kodak American Greenways Awards Program

This program is a partnership of the Eastman Kodak Company, The Conservation Fund, and the National Geographic Society. The program provides small grants, a maximum of \$2,500, to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout the U.S.

Contact:

The Conservancy Fund
1800 N. Kent Street, Suite 1120
Arlington, Virginia 22209-2156
Phone: (703) 525-6300
Fax: (703) 525-4610
Website: <http://www.conservationfund.org/conservation>

State Grants

Oregon Community Foundation Grants

The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) prioritizes funding based on a set of principles and four funding objectives.

- To nurture children, strengthen families and foster the self-sufficiency of Oregonians;
- To enhance the educational experience of Oregonians;
- To increase cultural opportunities for Oregonians;
- To preserve and improve Oregon's livability through citizen involvement.

OCF awards about 200 grants annually. Most Community Foundation Grants are between \$5,000 and \$35,000 but multi-year grants may range up to \$150,000 for projects with particular community impact. Around 5 percent of Community Grants are above \$50,000 and tend to be created only for projects that are an exceptionally good fit with OCF priorities, have a broad scope of impact, and address an area to which OCF's board has decided to give special attention.

Contact:

Oregon Community Foundation
1221 SW Yamhill, #100
Portland, Oregon 97205
Phone: (503) 227-6846
Fax: (503) 274-7771
Website: <http://www.ocf1.org/>

The Collins Foundation

The purpose of the Collins Foundation is to improve, enrich, and give a greater expression to the religious, educational, cultural, and scientific endeavors in the State of Oregon and to assist in improving the quality of life in the state. The trustees of the Collins Foundation work through existing agencies and have supported proposals submitted by colleges and universities, organized religious groups, arts, cultural and civic organizations, and agencies devoted to health, welfare, and youth.

Contact:

Director of Progress
The Collins Foundation
1618 SW First Avenue, Suite 505
Portland, Oregon 97201

Phone: (503) 227-7171
Website: <http://www.collinsfoundation.org>

Oregon Department of Forestry

This department oversees all aspects of forest policy in Oregon, appoints the state forester and adopts the rules for forestry practices in the state. Grants are available for parks programs but are restricted to development involving trees and forest canopy.

Contact:

Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Grants
Forestry Assistance Program
2600 State Street
Salem, Oregon 97310
Phone: (503) 945-7391
Website: <http://www.odf.state.or.us>

Public Grant-making Organizations

Federal

National Park Service – National Heritage Areas Program

The United States Congress designates a national heritage area as a place where “natural, cultural, historic, and recreational resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape arising from patterns of human activity shaped by geography”. (National Park Service, <http://www.cr.nps.gov>) Through Strategic public and private partnerships, federal grant money is available to leverage funding opportunities for nationally designated heritage sites.

To determine if a community qualifies as a National Heritage Area, the community must complete a suitability/feasibility study, using the ten guidelines developed by the National Park Service. All ten guidelines can be found at the National Park Service website.

The designation enhances local pride and includes limited technical planning and financial assistance from the National Park Service. Federal designation depends on Congressional support and the degree to which a community is engaged in a support of the designation. The four critical steps that need to be followed prior designation are:

1. Completion of a suitability/feasibility study;
2. Public involvement in the sustainability/feasibility study;
3. Demonstration of widespread public support among heritage area residents for the proposed designation;

4. Commitment to the proposal from key constituents, which may include governments, industry, and private, non-profit organizations, in addition to area residents.
(<http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/REP/criteria.pdf>)

Contact:

National Heritage Areas Program
1201 Eye Street, NW
8th Floor
Washington D.C., 20005
Phone: (202) 354-2222
Fax: (202) 371-6468
Website: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/heritageareas/REP/criteria.pdf>

Land and Water Conservation Fund

This fund provides federal dollars from the National Park Service that are passed down to states for acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of park and recreation areas, and facilities. To be eligible for Land and Water Conservation Fund grants, the proposed project must be consistent with the outdoor recreation goals and objectives contained in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) and elements of a jurisdiction's local comprehensive land use and parks master plans. Emphasis should be placed on the grants available to the State of Oregon rather than federal funds.

Contact:

Land and Water Conservation Fund
725 Summer Street NE, Suite C
Salem, Oregon 97301
Phone: (503) 378-4168 Ext. 241
Fax: (503) 378-6447
Website: http://www.prd.state.or.us/grants_lwcf.php

U.S. Department of Transportation

Through the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), the U.S. Department of Transportation authorizes federal surface transportation programs for highways, highway safety, and transit. TEA-21 provides funding for parks and connections that include:

- Bicycle transportation and pedestrian walkways;
- Recreational trails program;
- National Scenic Byways Program;
- Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilots.

Contact:

U.S. Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington D.C., 20590
Phone: (202) 366-4000
Website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/index.htm>

State

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)**State Pedestrian and Bicycle Grants**

ODOT provides grants to cities and counties for pedestrian or bicycle improvements on state highways or local streets. Grants amount up to \$200,000, with local match encouraged. Projects must be administered by the applicant, be situated in roads, streets or highway right-of-ways. Project types include sidewalk infill, ADA upgrades, street crossings, intersection improvements, and minor widening for bike lanes. Grants are offered every two years.

Contact:

Oregon Department of Transportation
Bicycle and Pedestrian Program
355 Capital Street N.E., Fifth Floor
Salem, Oregon 97301
Phone: (503) 986-3555
Fax: (503) 986-4063

Transportation Enhancement Program

These funds are available from ODOT projects that enhance the cultural, aesthetic and environmental value of the state's transportation system. Some of the eligible activities include bicycle/pedestrian projects, historic preservation, landscaping and scenic beautification, mitigation of pollution due to highway runoff, and preservation of abandoned railway corridors. The application cycle is every two years.

Contact:

Transportation Enhancement Program
Oregon Department of Transportation
Phone: (503) 986-3528

Transportation Safety Grants

Transportation Safety Grants promote vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle, and motorcycle safety programs. Projects are chosen by problem identification and there is no application process.

Contact:

Bicyclist & Pedestrian Traffic Safety
ODOT Transportation Safety Division
235 Union St N.E.
Salem, Oregon 97301
Phone: (503) 986-4196

Additional ODOT funding information can be found on Oregon's Economic Revitalization Team website:

http://www.oblpct.state.or.us/Gov/ERT/about_us.shtml

Oregon Economic and Community Development Department

Oregon Tourism Commission

The Oregon Tourist Commission focuses on tourism related projects, and offers matching grants of up to \$100,000 for tourism projects. These can include marketing materials, market analysis, signage, and visitor center development planning. Grants do not include funding for construction.

Specific Oregon Economic and Community Development Department funds can be found at the Economic Revitalization website: http://oblpct.state.or.us/Gov/ERT/about_us.shtml

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Water Quality Non-point Source Grants

The DEQ offers grants for non-point source water quality and watershed enhancement projects that address the priorities in the Oregon Water Quality Non-point Source Management Plan. Grants require a minimum of 40 percent match of non-federal funds and a partnership with other entities. Approximately \$2.7 million is available each year, and applications are due around June 15th each year.

Contact:

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Phone: (503) 229-5088

Specific Oregon Department of Environmental Quality grants can be found at: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/programs.htm> or the Economic Revitalization Team's website: http://www.oblpct.state.or.us/Gov/ERT/about_us.shtml

Oregon Division of State Lands

Easements

The Oregon Division of State Lands grants easements for the use of state-owned land managed by the agency. Easements allow the user to have the right to use state-owned land for a specific purpose and length of time. Uses of state owned land subject to an easement include, but are not limited to, gas, electric and communication lines (including fiber optic cables); water supply pipelines and ditches, canals and flumes; innerducts and conduits for cables; sewer, storm and cooling water lines; bridges, skylines and logging lines; roads and trails; and railroad and light track.

Contact:

Oregon Division of State Lands
Phone: (503) 378-3805

Wetlands Program

The Oregon Division of State Land's Wetlands Program is implemented through the 1989 Wetlands Conservation Act. The program has close ties with local wetland planning conducted by cities, providing both technical and planning assistance.

Contact:

Wetland Mitigation Specialist
Division of State Lands
775 Summer Street NE, Suite 100
Salem, Oregon 97301-1279
Phone: (503) 378-3805, Ext. 285
Website: <http://statelands.dsl.state.or.us/>

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department administers several grant programs including the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, Local Government, and Recreation Trails grants.

Local Government Grants

These grants provide for the acquisition, development, and rehabilitation of park and recreation areas and facilities. Eligible agencies include city and county park and recreation departments, park and recreation districts, and port districts.

Recreation Trail Grants

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department accepts applications for Recreation Trial Program (RTP) grants every year. Types of projects include:

- Maintenance and restoration of existing trails;
- Development and rehabilitation of trailhead facilities;
- Construction of new recreation trails; and
- Acquisition of easements.

Grant recipients are required to provide a minimum of 20 percent in matching funds. Projects must be completed and costs billed within two years of project authorization.

General State Parks Contact:

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
725 Summer Street NE, Suite C
Salem, Oregon 97301
Phone: (503) 986-0707
Website: <http://prd.state.or.us/grants.php>

Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) administers a grant program that awards more than \$20 million annually to support voluntary efforts by Oregonians seeking to create and maintain healthy watersheds. Types of grants provided by OWEB include: upland erosion control, land and/or water acquisition, vegetation management, watershed education, and stream habit enhancement.

Contacts:

Grant Program Manager
Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
775 Summer Street NE, Suite 360
Salem, Oregon 97301-1290
Phone: (503) 986-0203
Fax: (503) 986-0199
Website: <http://www.oweb.state.or.us>

Park and Recreation Districts

Special districts, such as park and recreation districts, are financed through property taxes and/or fees for services. Information regarding special districts is found through the Special District Association of Oregon (SDAO). SDAO was established to pursue the common interests and concerns of special districts.

Contacts:

Executive Director
Special Districts Association of Oregon
727 Center Street NE, Suite 208
P.O. Box 12613
Salem, Oregon 97309-0613
Phone: (503) 371-8667; Toll-free: 1-800-285-5461
Fax: (503) 371-4781
Website: www.sdao.com

Land Trusts

Local and national land trusts may be interested in helping to protect open space in the Lebanon area.

The Wetlands Conservancy

The Wetlands Conservancy (TWC) is a non-profit land trust. It is dedicated to preserving, protecting, and promoting the wildlife, water quality and open space values of wetlands in Oregon.

Contact:

Executive Director
The Wetlands Conservancy
P.O. Box 1195
Tualatin, Oregon 97062
Phone: (503) 691-1394

Land Trust Alliance

The Land Trust Alliance assists nonprofit land trusts and organizations that protect land through donation and purchase. This is done by working with landowners interested in donating or selling conservation easements, or by acquiring land outright to maintain as open space. Membership of the alliance is one of the qualifications for assistance from this organization.

Contact:

Program Director
Land Trust Alliance
3517 NE 45th St
Seattle, Washington 98105-5640
Phone: (206) 522-3024
Website: www.lta.org

Northwest Land Conservation Trust

The trust works with Oregon land owners to establish conservation easements to preserve and protect, agricultural land, forest land,

wildlife habitat, wetlands, scenic open space, and other natural resources.

Contact:

Northwest Land Conservation Trust

P.O. Box 18302

Salem, Oregon 97305-8302

Website: <http://www.open.org/~nwlct/>