

♦ Appendix 3 – Open-Ended Comments

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OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Facilities used in the last 12 months (OTHER)

- ♦ Aero modelers R/C park (I go to Rolesville for this)
- ♦ Cary Dog Park
- ♦ Cary Dog park
- ♦ Cary Senior Golf Association
- ♦ Citizen's Convenience Center
- ♦ Dog park
- ♦ dog park
- ♦ Dog park
- ♦ dog park
- ♦ Farmers Market
- ♦ Hemlock Bluffs
- ♦ Hemlock Bluffs Park
- ♦ Historic cemetery
- ♦ labrary
- ♦ Less spending, less taxes!
- ♦ Nature preserve
- ♦ open gym (mens basketball)
- ♦ Open studio
- ♦ Pingpong - Table tennis
- ♦ School facilities used for recreation- tennis courts, tracks, etc.
- ♦ Spring Daze
- ♦ Stevens Nature Center programs and Hemlock Bluffs
- ♦ Triangle Aquatic Center
- ♦ Volleyball courts at N. Cary Park

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If you do not use Cary facilities, why not?

Don't have programs I want

- ♦ Adult evening classes near me
- ♦ Adult fitness on weekends. No Saturday classes? At Bond Park? Why?
- ♦ Adult swimming lessons
- ♦ Canning
- ♦ Chess club
- ♦ evening exercise for seniors. we're not all retired!!
- ♦ hip hop dancing
- ♦ outdoor movies
- ♦ Preschool and younger programs
- ♦ soccer, golf
- ♦ Special art classes
- ♦ Swimming
- ♦ Swimming lessons
- ♦ tennis courts and swimming pools
- ♦ Weaving
- ♦ Yoga

Lack of facilities and amenities

- ♦ a swimming pool with a reasonable price (triangle aquatic center is outrageous)
- ♦ access to longer bike trails
- ♦ Baby swings
- ♦ Bathrooms
- ♦ Dog park
- ♦ downtown family evening events like Apex
- ♦ Greenways
- ♦ Market House
- ♦ nature (birding) trails
- ♦ Need more Dog Parks!
- ♦ Olympic Pool
- ♦ Open gym is very rare else I'd play basketball
- ♦ POOL/family rec center
- ♦ Pools, exercise equipment
- ♦ public aquatic facility
- ♦ public pool for lap swimming and recreational swimming
- ♦ Public pool; no free dog park
- ♦ safe crossings to walk to park
- ♦ Senior's aquatic center
- ♦ Steam room
- ♦ More sand volleyball courts, indoor tennis facility
- ♦ Swimming/Aquatics
- ♦ Tennis courts and outdoor basketball courts -not available at Bond Park
- ♦ tennis courts and swimming pools
- ♦ Town of Apex soccer- why doesn't Cary have youth soccer?
- ♦ trails for running
- ♦ Volleyball

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Reasons I don't use Cary Parks (OTHER)

- ♦ Active volunteer at JC Raulston Arboretum and lecture outside of Cary
- ♦ busy with other activities
- ♦ do not have time
- ♦ Don't like public parks
- ♦ Except for the new Cary Arts Center and Herb Young little is walkable from downtown.
- ♦ I spend most weekends at the coast.
- ♦ I use the gym in my development and the pool in the summer
- ♦ Just moved here.
- ♦ just moved to this area
- ♦ Just retired--unaware of seniors programs
- ♦ lack of awareness
- ♦ Lack of neighborhood sidewalks leading to venues. Lack of closely located venues.
- ♦ Large amounts of dog feces
- ♦ Live in retirement community which has exercise facilities. For cultural activities attend Museum of Art, Progress Center in Raleigh.
- ♦ Many sections of trails/greenway are not connected
- ♦ Moved here last week!
- ♦ My wife is handicapped so we do use greenways, parks and senior center for transportation
- ♦ Need more for dogs
- ♦ Need public transit
- ♦ Need sidewalks from neighborhood to park
- ♦ no interest
- ♦ Not an outdoor person
- ♦ Not very many programs/equipment for 1 year old
- ♦ Prefer to ride horses
- ♦ Price is expensive at Koka Booth
- ♦ Summer camps/programs too expensive
- ♦ Swimming Center is too far from most of the Town population
- ♦ the instructors at Cary Community Centers programs were not very professional- very amateur children's classes
- ♦ The last bball camp my son attended at HCY ctr, the staff that ran the camp was not good. I will probably look for other bball camps outside Cary.
- ♦ Too much scheduled only on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Would like more during the week.

- ♦ Uneasy feeling
- ♦ use HOA facilities
- ♦ We live at and are members at Prestonwood, so this is where we spend most of our time. For culture and performances we usually go to Raleigh but do enjoy Koka Booth Amphitheater in the summer.

- ♦ We usually recreate outdoors- hiking, biking, camping- no facility needed
- ♦ Weird open gym hours at the BPCC
- ♦ Would like to be able to swim locally year round and not have it take such a huge toll on our budget

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Other parks, recreation facilities and programs that I use

- ♦ American Tobacco Trail
- ♦ Apex
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- ♦ Apex
- ♦ Apex
- ♦ Apex
- ♦ Apex Center
- ♦ Apex Community Park
- ♦ Apex Community Park
- ♦ Apex Park
- ♦ Apex Town Park
- ♦ Apex, Hemlock Bluffs Park
- ♦ Art museum, trails
- ♦ Art space
- ♦ Beach and Cary library
- ♦ Boating on Jordan Lake
- ♦ Casill Soccer
- ♦ Company facilities
- ♦ Diving boards at pools
- ♦ DPAK Meyunandi
- ♦ Dream Sports Center
- ♦ Durham
- ♦ Farm land and public riding trails
- ♦ Fishing Apex
- ♦ Glenaire facilities
- ♦ gym at work
- ♦ Herbert Young Community Center
- ♦ Holly Springs
- ♦ I go to Apex Park a lot for tennis, basketball and Greenway in one location
- ♦ I use Morrisville parks, aquatic center, and health centers
- ♦ IBM employer-provided
- ♦ Islamic Center
- ♦ Kildaire Farm Tennis and Racquet Club
- ♦ Lake Apex
- ♦ Lake Johnson Pool- Splash Park!
- ♦ Lake Pine Park
- ♦ Laura Duncan Park
- ♦ More sand volleyball courts, indoor tennis facility
- ♦ Lochmere resident
- ♦ Lochmere walking paths
- ♦ Morrisville
- ♦ Morrisville
- ♦ Morrisville
- ♦ Morrisville

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Other parks, recreation facilities and programs that I use

- ♦ Music- Free Summer Sundays at 6pm at Fletcher Park, Raleigh
- ♦ music lessons
- ♦ Neighborhood facilities
- ♦ Parks
- ♦ PCC
- ♦ Preston Wood Country Club
- ♦ Prestonwood
- ♦ Prestonwood
- ♦ Prestonwood CC
- ♦ Private tennis / pool facility
- ♦ Private tennis courts
- ♦ Pullen Aquatic
- ♦ rail trails
- ♦ Raleigh
- ♦ Raleigh
- ♦ Raleigh
- ♦ Raleigh Men. Aud. DPAC etc.
- ♦ Raleigh Parks and Rec
- ♦ Raleigh Theater & NCMA
- ♦ RD-RC Flying field (Rolesville)
- ♦ Rex on Cary Parkway
- ♦ Rex Wellness
- ♦ Rex Wellness pool and equipment
- ♦ RGA Golf Course in Raleigh
- ♦ soccer, golf
- ♦ State camping grounds, museums, and festivals
- ♦ TLC property-Swift Creek Bluffs and Other
- ♦ tobacco trail
- ♦ Town of Morrisville parks and open space
- ♦ Trails
- ♦ Travel Sports Teams
- ♦ TriSports Rec League

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Greatest need for indoor facilities (OTHER)

- ♦ A machine shop, glass kiln/lampworking equipment/glass blowing facility, woodworking shop, etc. Perhaps that could be rented by residents for various fees.
- ♦ Affordable indoor and outdoor swimming pools
- ♦ An indoor auditorium
- ♦ An indoor family entertainment center for all weathers
- ♦ badminton courts
- ♦ Batting Cages
- ♦ Bigger, better dog parks!
- ♦ Club house
- ♦ Convention Center
- ♦ Expansion of USA Baseball facilities
- ♦ Facilities for disabled children
- ♦ Finish connecting the greenways please :)
- ♦ For question 6, there is no place to specify below. So let me specify question #6 now. We need more soccer fields.
- ♦ Free Small meeting space.
- ♦ Handball courts
- ♦ Improved biking lanes
- ♦ In tight times we can use what we have and maintain them
- ♦ Indoor dog park
- ♦ interesting cultural arts programs, lectures, seminars at appropriate level to the adult population in Cary , seminars,
- ♦ Less spending, less taxes
- ♦ Market House Farmer Market
- ♦ mid size performing space, seating 200-250 people
- ♦ more basketball space so games dont have to be on Sunday
- ♦ more sidewalks near my home
- ♦ Pingpong - Table tennis
- ♦ place for young children to play indoors that is affordable and healthy
- ♦ Racquetball courts
- ♦ Short nature trails, 1/2 mile, loop back to parking, NO BICYCLES
- ♦ Sidewalks that allow us to keep our cars parked and us out and walking.
- ♦ Steam room
- ♦ table tennis open access

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OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Greatest need for outdoor facilities (OTHER)

- ♦ additional playground near harrison/maynard rd/reedy creek rd
- ♦ Bike lanes and bike trails
- ♦ Build a municipal golf course
- ♦ More sand volleyball courts, indoor tennis facility
- ♦ I don't believe it is necessary to increase the presence of those facilities we already have: tennis courts and soccer fields when we need other areas: swimming and gathering places where community can be brought together and grow.
- ♦ Keep nature and environment high priority
- ♦ Less spending, less taxes
- ♦ Market House- it's a permanent, brick and mortar, multiuse building located in walkable city centers that host Farmer Markets 2 days a week and provides other weekly amenities i.e. commercial kitchen for rent, restaurant, post office.
- ♦ Nature trails and preserves
- ♦ Need soft rubber surfaces; public access to school tracks; boating
- ♦ Opportunities for disabled children
- ♦ Outdoor fields- large open fields for kids to practice
- ♦ Paved bike trails
- ♦ Please finish the greenway, thanks!
- ♦ sculpture garden
- ♦ Soccer fields
- ♦ Very large picnic building
- ♦ YMCA
- ♦ zip line - canopy tour at N. Cary Park

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OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

What drew you to downtown?

- ♦ A function at Townhall
- ♦ A number of events/activities
- ♦ a play
- ♦ A quiet, simple downtown. I went to board a train.
- ♦ activities
- ♦ An event.
- ♦ Art at Page Walker and town facilities
- ♦ Art display
- ♦ Art display
- ♦ art displays, concerts
- ♦ art exhibits, table tennis
- ♦ Art festival
- ♦ Art festival
- ♦ art festival
- ♦ Art Gallery
- ♦ Art museum
- ♦ Art related event
- ♦ Art sculptures
- ♦ Art show, Lazy Days
- ♦ Art show, Page Walker and the new Cary Art Center
- ♦ Art shows
- ♦ Art Walk
- ♦ Art walk and culture
- ♦ Art work outside
- ♦ Arts event and dining
- ♦ Ashworth Drug Store, pay water bill
- ♦ Ashworth's
- ♦ Ashworth's hot dogs, Serendipity, Food Factory
- ♦ Ashworth's, class at CAC
- ♦ Attractive urban area
- ♦ Bakery and Johnson Jewelry
- ♦ bakery, lazy days, hair cutters
- ♦ Band concert
- ♦ Bank, pharmacy
- ♦ basketball and Serendipity
- ♦ basketball league
- ♦ Billing Inquiry and playing volleyball at Herb C. Young Center
- ♦ Bridge game
- ♦ Building inspector
- ♦ More sand volleyball courts, indoor tennis facility
- ♦ Building Permit
- ♦ Business
- ♦ Business
- ♦ Business
- ♦ Business
- ♦ Business

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What drew you to downtown?

- ♦ Business
- ♦ Business
- ♦ Business
- ♦ business
- ♦ business
- ♦ Business
- ♦ Business at town hall
- ♦ business at Town Hall, community centers, library, parade, post office
- ♦ business call
- ♦ Business plus entertainment
- ♦ businesses
- ♦ Business-Permitting Office
- ♦ Cafe
- ♦ cafe, art, music
- ♦ Camps, tours, art events
- ♦ Cary Art Fair
- ♦ Cary Arts Center
- ♦ Cary Arts Center, shopping
- ♦ Cary band Day
- ♦ Cary band day
- ♦ Cary btour
- ♦ Cary Player's Theater
- ♦ Cary Teen Council, library, shops
- ♦ Children's classes
- ♦ Chorus rehearsal
- ♦ Christmas activities, dining
- ♦ Christmas celebration
- ♦ Christmas Tree Lighting, etc.
- ♦ church
- ♦ church
- ♦ Church, Lazy Daze, Farmers Market, post office
- ♦ Church, lunch-Ashworth's, Johnson's Jewelers
- ♦ Church, parades, businesses
- ♦ Church, preschool, restaurants, bakeries, tailor, Safety Town Camp
- ♦ Church/Public Library
- ♦ City council meeting
- ♦ Class in Page Walker
- ♦ Class, voting, entertainment
- ♦ close by
- ♦ Close to my home
- ♦ Community Center
- ♦ Community Center
- ♦ Community event
- ♦ Community meeting space
- ♦ complaint with building & permits
- ♦ Concert

OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

What drew you to downtown?

- ♦ Concert (Friday night)
- ♦ Concerts
- ♦ Concerts, business, shopping
- ♦ Concerts, plays
- ♦ Cultural activities
- ♦ Cultural activity
- ♦ Cultural events, festivals
- ♦ cultural program
- ♦ Day camp
- ♦ Designated meeting stage
- ♦ Development meetings, Cary Invasion
- ♦ early election
- ♦ Early voting
- ♦ large water fountain with play space for children surrounded by public art
- ♦ Early voting, free concerts
- ♦ election
- ♦ Elections, Caribbean Festival
- ♦ Employment
- ♦ Enjoying the walk around town.
- ♦ environment course
- ♦ Event
- ♦ events
- ♦ Events at Herb Young
- ♦ Events, evening sites
- ♦ Fair and vote
- ♦ Farmers Market
- ♦ Festivals
- ♦ Food
- ♦ Friends
- ♦ Garden, Page Walker, prettiness of town
- ♦ Gardens and art displays
- ♦ Girl Scout event
- ♦ had business there
- ♦ Had to get a permit.
- ♦ Herb fest
- ♦ Herb Fest, Page Walker
- ♦ Herb Young Community Center
- ♦ Herbert C Young Center event
- ♦ Herbert C Young ctr - camp
- ♦ Herbert Young Community Center
- ♦ Herbfest
- ♦ HOA meeting
- ♦ I live close
- ♦ I live in this area
- ♦ I live near by
- ♦ I'm often in downtown

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What drew you to downtown?

- ♦ Information
- ♦ It is downtown
- ♦ Jewelry store, pizza
- ♦ Just like to walk around and to visit some of the shops
- ♦ just looking
- ♦ Klara's
- ♦ Lazy Daize
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ lazy days
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ lazy days
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ Lazy Days fair
- ♦ Lazy Days, Arts Center
- ♦ Lazy Days, Christmas activities
- ♦ Lazy Days, post office
- ♦ Lazy Days, restaurants, Matthew's House
- ♦ Lazy Days, Shops
- ♦ Lazy Days, theatre event
- ♦ Lazy Daze
- ♦ Lazy Daze
- ♦ Lazy Daze
- ♦ Lazy Daze
- ♦ Lazy Daze
- ♦ Lazy Daze
- ♦ Lazy Daze
- ♦ Lazy Daze
- ♦ The outdoor activities are fabulous for the grandchildren. Needed are more activities to do indoors when weather is bad
- ♦ Lazy daze
- ♦ Lazy Daze
- ♦ Lazy Daze Festival
- ♦ Lazy Daze festival
- ♦ Lazy Daze, camps, parades
- ♦ Lazy Daze, pay a bill
- ♦ Lazy Dazes
- ♦ Library
- ♦ Library
- ♦ Library volunteer
- ♦ Library, basketball game
- ♦ Library, early voting
- ♦ Library, Lazy Days, HYCC
- ♦ Library, Lazy Daze, restaurants
- ♦ Library, Lexi Lane Park

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What drew you to downtown?

- ♦ Library, new art center, Jordan Hall
- ♦ Library, restaurant
- ♦ Library, voting, Lazy Days
- ♦ Library/art fest in August
- ♦ Live close by and we like to walk there
- ♦ local business
- ♦ Local Merchants
- ♦ love bits and bites
- ♦ lunch
- ♦ Meeting
- ♦ Meeting
- ♦ Meeting
- ♦ Meeting @ Page-Walker
- ♦ Meeting there
- ♦ meetings
- ♦ meetings, event
- ♦ Meetings, programs
- ♦ Meetings, shopping, sculpture, eating
- ♦ Mostly stores
- ♦ music event
- ♦ Music performance
- ♦ my church, the library, a bike ride
- ♦ my fight against the Communist Town staff and leaders and their Fascist, totaltarian policies
- ♦ My house
- ♦ New Arts Center
- ♦ Would like greenways to go somewhere, be able to use greenways to bike from one place to another.
For example bike to shopping center to pick up something rather than just being a 'road to nowhere.'

- ♦ new house
- ♦ open gym herb young center
- ♦ Outdoor Sculptures and Ashworth Pharmacy Soda Fountain (great homeschool field trip!)
- ♦ Outside are, foliage
- ♦ Page Walker
- ♦ Page Walker
- ♦ Page Walker
- ♦ Page Walker
- ♦ Page Walker activities
- ♦ Page Walker Center
- ♦ Page Walker concert
- ♦ Page walker hotel exhibition
- ♦ Page-Walker
- ♦ Page-Walker Center - new arts center
- ♦ page-walker house
- ♦ Parade
- ♦ parades
- ♦ Pay a bill

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What drew you to downtown?

- ♦ Pay bill, shop, food
- ♦ Pay bills
- ♦ Pay my bill
- ♦ Pay taxes
- ♦ Pay taxes
- ♦ pay taxes
- ♦ Pay utility bill, Herb Young Center
- ♦ Pay utility bills
- ♦ Pay water bill
- ♦ Pay water bill
- ♦ Paying bills
- ♦ Permit
- ♦ permit for the dog park
- ♦ Permit question
- ♦ permits
- ♦ Picnic in park
- ♦ Police station, voting
- ♦ post office
- ♦ post office
- ♦ Post office, Ashworths Lazy Daze
- ♦ preschool
- ♦ Programs and payment of taxes
- ♦ Programs at the Herb Young Center, Cultural Arts Committee Meetings, Lazy Daze, Page-Walker Events
- ♦ Proximity
- ♦ Proximity to home; special events (lazy days)
- ♦ public library
- ♦ Publcic Llibrary
- ♦ Purchase rain barrel
- ♦ Quaint and nice, restaurant
- ♦ Quiet and friendly environment
- ♦ Rachel Green
- ♦ Recital and gardens
- ♦ Recreation
- ♦ Recreation
- ♦ recreation
- ♦ Recreation and volunteerign
- ♦ Register for Adult Sports Leagues
- ♦ Restaurants
- ♦ Restaurants
- ♦ Restaurants
- ♦ Restaurants
- ♦ restaurants
- ♦ Restaurants
- ♦ Restaurants and stores
- ♦ Restaurants, businesses close by
- ♦ Restaurants, library

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What drew you to downtown?

- ♦ Restaurants, library, post office, shops
- ♦ retail stores
- ♦ Ride bikes around
- ♦ Santa mailbox and holiday events
- ♦ School of Government
- ♦ School of Government
- ♦ School project
- ♦ Scottish/Highland event
- ♦ Sculpture, information
- ♦ Serendipity and kitchen and bath galleries
- ♦ shop, class
- ♦ Shop/Restaurant
- ♦ shopping
- ♦ shopping
- ♦ shopping
- ♦ Shopping and walking
- ♦ Shopping, errands
- ♦ Shopping, library
- ♦ Shops and ambience
- ♦ shops and dining
- ♦ shops and restaurants
- ♦ Shops, Amtrak, restaurants, church
- ♦ Shops, restaurants, post office, library, Cary Arts Center
- ♦ Showing family from out of town
- ♦ signed a basketball roster
- ♦ Small concerts at Page-Walker
- ♦ Softball Registration
- ♦ Special events, art center, classes
- ♦ Spice and flower garden
- ♦ Sports coaching meetings
- ♦ Sports league
- ♦ Sports programs
- ♦ Spring Daze
- ♦ spring daze
- ♦ Summer camp for son
- ♦ Summer Camp, Christmas
- ♦ summer daze
- ♦ Tae Kwan Do tournament
- ♦ Tailor, sample ballot
- ♦ the shops
- ♦ Theater
- ♦ This is close to where I live. Public garden, restaurants, post office, library, stores, shopping.
- ♦ to eat
- ♦ To pay taxes
- ♦ to watch a play

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What drew you to downtown?

- ♦ town center, commerce department, library
- ♦ Town council meeting
- ♦ town council meeting/shopping
- ♦ Town Council, EAB meetings, Brussels Chamber Orchestra
- ♦ Town events
- ♦ Town hall
- ♦ Town hall and board meetings
- ♦ Town hall and business
- ♦ Town Hall event
- ♦ Town meetings, events
- ♦ Train station
- ♦ train trip via Amtrak
- ♦ Training
- ♦ Tree lighting
- ♦ View planning maps.
- ♦ visiting several downtown businesses
- ♦ Visitor's tour
- ♦ Volunteer meeting
- ♦ Vote
- ♦ voter registration
- ♦ Voting
- ♦ voting and business
- ♦ Voting and lazy days
- ♦ Voting, concert
- ♦ Voting, library
- ♦ Voting, post office, library
- ♦ Voting, post office, library
- ♦ Voting, restaurants, Lazy Days
- ♦ Voting, shopping
- ♦ Wake County School Board meeting
- ♦ Walking
- ♦ Walking
- ♦ Was hoping for a quaint village feel similar to Chapel Hill or Apex but the downtown area is dead.
- ♦ Water bill and taxes
- ♦ Work
- ♦ Work
- ♦ Young Community Center/Ashworth
- ♦ Youth Basketball Herb Yourn Ctr
- ♦ youth classes
- ♦ Youth Classes/Programs
- ♦ Youth sporting event

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What activities did you participate in downtown?

- ♦ "Pure Gold" lap dance. Very interesting.
- ♦ Art classes
- ♦ Art display
- ♦ art displays, concerts
- ♦ art exhibits, art reception, table tennis
- ♦ Art FALC reading, farmers market
- ♦ Art festival
- ♦ Art Gallery
- ♦ Art museum
- ♦ Art shows
- ♦ Art Walk
- ♦ Arts and crafts
- ♦ Arts Center grand opening
- ♦ Attend private event at Herb Young Center
- ♦ Ballet class for 2 year olds
- ♦ Band at night
- ♦ Band Day, Christmas Parade
- ♦ Basketball
- ♦ Basketball
- ♦ Basketball
- ♦ basketball
- ♦ basketball
- ♦ Basketball and sports advising
- ♦ Basketball camp, Letter to Santa, Christmas events
- ♦ Basketball game
- ♦ basketball league
- ♦ Bridge
- ♦ Caribbean culture and dance
- ♦ Caribbean Festival
- ♦ Cary Arts Center
- ♦ cary daze
- ♦ Cary Tour
- ♦ Chamber music concert
- ♦ Chorus rehearsal
- ♦ Christmas activities, dining
- ♦ classes at Herb Young, classes at Arts Center, Band Day parade, Santa Workshop
- ♦ Concert
- ♦ Concert
- ♦ Concert
- ♦ More sand volleyball courts, indoor tennis facility
- ♦ concert audience
- ♦ Concert from kids music class
- ♦ Concert in the park, voting
- ♦ Concert singers
- ♦ Concerts
- ♦ Concerts

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What activities did you participate in downtown?

- ♦ concerts
- ♦ Concerts at Page Walker
- ♦ Concerts, plays
- ♦ Concerts, protests
- ♦ Cross Currents Concert series in July
- ♦ Cultural Center Opening, Lazy Days
- ♦ Cultural events
- ♦ Daddy Daughter Dance
- ♦ do not remember
- ♦ Docent-led Tour of Outdoor Sculptures
- ♦ Dog park
- ♦ Duplicate bridge
- ♦ events at Page Walker
- ♦ Exercise class
- ♦ Farmers Market, Lazy Days
- ♦ festival at town center
- ♦ Festivals
- ♦ Fitness class, entertainment
- ♦ Free concert, Scottish event
- ♦ Friday night concerts
- ♦ Gardening Class
- ♦ Heart of Cary Christmas
- ♦ Herb Young - volleyball
- ♦ Herbfest
- ♦ holiday events
- ♦ homeschool open gym
- ♦ I participate in art classes
- ♦ I played in the band
- ♦ Information gathering
- ♦ July 4
- ♦ Kid's dance class
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ lazy days
- ♦ Lazy Days
- ♦ Lazy Days, arts festival
- ♦ lazy days, teen class
- ♦ Lazy Days, theatre event
- ♦ Lazy Daze
- ♦ Lazy Daze
- ♦ lazy daze
- ♦ Lazy Daze

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What activities did you participate in downtown?

- ♦ Lazy Daze
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- ♦ Lazy Daze
- ♦ Lazy Daze (can you move this to cooler months?)
- ♦ Lazy Daze Festival
- ♦ Lazy Daze Festival
- ♦ Lazy Daze festival
- ♦ Lazy Daze, cultural arts opening
- ♦ large water fountain with play space for children surrounded by public art
- ♦ Lecture, arts and crafts
- ♦ Library volunteer
- ♦ Library, restaurant, music performance
- ♦ looked at art at town hall
- ♦ Looked at the quilt exhibit
- ♦ Looked while on business
- ♦ Marvelous Music Series, Cary Players, Page-Walker Events, Lazy Daze
- ♦ Moonlight Music Series
- ♦ Mozart by Moonlight
- ♦ Open gym
- ♦ Open Gym
- ♦ open gym
- ♦ Open studio
- ♦ Page Walker art show
- ♦ Page Walker Arts Victorian Christmas
- ♦ Page Walker concert
- ♦ Page walker Concert
- ♦ Page Walker House
- ♦ Painting class at CAC
- ♦ parades
- ♦ Parades, Lazy Daze, Art Center dedication, etc.
- ♦ Performing arts, Lazy Daze
- ♦ Permit
- ♦ Personal photography
- ♦ Preschool classes, art class, music
- ♦ Program at Cary Arts Center
- ♦ Program at Page Walker
- ♦ Program on landscaping
- ♦ Public art, display gardens, Page Walker, and town facilities
- ♦ Puss in Boots play
- ♦ Safety Town- this should be done for every grade thru elementary school! So important!!!
- ♦ Saw a play

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What activities did you participate in downtown?

- ♦ Saw a play
- ♦ see above
- ♦ Shopping, library
- ♦ Shops, restaurants, post office, library, Cary Arts Center
- ♦ Sightseeing
- ♦ Some art show.
- ♦ Spanish class
- ♦ Sports coaching meetings
- ♦ Starlight, art presentations
- ♦ Summer Camp at Young/Page Walker
- ♦ Table tennis
- ♦ Tae Kwan Do tournament
- ♦ T-ball, Library activities
- ♦ Teen Outing for children
- ♦ Theatre
- ♦ Tour of outdoor sculpture
- ♦ Track Out Camp, College Quest Class
- ♦ view gardens and art displays
- ♦ Viewing art, concerts, camps
- ♦ Volleyball
- ♦ Volleyball
- ♦ Volleyball indoors
- ♦ Voting, shopping
- ♦ Walked around since it was so beautiful outside
- ♦ Walking, bike riding, visiting garden behind Page Walker, Lazy Daze
- ♦ xmas tree lighting, music
- ♦ youth Basketball
- ♦ The outdoor activities are fabulous for the grandchildren. Needed are more activities to do indoors when it is 105 degrees or 17 degrees outdoors.
- ♦

Would like greenways to go somewhere, be able to use greenways to bike from one place to another. For example bike to shopping center to pick up something rather than just being a 'road to nowhere.'

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What additional amenities would you like to see (OTHER)

- ♦ a place to drink beer
- ♦ Avoid downtown at all cost
- ♦ Book clubs
- ♦ Bookstore
- ♦ 'Cary Commons' like Boston Common
- ♦ Community garden, Farmers Market, green space
- ♦ Community vegetable garden
- ♦ Expanded Library
- ♦ getting rid of the Communist Town staff and leaders and their Fascist, totaltarian policies

- ♦ I love the statues and water play for the little ones
- ♦ Kids Museum - similar to Marbles or Kidzu
- ♦ Less spending, less taxes
- ♦ light rail to Raleigh and RTP
- ♦ Market House and/or Food Coop downtown
- ♦ Parking
- ♦ Parking at CAC!!!
- ♦ Parking- won't ever spend time downtown unless there is easy accessible cheap parking
- ♦ private buildings in the downtown area need beutification as most of them are rundown & architecturally unpleasant to the eye and detract from the overall ambiance of the entire area

- ♦ Public parking
- ♦ Public parking
- ♦ Quality restaurant
- ♦ Raze outdated buildings and build new
- ♦ Remodel the Libray! The current one is too 'crampted' (i.e.; the children's area is not separated enough from other areas...especially the computers.)
- ♦ Restrooms
- ♦ Street musicians, performances
- ♦ Traffic flow through Town
- ♦ walking path
- ♦ Water park mixed with Cary history
- ♦ More sand volleyball courts, indoor tennis facility

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OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Greatest amenity for a new park

- ♦ A bell tower
- ♦ A big lake for canoeing and kayaks
- ♦ a bike or running path so people can get to downtown from other neighborhoods
- ♦ a big sandbox
- ♦ A Combination Historical and Art Museum
- ♦ A family friendly splash park space where children and adults could enjoy the architectural as well as the practical aspects of a splash park year round.
- ♦ a fenced in area to keep kids in the park and keep them safe
- ♦ A garden and play area, possibly also with a community pool
- ♦ a lengthy walking trail
- ♦ A nice, public golf course
- ♦ A parking deck
- ♦ a place for the Caryeites to gather for an event, dining and art. Like NODA in Charlotte
- ♦ a play ground with large trees, grassy areas and small outdoor concerts
- ♦ a public fountain
- ♦ A public plaza/gathering space
- ♦ a public prison for the the Communist Town staff and leaders and their Fascist, totalitarian policies
- ♦ A stage for concerts
- ♦ a water feature
- ♦ A water feature -- something unique to downtown
- ♦ A water feature, gardens, benches, large trees, and paved paths.
- ♦ A water garden, much like Fort Worth's, except for, you know, the exclusion of deadly drains.

- ♦ A water park for kids
- ♦ ability to host events, such as Friday night concert series
- ♦ Adequate parking
- ♦ Adequate parking
- ♦ Amphitheater
- ♦ Amphitheater
- ♦ Amphitheater for events Oct 1 thru May 31
- ♦ amphitheater
- ♦ amphitheatre
- ♦ Art displays including garden art
- ♦ art sculpture and exhibits
- ♦ attracting more business to Cary
- ♦ Attractive space to relax - e.g. with fountains or other water interests, gardens
- ♦ Auditorium
- ♦ Band stand
- ♦ Beautiful landscaping and a calm environment
- ♦ benches
- ♦ Benches to sit
- ♦ More sand volleyball courts, indoor tennis facility
- ♦ Bicycle path
- ♦ Bike trails
- ♦ Botanical Garden with interesting water feature / splash garden

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Greatest amenity for a new park

- ♦ cafe / bistro
- ♦ Café, bistro or coffee shop to take lunch, picnic or coffee outdoors
- ♦ cafe/restaurants but needs to have 'mom 7 pop' feel- not a chain restaurant
- ♦ Cafes and shopping
- ♦ Children's activity
- ♦ Children's play fountains
- ♦ Children's playground
- ♦ children's toy boat sailing pond
- ♦ Christmas Festival-future
- ♦ clean bathrooms
- ♦ CLEAN public restrooms
- ♦ comment re downtown train depot: will be important that there is transportation available to arriving passengers, as at an airport, for example, readily available taxi's, shuttle buses, car rental!! also, security and lighting will be important to arriving passengers in the parking lot and the depot. In the past, the unstaffed building did not meet these concerns, so although we one of our family members did travel by train to and from Cary, it was a little inconvenient and would not have workd well for 'tourists' to the Triangle or business travellers, IMHO>

- ♦ Commercial growth surrounding the open
- ♦ Community pool
- ♦ Concert hall for commercial use and for local musicians (also youth) use
- ♦ Concert space
- ♦ Concert Stage
- ♦ Concerts
- ♦ Concerts
- ♦ create a more central downtown that has a central area with shops and restaurants
- ♦ dancing waters
- ♦ Designated Dog Park area
- ♦ Display garden
- ♦ Display gardens
- ♦ dog park
- ♦ facilities
- ♦ Family oriented park
- ♦ Family-friendly playground area
- ♦ Farmers Market
- ♦ Farmers Market
- ♦ Farmers Market, urban gardens
- ♦ Festivals for group gathering
- ♦ Fishing area
- ♦ flowers, trees, park benches, ice cream shop, multipurpose trail
- ♦ for children
- ♦ For children under 12
- ♦ Fountain, benches, good public art
- ♦ Free concerts
- ♦ Free concerts, outdoor moviesa, etc. Something dynamic to continually attract visitors

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Greatest amenity for a new park

- ♦ free parking
- ♦ Fun activities (playground, garden labyrinth, kiosks)
- ♦ Gardens
- ♦ Gardens, fountain.
- ♦ Green space
- ♦ Green space with walking trails that connect to existing greenways
- ♦ Greenway connections
- ♦ historic walking park
- ♦ Historical Landmark
- ♦ historical walking
- ♦ History
- ♦ Indoor concert/theater space
- ♦ Indoor play for kids, like Marbles or Play Space
- ♦ Indoor pool- therapy
- ♦ indoor/outdoor pool similar to that at Cary YMCA
- ♦ interactive art
- ♦ interactive art (play on, moving, interesting)
- ♦ Labyrinth/meditation garden
- ♦ Landscaped gardens and ponds (think Duke Gardens)
- ♦ Lap pool
- ♦ Large Shade Trees. Central Hub area from which all greenways are accessed.
- ♦ Large swimming pool with diving board
- ♦ Large water fountain
- ♦ large water fountain with play space for children surrounded by public art
- ♦ Lots of bathrooms, things for kids
- ♦ Lots of landscaping, benches, walks
- ♦ Lots of shade :)
- ♦ Make me want to spend an evening downtown...memorable food, drink, visual, atmosphere, music
- ♦ Market House with kitchen, restaurant, community
- ♦ meeting space for family -- an Italian piazza
- ♦ merry-go round
- ♦ more reasons to gather there such as festivals and concerts
- ♦ More restaurant/recreation opportunities...
- ♦ Movie theater or shopping
- ♦ Multi IMAX Theater
- ♦ Museum or auditorium
- ♦ natural space
- ♦ Natural, grass area lined with trees
- ♦ Nature center/gardens
- ♦ Nature trail
- ♦ Nearby dining
- ♦ Need to have an area where people are drawn to, shops, concerts, Beer Garden, think outside the box. Don't limit yourself to just one idea, branch out to bring in more than just one event every week or month.
- ♦ Not sure but you all are doing a great job :)

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Greatest amenity for a new park

- ♦ on site personnel with games & crafts supplies for the visitors
- ♦ One with lots of parking and an auditorium
- ♦ open fields for group play with fire pit for cooking out with groups
- ♦ Open natural space
- ♦ outdoor ampitheater
- ♦ outdoor movies
- ♦ outdoor movies, concerts
- ♦ outdoor music venue
- ♦ outdoor space to show movies or concerts that would bring revenue to the town.
- ♦ Outdoor Theater
- ♦ outdoor water park for kids
- ♦ Parking
- ♦ Parking
- ♦ Parking
- ♦ Parking
- ♦ Parks
- ♦ perennial gardens to walk through
- ♦ Performing arts area
- ♦ perm. farmers market
- ♦ Picnic areas with display gardens
- ♦ Picnic areas, walking trails and open spaces
- ♦ picnic tables and open auditorium
- ♦ plant plenty of trees
- ♦ Play structure with soft ground, ice cream truck, tables, shade, clean bathrooms, parking
- ♦ Playground
- ♦ playground area
- ♦ Playground equipment, picnic facilities
- ♦ playground like kids together park, something for all ages
- ♦ playground to draw in families
- ♦ Playground with water features
- ♦ Playgrounds and walking trails
- ♦ Pool
- ♦ Pool/splash park/wading area
- ♦ Probably an area of resturants that could be walked to easiliy from pubic parking
- ♦ Public art
- ♦ Public Art
- ♦ Public interactive art- i.e. fountains to play in, stages for performing
- ♦ Public parking
- ♦ Public plaza
- ♦ Public Plaza - European Style People Mall
- ♦ Public plaza/gathering place
- ♦ Public space
- ♦ rejuvenation of the area
- ♦ The outdoor activities are fabulous for the grandchildren. Needed are more activities to do indoors when it is 105 degrees or 17 degrees outdoors.

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Greatest amenity for a new park

- ♦ Restrooms
- ♦ Restrooms
- ♦ Restrooms, park benches
- ♦ restrooms, water fountain
- ♦ rock climbing wall
- ♦ Room for concerts and programs
- ♦ running track
- ♦ Safe walking trail
- ♦ Sculpture (public art)
- ♦ sculpture garden
- ♦ Sculpture park
- ♦ Sculptures with water features-and kids splash park plus more parking
- ♦ Shade and picnic area
- ♦ Shade, water features, public art
- ♦ Sheltered play zone
- ♦ Shopping opportunities
- ♦ Shopping plaza restaurants
- ♦ Show garden
- ♦ Similar to Kids Park at Wellington Ridge
- ♦ skating, rock climbing, play equipment
- ♦ Some kind of Jungle Gym
- ♦ something for every age group
- ♦ Space for festivals, concerts, playgrounds
- ♦ Space for outdoor performances, Downtown Farmer's Market
- ♦ space for performance art
- ♦ Splash Area with Pool in addition to a playground.
- ♦ splash fountain for kids to play in and multiple pocket parks
- ♦ Splash park, community veggie garden
- ♦ Splash park/fountain for kids
- ♦ Splash pool that is not near a pool or aquatic center
- ♦ Splash/water park
- ♦ sprayground
- ♦ Stage for concerts
- ♦ Stage for performances
- ♦ Stage for performances
- ♦ surrounding high end and family friendly restaurants/retail
- ♦ swimming pool
- ♦ Tennis
- ♦ Tennis, golf range, concert
- ♦ The suggested Auditorium
- ♦ Would like greenways to go somewhere, be able to use greenways to bike from one place to another. For example bike to shopping center to pick up something rather than just being a 'road to nowhere.'
- ♦ theater
- ♦ Theatre
- ♦ Theatre

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Greatest amenity for a new park

- ♦ To house outdoor festivals and have adequate parking nearby
- ♦ Toddler play area with soft surface
- ♦ Totally useless waste of taxpayer's dollars
- ♦ Trails
- ♦ Trails/walking
- ♦ Walking and seating area
- ♦ Walking track
- ♦ walking trail
- ♦ Walking trail around park
- ♦ Walking trail around pond with fishing allowed
- ♦ Walking trail, children's playground
- ♦ walking trails
- ♦ walking trails
- ♦ Water activities
- ♦ water feature
- ♦ Water feature/fountain
- ♦ Water fountains, bathrooms, air conditioned place to sit
- ♦ Water park
- ♦ water splash feature
- ♦ Water/splash park
- ♦ Wine tasting
- ♦ Wooden play structures
- ♦ Year round water activities with a place for cultural learning.
- ♦ You need a dog park
- ♦ zip line

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Management aspects that are most important to you (OTHER)

- ♦ adding visual interest
- ♦ Avoidance of gravel paths- they are impossible with a stroller
- ♦ Contiguous trails
- ♦ Dog park
- ♦ expand open space in West Cary
- ♦ getting rid of the Communist Town staff and leaders and their Fascist, totaltarian policies
- ♦ Let it be
- ♦ link White Oak Greenway to Harmony neighborhood and work with other communities to also link it to the Tobacco Trail
- ♦ need to educate citizens about ways to reduce stormwater runoff, reduce erosion of stream banks, that will prevent debris from washes onto greenways and prevent flooding
- ♦ new cary arts center
- ♦ Nicely maintained play fields
- ♦ Overflows cause a lot of property and road damage
- ♦ Parking at Greenway
- ♦ Parking at trail entrances
- ♦ polution prevention - signage in parks and on greenways dogs poop and scoop people need to know why- no dumping - alternative waste options other than dumping in the woods.

- ♦ Preserve and increase
- ♦ Reduce dog feces
- ♦ Safe bike paths from homes to a real functioning downtown
- ♦ Saving trees in new construction
- ♦ security and where appropriate lighting of open space that is used as greenway, or similiar
- ♦ Stop building empty office buildings
- ♦ Stop over development of every single wooded corner in cary into another CVS/walgreens/shopping center or townhome complex
- ♦ sustainable design
- ♦ There is no either/or. They are all important. We need to find ways to make Cary and surrounding areas a habitat for the song birds. Crows and sparrows are trying to take over!

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OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Trail connections within Cary

- ♦ 55 area
- ♦ All trails connect
- ♦ ATT Morrisville Pkwy
- ♦ Bond and Black Creek
- ♦ Bond Park
- ♦ Bond Park
- ♦ Bond Park
- ♦ Bond Park
- ♦ Bond Park
- ♦ Bridge to connect Symphony Lake to Swift Creek SAFELY
- ♦ Church Hill Downs
- ♦ Davis Dr and Macarthur
- ♦ Davis Drive to Waldo
- ♦ Downtown
- ♦ Everywhere
- ♦ Jenks Carpenter area
- ♦ Kildaire Farms
- ♦ Lochmere
- ♦ Lochmere
- ♦ Maynard
- ♦ Maynard
- ♦ Morrisville
- ♦ Mountain to sea
- ♦ NW Cary
- ♦ NW Cary
- ♦ Oakwood Heights
- ♦ Penny/Kildaire
- ♦ Pond Park
- ♦ Preston
- ♦ Preston
- ♦ SE Cary Pkwy
- ♦ South Cary
- ♦ Speight Branch
- ♦ SW part of Cary
- ♦ Tobacco Trail
- ♦ West Cary
- ♦ West Cary
- ♦ West Wake
- ♦ More sand volleyball courts, indoor tennis facility

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OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Connections to regional trails

- ♦ American Tobacco and Umstead
- ♦ Apex
- ♦ Apex
- ♦ Apex park on Lake Presno
- ♦ ATT
- ♦ ATT
- ♦ Black Creek
- ♦ Buffs Park
- ♦ Chatham Co.
- ♦ Durham, Pittsboro
- ♦ Everywhere
- ♦ Lochmere
- ♦ Mountain to sea
- ♦ Near Cary town limits
- ♦ NW Cary
- ♦ NW Cary
- ♦ Oakwood Heights
- ♦ Raleigh
- ♦ To NCSU
- ♦ To Raleigh
- ♦ Tobacco
- ♦ Tobacco Trail
- ♦ Tobacco Trail
- ♦ Tobacco Trail
- ♦ Tobacco Trail
- ♦ Tobacco trail
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- ♦ Tobacco Trail
- ♦ Tobacco Trail
- ♦ Tobacco Trail to Durham
- ♦ Umstead
- ♦ West Cary
- ♦ White Oak and Tobacco Trail

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OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Other important aspects of greenways and trails

- ♦ American Tobacco Trail
- ♦ American Tobacco Trail
Black Creek Trailhead is across Maynard Rd from the Dog Park/Sk8 Cary/Tennis Courts/Another Greenway, but it's dreadfully unsafe to cross the road there. A foot bridge would be an awesome addition to let people safely get from one side of Maynard to the other..
- ♦ Cameron Pond
- ♦ central cary
- ♦ Chapel Hill Road
- ♦ Connect anywhere within Cary and connect to larger trails around Raleigh for long distance biking.
- ♦ connect Hichcroft Village to Sears Farm Road with paved greenway
- ♦ connect to tobacco trail
- ♦ connect trails in west cary to Tobacco Trail
- ♦ Connection of trails are vital for biking around cary
- ♦ Connection to American Tobacco Trail through Cary
- ♦ connection to ATT
- ♦ Connection to ATT, raleigh, RTP offering bike trails to work
- ♦ connection to other towns - Apex, Morrisville etc
connections from Black Creek trail to Downtown and to Bond Park, also expanded connection to Morrisville along Evans Rd.
- ♦ Connections should exist such that a person could reasonable get to just about any other place or at least trail within Cary. Other: It would be nice to incorporate circuit training stations into the Greenways.
- ♦ Connections to Carpenter Village trails, American Tobacco Trail
- ♦ connections to Tobacco Trail
- ♦ connections within Cary: developing trails in the older parts of town
- ♦ downtown, RTP
- ♦ Enforcement of pet owners removing their dogs' feces from both greenways and trails.
- ♦ getting rid of the Communist Town staff and leaders and their Fascist, totaltarian policies
- ♦ Greenways in South Bridge to Cary Park greenways
- ♦ Handicapped
- ♦ Hook up with the tobacco trail and with Raleigh trails. Good maps so we know about all the available trails. I'd love it if more of the trails could connect to each other. I live in Carpenter Village and would love to be able to get outside the neighborhood from our trails.
- ♦ Increasing numbers
- ♦ Let it be!
- ♦ like trails to be able to bike one place to another, e.g. make use of bridge over us1/64
- ♦ loop bike trails
- ♦ More downtown trail connections
- ♦ More trails
- ♦ Mountain bike trails
need better updates on trail projects. Cary website appears to be really behind on this. I should have a person's email contact listed to ask about a proposed trail that still hasn't been started yet.
- ♦ new cary arts center
- ♦ NO BIKES
- ♦ No dog poo everywhere!
- ♦ Park off of Lake Pine is a great example
- ♦ More sand volleyball courts, indoor tennis facility
Please continue to fill in gaps in greenway system, as you have been doing. Please find a way to cross I-40 with a greenway bridge or tunnel.
- ♦ Policing of leash laws and other nuisances

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OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Running trails that branch out further from Bond Park...be nice to have more soft surface trails, better for knees, fewer

- ♦ bikers
- ♦ Safety
- ♦ Signage and trail maintenance in Bond Park
- ♦ Signs regarding dog feces
- ♦ tobacco trail connection from West Park area
- ♦ The American Tobacco Trail

The new park off Lawrence rd in Cary is great and has great walking loops but there isn't a side walk connecting the park with the neighborhoods behind the park. It would also be great if the greenway trail that is close to the park would connect to the park. Right now we have to walk with our small children; a mile along what I would consider to be a busy side street to enter the greenway trails. If the trail and the mentioned park connected we would spend a lot

- ♦ more time on the greenway trails!
- ♦ to the American Tobacco Trail from Sears Farm Park area
- ♦ To Umstead
- ♦ Tobacco Trail

Too many trails are dead ends with no help to find the next part. For example, Bond Park trails to DDMS greenway.

- ♦ Needs signs to find our way to the next part of the trail.

Trail Connections for safe passage across major roadways such as Kildaire and SE Cary Parkway near Wimbledon and

- ♦ Macgregor Downs, regional connections to Raleigh Greenways
- ♦ trail connections: west Cary, regional connection: tobacco trail
- ♦ Tree preservation
- ♦ white oak
- ♦ White Oak Creek trail to Bond Lake Park, to Tobacco Trail
- ♦ Wish they had safe bike paths to downtown

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OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Future funding improvements (OTHER)

- ♦ Activity center for younger seniors 55-65 closer to KFR or downtown Cary
- ♦ add indoor courts to Cary Tennis Park
- ♦ Add kayaking/canoe trails
- ♦ Add more evening general education and art classes for adults
- ♦ Add more playgrounds
- ♦ add more sand volleyball courts and dog parks
- ♦ Add new indoor aquatics center
- ♦ Add parking to greenway entrances
- ♦ add sand volleyball courts - we've been forced to use Jaycee park because of lack of availability in Cary due to league play.
- ♦ Add Tennis Courts
- ♦ Additional youth soccer fields
- ♦ An indoor swimming pool
- ♦ Build a Market House system on vacant land in town center. If well planned, would be a year-round, downtown sustainable business model.
- ♦ Build a municipal golf course
- ♦ Centralized water pro with greenway connectors.
- ♦ Community gardening space
- ♦ Connect all green way and trails
- ♦ Consider more for West Cary
- ♦ Curtail dog feces
- ♦ Dog park
- ♦ Dog Parks!!!
- ♦ Enough already- "stop spending"
- ♦ Expand Hemlock Bluffs Park
- ♦ Farmers Market, community gardens
- ♦ Field trip/learning opportunities for local schools
- ♦ Great as it!
- ♦ Ice rink
- ♦ Improve transportation (electric not diesel)
- ♦ In tight times, maintain what you have- wait to create new. It's a luxury!
- ♦ Indoor pool
- ♦ indoor pool so I don't need to travel to raleigh to swim
- ♦ Indoor rec space for youth leagues
- ♦ Indoor recreation space as above but with lap swim pool
- ♦ indoor tennis
- ♦ Indoor tennis courts!
- ♦ just want sidewalks by my home
- ♦ Less money on sign ordinance enforcement, more on natural space preservation
- ♦ Let it be! Maintain existing!
- ♦ more public tennis courts
- ♦ More sand volleyball courts, indoor tennis facility
- ♦ Mountain bike trails
- ♦ nothing, save money
- ♦ Parking
- ♦ Regency Amphitheater needs maintenance

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OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Future funding improvements (OTHER)

- ♦ Save money and just maintain.
- ♦ Seating at Koka Boothe will in time be insufficient and it is currently very rough. Go online or investigate Ravinia which is in a N Chicago suburb. Their facility is superb and includes a cultural arts center with smaller concerts and events as well as a school for musicians. The venue has several restaurants (fancy and casual choices). In time I would like a better summer venue like Ravinia for our symphony.

- ♦ Sidewalks
- ♦ Soccer Fields (Open space fields)
- ♦ Splash pad/parks around the city not connected to a pool or aquatic center
- ♦ Swimming center
- ♦ Table tennis
- ♦ Use LEED and Low Impact Design for new and in renovating park facilities to create efficient, sustainable facilities. Use these as demonstration facilities to show citizens how to install solar panels, rain gardens, green roofs, and other sustainable practices.

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OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Additional comments and suggestions

- ♦ A convention center to hold festivals indoors like Lazy Daze and other trade shows
- ♦ Add ability to bike to work by improving greenway system. We are know for our outside facilities. I would like to have things to do on a rainy day such as historical areas or indoor recreation.

- ♦ add more parks/recreation facilities/open space/trails/programs near west cary.
- ♦ add parks for hummanaty.
- ♦ Add shade structures around playground areas. It gets too hot for kids to play in the summer. Also splash fountains or water features to get wet and cool off.
- ♦ Add tennis courts to USA Baseball Complex or somewhere nearby
- ♦ Adding more parks to accomodate the needs families close to their houses is what I strongly recommend.

- ♦ Addition of artistic water fountains (fountain of Trevi, Versailles) would be nice!! A public track would be greatly appreciated!
- ♦ additional facilities are needed in north west Cary, Pars, greenways and community/sports center.

- ♦ All parks and recreation facilities that the Town of Cary owns, operates, or plans to build in the future need to be revenue generating in some form or fashion. The designers must incorporate durability factors into their design that allow all weather use of the particular facility. It is a major disappointment that the Wake Med Soccer Park is so underutilized and that it generates a tiny fraction of what it should be able to produce in the way of sustaining revenue, or defrayment revenue. The grass fields are beautiful and are a dream to play on when weather hasn't closed the fields and most inclement weather events do cause the Town to close the facility. We should, at the very least change the back fields and possible one or more of the top fields to synthetic turf so that the fields can remain open except in the worst weather conditions. This revision to the park would allow the Town to lease the synthetic fields to local soccer clubs, who then be able to avoid the mess that constant closure has created in the past. The Town would then be able to establish a revenue stream to help cut the costs associated with the park and make further improvements. Any revenue generating facility must have a portion of the revenue which that facility generates setaside for further improvements so that users see that a portion of their contributions are
- ♦ All science/robot/Lego classes will be offered at facility near to downtown Cary instead of at Middle Creek Community Center (too far away from downtown.) Can the survey be designed simpler and shorter?
- ♦ Although no one in this household has special needs we have friends with disabled children who would benefit from inclusion and programming to meet their needs
- ♦ Aquatic center is way overdue
- ♦ Be prudent with taxpayer dollars. Cary seems to spend money like it is free.
- ♦ Become more sustainable, upgrade facilities to become greener
- ♦ Better maintenance of unpaved trails at Bond Park
- ♦ Bury the power lines
- ♦ Cary has insufficient sidewalk coverage. Communities are linked by sidewalks and they provide a way to safely move by bike and foot. The streets of Reedy Creek, Evans, and Maynard need sidewalks.

- ♦ Cary has the best parks and recreation program of any city I have lived in. It really adds to the attractiveness of living here.
- ♦ Cary is a beautiful place to live!

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OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

Additional comments and suggestions

- ♦ Cary is developing land at a rapid pace. Natural areas are going to be more and more precious as Cary continues to grow. Protecting natural areas should be a priority for Cary. A LOT of attention needs to be paid to run-off especially into the Black Creek waterway. The run-off that is a result of clear-cutting upstream has caused the creek to swell and caused significant erosion downstream, damaging private property of Cary citizens as well as constant damage to the Black Creek greenway trail.
- ♦ Cary Tennis Park is a fabulous venue but more courts are needed to keep up with growth and to allow youth and adult league and instruction to continue to grow. Revenue from tournaments would be good for the community. Indoor courts don't exist in Cary!
- ♦ Cary tennis park is frequently totally full. It should be expanded, and indoor courts would be a great addition.
- ♦ Cary tennis park is one of the better public facilities in the country. Could be improved by improving the spectator opportunities for tournaments, clay courts and indoor courts.
- ♦ Cary's parks, open spaces, and trails are top notch. Maintaining what we have is important. The town should be proud of what it has!
- ♦ Change leagues to utilize 1 or 2 facilities rather than having games all over Cary. Reduce emphasis on regional sports venues; NCAA events; focus on community resources.
- ♦ Complete missing links between existing trails, add amenities, and widen some trails for bike paths
- ♦ Connect more trails. They end too soon and no signage of how to continue.
- ♦ Connect the trails! Trailheads are very important with visibility.
- ♦ Connecting greenways are needed for bicycles,"""
- ♦ Create a park like atmosphere in down town Cary with sculptures and water features that are kid friendly. Add very small play parks near entrances of greenways. Consider Jordan Hall for all ages drop in recreation for things like ping pong, pool, shuffle board, checkers/chess, and other game boards quilting and sewing groups, internet wifi, lounge community garden/garden classes. have times for adults only/kids only and family nights.
- ♦ Develop a plan for the western suburbs expansion. Several areas are designated for future parks. A plan for use and expansion (Brooks Park) of these areas for residents to review and give input would be great.
- ♦ Don't out source Cary business to Colorado. Keep our work and a little bit of dollars here at home.
- ♦ Don't raise property taxes, other fees
- ♦ Downtown cafes can supply carry-out meals for those to take aboard train. The bicycle lane stuff is not uniform in the own. Needs some re-visiting.
- ♦ Downtown daytime hours and easy accessibility. Cary is doing a fine job for seniors now.
- ♦ Downtown is dead. There need to be additional boutiques, restaurants, ice cream shops, etc to draw folks down there! Apex and Chapel Hill have wonderful downtown areas but there's nothing to do in downtown Cary, especially after 5pm. Businesses lining the streets downtown could use a face lift/renovation to give the area a better look and feel.
- ♦ Enforce dog poo pickup; it really ruins the environment of parks and trails. Kids hours for pottery - I have asked mgmt. this for several years. We NEED community gardens!
- ♦ Even though I don't use facilities now, I did when our kids were younger. I support maintaining current facilities to keep up the value of my house.
- ♦ More sand volleyball courts, indoor tennis facility

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- ♦ Focus on connecting the existing greenways so people can bike to more places like restaurants, shops, and friends
- ♦ Focus on maintaining the parks, trails, and facilities we already have. Don't need to build more. I'd rather see additional land left as open space rather than paved and built over. Open, wooded spaces are what give Cary it's small town feel.
- ♦ Follow the model of the senior center. The staff there is great and they offer a lot of what we are looking for to help our aging parents.
- ♦ For new parks I would like consideration given to having scenic areas to look at, not just sports fields, etc. For example, I'd like to take my elderly parents on picnics. Ideally there would be senior accessible picnic tables (ones where you don't have to swing your leg over the bench) with views of water or gardens or pretty natural areas.
- ♦ For the most part, I'm very pleased with Cary's parks system. The MOST important thing is to maintain it in it's current excellent state. Well-kept parks are a boon to a city, but deteriorating, neglected parks are eyesores and attract criminal elements. Furthermore, I believe that, while it's not directly within the purview of the Parks & Recreation department, the Cary Police needs to be proactive and have a better method of patrolling the parks and greenways. A bicycle officer riding the greenways on occasion - especially during high use times - would help keep our parks safe.
- ♦ Free outdoor tennis court space is at a premium. Annie Jones Park and Godbold Park fill up with people waiting every Saturday morning, and Cary Tennis Park frequently has events that close down the courts.
- ♦ Give consideration to usability and usefulness of existing buildings before any construction expense
- ♦ Has signage (self-guided) been considered in natural or historical areas to educate about protecting soil and water resources, the diversity maintenance of plants and animals? JC Raulston Arboretum has a children's program that might be adapted by Cary.
- ♦ Have no need for any of it!
- ♦ Hemlock Bluffs should be open at dawn! Thank you for doing this survey. Please open parks (Hemlock Bluffs) whenever it is light out! Could you please advise us in the Water Newsletter re: results or how to access them.
- ♦ Highly suggest parking areas on trailways where they meet major roads. Example: parking on the sides of the road to use the Tobacco trail is a bit dangerous when trying to access bikes from car and exiting children from car. Our family would use the trails more often if there was a designated parking area.
- ♦ How about a town operated indoor archery facility. This could be operated like the USA Baseball for both town folks and as a host facility for regional and national competetions. I think this would appeal to all ages as much as learning a new skill which is fun or to bring in folks who like to compete. Look at the amount of bows sold each year in the south. Take a look at the numbers of people using the Wake County Range in Apex, more than likely they also own bows but have no place to shoot them.
- ♦ How about doing nothing for a while? You need a dog park!

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- ♦ I am not familiar with the offerings of the Town of Cary for teens and children, although when my children were younger we used the facilities (especially the classes at Hemlock Bluffs and Jordan Hall) extensively. So, I am in support of funding these activities if the families today feel they would use them and appreciate them. On the other hand, I oppose the use of Town funds to build an aquatics facility due to the cost/benefit I perceive. It is my understanding such a facility would be expensive to build, and, more so, to maintain and operate. I can imagine that with reasonable access fees or free admittance, it would become crowded and therefore, not really available to as many people as one would hope it would be. (at least at the busiest hours and seasons). I think that our recreation and cultural dollars would go farther and serve more people with more diverse offerings if we did NOT spend it on an aquatics facility. If, in the future, cost and sufficient access were not an issue, and other recreational and cultural needs were met, I would not oppose Cary having an aquatics facility. I just don't think it is worth the expenditure it requires.
- ♦ I am up near Morrisville and generally use Morrisville for everything, I am not aware of anything near me, we took our kids to pullen park for swimming lessons until we learned about the aquatic center near the Cary Town Center, but even then it was crowded with tournaments the 4 times went.
- ♦ I believe the town of Cary needs a beautiful Display Garden, where we can take out of town guests when they visit. Examples elsewhere include Duke Gardens, JC Raulston Arboretum, WRAL Gardens, etc. We need one in Cary!
- ♦ I do not want to pay more taxes for any of this
- ♦ I don't think that the Town of Cary needs to waste any more of tax payer's money with building more when they are not maintaining what they have. In addition, the staff for the youth programs is very lack luster to say the least.
- ♦ I feel Cary does a good job creating a nice, healthy place for families. I think all of these amenities and facilities are luxuries in tight times. Would rather tax money to go to feed, house, and educate the needy.
- ♦ I found myself going more often to Apex Community Park and Morrisville Community Park(Center?) than going to Bond Lake Park, even though Bond Lake Park is closer. It feels harder to going Bond Lake Park - less welcomed, less relaxing, less calming, less warm, less feeling of being at your own hometown - less easy to go in and out of it
- ♦ I have a lot of concern, suggestions, opinions, and feedback to offer. But the length of this survey is ridiculous for the working person. I did not have the time to answer but a few of the questions. Because of the length of this survey, you are unfairly affecting the profile of your responses, and therefore the result of this survey will not accurately reflect the opinions of the working and busy people in the community. Which is perhaps the most important segment of the population to query. I'm sure you spent a LOT of effort putting this survey together, and I appreciate that. But I would NOT put much merit in the results because you have filtered out the people you should be surveying. So sorry about that, but that's the way I see it. I answered a few questions. That's all I can do.
- ♦ I have been using Cary Parks and Rec for over 12 years and feel lucky to have them as part of our life!
- ♦ I have been very pleased with the parks and programs in Cary. It helps make Cary a great place to live.

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- ♦ I have lived in Cary two years now, so I'm not familiar with many of the above offerings as long term residents would be. I also live alone, as my son and his family live in Apex. But, I think outdoor parks with forms of water recreation for young children would be desirable. If this years extreme heat repeats itself I would suggest creating more indoor venues for athletic exertion regardless of the age of the participants. I know Cary has outdoor amphitheaters for cultural events, but personally - I don't like to sit out-of-doors among flies and mosquito's on hot humid evenings.
- ♦ I live in South Cary (near Crossroads). There isn't anything really close by. You have to go downtown or down to middle creek (which really isn't even in CARY!). If you build new stuff, please build for people who have been here. Don't build all the new stuff in West Cary which is too far for us to use. Also, we are in a recession. Many are jobless. How about reducing spending so they we don't have to pay more in taxes. Why not be happy with what you have, instead of needing more. I don't want to pay more taxes so that people in West Cary have more parks and greenways. There really is hardly that many things around where I live. Also the classes are really too expensive. They should be cheaper because they are using Town resources (buildings/advertising/etc.) Why do the classes cost as much as private classes? Somehow the private dance company classes (for example) are the same price as your classes and they must pay rent on a building and pay a receptionist, etc. Also, there aren't classes nearby for me near Crossroads. I would have to go up to Bond Park or to Middle Creek. Why not give us more options. We have been here the longest and made Cary what it is. If my daughter wants to do tennis, I would have to drive all the way to Cary Tennis Park. Way too far for me. So she doesn't do tennis. Not right. But
- ♦ I lived near Downtown Naperville, IL. They have a great downtown area. Restaurants, festivals, outdoor parks, fitness facilities, etc. It's walker friendly with ample free parking. You should visit and check it out.
- ♦ I love the greenway system and the bike trails. Bike trails near Macgregor Downs and Lake Pine Cary Pkwy are not well marked.
- ♦ I think Cary does a good job in these areas
- ♦ I think Lazy Days needs to accept reality and expand the streets for Lazy Days. Do not increase the vendors, but it is so crowded, so spread the existing vendors out over more streets.
- ♦ I think the parks, facilities, open space, trails, programs, and beauty of the Cary area are first rate. Keep up the good work!
- ♦ I think there should be more classes offered for preschool/toddlers. The few that you do have fill up so fast that a lot of kids don't get to participate. Also I think there needs to be more things for kids to climb on instead of mostly slides and swings.
- ♦ I wish to see that more natural areas are preserved for the future. We do like less urbanized environment.
- ♦ I would like a senior exercise pool (aquatic) for men/women class and yoga on Saturdays!
- ♦ I would like to see a safe and separate bicycle path that the residents could use to bike from one corner of the town to the other. Existing bicycle paths appear to be after thoughts. Residents should be able to bike to their work within the town or to RTP. Biking (using bicycle) is both recreational and environmentally friendly activity and yet, this entire survey missed on bicycling (both for pleasure and work). It would be nice if Cary is a town where bicyclists don't have to compete with automobiles. Cary has educated and environmentally concerned residents who would take to their bike than a car if there is a well thought of bike path that they could use to go around the town. Kids would love to bike to school too.
- ♦ I would like to see agility equipment added to the Cary Dog Park

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- ♦ I would like to see better 'monitoring' of the greenways. I have a greenway just behind my house and have only seen one (1) Cary policeman on a bike in the 15 years I have lived in this house (despite signage stating the greenways are monitored by law enforcement). This would improve the litter, unleashed dog problems, and the signage destruction I encounter every day. In addition, my greenway has never been cleaned after any of the hurricanes and ice storms. The collective debris makes the woods bordering the greenway look like a war zone. It is sad to see, not beautiful to look at.
- ♦ I would love to see the greenways connected and finished. I would love an indoor aquatics facility in Western part of Cary. I would like to see the Western part of Cary have more facilities- we have to drive to Bond, downtown, etc.
- ♦ I would love to see development of downtown Cary including a public space, a downtown park, public art, restaurants, shops, etc.
- ♦ I would really like to see a high quality track. I used to run at the Cary High track until it was renovated and closed to the public. I would also like to see more soft trail opportunities. I appreciate that the town is paving more trails to make them accessible for more people, but aging knees prefer a soft surface.
- ♦ I'd like to see some of the classes you offer, offered at multiple facilities. For example the best karate classes are at Middle Creek Community Center, which is quite a drive, and not worth the savings when compared with private programs that are closer to us.
- ♦ If there is new construction, I hope as little as possible trees are removed or knocked down
- ♦ i'm a trail person. I believe Cary is doing a great job at connecting trails. My one complaint is that they are paving EVERYTHING. Enough already...
- ♦ Im disappointed with how many trees are being cut down for development.
- ♦ Implement a pick up/drop off service for those seniors without transportation for midday service
- ♦ Improve and maintain what we have - more parking, since population continues to grow. More restroom facilities. Forget big new programs in this economy. Aquatics facilities too expensive to build and maintain. We have enough with new TAC & Lifetime.
- ♦ Improve communications regarding recreation opportunities sponsored/happening in town of Cary. Don't think Cary should get into the swimming pool business- private sector is handling this well.
- ♦ Improve downtown neighborhood connections to downtown area with better sidewalks, crosswalks,
- ♦ Improve the Public transportation by expanding the Cary Tran till the Airport as well as more frequency on the weekends to the Malls, Grocery Stores - Improve the areas near the new ART center at night with more Street lights and more parking space
- ♦ In my experience, the town of Cary does things on a larger scale that requires more money than necessary for some activities. A farmers market and display garden need not be a large expenditure.
- ♦ Include a "healthy cooking" kitchen in an indoor facility to aid children and parents that never had instruction. As a training or even actual kitchen to serve food to kids (??) that they learn to prepare.
- ♦ Incorporate multi-purpose in all facilities to insure maximum usage.
- ♦ Indoor pool with lap lanes
- ♦ Instead of building more apartments that add to the congestion and diminishes quality of life, build more parks of natural areas for families to enjoy.

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- ♦ Instead of building sections of trails, connect existing trails! Some trails are trails to nowhere. For example, connect the trail in the Reserve Subdivision to trail along hwy 55 to nearest trail now!
- ♦ It seems the focus for classes and events is on youths or families with children. Our children are grown and it is just the two of us. Since we are not yet seniors, and we work during the day, there are few non-sport/athletic activities in which we can participate.
- ♦ It would be great if every Cary neighborhood could be connected to the greenway
- ♦ it'd be great to have greenways connect to the train depot, so i could ride my bike to public transportation off the main roads.
- ♦ Keep up the good work - especially good job at Band park
- ♦ Keep up the good work!!!!
- ♦ Keep up the Great Work. Thanks
- ♦ Leadership for parks, recreation facilities, open space, trails, and programs in Cary comes from the top (leader and staff.) We need to get rid of the Communist Town staff and leaders and their Fascist, totalitarian policies in order to bring back American values and virtues in our town!
- ♦ link White Oak Greenway to Harmony neighborhood (either directly or by adding a sidewalk along 55 and work with other communities to also link it to the Tobacco Trail
- ♦ Listen to the residents wishes adjoining trails and parks-they will be the most directly impacted by changes or improvements.
- ♦ Living in northwest Cary (Panther Creek/Mills Park/Alston Ridge) we really lack public facilities. Greenways are not connected, our park (Mills Park) is not being created. There are no outdoor courts except at the schools, which we don't even know if we are allowed to use.
- ♦ Love living in Cary! More social classes at Community Center such as more dance classes and art classes. Please have classes on weekends! Due to work schedule, cannot go during week.
- ♦ large water fountain with play space for children surrounded by public art
- ♦ Maintain what you have and stop building more stuff!
- ♦ Maintaining or renovating existing facilities more important than adding new ones that will thus need maintenance
- ♦ Maintenance issues should not be neglected. Dunham park needs new bathroom to replace the one that was burned out. Once facilities degrade to a point where they are not appreciated, then vandalism occurs. This impacts surrounding neighborhoods and increases blight.
- ♦ Make effort to explore and acquire open space within Maynard loop for urban parks. Upgrade and include playground equipment and picnic equipment to attract more use of current urban parks.
- ♦ Make program information easier to find, maybe add program guides to local grocery stores in the free mag area
- ♦ make sure parks have adequate shade...part equipment gets very hot and therefore most parks useful/playable for only a few hours per day.
- ♦ make sure playgrounds are located near apartments and higher density ares, not all in the the newer outskirts
- ♦ Make sure the table tennis facilities are being kept

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- ♦ Make the greenways connect to Raleigh system and ATT. Hiking trails would be nice.
- ♦ More bike racks in shopping centers and libraries
- ♦ more discounts/ initiative / tax breaks for those who purchase environmentally friendly items (rain barrels, solar panels, etc)
- ♦ More electric buses, fewer cars. Let children and workers ride together on busses.
- ♦ more multipurpose trails... for bikes, roller blades & runners more bike lanes
- ♦ More parks are needed on the western part of Cary, where the growth has exploded.
- ♦ More Teen offerings
- ♦ More tennis courts. Tennis has grown enough that the number of courts available isn't enough. Love the trails that have been created throughout Cary, maintenance of the trails is important to us.

- ♦ More trees for shade at dog park. Also, more festivals for local artists.
- ♦ More volleyball sand courts.
- ♦ Most join gyms or fitness centers. Cary does not have to provide that.
- ♦ Mostly ok
- ♦ My experience with parks, etc is 10 years out of date. At the time, I thought them lovely and well maintained. My greatest dissatisfaction now is the run away clearing of natural areas- I am most opposed. No further public funds are needed at this time for indoor and outdoor facilities.

- ♦ My family really enjoys using the various greenways and parks in the area. We would like to see these great amenities continue to develop in Cary.
- ♦ My family uses the greenway system several times EVERY day. We use it for recreation, exercise, and commuting. I believe it the single best way to spend money, and would love to see a more expansive system.
- ♦ Need a center for single seniors close to KFR or downtown Cary ages 55-65. this is an issue with fixed incomes. This is an in between age we are in and having difficulty fitting in!
- ♦ Need a municipal golf course. Cary is a great place to live. Keep up the good work.
- ♦ Need a public track and field facility
- ♦ Need additional youth soccer fields
- ♦ Need more soccer fields n Western Wake, trails/greenways to connect to Tobacco Trail would be nice...no parking spaces there which prohibits driving out there. A dog park in Western Wake would be nice.

- ♦ Need signs to identify trails and parks
- ♦ Need to improve downtown area and clean up access to it such as ugly buildings on Chatham St. Downtown needs stores, restaurants, movies, music, parking space and reasons to go.
- ♦ Need town facilities closer to Highway 1010 area
- ♦ no
- ♦ No
- ♦ No public art. Do not waste tax money on town buildings. No need to spend any more money downtown. Current programs are not communicated. I have lived in Cary for 30 years and in the last 5 years I have not seen one thing advertizing the facilities. No more swimming pools please. No more dog parks. Allow citizens to use school athelitic facilities. This survey is stupid long and poorly designed. Pull down boxes not readable.
- ♦ Offer more evening classes at the Senior Center. Many of us seniors still work and so are unable to take advantage of activities scheduled for regular business hours.

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- ♦ Online tennis court schedules that are kept up to date. Too many times I have gone to courts in Raleigh because a court has been reserved. It is time consuming to go to a court and find they are not available to the public.
- ♦ Open up to the public to teach a subject they are knowledgeable with. This way, you may get new classes offered.
- ♦ Outdoor pool facilities would be nice with high dive
- ♦ Overall, the parks and rec facilities and programs in Cary are incomparable. Facilities are always clean and well-maintained and there are programs to suit all ages and interests. We would love an outdoor aquatic facility (could be put under a bubble in winter) and expanded fitness facilities (weight and cardio equipment, more workout classes).
- ♦ places for public fishing
- ♦ Please add signage greenways to show connectors and additional routes. Non traditional lighting in walkway tunnels ie solartubes. Advertised greenway volunteer maintenance days and community competition for beautification of greenway areas.
- ♦ Please keep the natural unpaved trails unpaved. I run almost every day on the trails but b/c of knee injuries cannot run on pavement. So please please please keep the unpaved trails unpaved so I can continue running.
- ♦ Please plan for a future where gasoline/heat/fuel/energy costs will rise. Make Cary a sustainable, functional, walkable downtown where person's want to live and work. We need a grocery store, hardware store, multi story buildings with businesses on ground floor, and apartments and offices above- a Market House economy.
- ♦ preserve nature green space
- ♦ Promote Koka Booth amphitheater
- ♦ Quit using Cary Tennis Park for USTA and other outside organizations. The facility is often unavailable on weekends because outside groups are using the facility. Let them build their own facilities.

- ♦ Really need more courts at Cary Tennis Park, specifically covered courts.
- ♦ reduce the cost of the use of dog parks and tennis park
- ♦ Reduce the expenses! We've spent enough money already.
- ♦ Rehire Phil King/Rick Slagh (Triangle officials) to provide umps/refs
- ♦ Safety Town- grades K-5- changes each summer. Improve downtown!!! Would be fun!
- ♦ Should try to make Cary as bike-friendly as possible. Add more bike lanes that are interconnected.

- ♦ Sidewalks are a HUGE missing link in so many areas of Cary. Without sidewalks, there aren't safe ways to travel without using a vehicle. Every community would benefit from having more places to walk to and explore.
- ♦ Signage on greenway so people aren't all over the place with their dogs and children
- ♦ Slow down! Quit spending! Maintain!
- ♦ Stop building on every piece of open property. We need our green spaces and protected infrastructure.

- ♦ Stop building shopping centers and strip malls with fast food places
- ♦ Tennis courts in NW Cary
- ♦ Thank you for the wonderful trail system as it helps us to exercise and stay fit and healthy. And meet good people.
- ♦ The Koka Booth Amphitheater was a joy in the earlier days when it was not so expensive and you could bring food and drink to all events.

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- ♦ The more programmable the spaces, the better. Try to utilise these space to generate some sort of revenue, even if it just used to fund their own maintenance.
- ♦ The new park at the corner of Dry Ave and Dixon Street is an embarrassment to the Town! We participated in a tree planting last year and asked the Town 'Experts' how they planned to cotrol weeds after the tree planting. We were told that grass would be planted. It is now a complete bed of weeds with bamboo shoots and is an eyesore to the community. Someone needs to put mulch/make natural area to this park to eliminate the weeds/bamboo.
- ♦ The outdoor activities are fabulous for the grandchildren. Needed are more activities to do indoors when it is 105 degrees or 17 degrees outdoors.
- ♦ The park system in cary is amazing. Parks make Cary a more healthy and attractive place to live.

- ♦ The parks are wonderful! I love that they are well maintained.
- ♦ The Town currently does an excellent, high-quality job when implementing and maintaining public-use facilities. I would favor fewer facilities of exceptional quality, as we have now, opposd to many facilities in a lesser state.
- ♦ The town is a great place to live! I am very glad all these programs are available, even if I do not use them. There are plenty of others who do, and that is fine! Citizen's convenience Center is great! Keep up the good work!
- ♦ Therapeutic recreation is needed now and will be even more so in the coming years
- ♦ There are no over very few facilities available to West Cary Park area (no tennis court, no badminton court, no swimming classes.) There are no Senior Community Centers around Cary Park area.

- ♦ There are so many families with small children in Cary. We need more playgrounds and more facilities for kids.
- ♦ There is a need for performance groups to rent space that seat 150-300 people for community based shows. There is currently little to no rental space that is affordable with amenities, sound system,dressing rooms, seats for the audience,lighting etc...
- ♦ There's a reason I like to go to Apex park, when I live right next to Bond Park. It's because of the Tennis, Basketball courts and paved trail that goes around the lake (vs. a dirt trail).
- ♦ These are the things that attract me to Cary. Keep them a priority!
- ♦ this survey is way too long and redundant
- ♦ To date, the Town of Cary has been really good about offering different youth sports and track out/summer activities for the kids. Some facilities/fields do require some improvements such as Mills Park fields. But the parks in Cary are wonderfully such as Bond and North Cary becuase they offer so many things like walking trailers, playground equipment, covered picnic areas etc. In addition, the number of parks of different sizes ensures most are close to an option.

- ♦ Tobacco trail should have running water and flush toilets
- ♦ Too much money is wasted on these things
- ♦ Town needs at least 3 indoor rec facilities to cover south, north and area west of highway 55. The town is too large to have one facility. Downtown needs to have a complex with stage and restaurants eg icecream that open late! Cary forgets that residents work! Open early - close late.

- ♦ Town of Cary is doing an excellent job
- ♦ Unleashed dogs and dog feces are ruining Cary parks and greenways. Please make North Cary Park and Black Creek trail off limit to dogs.

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- ♦ Very nice and that's why we live here. Good signage laws and protection of nature and beauty.
- ♦ We appreciate the efforts of Cary Parks and Rec to provide excellent programs for the community and to maintain excellent facilities, parks, and greenways.
- ♦ We choose not to play sports on Sunday as part of our religious beliefs. It is disappointing when some of the youth rec leagues have games on Sunday. It would be nice to have programs where we would not have to miss games because they are being played on the Sabbath.
- ♦ We desperately need an indoor swimming pool that would cater to the huge Cary population.
- ♦ We have a newborn, and are just now finding out more about many of the amenities available for children in Cary. Outdoor and youth programs will be of increasing importance to us in the coming years.
- ♦ We have lots of existing trail segments. We need to connect them. It makes no sense to go 1/2 mile and stop. Finish what we already have before trying to expand.
- ♦ We like dogs, but too often find their owners to be very inconsiderate of others when sharing greenways and trails by not obeying leash laws, not cleaning up after their pets, and not reigning them in close when passing others in the same area.
- ♦ We love it here in Cary! We love the trees and trails! We like the feeling of being 'home'. It is clean and well kept!
- ♦ We need a community pool. We love Bond Park- the tennis park is lovely. My children love the ceramics "open studio." We're still learning about the new arts center.
- ♦ We need a town swimming pool. We need greenways that connect throughout town.
- ♦ We need more bird watching area for people who like to watch birds and other wildlife but don't like being disturbed or run over by bicycles.
- ♦ We need more parks/playgrounds and better access to greenways in western Cary.
- ♦ We need more soccer fields. Soccer is very popular here. Lighted Fields are needed.
- ♦ We really need a municipal golf course (at least 9 holes)
- ♦ We should build a club house for celebrating weddings, anniversaries, etc.
- ♦ We use the Raleigh Parks and Rec Lake Johnson Pool Complex- especially the Splash Park and wading pool at least once a week in the summer. Many moms from Cary use the facility and would love to have something like it closer to home/Cary. We see this as what Cary really lacks. There is also a group form Meetup.org-"Cary Moms Playgroup" that you may want to survey.
- ♦ Western Cary could use a recreation facility since there is so much growth in that area (similar to Bond Park). We have enough baseball fields.....
- ♦ Western Cary needs to have parks/recreational areas to serve the large population. The greenways in the South Bridge community should be connected to the larger network in Cary Park.
- ♦ When our children were home (now adults) we were very impressed with sports leagues our son participated in and all facilities were excellent. In the past, Cary High track was open to the public. THAT SHOULD BE MADE OPEN AGAIN when the high school is not using it as should be the case with other Wake County tracks.
- ♦ When we moved to Cary about 6 years ago, we really loved the open spaces (woods, natural areas, etc.) and the sense of community. Since we have been here, it is disappointing to see the natural areas being taken away with new construction, often unnecessary new construction such as the new Target in Cary.

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- ♦ Why are there no exercise/wellness classes for adults on Saturdays at Bond Park? Please schedule Saturday morning and afternoon classes.
- ♦ Why do most of your summer camps begin at 9 am and/or end at 3 pm? This is impractical for working families. The only summer camp that the Town of Cary offers that caters to working families is the one at Bond Park. I called about a theatre camp. Began at 9 am. No before camp options. Very difficult to find camps for working families.
- ♦ With two teenage children (19 and 16) we do not have a great need for a lot of recreation but we did when the children were younger. I love the greenways and use them frequently
- ♦ Would like greenways to go somewhere, be able to use greenways to bike from one place to another. For example bike to shopping center to pick up something rather than just being a 'road to nowhere.'
- ♦ Would like the trail from Cary Pkwy to Davis Drive Middle School completed and also the link from 55 to the American Tobacco trail -- that would be awesome and would allow us to do more biking near our house.
- ♦ You can't have enough greenways and trails. The ATT and greenways are all heavily used.
- ♦ You do a great job
- ♦ You guys are doing great! This town is wonderful to live in!
- ♦ You guys do a great job. Truly make this a great place to live.