

Resident Survey on Recreation in Nassau County

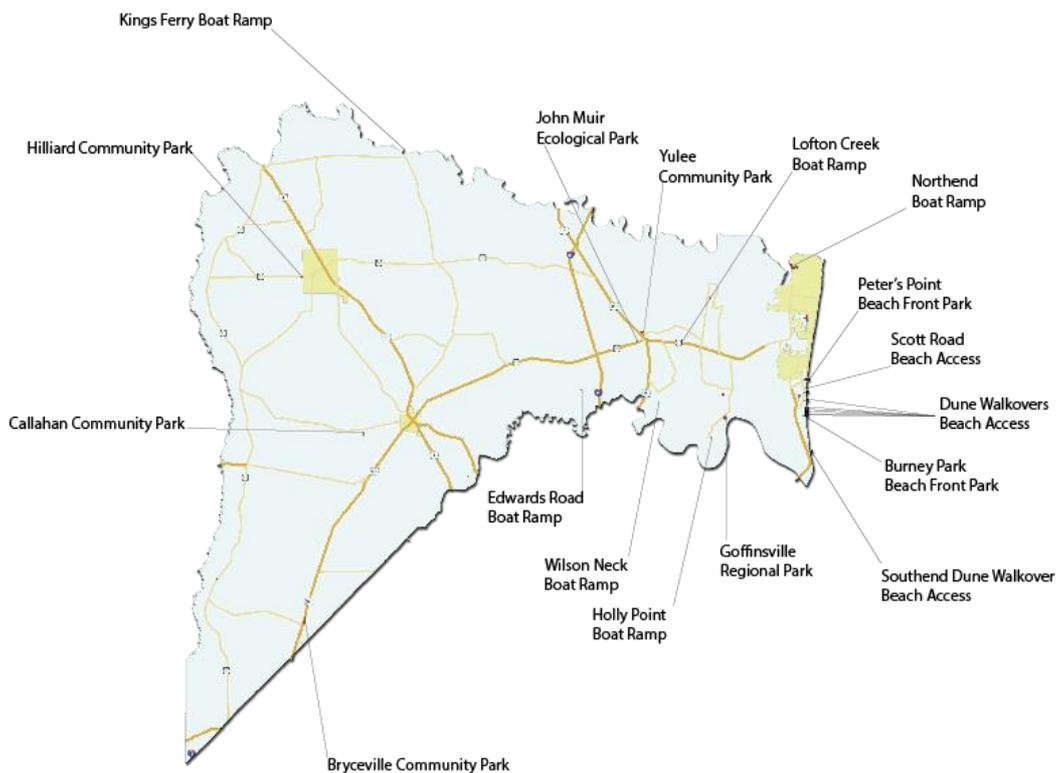
Nassau County is creating a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and you can help!

Growth Management Staff, working in partnership with the Northeast Florida Regional Council and local stakeholders, will be gathering public input into the needs and desires of residents. This survey will allow you to tell us what you think. There will also be a series of public workshops, which will culminate in a final written document that complies with the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and the Vision 2032 effort. The anticipated completion date is Feb-March of 2014. For more information as the project progresses, including the workshop schedule, visit <http://www.nassaucountyfl.com/index.aspx?nid=587>.

Please note that we are asking about those parks and facilities under the control of the Nassau County Board of Commissioners. The survey questions do not apply to parks managed by the City of Fernandina Beach, the Town of Hilliard, or the Town of Callahan. A map is provided to remind you of which parks we mean.

Please write your answers on the survey and leave it with a staff member. If you want to mail it in, send it to Ameera Sayeed, NEFRC, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216. The survey closes on May 15, 2013, so please get it to staff before then.

Welcome to our survey. Required questions are followed by an asterisk.



Your Thoughts on Parks and Recreation in Nassau County Now

1. Please tell us how frequently you participate in the following activities. *

	Participate Frequently <i>(two or more times per month)</i>	Participate Occasionally <i>(sometimes, but less than two times per month)</i>	Never Participate
Canoeing or kayaking	8.9%	31.9%	59.1%
Team Sports such as soccer, football or baseball	42.8%	11.6%	45.5%
Boating	24.6%	43.5%	31.7%
Fishing	31.4%	36.5%	31.9%
Beach Activities	64.6%	30.3%	4.9%
Swimming in a Pool	52.4%	26.7%	20.8%
Running, Hiking or Walking	67.3%	26.5%	6.1%
Riding a Bicycle	59.6%	26.0%	14.2%
Barbequing or Picnicking	47.6%	37.8%	14.5%
Viewing Scenery or Wildlife	53.0%	34.6%	12.2%
Tennis	6.9%	20.9%	72.0%
Golf	16.9%	20.1%	62.9%
Skateboarding/BMX	5.4%	8.1%	86.4%
Motor Sports (Motocross/Kart Racing)	5.9%	4.8%	89.1%

2. Have we missed activities you participate in frequently or would like to participate in if the facilities were available? If so, please list them below.

- A dog park in Yulee would be great!
- Anything would be better than what we have now, which is nothing. Hopefully something will interest the teens because they don't have a chance. A small, but decent, water park would be great with a couple of big slides, lazy river, and wave pool. Sounds like a lot, but I would go & I am old.
- Basketball
- Billiards
- Bird watching
- Bird watching, native plant identification, photography. A zip line would be fun, but not through undisturbed wild places. How about a beachfront zip line? Nobody has those – Peter's Point or Main Beach??
- Bocce, shuffleboard, pickle ball
- Bowling
- Bryceville does not have a park for walking and playground/picnic/pool.
- Camping
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- Children's dance/gymnastics
- Commuting via bicycle
- Dog park, dog walks and recreation with dogs.

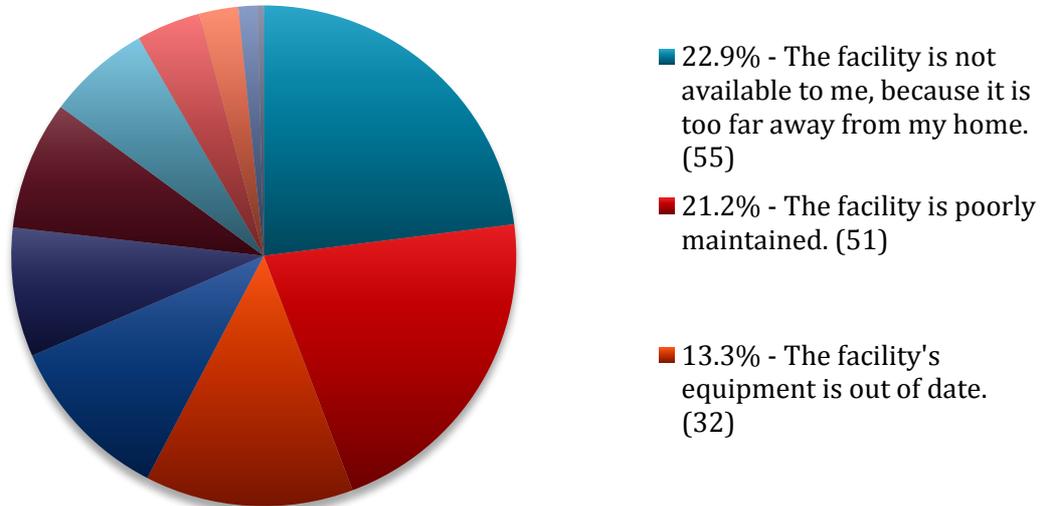
- Driving and Parking at the Beach (Peter's Point Beachfront Park.) My family also utilizes the covered shelters for BBQ's Cookouts at Peters Point Beach.
- Four wheeling
- Going to a playground.
- Hunting, target shooting, skeet shooting, kite surfing, skydiving, scuba diving
- I feel there is not enough parks/recreation in Bryceville. The children have the baseball field, but that is it! Maybe a better play area? Maybe a football field?
- I will go to a public pool in Callahan if we had one.
- Ice skating
- Ice skating, roller blading
- My son plays basketball and is very limited to basketball courts/basketball gyms available in the area
- Nature photography
- Nature photography
- Parks for small children
- Parks with more shady trees
- Petanque
- Petanque, Bocce
- Petanque, bocce, croquet
- Play grounds for elementary school children and older are not on the list. A community meeting room with eating facility. Horse trail would also be nice.
- Playground
- Playing at the parks
- Playing on the playground
- Public tai chi or yoga
- Racquetball
- Recreation center-workout room
- Roller Skating Rink
- Shooting range. Swimming pools.
- Take kids/grandkids to park/playground
- Visiting and a Park
- Volleyball
- Volleyball either indoor (Peck Gym) or Outdoor (Main Beach)
- Volleyball weekly @ Rec. Center
- Walking pets
- Water aerobics daily during the week at the Rec Center Pool, horseback riding. Bicycling has really improved with the new off the road trail on the south end. Much safer and more enjoyable.
- Water park
- Water park
- We live on Chester Road and would absolutely LOVE to have a picnic/park/play/biking area closer to the center of Yulee, as Goffinsville is the closest park for these activities - and growth in Yulee is growing rapidly.
- Wish we had a bowl skateboarding park. Currently our park is just 1/4 pipes and street skating.

- Would love to see more for our kids and teens to do. This would help keep them out of trouble and a place for us to take our little ones.

3. How would you rate Nassau County's existing parks and recreation facilities with regard to the listed activities? Please only comment on those facilities under the control of the Nassau County Board of Commissioners and not parks managed by the City of Fernandina, Town of Hilliard or the Town of Callahan. As an example, most of the parks on Amelia Island are managed by the City, with the exception of beach access points, which are managed by the County. *

	Poor	Average	Excellent	County Parks and Facilities do not support this activity	I do not know
Canoeing or kayaking	9.5%	23.2%	15.0%	2.7%	49.3%
Team Sports such as soccer, football or baseball	14.0%	40.2%	14.7%	2.0%	28.8%
Boating	6.0%	39.3%	25.3%	1.3%	28.0%
Fishing	4.5%	39.8%	29.4%	0.6%	25.4%
Beach Activities	8.4%	37.9%	40.5%	1.3%	11.7%
Swimming in a Pool	28.2%	21.0%	11.1%	15.1%	24.3%
Running, Hiking or Walking	16.0%	38.6%	26.0%	4.0%	15.3%
Riding a Bicycle	22.5%	36.4%	19.8%	2.6%	18.5%
Barbequing or Picnicking	14.8%	36.4%	18.2%	2.7%	27.7%
Viewing Scenery or Wildlife	15.8%	31.7%	28.4%	2.6%	21.1%
Tennis	16.2%	24.3%	4.7%	4.0%	50.6%
Golf	12.6%	18.0%	8.6%	11.3%	49.3%
Skateboarding/BMX	12.2%	17.0%	2.0%	9.5%	59.1%
Motor Sports (Motocross/Kart Racing)	12.2%	6.8%	0.0%	10.2%	70.7%
Activity you added above	20.6%	12.3%	1.0%	5.1%	60.8%

4. Of the Nassau County facilities that you did not rate “excellent”, do any of the following describe why? You may check as many as you want.



Please provide any clarification or comments you wish to help us determine the shortcomings of each facility of concern.

- A lot of the beach activities at main beach require walking a great distance due to lack of parking. My mother is handicapped and cannot walk that far, so when a festival or cook off is going on, there is not enough handicap parking available. So we quit going.
- After several years, I finally just had to quit swimming at the rec center because it was way too crowded, I could not get a lane.
- Average is good. Excellent is fabulous, my standard is California.
- Barbequing/picnicking; Again, outside of the south end of Amelia Island at the Beach front parks and Goffinsville there are no quality picnicking opportunities. The backside of the Yulee ballpark?Lack of facilities...
- Basketball goals are outdated in Yulee gym and no nets on outside goals; court is not regulation size in gym. need one more batting cage for younger kids side of park in Yulee spots complex
- Beach access points need maintenance; boat ramps, except the new one at northeast end/N 14th St, need facility upgrades and security to protect against vandalism.
- Bicycling is not very well supported on the roads/places that would be safer to bike. Major roads filled with log trucks or roads with high speeds (more than 45 mph) are too risky to traverse safely. Existing pathways do not connect.
- Bike lanes on highways are not really safe or meant as recreational. We need bike trails and parks, not just on Amelia Island, but also in Yulee and Callahan. Same for hiking and walking trails. Too much asphalt, not enough

green. Not enough public spaces that are easily accessible but away from highway traffic

- Bike paths in Nassau County do not exist. The roadways are too narrow to provide a comfortable riding experience.
- Bike paths; Walking trails; Swimming facilities; larger tennis courts; basketball courts; racquet ball courts;
- Boat ramps are poorly designed, they are unsafe due to no breakwater structure
- Bryceville ballpark needs more land for ballparks: soccer, football, playground, and track. The sad thing is these kids play baseball here from T-ball but because of facilities and larger fields, we lose these kids after age 12.
- Camping, again there are simply no facilities.
- County parks not equally distributed throughout the county. Need some green spaces and recreational spaces on the west side of the county. More trails to link the communities on the west side with state forests and reserves nearby.
- Even though we have a lot of water, fishing piers are minimal. There are very little trails for viewing scenery and wildlife. I only know of two tennis courts supplied by the county.
- Fernandina's City course is in the worst shape since moving here in 1983. Other courses are just too expensive for the normal working person.
- Furthermore, the County has done nothing to accommodate the influx of population. The suspension of impact fees in 2008 and the inability/unwillingness to enforce local laws that require dedication of land for public recreation with the approval of each new residential development has resulted in Nassau County falling further and further behind. I hope that this process will revile to great importance of recreational opportunities within a community and the County Commission will take a stand and put current residents first in their decision-making.
- Golf, jogging/bike, swimming pool, soccer fields, and community meeting place does not exist as far as I know.
- Golf/recreation facility/swimming pool-not available
- I do not want my tax dollars paying for recreation. I prefer that to be a private entity matter.
- I like the pool in Hilliard but it is a long drive after work and pricey to go to all season. I believe the city of Callahan would fully support a public pool.
- I would like to see bicycle paths in areas beyond Amelia Island, as well as a community pool.
- If it's not on Amelia Island it doesn't get any attention.
- If the county could incorporate a recreational facility in our Yulee community, it would be greatly supported and utilized. You could do as the Atlantic Rec Dept. and charge a nominal fee for swimming if you were to build a swimming facility. We had a recreational dept. in Lake City where people paid a small member fee to utilize indoor meeting rooms; table tennis; an after school program which provided homework assistance as well as a safe environment for the children in the community. These services could have a fee assessed and maintained. I have heard much feedback concerning

a need for this on the west side of our county as well as in Yulee. I hope we see one in the near future.

- Issues with several boat ramps; poorly maintained/designed; launching kayaks and canoes difficult
- Lofton Creek Boat Ramp is in need of Bathrooms and Shower Facilities.
- Many groups are forced to rent private facilities or utilize facilities in neighboring jurisdictions to simply meet and hold a practice. Even with the utilization of private facilities, the lack of available facilities greatly diminishes the capacity of individual programs and the ability for the program to operate fluently. Many programs turn kids away do to a lack of public facilities.
- Many of these facilities are left unmanned and are dirty a lot of the time. Most of the facilities they have on the east side of the county are geared towards them.
- More open parks, area public pool
- Most of the natural surroundings are only accessible by boat.
- My concerns are for Yulee, we have virtually nothing here.
- Nassau County has excellent potential. A little more options and a little better ongoing maintenance would be great.
- Nassau County provides very few park facilities for a county its size. Most (but not all) of the ones that are available are in poor condition.
- Nearest swimming pool is in Fernandina. I live in Yulee.
- Need more basketball gyms/courts
- Need to upgrade kayak facilities in the county, especially identifying and publish.
- No boat ramp or park in Blackrock area
- Of the activities I participate in, neither the county nor City Recreation Department supports them.
- Parks need renovated/updated bathrooms, picnic tables, grills, etc.
- Peter's Point Beach needs more driving space for vehicles, who's families go to beach to BBQ and Picnic. Bathrooms and salt water rinse off showers need repaired/replaced with newer units, also addition of showers needed.
- Please add recreation for our children in Bryceville.
- Public facilities in Fernandina seem to be maintained better than Yulee. Yulee has no safe bike paths, no dog parks, and the tennis courts are not maintained.
- Recreational opportunities, west of 95, are nonexistent. Oh yeah, unless your kid plays Pop Warner or T ball.
- Riding a bike throughout the county is not safe.
- Running, Hiking, Walking; Outside of the Amelia Island trail and maybe Goffinsville, maybe, the remainder of the County contains almost no other facilities. As stated above, it is an overall lack of facilities across the board. There just simply are not opportunities.
- Skateboarding/BMX...Simply no facilities. Important to note that the little skate park at Main Beach (City of Fernandina facility not BOCC) is okay for what it is but by no means is it an adequate facility for an entire county. The BOCC needs to look at other facilities around the State such as the Rippen Riverside Park in Oviedo. It is a "Team Pain" design and construction. Team

Pain is famous for working hand in hand with local governments to create quality skate parks. Skate parks that can be used by all skill levels, host skate/BMX events, and be a draw to a community.

- Swimming pools, There are no public swimming pools under the control of the BOCC...
- Team Sports; The County facilities are extremely overcrowded and operating at a level far over capacity. The County provides no (zero) programming. All organized athletic endeavors are 100% operated and funded by volunteers. Not only do volunteer groups (parents) have to contend with the organizational components required to operate a sports league but also they must do so in a community that lacks the recreational facilities to support their individual programs.
- The county does not provide anything for the local soccer community. The city sponsors the local affiliated soccer club
- The county doesn't have any parks that I am aware of where you can go to view scenery and wildlife or go running, hiking or walking. Beach facilities are very basic.
- The gym facility at the Yulee Sports Center is not in good repair. The outside bathrooms are not adequate. There are not enough bleachers/seating to watch football games at the location.
- The municipal golf course is in poor condition.
- The only county offerings I know about are: Goffinsville Park (excellent), Peters Point picnic area (dirty most of the time), the county beach put-ins (exceptional, a real asset for our area), the Bartell put-in by Ft Clinch (very nice), the recreational complex in Yulee, and the boat ramps at Scott's Landing, Kings Ferry and Lofton Creek, and Mills Creek, etc. (no facilities, however). Otherwise, especially off-island, there is a real lack of facilities - Compare Baldwin's nice park at the trailhead of the Jax-Baldwin Bicycle Trail. We need more things like that in the county and more bike trails, clean and protected waterways, and protected wooded uplands for hiking. Thank goodness for 3 Rivers, John B Cary, Ralph B Simmons. However, they are not county. Buy Tompkins Landing!!
- The playground equipment is old and outdated or unsafe in the summer time due to lack of shade or coverings, which allow the equipment to become too hot to play on.
- The Yulee Sports Complex is outdated and poorly maintained. It is way too small for the community.
- There are no county pools in our area. No tennis courts. The problem is we have very limited access to the beach and rivers in the area. Where there is access, parking is very limited. There are few or no restroom facilities. Nice access like North End Boat Ramp (Dede Bartels ramp) has lots of parking but no park/play areas -- only a small gazebo that must be shared. Why not a playground and picnic area too?
- There is no easily accessible launching point for canoe or kayak that is designed for canoe or kayak and therefore is not safe. Hiking trails are minimal and poorly maintained. Development encroaches on wildlife habitat so there is little wildlife to be seen. Beaches are poorly maintained, dirty.

- There should be more parks available. It takes us 20 minutes to get to the nearest community park.
- We are very new to the community and we are seniors.
- We currently have three high schools practicing in the City Pool. Nassau County needs to build a heated year round Olympic size pool for competition
- We would like to have a recreation department incorporated in Yulee to support the following activities that are not currently available:
- Yulee complex is outdated run down and is too small. There is not enough parking, and it only has one football and practice field. Last year there were 6 or more teams trying to practice on baseball field which was a conflict between the softball and baseball teams. Recommend expanding or creating a new sport complex that can accommodate all of the sport activities while at the same time keeping kids and family safe from foul balls

5. Which of the statements below reflect what you think about the reason why there may be shortcomings in Nassau County facilities? If you do not believe there are shortcomings, skip this question.

	Agree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree/unsure	I do not know
The facilities available are not the facilities the County needs.	17.4%	29.3%	39.4%	13.7%
The facilities are too small.	43.8%	17.5%	28.0%	10.5%
Parks and recreation is not a priority.	60.8%	16.6%	15.8%	6.6%
The facilities are poorly built or maintained.	49.5%	18.0%	23.4%	9.0%
The facilities are in the wrong locations.	25.2 %	20.7%	42.3%	11.7%
There are not enough facilities.	81.3%	2.4%	11.3%	4.8%

6. If you have other thoughts about why there may be shortcomings, please write them here.

- Add additional boat ramps with breakwater structure.
- Bryceville Park needs to be bigger.
- Cleanliness is a factor around the board at FB Parks & Rec Facilities particularly the locker rooms @ rec center pool
- Dedicated funding to maintain parks in an acceptable condition to meet citizen expectations is needed.
- Everything is on the east side and nothing is on the west side.
- Facilities are far and few in between.
- Funding shortfalls. Impact fees are for growth and hard to justify improvements when growth is down.
- Greater focus could be given to providing activities in the Yulee area. At the Yulee Sports Center, the playground is nice but it is too far away from the football fields. Parking is absolutely terrible.
- Have the pool(s) open more hours?

- I would like to see facilities available for children that are age appropriate. Too many big kids on playgrounds for younger kids.
- It's not that the facilities are not what's needed, just that there are not enough, and not well-maintained. We have such stellar natural gifts in Nassau County, we really need to protect and frame especially our waterways in ways that will guard not only oceanfront access, but keep our rivers, streams, and swamps clean and unpolluted. I think we have the opportunity to do this recreationally, with a system of hiking and bicycle trails along unspoiled waterfronts with occasional put-ins and campsites to allow public access, and provide a buffer to overdevelopment (leading to pollution runoff) along our wetlands. Quick, before prices go up. The St Mary's River comes to mind, as does the Bells River. County planning routinely underestimates the importance of recreational and wild spaces to its citizens.
- Lifeguards at beaches every day.
- Money to build facilities -- parks in and on county property needs to be designated -- and put aside to buy property for use by residents in park settings. Land designated as "recreation zoning" must be put into use for parks and developed as such. Roads need to have safe trails alongside -- but not on roadway for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Most boat ramps are unable to accommodate a boat with a deeper hull/larger boat and other than DeeDee Bartels have inadequate parking
- Need green space in Yulee before it is overdeveloped
- No one seems to want to put facilities on the west side of the county. Parks & recreation are not enough of a priority. They put facilities in the wrong place that is supposed to be done per land donated by Rayonier.
- Not sure why we don't have things for adults and children because there are enough of us living here who would participate and use them.
- Parks cost money to build and maintain and they have limited if any revenue generating capacity
- People have not been asking for a boat ramp and park in Blackrock. It is really needed.
- Poor Maintenance of Peter's Point restroom facilities and parking.
- Poor planning, design, construction and oversight. Hard to tell if the design was bad or the workmanship was bad. North end boat ramp was not built according to specs due to poor oversight.
- The focus is on Fernandina.
- The growing need for more facilities
- The shortcoming is probably due to lack of budgetary funding for this and it is not seen as a priority; however, when it comes to providing services to the families in the community it is vital.
- There are hardly any recreational facilities on the west side of the county.
- There are not enough County Parks on the Westside or bike trails
- There is a lack of resources for the western side of the county.
- They need to invest in more parks.
- This is partially addressed in a prior comment. It is simply not a priority. The powers to be do not realize that recreational opportunity is community driver. It is an attractor for economic expansion. Recreational opportunity bolsters quality of life. The elimination of the recreation impact fee, the

inability or lack of desire to create a steady stream of money dedicated to recreational opportunity, and failure to require concessions from residential developers (as is common place throughout the Country) indicates that the County's priorities are in a different location.

- To list John Muir as a park is a joke. Boardwalks to nowhere don't count. How about getting serious about generating revenue for parks and rec. People will never volunteer to pay more taxes for parks, but they will certainly take advantage of them once in place.
- Too far away from home.
- Underfunded
- With the exception of kayak facilities I do not utilized many of the County Facilities as I pretty much stay on Amelia Island.
- Would love basketball courts or something off Old Nassauville Road
- Yulee continues to grow but no monies (impact fees) are being collected to improve facilities or to purchase land for recreation in the Yulee area.
- Yulee is a growing community and the facilities need to reflect that growth.

7. Please list your favorite Nassau County park. Why is it your favorite?

- Any parks at the beach, and the Hilliard Splash pad/pool
- Barney Park easy access closer to home
- Beach is nice and wide as well
- Beaches
- Bryceville Ball Park
- Bryceville Sports Association. The closest to me and I love the community.
- Bryceville, nice park, close to home.
- Bryceville. Wish we had more baseball fields.
- Burney park
- Burney Park because of the proximity to my home and because it's the beach and has restrooms and enough parking.
- Burney park, nice beach, not crowded, bathrooms available
- Burney Rd, Scott Rd. Quiet at desirable beach front; new bicycle paths wonderful fun to ride; Ft Clinch- state park; and Greenway - City park.
- Cannot compare as not easily accessible, all beach access is good
- DEE DEEBartles, we launch the boat there frequently
- Dune Walkover Beach Access. Because there is parking and lots of walkovers.
- Edwards Road, Good access to several creeks
- Egans Creek Greenway, and Ralph B Simmons State Forest.
- Football/Baseball park..
- Fort Clinch and Goffinsville Park...clean and things to do
- Fort Clinch—it's beautiful and close.
- Ft. Clinch
- Goffinsville
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- Goffinsville - has biking and a playground, which is great for kids; plus it's free.
- Goffinsville - it is closest to my house, and it offers fishing, a playground for the kids, covered picnic areas, and bike trails.
- Goffinsville - love the river/ nature but there is trash all over the place there to the point we are taking students to self-clean next week. The restrooms remain horrendous and the lovely place is being maintained at a failing level
- Goffinsville - new
- Goffinsville because it is the closest to our house (still 20 minutes away)
- Goffinsville is my favorite because it is on the water at a beautiful spot. Love the paths, bathrooms are well maintained, playground nice, great place to visit.
- Goffinsville Park
- Goffinsville Park
- Goffinsville Park and Fort Clinch
- Goffinsville Park because of the rubberized playing surface. It's much better than wood chips at other parks.
- Goffinsville Park, offers a variety of recreation opportunities, well built
- Goffinsville park, Peter's Point
- Goffinsville Park. Beautiful scenery/wildlife. Good walking/bike trails
- Goffinsville park. Beautiful and well maintained.
- Goffinsville Park. Newer equipment
- Goffinsville Regional Park, it is close to our home and has a place for the kids to play and ride bikes all in one.
- Goffinsville, great place to take kids to but it but it's in a bad area.
- Goffinsville, has a variety of purposes/interests represented.
- Goffinsville, it has a boat ramp, picnic area and a child's playground in one location with excellent parking!
- Goffinsville, It is close to my home and my grandkids love it.
- Goffinsville. Although it is 35 miles from my house, it is the only park that has been built even remotely close to what a park should be.
- Goffinsville. It is close to my home
- Goffinsville. Close to house, love the trails and docks
- Goffinsville. It is a beautiful park.
- Goffinsville-it has not been destroyed by the bored, high or drunk with nothing to do kids
- Good access walkway to beach for children and adults
- Griffins vile
- Higginbotham park in Callahan and Ewing Park. They are park visit a lot because they are clean and friendly but I live in Hilliard.
- Hilliard Splash Park & Pool - you can't have enough Splash Parks in FL it is so hot here all the time and it is super clean
- Holly Point; easiest access to launch boat
- I don't utilize Nassau Co parks.
- I guess Goffinsville. Only by default. We spend the mass majority of our time at City of Fernandina facilities.
- John Muir, convenient and interesting

- Kings Ferry Boat Ramp and Peter's Point
- Kings Ferry Boat Ramp
- Lofton Creek Boat Ramp, and County North Boat ramp. (Dee DeeBatels)
- Main beach-lots to see and do.
- Me and my kids love the beach and this area because there is always parking available and not a lot of people at this beach.
- Melissa Lynn
- Melissa Raulerson Baseball Park
- My family enjoys the Goffinsville regional Park. It is family friendly and well maintained. We also love the beach!
- N. 14th Street. Boat ramp.Great picnic area.
- New bike path in Fernandina but it is a long drive since I live in Yulee.
- None
- None
- North end boat ramp
- North end Boat Ramp. There is sufficient parking and the ramp is large enough and in a good location.
- Peter's Point and North end Boat Ramp
- Peter's Point beachfront Park and Lofton Creek Boat ramp. Next is Yulee Community Park, which has Softball/Baseball facilities for family's children to play Little League sports.
- Peter's point.
- Peter's Point. Beach & picnic area
- Peter's Point. Easy access; parking available; picnic tables
- Peter's Point
- Peter's Point -- beach access w/adequate parking, restrooms and showers and tables with covered areas. For children and games away from the beach area and with shade trees.
- Peter's Point because of the handy rest rooms and easy access
- Peter's Point- good parking, rest rooms and picnic shelters. We need more like this!
- Peter's Point or Scott Road
- Peter's point,
- Peter's point, Scot Road, Burney Park, Kings ferry boat ramp
- Peter's Point. Access, showers, parking, Beach Activities, Camping, Beach Driving allowed
- Peter's Point. I can bike there from my house. It has nice picnic tables and shade.
- Plenty of parking
- Scott road beach access beautiful location
- Scott Road Beach Access. Least crowded, fewest vehicles. Attendees try to keep it clean.
- Scott Road Beach Access. Limited use by vacationers.
- South end Dune Walkover Beach Access. This is a place that is peaceful and secluded. Good place to fish nearby.
- The park on Atlantic Ave in Fern. It has almost everything and it feels safe. We live in Yulee.

- The pool in Hilliard, the main beach, and fort clinch. We love to do things outdoors but unfortunately, there is not much to do in Callahan.
- The Yulee Ball Field
- Walk the track / play tennis
- Why? They are my family's and friend's, most used Parks.
- Yulee ballpark. We spend 3 nights a week there during spring, 5 days a week during fall, and 2 nights a week during winter. It is the park we use the most.
- Yulee community park because it is available to a wide range of interests.
- Yulee Community Park because it offers more than just beach access or a boat ramp.
- Yulee community park, close to house and a great variety of activities
- Yulee I play basketball there
- Yulee Little League because it has year round activity, tennis courts and walking track. The only thing it lacks is adequate restroom facilities.
- Yulee Sports Center, as a family we spend hours there for football and basketball.
- Yulee Sports Complex - convenient to my home
- Yulee Sports Complex / Ball field.
- Yulee Sports Complex is the park that I most frequent out of all the Nassau county parks.
- Yulee Sports Complex.
- Yulee Sports Complex. It is the park I have the most participation in.
- Yulee Sports Complex. It provides a place for children in the community to play sports and have something to do.

8. Please list your least favorite Nassau County park. Why is it your least favorite?

- 14th Street Boat ramp, overcrowded too far away for west siders
- All
- All the rest. If you travel to any other region of the country and see actual parks, you will understand our shortcomings.
- Basketball facility at Nassau Sports Complex. Seriously out of date, poorly constructed, unsafe
- Boat docks poorly kept up
- Callahan, they have everything.
- Do not own boat or participate in field sports. NA
- Don't have one
- Edward's road boat ramp, there is nothing there.
- Edwards Road Boat Ramp
- Goffinsville - I don't feel safe going there by myself with my kids.
- Goffinsville - out of the way and hard to get to
- Goffinsville. Hard to launch boat
- Goffinsville--heard too many bad things about it...not safe.
- Haven't lived here long enough to list a least favorite.
- I don't have a least favorite, they are all needed, used, and appreciated.
- I don't have a least favorite.
- I don't have one

- I don't really have a "least favorite." To be fair, I haven't used most of the parks.
- I have not visited all of them, so I don't know.
- I pretty much enjoy all the parks
- John Muir
- John Muir Ecological Park. Why? Not an interest to my family and friends. This park (by my observations) has virtually no usage by county residents.
- John Muir in Yulee... It is worthless... it is nothing more than a bathroom on the side of A1A
- John Muir is too small and close to highway
- John Muir Park - just how many people visit this place? I believe this park targets the interest of a very small group of people.
- John Muir Park in Yulee. It is too small and pointless. If it were part of a bike path, it would make a good rest point along the path.
- John Muir Park. Because it should have been a park trail all the way to Callahan, a potential corridor and buffer. What a wasted opportunity.
- John Muir Park. It should have been done a different way, when the original group failed and failed bad, the state should have taken control of it and not the county.
- John Muir. This is a sad park, which consists of nothing but a walkway.
- Lofton Creek -- its not a park, only a creek access point for boaters. No tables, no grills, NO BATHROOMS -- inadequate space for parking, no trails or safe play areas. It's just a parking lot for boaters.
- Lofton creek, it's boring.
- Lofton kayaking. Just is.
- Main Beach, too crowded, not enough seating
- Main Beach--too crowded
- None
- None
- None
- None specifically
- North end boat ramp because it cost way more money than it's worth.
- Northern boat ramp. Bathrooms
- Only visit the park in Bryceville
- Parks on west side are geared towards youth sports, need to be expanded for other uses.
- Peter's Point - the last time we were there we found the beach littered with horse and dog "pooh". Too disgusted to ever go back.
- Peter's Point Beach Front Park, the restrooms are disgusting. There is rarely any toilet paper, never soap, and always stinks.
- Peter's Point Beach Front Park. Too many vehicles on beach. Dirty. Picnic facilities in poor condition. Latrines awful.
- Peters point, too crowded
- Seaside park. No parking available most of the time.
- Several; old - not maintained well
- sunrise park-could be better-beautiful location

- No
- No
- No
- No
- No -- we need more parks in residential areas. And we need trails connecting areas and proving safe, off the road, access to recreation in Nassau County. The Amelia Island Trail is a great START. More please.
- No we need more.
- No, don't close any park, open more!
- No, I think more parks are needed, not less. You have almost 75,000 people living here and pretty much all you have to offer are a few beach accesses, boat ramps and community parks. I think Nassau County needs to offer much more in terms of parks and recreation.
- No, it would nice to have more in Yulee
- No, someone is probably using them but maybe it could be combined with another facility near by
- No.
- None
- None
- Not to my knowledge...
- The one mentioned above. That money could be put to good use for our children
- Yes - The ones that cost the most money to maintain.

10. Is there a Nassau County park that you believe has a great deal of potential? Which one is it, and how should the County realize the potential?

- A multi sports complex in Hilliard would really benefit the community that always seems to be left out.
- All beaches. North beach access needs a permanent restroom.
- Beach areas and pool area or a skate rink
- Blank slates always have potential. Build a park on the areas currently called parks in order to realize the potential of each space.
- Bryceville
- Bryceville
- Bryceville Ball Park
- Bryceville Baseball Field; needs an additional play area
- Citrona Park, Goffinsville Park
- DeDe Bartels North Ramp, Lofton Creek "Park", Peters Point Park. Land at Simmons and 14th Street adjacent to golf club -- zoned recreation.
- Don't know.
- Ft. Clinch
- Goffinsville - clean it up! The park near rec center - the field there has great potential for programs / activities
- Goffinsville boat ramp is unusable without a tide break wall on the North side of the boat ramp. It is a very well done park otherwise
- Goffinsville Park. Needs a refurbishing. Muir Ecological Park should be expanded.

- Goffinsville Regional Park can be used as a template for the rest of the county, if incorporated with a historical theme.
- Goffinsville would be great if they had basketball courts and tennis courts
- Goffinsville. It could be expanded to include overnight camping for a fee. When it was first being developed it was proposed to allow an outside contractor to run a store and oversee the park.
- Goffinsville; great facility but the current runs too fast to launch boats safely. Needs jetty system on the east side of the ramp
- Goffinsville--improve the boat ramp potential. Ramp needs to be elongated and something needs to be done about the hard cross current
- Hilliard Park, it has been thought out and does what it was built for.
- Holly Point. On the water but limited amenities, need better restroom, picnic shelters, maybe playground equipment. I know vandalism may be an issue.
- I don't know all of them
- It has the highest percentage of county residents usage. Also, it generates tourism tax revenue for the county by visitors from adjacent counties."
- Kings Ferry Boat Ramp -- expand; John Muir Ecological Park -- develop the history of the Cross-Florida Railroad and provide access to the rail bed.
- More kayaking opportunities. This attracts ecotourism. Also more publicized nature walks and botanical identification walks. Safety is an issue. Fear of homeless camps!
- N/A
- n/a
- Nassau County Sports Complex. That is the area that a multi-purpose recreational facility should be constructed and be the main recreation hub for the county.
- Need more with more to do for families and youth.
- no
- No
- North end boat ramp-need to add breakwater structure, extend piers into inter coastal if possible and fish cleaning stations
- Peter's Point Beachfront Park has the most potential for improvement.
- Peter's Point weekend vendors
- Same as above
- The John Muir Ecological Park has great potential, if an agreement could be made to convert that old railroad track into a rail trail I believe it would draw a lot more visitors.
- The Mizell Tract should be developed
- The one that hasn't been built yet. Look at the huge emptiness on the west side of the county. Buy Tompkins Landing.
- The ones that aren't in the county.
- The park on Goodbread. Paint it, clean it and make it available all year long for everyone not just baseball. Upgrade the little children's playground.
- The recreation facility - better maintenance/ more facilities. The county also REALLY needs multi-use paths for walkers/ runners/ and bicyclists to have safe ways to commute.
- The sports complex in Yulee has a lot of potential if it were to be modernized, expanded, and maintained.

- The Westside Regional Park
- The Yulee Ball Field - the tennis courts should be redone. I do not believe they are utilized, because the tennis balls do not bounce well on asphalt.
- The Yulee Ball Park has potential, but the buildings are old, and I would like to see this park expand to possibly include a Yulee Soccer League in the near future, and covered bleachers and picnic areas.
- There is a lot of room at Peters Point to add some bocce or shuffleboard.
- We need a better park in Bryceville.
- Yulee ball field needs new playground and fields
- Yulee Ballpark
- Yulee community park
- Yulee Community Park (Sports complex). The park should be expanded with 2 football fields, a better playground and more baseball fields as well. It could also use a better/bigger basketball gymnasium for the YBA (local basketball program) to utilize for our youth.
- Yulee community Park.expand it add a youth center and more sport fields for youth.
- Yulee complex needs more land
- Yulee little league fields... because so many kids want to play...that it would be great to offer a fall league as well.
- Yulee Sports Complex could be better - tennis courts need to be updated and maintained
- Yulee Sports Complex is a central location for everyone and is a familiar place for all
- Yulee Sports Complex. It has to be the most utilized facility within the county.
- Yulee sports complex. County could offer walking track, create walkways for recreational walking around and within sports complex area
- Yulee Sports Complex. The county needs to maintain the park better. Fencing needs to be redesigned to allow for more parking, building and stairs are rotting. Landscaping is dead or dying. The playing fields (football/baseball) are poorly maintained and a safety concern.
- Yulee Sports Complex. With it being the only ballpark in town, it should be the county's priority to keep it at its best. This is how kids stay off the streets and out of trouble. Keeping the park running and looking good, updated would be great.
- Yulee Sports Complex....out growing the available fields....have had 400+ kids playing ball and only have 7 fields available.

11. What obstacles prevent you from participating or participating more in recreational activities you enjoy?

- Access to safe roads to travel by bicycle.
- Access.
- Also, hot and humid weather and mosquitoes prevent us from participating in recreational activities (i.e. More shade trees at parks are needed) since we have 2 young children
- Better programming
- Cars and trucks on the beach. This is very unpleasant.
- Distance
- Distance from facility
- Distance from home
- Distance to get to it
- Distance to park
- Distance to travel to the east side of the county.
- Earning a living.Lack of parks on west side of county.
- Everything is so far away for Bryceville Residence I find it so sad that we don't even have a playground for the Kids to play on or for that matter in FL a little splash park, the only one is all the way in HILLIARD that is ridiculous
- Finding time and lack of local options.
- Heat and humidity and fear of sun exposure. Shade trees needed everywhere.
- I am sure when child gets older we will be using more facilities for sporting venues. I wish a pool was available.
- I ride bicycles and would like more lanes available
- I told you I am old
- I would love to participate in water aerobics but the pools are filled in the evening with team swimming. Which my family does participate in so I am happy that we do have the one facility we do have in the City of FB.
- I would walk more if there were sidewalks where I lived. It is too dangerous to even ride a bike--no bike paths.
- Lack of adequate facilities.
- Lack of facilities
- Lack of options
- Lack of places in Callahan.
- Lack of recreational areas on Westside of county
- Lack of safe bike paths and/or sidewalks in Yulee.
- My advancing age
- No adult athletic programs other than on the island
- No playgrounds in Yulee I feel safe bringing my kids to. No shade at Yulee ball field playground and men always loitering there during the weekdays. No hiking trails or safe bike trails for kids
- None
- None
- None
- None

- None of the parks are near me. Peters Point is closest thing to a park -- but it's basically a parking lot with a picnic area -- not really a developed park. Nice location for a county pool and park.
- None within nine miles
- Not available
- Not enough places to go.
- Not enough time and cost.
- Not handicapped facilities
- Not much for children and teens. We have to drive to GA or Jax
- Not within range
- Nothing on the west side.
- Only time.
- Really none available.
- Some are the distance and others are lack of restroom facilities
- Some park areas for example Scott Road access appear to be private residential properties and not available for the public.
- The parks are too far or they do not have lighting like Callahan Soccer fields.
- The quality of the facilities at Peter's Point Beachfront Park. (Driving space on Beach, parking, Shelters, Restrooms, Showers).
- There are a lot of parks for residents who enjoy boating and fishing or who own boats but not for residents who do not enjoy fishing or boating
- There are no bike paths in Nassau county!
- There is no skateboard or MX tracks except the one in Hilliard which is almost to GA. And there is not skateboard parks except in F.B.
- There isn't a BMX track or Dirt-bike track here that we can utilize. That would be a great addition.
- Time
- Time
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- Time
- Time & proximity to activities
- Time ... Too busy.
- Too far to drive
- Transportation to/from for access to parks. Smoking on the beach. Safety riding bikes throughout county - no connectivity.
- Typically distance, because Yulee does not have much here.
- Where is the Nassau County public pool?
- Work
- Work at home and away
- Yulee No public pool very few sidewalks

12. Do you have an example (name/location) of a facility in a different jurisdiction (city, town, state, etc.) that you would suggest as a model for a facility to be located in Nassau County?

- All the parks and baseball fields in Fernandina Beach seem very clean and well kept. I believe the city of Fernandina take care of them and not Parks and Recreation
- any fishing pier, just about anywhere
- Any of the community centers in The Villages
- Bunnell Sugar Plantation & Flagler State Park
- Callahan, Florida
- Cecil field, drew park
- Corvallis, Oregon. Population 65,000 - 97% of arterial roads have bike lanes. Bike parking and education classes are accessible and abundant.
- Donner Park, Columbus, IN.
- Drew Park-Jacksonville
- Fernandina Beach Ball park.
- Fernandina Parks and facilities
- Glynn County Skateboard park. This facility is SPECTACULAR! (located between Exit 38 & 42 off I95 The park is off Harry Driggers Road near the Golden Isles Parkway exit off Interstate 95.) Bathrooms readily available and clean. Covered bleachers. Large parking lot. Nearby LARGE child play area for younger siblings. A walking trail. A park like this (add to it a heated pool) would be a WONDERFUL addition to Nassau County!!
- Greenway in Fernandina best for walking, wildlife viewing. Ft. Clinch is best for bicycling and picnicking.
- Hanna Park, Patton Park, Crooked River.
- Hannah Park, Central Park (FB), Fort Clinch SP,
- Hannah Park-Jax Bch, FL
- Hilton Head - bike paths, parks, connected, beach, etc.
- Historic Parks - such as the historic village at Clay County Fairgrounds (Green Cove) or Brooksville's Historic Parks can serve both as green spaces and points of interest for both citizens of Nassau County and visitors to enjoy.
- I like the beach park in Marathon Florida.
- I would like to see something like the Jacksonville Landing fountain for families to enjoy in the main beach park or somewhere closer to downtown.
- If we could have a county recreation facility in the Yulee area like the one in Waynesville, North Carolina I would be very happy!
- Islamorada Public Park, Islamorada, Florida
- Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail
- Jax-Baldwin Trail, with park at trailhead in Baldwin. We should have that between Yulee and Callahan. Pages Dairy Road is another good candidate. The St Mary's River floods so badly that it is a prime candidate for miles of riverfront recreation (Greenbriar River in W VA comes to mind) to prevent flood damage (read FEMA \$\$\$ wasted) to idiots dumb enough to build in flood zones.
- Jekyll island Georgia playground is amazing and fun!!!

- Just about every city in the country is beginning to recognize biking as a mode of transportation. Nassau County should too.
- Life guard stations at beaches manned all summer and falls not just weekends. Santa Monica, CA. Miami Beach.
- Marion County on Hwy 301 north of Ocala would be a great model for a new park for Callahan.
- Minneapolis, Minnesota
- n/a
- Naperville IL
- No
- no
- Nocatee Preserve in St. Johns County; Treaty Park in St. Johns County
- None
- None
- Pinellas Trail. This is considered a linear park and managed accordingly. Our new Amelia Island Trail could become a linear park and be managed by Parks & Rec.
- Rec Center on Atlantic -- great pool -- adjacent to ball fields and greenway, good parking. Restrooms. Although the dressing rooms are appalling.
- Rippen Riverside Park Oviedo.
- Saint Augustine, FL has many parks and activities with abundant access to sports/water/fishing. It is consistent with the population which lives there.
- St Mary's Aquatic center, skate rink, adventure landing
- St. Mary's Aquatic Center..
- Summer Waves, Jekyll Island, GA
- The Baldwin rail trail or The Jacksonville Baldwin Rail Trail bike path.
- The community athletic fields in St. Johns County. Freedom Playground in Tampa.
- The DuPont YMCA in Jacksonville
- The old village display at Green Cove Fairgrounds. We are losing old buildings at a horrible rate.
- The Shark Valley viewing tower off Tamiami Trail in the Everglades is a great biking destination even for seniors and tots. Everyone loves a tower with sights along the way.
- There are many. Try American Planning Association.
<http://www.planning.org/cityparks/briefingpapers/greeninfrastructure.htm>
- Waynesville NC recreation facility.
- We need more things out here for our little community of Bryceville
- Would like more passive parks. Not familiar yet with John Muir Park but that surely should be a passive, no-invasive park. Parks should show off our natural areas as much as possible
- Yes! Check out www.buhlfarmpark.com - this park is located in Sharon, PA. This park includes a pool and pool house, numerous playgrounds, several covered picnic/BBQ areas, baseball/softball fields, an amphitheater, bike trails, stocked ponds, beautiful scenery (many wedding pictures are taken in this park), to name a few. Every Memorial Day the park holds a HUGE community picnic with bands, sports, games, etc.

Your Thoughts on the Importance of Parks and Recreation

13.A 2011 Statewide survey of Florida residents found that the following were the top five most important reasons that residents participate in outdoor recreation. Which, if any, are important to you? *

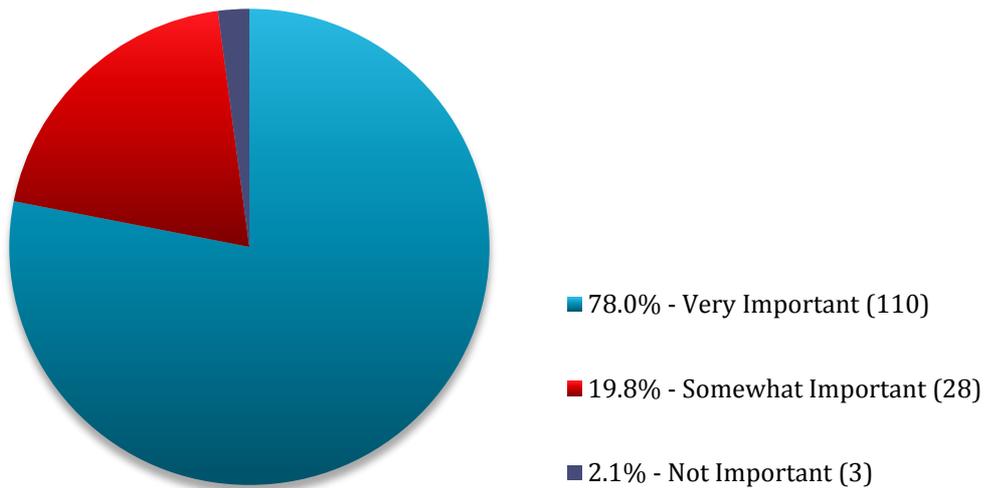
	Most Important	2nd Most Important	3rd Most Important	4th Most Important	5th Most Important	This is Not Important to Me
To be with Family and Friends	61.4%	14.8%	10.3%	7.4%	5.9%	0.0%
For Health and Physical Fitness	32.1%	32.1%	12.4%	11.6%	10.9%	0.7%
To be Outdoors or Close to Nature	27.8%	21.0%	17.2%	16.5%	16.5%	0.7%
For Relaxation, Fun or Enjoyment	35.5%	26.0%	21.7%	13.7%	2.8%	0.0%
To Enjoy the Scenery	22.7%	16.6%	8.3%	20.4%	29.5%	2.2%

14. Are there other important reasons why residents participate in outdoor recreation?

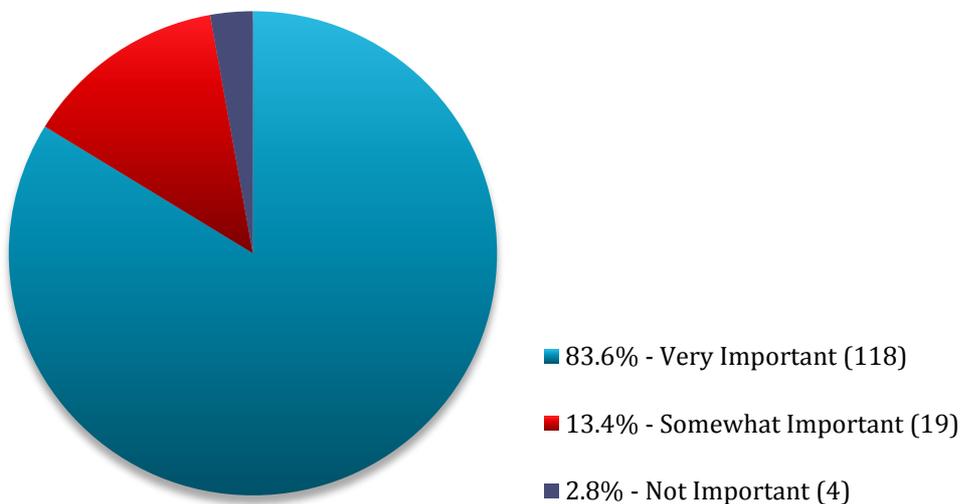
- Community
- Green spaces can serve many reasons, such as relaxation, natural beauty, and attract visitors from around the region.
- It is also important to me to know that places are protected not just for human use, but for all God's creatures to have some space.
- Just to have fun and enjoy it.
- Keep kids out of trouble. Provide opportunity through athletics.
- Meet other residents and visitors to our area. Travel in and around our beautiful island safely.
- My family likes to go on long bike rides.
- No
- No real reason. Just to enjoy the great outdoors
- None I can think of.
- Not in my opinion
- Relaxed social setting
- Soul searching, mind unscrambling, renewal, inspiration, tuning out the noise machine.
- To be close to God.
- To keep the kids busy and active

- To make new friends.
- To participate competitively on a sport team (i.e. Swimming, baseball, etc.)
- To relieve stress!
- To restore brain cells
- To teach your children about the outdoors, wildlife etc.

15. How would you describe the importance of parks and recreation facilities to you and your family? *



16. How would you describe the importance of parks and recreation to your community? *



17. If you feel there is a need for more parks in Nassau County, what types are most important to provide? Rank your responses from 1 to 5, with 1 as most important. If you want, you can give more than one type of park the same ranking. For example, you can rate both Community Parks and Regional Parks as 1.

	1	2	3	4	5
Playgrounds <i>(play equipment ages 2-12 years, swings, picnic tables, open grass area for free play, small pavilions, etc.)</i>	40.7%	22.1%	15.9%	14.1%	7.0%
Community Parks <i>(ball fields serving a community (i.e. Yulee Community), basketball courts, gymnasiums, more advanced play equipment, small skate parks, large outdoor play areas, dog parks, general recreational facilities designed to serve local communities no further than 2 miles away. Community parks will range in size from a minimum of 10 acres to 100 acres. Generally, Community parks contain the most intense level of development.</i>	55.1%	16.3%	16.3%	10.3%	1.7%
Regional Parks <i>(large natural preserve areas, boat ramps, aquatic center, regional sports complex [i.e. a regional football/softball complex], large natural areas for equestrian riding/hiking/off road bicycling, regional scale skate parks(Kona/O video), amphitheater, large multi-purpose gymnasium capable of holding regional basketball/volleyball tournaments, other similar facilities of a regional scale. Regional parks, generally range in size from 30 acres to in excess of 1,000 acres and will generally draw users within a one (1) hour drive time away.</i>	45.0%	22.5%	19.8%	9.9%	2.7%
Any type of park that includes any type of water access, beach access, boat ramps, kayak/canoe drops, etc.	28.8%	26.1%	19.8%	21.6%	3.6%
Other (see below.)	69.5%	0.0%	8.6%	4.3%	17.3%

18. If you chose "Other" to the above question, please let us know what other type of park you think is important. We will be able to determine how it compares to other parks in your view from the ranking you gave it, above.

- A County Water Park, and a Skating Rink Park for County residents. A fee can be charged for non-county residents.

- Access to safe places to travel to and from the parks also. Safe bike lanes/paths, rails to trails, ETC
- Additional walking and biking trails either within a park or alongside roadways, anywhere available
- Bike paths or expanded sidewalks (thinking St. Simons Island)
- Camping (more spots)
- Community gardens
- Dog park
- Gymnasiums, meeting rooms that community groups can reserve for free or for a small fee.
- Hiking trails
- Jogging/bike paths
- Land aside for nature preserves with boardwalk access if necessary
- Linear parks - bicycle trails and hiking trails which double as wetland buffers or transportation corridors to connect other recreational areas, or provide a safe choice for alternative transportation to shopping areas, libraries, etc (ie, Pinellas Trail in St Petersburg)
- More bike trails so that the entire county is bikeable
- More parking for public @ beach access points and safety of vehicles while in use.
- Natural areas for wildlife and hiking
- None
- None
- Not really a park - but multi-use paths connecting parks and shopping areas/ neighborhoods
- Parks can be used to commemorate historic events in the area and as a destination of points of interests.
- Paved running track
- Public Pool
- Public pools and health equipment
- Racquetball facility and/or dog park
- Trails for walkers and bicyclists.
- Water park for families to go and be together and have fun
- Water sport park like St Mary's, which also has a rec ball area in the middle of the county. It would be nice to have a soccer field that youth and adults can enjoy

19. If you believe there is a need for more parks, where would you put them?

- All around the county, near the population centers.
- Along St. Mary's River. Thompkins Landing; the old Outward Bound property.
- Along the St Mary's River, Tompkins Landing, the old Outward Bound property on Bells River, out by Black Creek division, near Bryceville.
- Although I have no idea how much land is available in these areas, I would like to see one either south of North Hampton, or somewhere on the Southside of A1A between Highway 17 and I95 (for a really large park) but east of the college.
- Amelia Island
- Amelia island, Yulee, St Mary's River
- Anywhere there is water and/or children.
- Around King's Ferry
- Between Yulee and Callahan and possibly between Yulee and Fernandina as these areas are building up and causing overcrowding in the only park we have the general area
- Blackrock
- Blackrock/Chester area on the north side of A1A/SR200 with water access.
- Bryceville
- Bryceville needs something for their children out here, people can't always afford to drive to Hilliard or to the playground in Callahan.
- By middle/high school
- Callahan area, Yulee area
- Centrally located in the county.
- Close to interstates or the middle of the county. It will bring more people in and bring more tax dollars to the local community.
- Close to where people live to make them accessible.
- Community parks around the county with easy access from residential areas. Regional parks in an area big enough to support a larger park, such as on the west side of the county.
- Hilliard, Florida
- I believe that a central location to the county would be the Yulee area and if a regional park was built it would be best served near the I95 exit. However, the closer to Fern Beach the easier it would be for my family to access it.
- I would expand the parks that already exist.
- I would look to put it on old Nassauville Rd.
- I would put them in Yulee, Callahan, and by I-95
- In Callahan
- In maritime forest, along St. Mary's River, and tributaries.
- In the A1A Overlay District...between Hwy.17 and the Shave Bridge area.
- In unspoiled areas where you could enjoy getting away from noise, traffic and confusion. A place where you could enjoy nature.
- In Yulee, between Target and 95
- More on the west side
- Near population centers in the Yulee area.

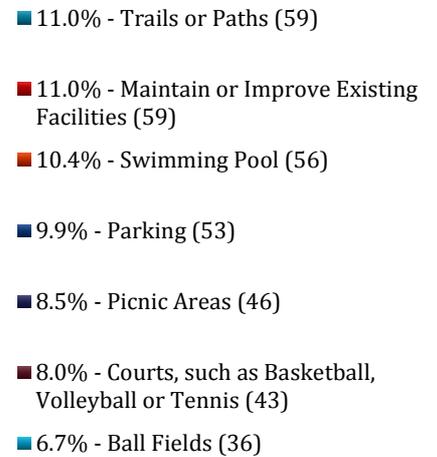
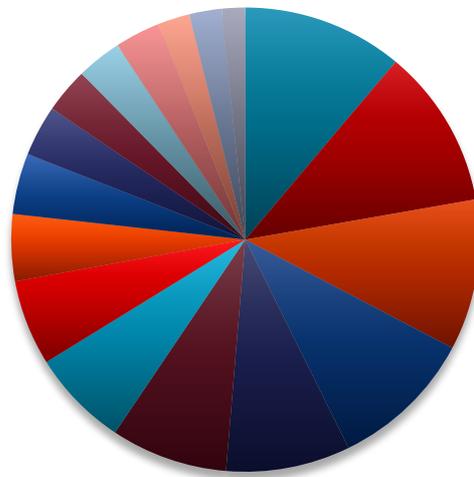
- Neighborhood and Community parks are very important, especially throughout the west side of the county.
- On the south end of the island near the plantation.
- On US HWY 17 North or AIA right between the post office and NCSO.
- One park on St. Mary's River west of Boulogne. An historic green space/park in Callahan along the abandoned Florida Railroad rail bed (potential for linear green space).
- River fronts.
- Seems like the growth is in the Yulee area - I would concentrate there. Also, seems like FB, Hilliard and Callahan have some city facilities available already.
- Separate bike lanes like the new ones on the south end of Amelia Island
- Soccer fields- we lose a lot of players to Jax
- Strategically placed.
- The Yulee-O'Neal area
- There is plenty of land on 17, and on some of the secondary roads...
- Throughout the county
- Waterways on the west side of the county or at least farther west
- We need one to serve the area just west of I95
- West side of county
- West side of Nassau County
- Westside
- Westside of the county
- Where new development is.....not at the beach!
- Yes! Near residential areas - or between them. Linear parks and trails like the Bartram Trail. Small pocket parks along trails like new Amelia Island trail.
- Yes. Population is weighted towards Amelia Island and Yulee area. Focus there, I anticipate growth in northern area of Yulee. (Rayonier plans)
- Yulee
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- Yulee
- Yulee Centralized
- Yulee could use one. Somewhere southwest of downtown, as well.
- Yulee needs a community pool.
- Yulee only has one small park at the ball field that has playground equipment. It would be nice to have a large park like Fernandina does as Yulee has grown so much in the last few years.
- Yulee, Chester, Black Rock area -- area of most future youth

20. Is there a park you believe needs additional amenities or improvements? If so, which one?

- A water park (lazy river) pool, slide, etc.
- All of them
- All of them.
- All that are in use
- Are there sufficient public toilets?
- Ball park
- Bryceville
- Bryceville
- Bryceville - more fields
- Bryceville sports association
- Callahan needs a community park. You have it listed on the map, but it is on school board property and is limited for expansion.
- Callahan soccer park (Higginbotham) needs lights and a working sprinkler system.
- Fort Clinch
- Goffinsville - basketball courts and tennis courts
- Goffinsville - cleaning!
- Goffinsville, Jetty's; Bryceville, basketball courts (full)
- Holly point needs total infrastructure improvement other than the boat ramp
- John Muir
- Kings ferry boat ramp needs expanding! More parking, other amenities.
- Lofton creek
- Lofton creek - play area/green space and bathrooms
- Many of them do.
- Nassau county sports complex
- None
- North end boat ramp
- Peter's point beach park needs better attention. Latrines need to be upgraded. Beach needs to be cleaned regularly. Picnic facilities improved.
- Peter's point beachfront park.
- Peter's point is overrun with trucks and cars on the sand. They are not permitted. They are not regulated. This is stupid when there is a parking lot. Let them these drunken bums carry their coolers instead of driving them onto our beautiful beaches.
- Peter's point, Burney park, and Goffinsville restrooms need more attention. It may be my timing, but those restrooms are almost always in rare form when I am there.
- Peters point
- Peters point - play area and possibly a pool.
- Restroom facility at north beach access.
- Several
- Swimming pools

- The Bryceville ball park - a playground and splash park or something related with water to cool off in the hot FL sun that shines so much
- The Yulee community sports complex.
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- We need more trails. Partner w/4 creeks state forest and plan canoe launch on boggy creek and hiking trails. Fund and develop additional canoe launch site at St. Mary's river, a much under-utilized blue way.
- Wilson neck. Restrooms, trails improved lighting, etc.
- Yulee ball field. While some improvements have been made, the football field could use a cover over the bleachers as the baseball field has. The boys are playing football in August and September. Two of the hottest months and they have no shade nor do the fans.
- Yulee ball park --basketball gym
- Yulee ball park. Needs more fields.
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- Yulee community park
- Yulee Community Park, updated tennis nets and lighting. Maybe add a racquetball facility.
- Yulee complex
- Yulee little league offers everything except adequate rest rooms and possible drink machines for when concession stands are not open
- Yulee little league play ground is dangerous and outdated
- Yulee playground and ball fields
- Yulee sport
- Yulee sports center
- Yulee sports complex
- Yulee sports complex - tennis courts in poor condition
- Yulee sports complex and John Muir park
- Yulee sports complex could accommodate play area for children with upgrades to the park. It could also use improved picnic areas for the community.
- Yulee sports complex. There seems to be acreage that could be expanded there.
- Yulee sports complex...need more ball fields

21. Related to the park you listed above, what amenities or improvements do you recommend? Check as many as you like.

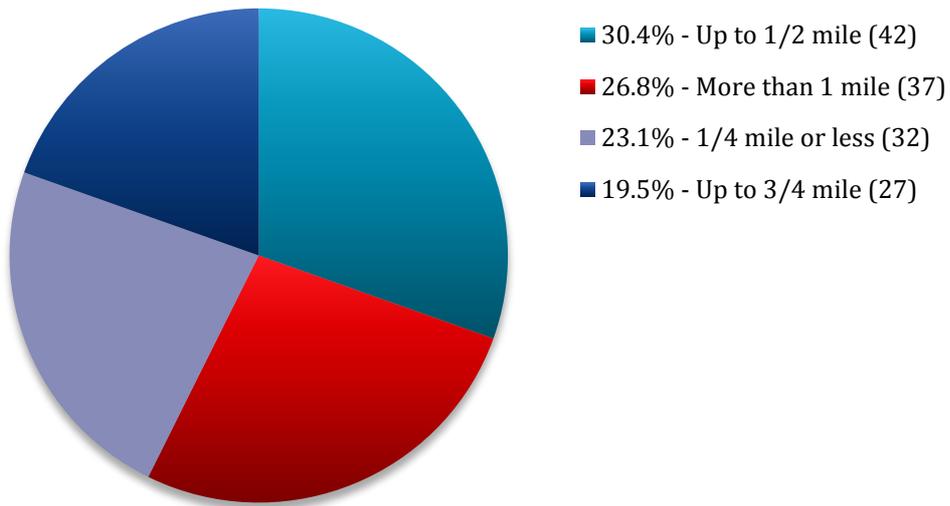


Is there another? What amenities or improvements does it need?

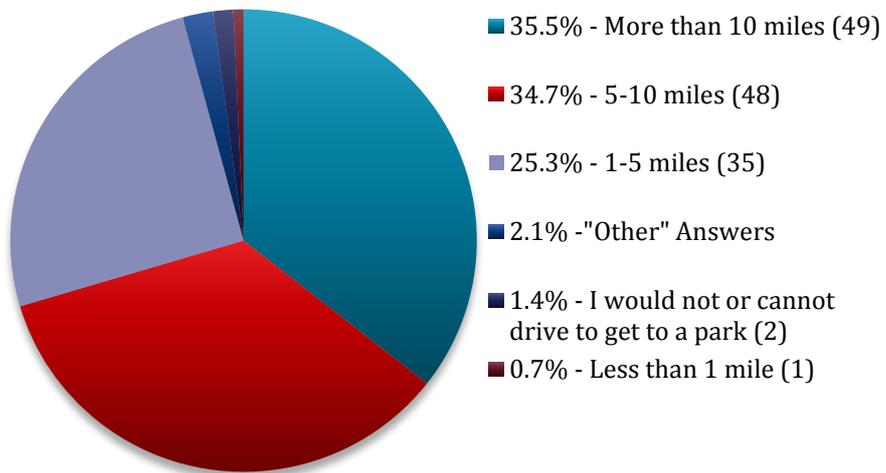
- Peter's point and Burney Park upgrade pavilions and restrooms and parking
- Please no off road vehicles!
- Kings ferry has limited parking
- We need bike paths/sidewalks in the Nassauville area
- Additional parks should have trees for shade in the summer. (similar to central park)
- Tennis and racket ball
- The little league fields...not enough picnic tables, and the playground area is horrible
- Playground
- North Beach needs a restroom. Presently no one can stay there beyond a couple of hours.
- John Muir Ecological Park needs a biking/hiking/walking trail.
- Kayak/canoe launches. These can be very low cost - not like boat launches. Find available access points on all waterways (St. Mary's, Lofton, Boggy, others)

Your Thoughts on What Parks and Recreation Facilities Should Be Like in the Future

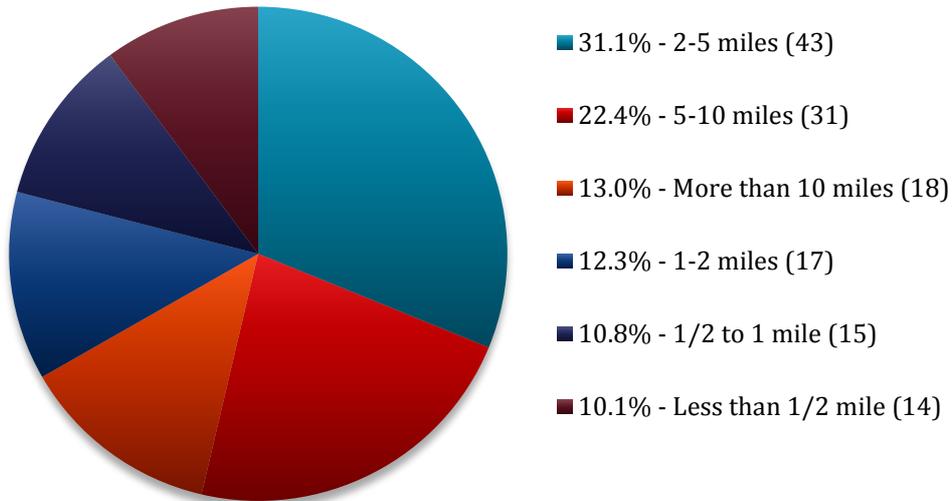
22. How far would you walk to go to a park? *



23. How far would you drive to go to a park? *

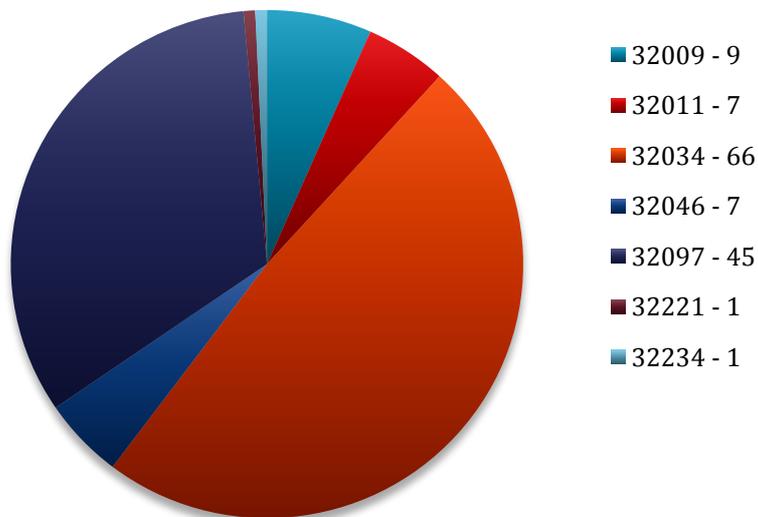


24. How close is the park nearest to your home? *

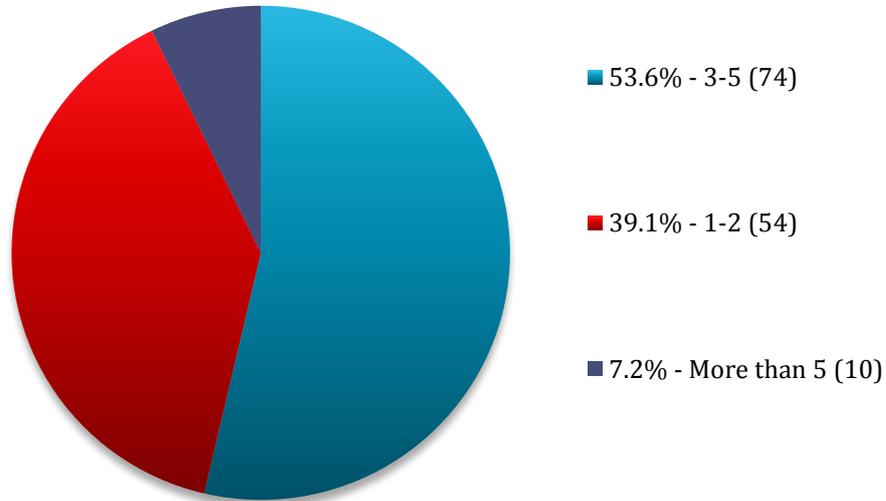


Tell Us a Little About You and Your Household

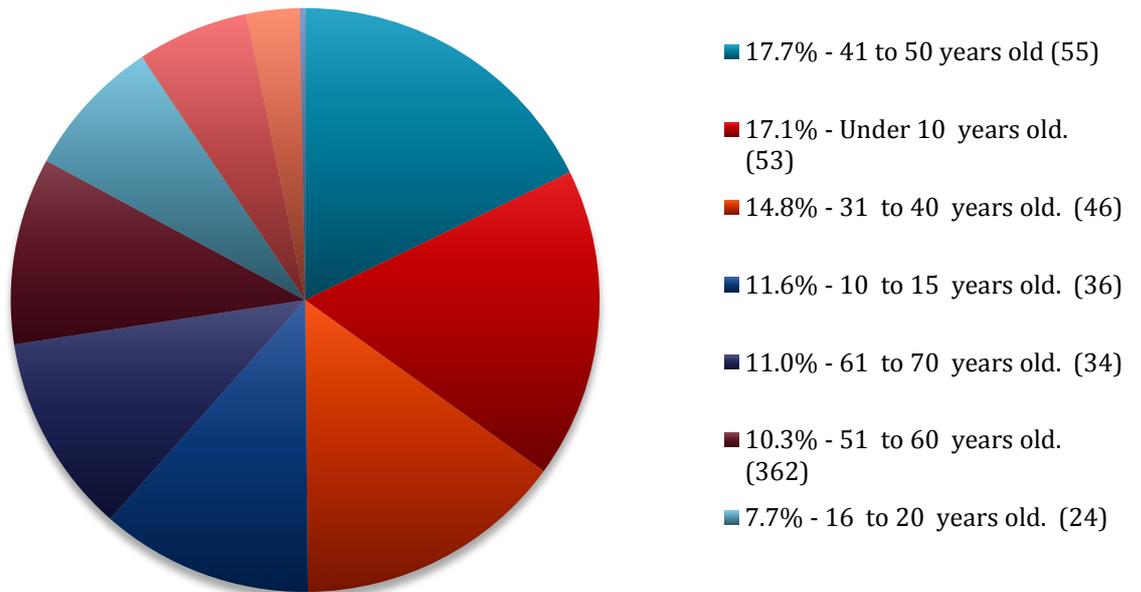
25. What is your zip code? *



26. How many people live in your home? *



27. What are the ages of people who live in your home? (Check all that apply.) *



28. Please tell us anything else you would like us to know about your thoughts on parks and recreation in Nassau County.

- Please consider recreational opportunity as a necessity for adequate quality of life. Recreation is not a luxury but a need. Recreation is an economic attractor similar to a quality school system. Nassau County cannot continue to discount recreational opportunity as an after thought to other public facilities.
- Re-instate the recreation impact fee at an amount necessary to functionally serve its purpose as opposed to its current discounted rate, enforce, or update current regulations that require the dedication of land, or money in-lieu-of, on new residential developments, and please create a steady stream of income dedicated to land acquisition and facility development.
- At a minimum let the people vote to tax themselves and let the chips fall where they may. At least that approach is doing something. Currently the ship is stuck in the mud and the tide simply isn't moving.
- The county does a good job with the funding available. More funding would be great!
- I feel that the county has the responsibility to support its citizens regarding the pool. It is a shame that the students from Hilliard, Callahan and Yulee are bussed an hour to use the FB City pool for practice. This is an area that is truly lacking in Nassau County. We only have one pool that qualifies for competitive meets in Nassau County. Even the YMCA pool is too small for official meets and does not meet USA Swimming standards.
- In general, I think the department is doing a good job. I do think new facilities are great, but I also think maintaining the facilities we have is very important.
- Build it and they will come.
- I do not want my tax dollars paying for recreation. I prefer that to be a private entity matter.
- Need additional boat ramps
- Thank you for taking this on! I look forward to seeing the results.
- Peter's Point Beachfront Park is Nassau County's most valuable park asset for County residents, and visiting tourist!
- It's important to have balance in economic development so we don't lose our quality of life.
- There truly needs to be a formal recreation aspect in the county. The city offers a wide variety of programs but the county would benefit from having these types of events offered within their own boundaries.
- Secure green space now before it's too late. Create public parks and shared space in natural settings. Require new development to "Go Green" and contribute to co-existing parks and preserves.
- Family Friendly Parks to promote healthy family orientated communities
- Very poorly maintained
- Parks are expensive to develop and maintain, so prioritization is necessary. Need bathrooms in most if not all parks and beach access areas (i.e. Scott road, perhaps smaller least expensive changes can be made to some that can make a big difference
- Yulee definitely needs more parks/playgrounds for children.

- We have a great number of tax payers on the North side of State Road 200. The County does not provide any recreational facility for us. I have been trying to get a park and boat ramp for us since Pete Cooper was a commissioner.
- You can work with North Florida Land Trust and others to purchase property, get donated property or easements for recreation and parks land.
- Multi Use Paths are so necessary for the health of our community!! We have so many opportunities and places to put them to connect neighborhoods, schools, shopping, and recreation.
- I think there needs to be more family activity related parks. Tennis, swimming, play-in water fountains etc. Things you can relax and enjoy with all ages. It would be nice to offer a venue for bands. That would definitely help in the communities economy(i.e.: Ample-Theater)
- The focus seems to be on bringing more people to the county. As a resident I can only ask, "Where are we going to put them if even only a small percentage want to enjoy the ocean?"
- Need more baseball fields, parking.
- We have a lot more children involved in sports now. More and better playing fields will help keep them being active and in better condition. Kids are our future. They NEED every chance we can help them with.
- Any High school or Middle school activities Such as Basketball, Golf, at least a driving range, Football, whatever the schools offer should have a place to practice without driving 12 to 15 miles to practice the activities at reduced cost to the kids that are participating
- I think Nassau as a whole as very many beautiful parks. However, Yulee is growing at a very fast rate, and putting something in like an aquatic center, batting cages, skate park. Would be great for the kids who are growing up here.
- We really need better playground facilities in Yulee. Also hiking or open park grounds for kids to run and play. Please do not put near a sewage pump house like Central Park on Amelia Island. That park smells like sewage all the time.
- Fernandina has a much more structured program that includes events for all ages
- Bryceville is totally left out on everything!!Yes, we have an awesome Elementary School but that is pretty much it.
- I have no access to a swimming pool and would love to have it.
- Need more passive parks and areas that complement our natural environment.
- The property recently sold with all the rhinos, etc. Wouldn't it be nice if that were more accessible to common folks and not rich folks, how nice to have a park on St. Mary's River.
- as the population grows it will be important to set aside land for natural areas and also to have more parks for the residents to enjoy
- Think of future generations now, while land prices are reasonable.
- more walking/biking trails, golf course, swimming pool, exercise facility
- Need to have funding mechanism like impact fees for new developments; keep concurrency requirements for parks!

- Natural open space
- Eliminate beach driving. There are parking lots and handicap accesses. Beach driving is dangerous, unsightly, and encourages drunks driving away at the end of the day.
- We have a wonderful area. Still a lot of old Florida and less pavement. Areas covered by beautiful old growth timber, natural marshes, and diverse wild life.
- We need a bike and walk path and trails on the west side of the county.
- The bathrooms at most of these parks are run down and need to be updated or additional facilities need to be added.
- We need affordable activities. Private dance, cheer, & sports for young children are way too expensive.
- I love our community. Thank you for all you do to improve our parks and recreational facilities.
- Work with road and bridge department to add paved shoulders to the county roads when they are repaving/resurfacing or widening. This will help connect the communities with its parks.
- A good parks and recreation program can stimulate economic growth and increase the tax base as people and businesses move to that locale.
- We need a dedicated one-cent tax in the county for parks and recreation to buy property for recreational use and build recreational facilities. Pinellas County has such a tax and they have excellent parks and a great trail that goes completely across the county, north to South. Money only goes to buy and develop parks, not for staff or executive salaries, etc.
- More multi-use trails; more canoe/kayak launch sites (not boat ramps); the public wants more of these, but our commissioners don't seem to support the funding to create and maintain them.

Public Comments

Callahan

- Why not use the fairgrounds for recreation and fields, etc.
- Why not use the existing CSX railroad as a rails-to-trails because there are existing bridges
- Keep the programs free or very low cost.
- Need a community pool.
- Need a dog park.
- If in Callahan, easier to drive to Jacksonville than Yulee.
- More football fields in “Mizell” Park
- Bike lane along Old Dixie Highway, also provides low income folks will have alternate transportation

Hilliard

- Overall, there are 3 big state parks – make better use of them and connect them to the community
- Connect Cary State Forest to Bryceville. Use the northern expansion area of Cary State Forest more, consider equestrian uses.
- Create a park out of the old rail bed (CSX owns up to Petrie Road) that could link with Four Creeks Park.
- Link Ralph Simmons to community
- Consider as blue ways: Boggy Creek, Alligator, Mills & Plumber
- Potential as kayaking on St. Mary’s River – huge to have waterfront on east and north of county
- Have trails around historic markers, like Cedar Creek
- There is a Revolutionary War site north of Thomas Creek (historic potential)
- Add a bike lane along Old Dixie Highway
- Need a community swimming pool. Town of Hilliard pool costs too much.
- Consider a large/regional active recreation facility – multipurpose. Include pool, indoor sports complex
- Dog Park in Hilliard – could be for people too, trails. Locate at Mizell tract.
- Fairgrounds – Dog Park would be a good use, as well as other multi-purpose uses. Do more with it.
- US1 should be less of a priority for bike lanes. Send them to Old Dixie Highway instead. Some residents use bikes as a major form of transportation, and they would really benefit.
- Mizell Tract is perfect as a new facility.
- Revolutionary War battlefields near Petrie Road would be good for a Revolutionary War Park (in Callahan)
- Old rail bed, nice wooden and concrete trestles
- Green space, kayak landing and historic depot, near south Callahan. See map for green space that connects to Kings Ferry
- A lot of concentration on east side but population disbursement shows density in south Callahan. Also, about 11 acres for 5000 people, so place a

regional park. Closest one is John Muir, which is a shame. Need more county parks.

- Alligator Creek and 4 Creeks can be connected for blue ways. Near Boggy Creek.

Bryceville

- Baldwin Rail Trail is a huge asset and is part of the quality of life in Nassau – it has gone from lightly utilized to heavily used.
- Fort Clinch is a beautiful state park.
- Worth considering a small user fee.
- If there was a running track, I would use it. It could be a simple, ¼ mile track.
- Nocatee is a great facility – by the Nocatee High School – Nocatee Preserve.
- Rail (& running) trails – work for biking and horses as well as walking and running.
- Currently, runners use 301 now that it is being widened.
- Sometimes use Fort Clinch.
- Sacramento has great paths – has two universities so they get lots of use
- Runners will run at lunchtime if given the chance. Paths can be located in business or industrial areas as well.
- Rail trails – people often do 30+ miles at a single workout
- Treaty Park has a lot of ball fields – lit up at night, they have big events there – it's a great multi-use facility – on Wildwood Avenue in St. Augustine.