

Gallatin County Regional Park and Gallatin County Fairgrounds Master Plan Survey

# Gallatin County Fair Grounds Master Plan

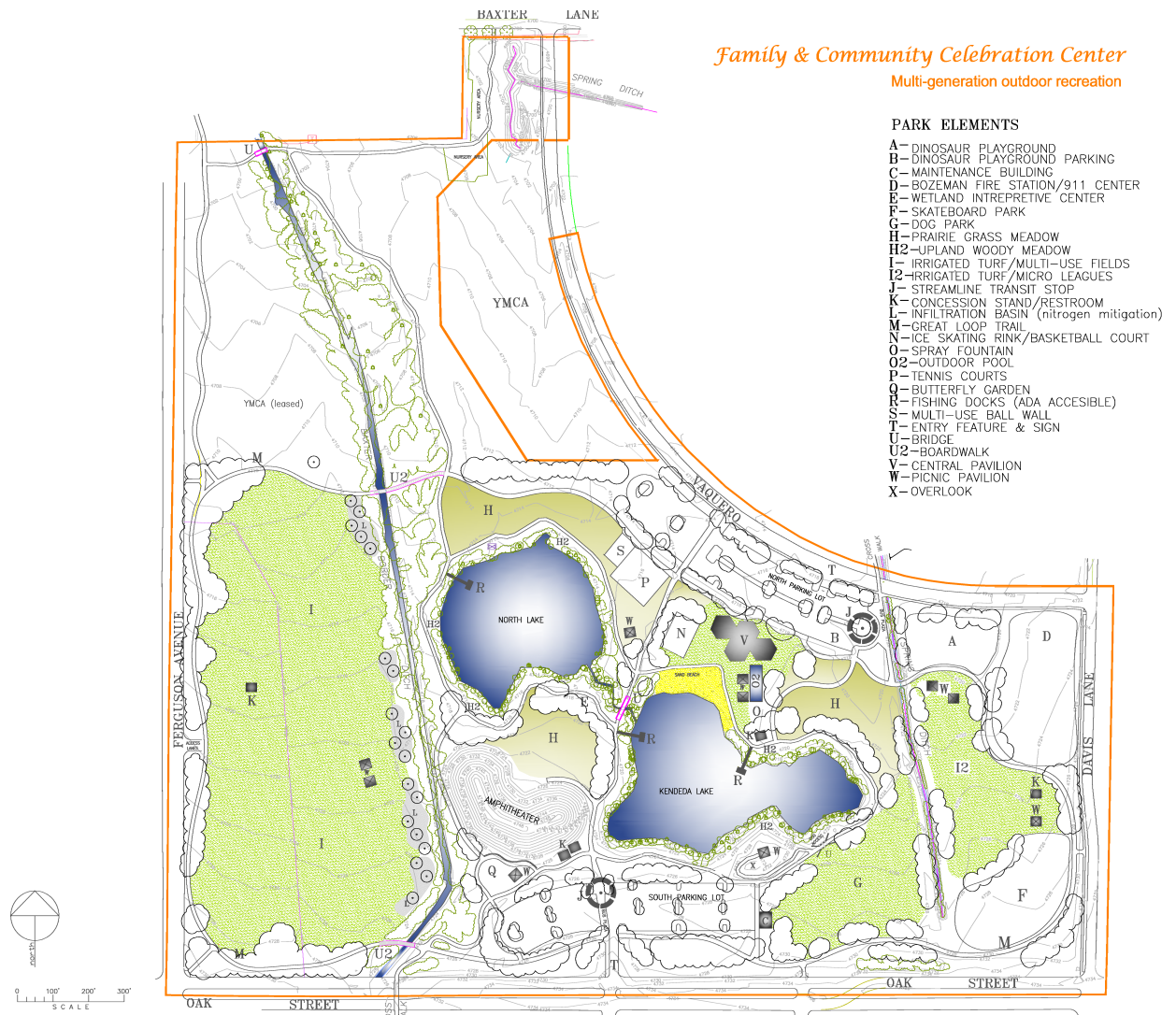
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## Family & Community Celebration Center

Multi-generation outdoor recreation



The following survey is being conducted to obtain input from citizens and stakeholders that will guide the County in the future development of the Gallatin County Regional Park and the Gallatin County Fairgrounds.

The survey will be used to update the official Master Plans for the Regional Park and the Fairgrounds. Gallatin County has chosen to combine the Master Plan updates for these two parks into one process. By combining the updates we hope to broaden the cross section of users and stakeholders at both venues and avoid duplication of efforts in the future development of both parks.

We thank you for your input in this important matter.

1) How long have you lived in Gallatin County?

	Response (%)	Responses
1. 0-4	12.59	85
2. 5-9	22.67	153
3. 10-19	31.26	211
4. 20 or more	32.74	221
5. nonresident	0.59	4
6. don't know	0.15	1
Answered Question		675
Skipped Question		1

2) When it comes to quality of life how important is access to parks and recreation?

	Response (%)	Responses
Very Important	78.31	527
Important	19.17	129
Neutral	1.19	8
Unimportant	0.30	2
Very Unimportant	1.04	7
Answered Question		673
Skipped Question		3

\*3) How often do you recreate, visit or attend an event at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds?

	Response (%)	Responses
Once per year	6.95	47
More than once per year	49.70	336
Once per month	14.79	100
Once per week	9.47	64
More than once per week	15.09	102
Daily	3.11	21
Not at all	0.89	6

Answered Question 676  
Skipped Question 0

4) What current activities do you participate in at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds

		Response (%)	Responses
County Fair	<div></div>	16.82	411
Winter Fest	<div></div>	11.66	285
Rodeos	<div></div>	7.57	185
Motorized activities	<div></div>	2.21	54
Concerts	<div></div>	7.32	179
Hockey	<div></div>	10.64	260
Ice Skating	<div></div>	8.43	206
Farmers Market	<div></div>	20.17	493
Baseball	<div></div>	4.83	118
Horse Back Riding	<div></div>	1.31	32
Dog Agility	<div></div>	3.15	77
Gun Show	<div></div>	5.89	144
		Answered Question	670
		Skipped Question	6

Other
Test
Little Bear Antique Show
Garagarama
ski swap
Skateboard park
4h skateboarding
Skateboarding
ski and bike swap, meetings
Ski swap, Bike swap, Recycling
bike swap, beer fest,
bike race
Holiday Festival of the Arts in November
Mt beer fest
Ski swap, bike swap, voting
bike swap
Ski and Bike Swap
Fellowship Baptist Church Harvest Carnival
Beer fest
Universal sale
I am a member and regular user of the Greenway Shooting Range.
Bike swap
Roller Derby
Antique Fair
Special Sales
Ducks Unlimited fundraiser
have done dog training there in the past
BSF Ski Swap
ski swap
Beer fest
ski and bike swaps
antique show,
Roller derby
Roller Derby
Bike Swap, circus
Cyclocross
Roller Derby!!!
Roller Derby
Bike race
Ski sale
Roller derby
roller derby!!!! ski bus
Roller Derby
Roller Derby
Roller Derby
ski swap and bike swap
Ski & bike swaps
Roller Derby
Occasional event
Cyclocross Races, Ski Swap, Bike Swap
Bike swap, ski swap every year!
Other shows/sales/beer fest
Ski Swap
Roller derby!
Roller derby
Ski swap. Antique show, holiday bazaar
Ski Swap
BFSC
ski swap, bike swap, beerfest

Swaps,
Gallatin Collaborative meeting; have attended Ski Swap in past years
MMA
July 4th activities
roller derby
ski swap, county fair
Roller Derby
GVBC Bike Swap
Bike Swap, Ski Swap
Roller Derby
Antique shows
4th of July Fireworks
Ski Swap, Bike Sale
environmental drop-off events, vendor sales, ski swap
ski swap, sales
Ski Swap or Bike Swap
Dances
ski swap
Ski Swap, Sales
Antique shows, consignment sales, holiday bazaar
Gardening classes when held
Antique shows
Farm and Ranch Show
cyclocross, bike swap
Antique shows
Ski swap, bike swap
ski & bike swap and cyclocross race
cyclocross, bike and ski swaps
Christmas Craft Sale
Ski Swap
Arts and Crafts fair
Greenway Range
Antique fairs, ski swap
Roller Derby
Farm show
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale (around Thanksgiving each year and sponsored by the Help Center)
Help Center Festival of the Arts
Craft shows
Craft shows, antique shows
ski swap
Roller Derby
Antique Show/Fair
warehouse sales, antique events, auctions, craft fairs, homeshowes
Home show
sales and marketing
Brewfest
bike and ski swaps
Ski Swap
Beer festivals.
lacrosse practice
electronic recycling
Draft horse show & sale
Garagarama
Ski swap
Ski Swap, Bike Swap
Craft fairs, movie events
Antique show, ski and bike swap
ski swap
BSF ski swap, Universal sales
Fireworks, ski swap
ski swap, antique show
Annual BSF Ski Swap
Ski Swap; Fireworks/symphony concert
Private events
Beerfest
Roller Derby
Various antique, ski, art sales
Roller Derby
Antique Fair
Meetings
ski swap, park and ride to bridger
beer fest
Ski Swap
Roller skating
Ski Swap. Bike Swap.
4 H open house
Ski swap

roller derby
nothing really
roller derby, craft fairs
ski swap and home and garden shows
ski swap
Rollerderby
fourth of july
Ski swap, bike swap
bike swap
Art Festivals/Craft Shows
Summer fair, mutton bustin
bike swap, ski swap
walk dog in area; attend meetings and use resources at Agriculture building
I am part of Gallatin County Spay Neuter Task Force. We hold events there.
ski swap and brewery beer night
4-H, Shooting
Bike and Ski Swaps
Special Events
ski swap
farmers market
Lacrosse practice in indoor arena
Extension activities
Gallatin Rollergirls Events
meeting for 4h projects

5) What facilities (buildings etc.) do you use at the Fairgrounds?

		Response (%)	Responses
Shooting Range	<div><div></div></div>	2.30	41
Exhibit Buildings	<div><div></div></div>	20.88	373
Haynes Pavillion	<div><div></div></div>	24.41	436
Hockey Rink	<div><div></div></div>	15.73	281
Indoor Arena	<div><div></div></div>	9.46	169
Outdoor Arena	<div><div></div></div>	7.61	136
Motorsports Track	<div><div></div></div>	1.62	29
Animal Bams	<div><div></div></div>	8.34	149
Legion Baseball Field	<div><div></div></div>	5.71	102
Dog Agility Course	<div><div></div></div>	3.92	70
		Answered Question	623
		Skipped Question	53

Other
Test
None
Depends on what we are attending
Roller Derby Track
Multiuse buildings (e.g., buildings 1 and 2)
small park next to agility field
ICE Rink-there's figure skating too! Not just hockey.
Building 3
SAR Building
Farmers market
outdoor area for cyclocross bike race
temporary cyclocross course
Admin buildings
none
walk in area; agriculture building
open green space Deneke park
Denecke Park
general open space

6) Tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Responses	Total
The Mission of the Fairgrounds is "To provide an enjoyable, safe, year-round, multi-use public facility emphasizing opportunities in entertainment, education, agriculture and recreation that enhances partnerships in building a stronger community."	388	211	42	6	5	652	25%
The Mission of the Fairgrounds is "To provide recreational facilities for the benefit and enjoyment to the residents and visitors of Gallatin County"	297	251	70	19	2	639	25%
The vision of the Fairgrounds should be to cater to agricultural activities like horse riding, 4H, rodeos, etc. rather than swimming pools, hockey rinks, baseball fields and climbing centers.	59	56	114	203	209	641	25%
The Vision of the Fairgrounds should be to adapt to meet the changing recreational needs of the greatest number of users and not cater to a small vocal group of users.	230	266	92	32	20	640	25%

\*7) What is your opinion of the condition of the Gallatin County Fairgrounds

	Response (%)	Responses
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Excellent	<div><div></div></div>	3.70	25
Average	<div><div></div></div>	28.25	191
Needs some improvement	<div><div></div></div>	51.92	351
Poor	<div><div></div></div>	16.12	109
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0
Comments			
Test			
I feel that the fairgrounds are in disarray. They need extreme updating to continue to attract customers and/or vendors to the area.			
dusty, dirty 1950's facility			
I feel like limiting it to agriculture use limits the amount of people it is available to. agriculture and 4H are no longer a majority. they should not be excluded. but neither should other activities			
The small amount of green space is a crime! If you're going to call it a park, a park has to be GREEN!!			
When we attended a circus at the Fairgrounds, I was appalled by the condition of the building. The seating looked like it had been built by someone's out-of-work relative during the Depression, and I worried the whole building would collapse. Having grown up in Great Falls, I could not believe how run-down and "temporary" the whole facility seemed.			
all ag buildings and indoor arena large enough for rodeos			
Exception is new rodeo arena, hayne's pavilion, and baseball field. The rest needs to be updated.			
paved parking			
It shows many years of poor financial support, lack of vision and leadership.			
The horse barns are dangerous, and many will not consider using them at all. In order to hold equine events (which could be a major source of revenue) the barns must be updated and made safe.			
Buildings are run down and dark with poor ventilation.			
Disgraceful would be a better word			
I would love to see the ice climbing tower/concert venue completed			
It is a great space that is not utilized to its full potential. It needs many upgrades to fit the look, feel and needs of this great valley!			
Indoor Horse arena needs work			
Run down, old, dangerous			
very shabby			
everyone tries to do a good job but it's a hard job to do.			
It is a seriously underutilized property in the heart of Bozeman.			
It's a fabulous resource, but needs more planning and development to make it more versatile and a great community resource.			
The Fairgrounds have great potential. How about replacing some of the giant parking lots with greenspace where kids can play. The giant perimeter chain link fence seems unnecessary, is unsightly, and discourages access.			
Gravel lots often in very poor shape, some buildings seem run-down			
Living in the neighborhood, I'd love through access from Tamarack to Oak, even better if it were on a scenic trail			
parking lot is terrible but otherwise ok			
Neess to have a multi-use facility like Billings			
New improvements scheduled for haynes and paving will make it much better!			
The management appears to be doing their best with the funds available.			
Support Hockey & legion baseball with expansion better roads & parking.			
Buildings look run down from street and the parking lot is a big eye sore			
Un-inviting, lack of landscaping, turf grass. Too much dirt parking and chain linked fencing.			
parking and roadways need much attention			
Certain areas need paving.			
Often poor condition of dirt roads/parking lots			
Some aspects are great, others need improvement.			
Has come a long way in the last 10 years, but there is always room for improvement, growth etc.			
The parking lots need to be paved.			
I like it as is, not overly manicured, polished and pretty like the rest of Bozeman			
Needs a second ice rink. The fact that the women do not have their own league is a travesty.			
better livestock barns			
The overall appearance is pretty bad, but there are parts of it that are pretty nice. The ball diamond, for instance.			
It looks a little junky in places, and Bozeman could definitely use some better high-volume event spaces			
Please pave parking lot			
It could be improved to provide both more services to the community and a revenue stream for the county. It ain't bad now though.			
A lot is fine, some needs a revamp and some new facilities prob. needed			
A jewel of a location that has not seen proper upkeep and funding for many years.			
bordering on embarrassing for a city like Bozeman. C'mon folks, wake up!			
the parking lot is always in need of maintenance during the winter			
old, not inviting, cold atmosphere, amateurish			
There should be a choice that is better than "average" but not as good as "excellent." Also, average is a relative term. Objective terms are better.			
not certain			
Parking lots; lighting in the parking lots etc are horrible.			
Parking lot is terrible!			
It is probably the worst fairgrounds in the state of Montana. It is a joke.			
Aesthetics is fucking important.			
Paved parking lot.			
Muddy parking lots, I have only ever used a very small part of it (exhibit buildings and pavillion)			
We like the "rural" feel of the Fairgrounds - and yes, we live in Bozeman.			
Feels like buildings just plopped in a large empty lot. No reason to go accept for events, it should be an inviting place that always can be accessible and enjoyable. It's utilized so much for agricultural stuff this might be impossible unless that changes?			
I'm being nice there. The buildings facades really look better than years ago. I know more funding is necessary for the needed updates.			
Better than			
Compare to other county seats like Great Falls and Billings, our fairgrounds are a poor representation of the county.			
We need a pool!			
I really do not like all the dirt. Please add more paved areas, sidewalks, and grass. Make the least amount of dirt areas as possible. The dirt is a big deterrence and takes away from the enjoyment. The entire Fairground area is not visually appealing at all - it is very old and outdated. Add flowers, grass, anything to make it look nicer and get rid of all the dirt. Buildings could use major updating and renovating to look nicer. Add some windows and air conditioned areas, paint, etc.			

It needs to expand at a expedited rate to meet the needs & wants of a rapidly growing city & college community!
This is where the aquatic center should be located , easy bike and bus access
Its pretty junky and ugly, with a ton of potential
might be a good idea to escalate trail/equestrian connectivity as a 'hub' mainstreet to mountains, M trail/Story Mill connectivity. It's easy, just needs promotion
Needs a facelift. Initial reaction is that it's scruffy and a giant mudhole.
We need a new ice rink. We also need places for agriculture, horses, etc. Bogert Pool should be revamped and remain a pool. A pool at the fairgrounds would be great, but not at the expense of closing Bogert Pool.
A great indoor arena that's functional for ag/equine events would be beneficial and bring in a lot of people (who spend a lot of money) from outside Gallatin County. An example would be the Event Center in Rapid City, South Dakota. They hold a lot of events there that bring people from a 5 state region and it's a great draw for the city.
Parking lots need improvement.
when driving by it seems like an unapproachable and uninviting place to take my family.
Farmers Market venue is not good-crowded & dusty, limited shade, not even a place to sit and eat food offeref by vendors. Does not invite one to linger and enjoy the market. to sit
existing buildings are run down, lots of bare soil and weeds
Having used Denecke Park for years in the summer, bathrooms in Haynes were routinely broken and dirty. General maintenance not done in the park,
better than it used to be
Needs major investment to make it look better as well as meet the needs of our growing community.

8) How would you rate the ability of the Boards, Management and Staff to develop and operate the Gallatin County Fairgrounds?

		Response (%)	Responses
Excellent	<div><div></div></div>	3.61	24
Satisfactory	<div><div></div></div>	15.51	103
Does the best they can with the resources they have	<div><div></div></div>	33.73	224
Needs improvement	<div><div></div></div>	19.28	128
No opinion	<div><div></div></div>	27.86	185
Answered Question			666
Skipped Question			10

Comments
Test
Need improvements for its current slate of events ,not new projects
Green space has been ignored in the past.
The Fairgrounds is a diamond in the rough waiting for leadership. The fairboard has seen a steady improvement in representation of users over the past 10 years. That is good. But the executive director has not taken advantage of the potential the fairgrounds has to become a destination for activities appropriate for the 21st century. Its time for new leadership with vision and a "yes" attitude. Thanks for your years of dedication, but sorry Sue, time to retire and pass on the torch to a new generation.
The public support is there, but the commission support is not.
Don't know.
I have nothing but positive things to say. Especially considering the tough job of running a fairgrounds to appease so many diverse groups on such little money.
Way too much parking area. Should have a parking garage and free up space
They are very helpful.
Overall ok. Sometimes they seem a little stuck in their ways.
I hear about not working together towards common goals which isn't how it should be
All activities in which I participate run well, so operations appear to be "excellent". As far as developing the Fairgrounds, I can't give an opinion with any confidence one way or another. My only concern is with possible white elephant items such as the ice climbing facility - when financial self sufficiency is based on "concerts, etc." at the ice climbing facility, for example, I don't feel confident that such a use is financially feasible or reasonable. (But I don't mean to be making judgments on this particular issue without looking carefully at all details...which I haven't done!)
slow moving on supporting changing county use needs for greatest benefit to all residents.
I have had no interaction with the Board
Sometimes it seems the County oversight gets in the way of getting the job done. Private areas seem to be more efficient, but usually can't offer the full range of amenities that our FG does.
I know nothing of these groups.
Based on the plans. Have seen it seems that many different interests were considered. A 2nd hockey rink should be top on the list so the programs can grow. A town our size could make use of 3 rinks. We moved here for my job but love the amazing opportunities or kids have in diverse activities.
They really need to stop listening to special interest groups, without complete and adequate county resident and neighbor input.
But, I would like to also click Does the best they can with the resources they have. The budget needs to be bigger.
Spending \$8,000 each year to send 14 staff and board members on a junket to the Rocky Mt Association of Fairs when your facilities and vehicles are a shambles is absolutely criminal. They need to get rid of them all.
I'm not informed enough to make a judgement call.
Would love an outdoor pool like Helena and Missoula
See comments in 7
They seem to operate the fair grounds very well however, development seems to be dragging, based upon the rest of the communities that are currently being built & developed in Bozeman & the surrounding area
i have no context for this question
Dont know, but currently it looks awful and seems underdeveloped
not familiar enough with the Boards, Management or Staff to comment
the maintenance staff needs newer tools, equipment and supplies. They have to use old beat up stuff, and reuse old materials.
My impression is that you're working with what resources you have, but the administration has been reluctant (or at least lethargic) in facilitating the successful programming at the Fairgrounds. Even with the understanding of the new ice arena coming online, hockey programs have been the golden goose that you've treated like any other chicken. As a result of that same general attitude, the underappreciated setting for the fairgrounds—the scale! the access!—have languished in yesteryear, anchoring the adjacent neighborhoods in a depressed state.
Things are slowly getting better with the capital improvements
don't communicate with the neighborhood at all
A critical lack of business management skill; lack of vision;strategic focus;and very poor customer service. The current team is not up to the task of moving the FG's forward.
Other users were routinely scheduled at the same time we had reserved the park. Many times we arrived at our scheduled time to find campers sleeping in the park. Maintenance work done by Gallatin County jail inmates was unsupervised and not scheduled so that we could work around them.
The shooting range is the only part of the facility that I feel is very poorly managed. This could be a huge draw if it was built to allow higher caliber firearms and had normal daily hours instead of the complex system in place now. As it is now it is basically useless to all but intro-level enthusiasts.
I do you think you coordinate with Bozeman city and work together to find plans that meet both needs. I also think you have little respect for the residential neighbors of the fairgrounds.

9) Please tell us how important the following elements included in the Fairgrounds Master Plan are to determine if they should be retained or removed.

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Responses	Total
Green space and open park areas	265	250	93	31	9	648	7%
Multi Use Events Center	340	238	53	12	6	649	7%
Ice Climbing Facility	59	130	252	115	94	650	7%
Outdoor Concert Facility	146	263	154	38	42	643	7%
Hockey Arena	262	235	130	23	9	659	7%
Animal Barns	228	265	111	30	16	650	7%
Motor Sports Track	29	111	232	138	137	647	7%
Outdoor Arena	219	310	105	11	5	650	7%
Indoor Arena	219	305	112	9	7	652	7%
Exhibition Buildings	236	283	108	15	8	650	7%
Shooting Range	76	133	225	102	107	643	7%
Legion Baseball Field	157	248	180	42	25	652	7%
Sale Barn Theater	76	192	299	52	24	643	7%
Soccer Fields	92	164	224	104	68	652	7%

\*10) How often do you visit or recreate at the Gallatin County Regional Park (aka Dog Park, Dinosaur Park or Sledding Hill)?

		Response (%)	Responses
Once per year	<div></div>	6.07	41
More than once per year	<div></div>	24.41	165
Once per month	<div></div>	22.78	154
Once per week	<div></div>	13.17	89
More than once per week	<div></div>	15.24	103
Daily	<div></div>	7.84	53
Not at all	<div></div>	10.50	71
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

11) What activities do you participate in the most at the Gallatin Regional Park

		Response (%)	Responses
Fishing	<div></div>	3.16	58
Swimming	<div></div>	4.36	80
Dinosaur Playground	<div></div>	13.26	243
Dog Walking	<div></div>	19.37	355
Biking	<div></div>	10.31	189
Rock Climbing	<div></div>	6.06	111
Sledding	<div></div>	12.55	230
Cross Country Skiing	<div></div>	4.96	91
Other	<div></div>	3.76	69
Walking/Jogging	<div></div>	22.20	407
		Answered Question	616
		Skipped Question	60

12) Please tell us how important the following elements included in the Regional Park Master Plan are to determine if they should be retained or removed.

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Responses	Total
Maintenance Building	73	219	256	50	24	622	4%
Wetland Interpretive Center	83	171	233	73	63	623	4%
Skateboard Park	88	207	214	65	58	632	4%
Dog Park	286	172	98	37	46	639	4%
Prairie Grass Meadow	127	221	201	46	26	621	4%
Upland Woody Meadows	123	231	205	36	27	622	4%
Irrigated Turf Complex	89	126	252	98	55	620	4%
Irrigated Turf Micro Fields	79	127	263	84	62	615	4%
Streamline Bus Stop	210	243	125	34	22	634	4%
Concession Stand and Rest Room	128	229	161	70	43	631	4%
Infiltration Basin	59	145	333	39	29	605	4%
Great Loop Trail	317	220	74	11	5	627	4%
Ice Rink & Basketball Court	172	226	138	54	45	635	4%
Outdoor Pool	185	162	155	68	64	634	4%
Spray Fountain	77	145	233	93	83	631	4%
Tennis Courts	65	178	234	92	61	630	4%
Butterfly Garden	46	138	257	105	82	628	4%
Fishing Docks (ADA Accessible)	76	253	208	53	36	626	4%
Multi Use Ball Wall	45	119	311	86	61	622	4%
Boardwalk	57	158	261	95	53	624	4%
Picnic Pavilions	148	335	115	22	13	633	4%
Overlook	51	160	282	85	36	614	4%
Parking Lots	154	313	135	23	10	635	4%
Amphitheater	102	236	189	58	39	624	4%
Sled Hill	219	270	114	20	13	636	4%

Comment:

Test

I live several houses away from this park. We enjoy it a lot and would like to see it used in many more ways. Only downfall is the sheer amount of dog feces. Not sure there are enough trash cans and dog baggie stations. Also, a restroom would be great! Not sure about the concession stand.



Keep it simple. We already have a amphitheater at bogart and the prospect of an outdoor concert facility at the fairgrounds. The community that regularly uses this park does not want an amphitheater. They want a sled hill and a large off leash area with access to the west pond separated from the east pond with the beach and non-dog walking population. Also Plant grass bred for resistance to high traffic. There are far more parks in this town that do not allow off leash use for dogs than there are that allow off leash use. The fenced off area needs to be large enough size to accomodate a large amount of dog users otherwise erosion will occur at a very rapid pace and would be unappealing to everyone and an embarrassment to Gallatin regional park management. native grasses exclusively cannot handle the heavy foot traffic brought on by dogs and non dog walkers.

It is very important for the many dog owners in the community to have a large open off-leash for dogs to walk and run. Also it is important that dogs have access to at least one of the ponds.

The rural relaxed space is whats valuable, don't cop it up into tight little pieces, it would take away the relaxing atmosphere of just being able to walk or bike in the open space and take your dog wth you for some quiet time, see some birds, etc. The more its built out, the more cramped the activities become, and it loses its appeal. Its great the way it is right now.

Entire facility should remain off-leash

Dogs should have some leash-free amenity. I would give priority to protecting the wetlands with decent fences than to give free access to all the lakes with no protection for the wetlands & lakes. And I have been deeply involved in the whole project from the get-go, -- even before. ALSO, the damage that dogs have done when there were no rules has been horrendous -- & I say that as a dog owner.

most of these can be found all around town and in our state parks and forest service areas

Note: I commented in support of a "dog park", but only if areas outside of a fenced dog park remain open to off-leash dogs.

artificial turf field would be an asset for earlier field play.

Keeping this park leash-free is important to me.

Thank you for allowing dogs the right to partake in this park!

the park should be for outdoor sports and activeties.more open/multiuse space and less specialized space

I'm for the Ice Rink, not so much for the Basketball Court

rest room, yes concession stand, NO irrigated turf???

Concession stand not necessary unless there will be an Amphitheater

not sure what some of these items are (infiltration basin, boardwalk, etc.)

We love the Regional Park! Glad to have great sledding a short walk away. Also excited about the possibility of a nearby skate park and outdoor skating rink. Please do us a big favor though, and stop referring to the park in future plans as a "celebration center".

Limit paved areas on paths and parking lots

I don't know what an infiltration basin is.

These ideas of improvement seem so fantastic, I hope some of them happen!!! Bozeman is in dire need of an outdoor pool/splash park!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Retain off leash dog rules.

no ice tower outdoor concertts

It is a COUNTY park. To be enjoyed by ALL in the county, therefore, it should cater to all those in the county.

All this stuff looks great

Please don't put an ice wall at the fairground. This eyesore will tower over the surrounding area and only be used by a small minority of people. There is natural ice climbing in Hyalite canyon.

Needs to have irrigated, mowed turf grass and more landscaping, especially around structures such as the new skate ramp which sticks out like a sore thumb. Maybe some large shrubs around it to anchor it into the surrounds.

My family and I have purchased a rec center family pass for the past 15+ years. This is an ideal area for a new outdoor pool. The MDOT site was a complete JOKE!

I think the BMX track should be incorporated into the imput you receive. We are a very active family and participate in many, many sports in our community! We use the BMX track 3-4 times per week during the summer (including races) and we volunteer many, many hours to the upkeep of the track and surrounding park area. This is a great sport that keeps kids out of trouble and active.

No need for ice rink or concession stand. Doesn't appear to be a need for a maintenance bldg unless the county budgets for maintenance - there is no maintenance being done due to lack of county funding.

Butterfly and Fountain are cool but sound high maintenance and the prairie grass meadow could end up to be a Noxious weed field. Dog parks always smell like poo in the spring. I'm hoping this park will be well lit for safety.

Dog sport field for agility, obedience classes, frisbee etc.

a public outdoor swimming pool somewhere would be great!

Pool should have a roof system so it can be an indoor pool in fake, winter and spring and outdoor for ummer.

There are plenty of sporting facilities around town, we don't need more. Keep the space natural, a lot more trees, less interruptions. Its a nice place to take a walk at the end of the day and unwind. No need to over complicate it.

should be more off-leash dog walking trails

We really need the pool somewhere. If we only have one, I'd like it more centrally located than the regional park, but if we had two, this would be a good W side location. This park is also big enough for a lot of zones.

The more that can be implemented the more it will serve the overall people. "If you build it they will come".

I think an indoor concert venue would prove to be very useful and popular.

We use the park daily as an area where our dog can be off leash in a wide space and socialize with other dogs. It is a beautiful wild area that keeps the look of the prairie amidst the urban development happening all around. No leashed in areas so that baseball fields concession stands can be built.

I would not support this park if the entire area was not available for off leash dog use. There are very few areas left that dogs can be off leash; this is big enough to support that.

We need a place in this part of town for off-leash dog walking. The WHOLE park should be off-leash. But if it's decided that there should be a designated fenced-off section, it should be LARGE, like Snowfill, not a small little 7 acre area. LARGE. And there should be water access for swimming for dogs. I go to the park several days a week and that's what I use it for. Off-leash dog walking and swimming.

Bozeman needs another dog park. The Snowfill is extremely busy, all the time, and in the winter, when children are sledding, it's particularly busy.

I take my dog to the Park daily for off-leash walk on the trail system. I will NOT use it if the off-leash area is just an enclosed field. I'm willing to pay a reasonable fee, but the previous survey question regarding the fee not specific regarding the amount of \$ AND the amount of time that the fee would be for!

The most important thing is to retain the large open space that allows for off-leash dog walking. This is the ONLY place in the city dogs can really have space to run or walk AND their owners can recreate (walk, jog, ski, etc). All of the other "improvements" above are available at multiple places in the City. Let's leave one park "unimproved" without irrigation and turf and organized sports areas....we have those in Bozeman and they are not over-populated. Let's preserve some of the natural fields and space for folks to enjoy their dogs in our ever-increasing urban environment. Why add cost like sprinklers and grass-cutting fields and maintaining buildings...let's preserve our open space AND let the folks with dogs have a place to play off leash. Every other park in the city is on-leash...so folks who want to go somewhere with dogs on-leash have the ENTIRE city and all its parks to choose from. A 7-acre fenced area is only good for dogs who like to play fetch and such a small area will lead to more problems if its overcrowded. Let's make Bozeman accepting for all groups...even those of us who like to walk/run with our dogs off leash.

There needs to be some areas for people that dogs are fenced out of - not visa versa! Dogs need a lot of room to exercise along with their people (at least half of the park). Dogs also need a pond to swim and fetch in. Bike trails should be made so pedestrians and dogs do not get in their way.

The one and only piece of undeveloped land where people can enjoy the natural landscape and you want to come in a destroy it and turn it into a cluttered up urbanized area. Why can't people be allowed to enjoy open space? Why are you turning this place into Los Angeles?? WHY DONT YOU MOVE TO LA WHERE YOU CAN BE HAPPY IN YOUR PAVED OVER, OVERLY DEVELOPED, CROWDED CITY AND STOP TURNING BOZEMAN INTO YOUR MINI LA!!!

The plan makes the now open, calm, natural space, frenetic and crowded. It will lose its attraction for many who currently yuse it, if everything for everyone is provided inn this once green open space. It is currently a nice a space to walk with or without dogs

It is extremely important to myself and my family that the park remain an off-leash park, not just a small section, but all of it. I agree dogs need to remain out of the Dino Park, the pump track, the beach, and the skateboard park when it is complete, but I will be extremely disappointed if the open space is reduced and if dogs are not allowed off leash throughout. This is the only large off leash area in this part of town. I am a busy working mother who needs to exercise herself, her dogs, and her children. Currently the Regional Park is able to meet all of my needs and I truly hope it remains that way.

Restrooms are very important. The Great Loop Trail and much of the park should remain off-leash.

Please keep this an off-leash park. If you can't keep the whole park leash free, at least keep half of it leash free with the pond included. Many MANY many dogs use the Regional Park for water access and there is only one other option in the county and it's pathetic and overcrowded.

Leave the park the way it is. It is open space, which we need. Go build somewhere else.
Wide open off leash dog areas.
It is crucial to me to have the wide open off-leash ability at the park - NOT a small fenced in area.
It's nice to keep a section of this park off leash for dogs. there are not enough non-developed "parks" in our county.
Concession stand not so important, but rest room is very important.
Keeping the park simple and a natural (as opposed to built up) place seems best to me.
LEASH FREE DOG PARK ALWAYS!!!
Why change it is great now!
Look at how many people use this park as it is now--people like the trails and being able to walk their dogs on and off leash. I'm not saying you shouldn't add other things, but don't take away what exists now (except to possibly fence in a large--snofil or bigger--size portion as a dog park).
A fenced dog park/run for a dog-friendly town like Bozeman is an absolutely necessity!
Rest Room, yes very very important. Concession stand...no. You shouldn't have grouped those together at all.
Restrooms are very important, not sure how important a concession stand is to master plan.
I feel the size of the off leash dog area should be larger.
the park doesn't need to be fancy but instead a place for walking, biking, kids,dogs. An outdoor pool somewhere in Bozeman is very important, but it doesn't have to be here.
dogs are out of control at this park-so is the dog poop and the smell at the entrance-I live close to this park and can not take my family there due to the out of control dogs-dog owners seem to think this was built just for them to let their dogs run wil and poop all over the place and most have a complete disregard for other park users including families with small children-if we were to go back to the beginning and had I known that this park would be full of out of control dogs, dog poop,dog poop smell, and their arrogant uncaring owners I would fully and actively oppose it. We should not be using tax \$ to fund what has become a smelly dog kennel with out of control dogs and their apathetic owners.
I am over the age of some of these activities, so can't really comment.
I love that I can take my dogs to this park and let them run, swim, and play with other dogs. It is a great asset in this regard, and I strongly support keeping it open to dogs.
Focusing on out door facilities is the correct direction at this location.
This park is definitely not the place to be leash free for dogs. The Amphitheater is critical to the summer health of the park. Something along the lines of what Big Sky does for the summer concert series would be fantastic in town. It would also be fantastic for local artists, plays town hall meetings and much much more.
Need to gain control of the dog feces problem
Mountain bike park is very much needed.
Bozeman already has a large skateboard facility at Kirk park. It's beyond my comprehension why we would build another one.
I had to look up what an Infiltration Basin was and now that I know it sounds very important but I am guessing that most folks won't know what this is and thus will not give it much importance. Bottom line is without a description in the survey of what some of these features are then I don't think folks can give you good feedback.
DON't know what an infiltration basin is
Rest rooms: very important. Concession stands not important. Why were these combined in the survey? Who came up with this form!?
I specifically support wide open off leash areas and use them daily.
Dogs rule 99 acres. Humans are allotted 2 small enclosures totaling less than 1 acre. Dog owners have proven they are incapable of controlling their animals or following any rules.
Bzmn is the only major city in the state without an aquatic center with both a outdoor and indoor pool for swim lessons and lap swimming. Splash parks should be an accessory to a swimming pool NOT a replacement for a pool.
Would be a great place for a swim complex!
no dog parks please. dogs need to exercise too.
I don't know what an infiltration basin is.
Soccer Fields are vital to both boys and girls in this community and the ability to provide fields and indoor facility for year round access.
rest room yes
do not see need for concession stand but their is a real need for rest rooms.
Bozeman needs more pool areas!!!!
YMCA
most importantly, Bozeman needs an amazing outdoor pool for kids and families in the summer!
Restrooms - very important. Concessions - not at all.
No concessions--yes on rest room
time to share the love of the neighborhood parks/ focal centers like Bogert and fairgrounds over to the 100 acre regional park.
The Fairgrounds should stay somewhat traditional as per what we expect from a fairgrounds complex but needs to add areas where the greatest needs are changing. We need to look at the areas that have the most people participating in activities. For example, I know ice climbing is a great sport but look at the numbers compared to the hundreds of kids and adults playing soccer, baseball and hockey. Also, be realistic and don't waste money - I don't think you need to provide a sledding hill - look around we live in the foothills and mountains. In addition, I'm a dog owner and love dogs but how many dog parks do we need? We are giving the pets in this town priority over the children. We are catering to dogs in Bozeman and it's getting ridiculous. There are plenty of places for me to take my dog we don't need another one. The improvements thus far have been great let's keep them going! Thanks for all of your work!!!
What is an infiltration basin?
We want trails. Lots of new trails. The more miles the better. No paved ones. All gravel or dirt.
Very important to continue to allow dogs to swim and recreate. It is how I choose to socialize. I would choose to socialize with my dog playing fetch with other dogs and talking to other owners than sit on a beach or picnic pavilion. Please do not make this area un dog friendly. I very much enjoy the ambience of the area.
Sand volleyball courts, outdoor swimming pool
1. Make things more centrally located (at the regional park)!Soccer fields and Baseball fields should be closer to the center of town/population, not on the other end of town (at the fairgrounds)!It makes it very difficult for the family to get across town to soccer/ball practice etc. a couple times a week especially if there are multiple kids. (we already have a softball complex on that end of town (near the hospital area). Make things more centrally located, please.)Get rid of the Butterfly garden. I love Butterflies, but is an EXPENSIVE venture. They need tons of care and properly maintained environment which would be difficult and expensive especially in our Winters. Make and Indoor pool (that can be used ALL year round, not just summer) and bring the waterpark (preferably indoor waterpark)
I hope this park stays "off leash" - there aren't many areas in a dog-loving community like Bozeman where that's an option.
The dog park needs to be much larger. Having the dog park so close to a possibly very active Skate Park is not the best location since the noise of skateboarders may unnerve visiting dogs. I would suggest the Dog Park to be way I (irrigated turf fields) is indicated on the plan west of the ditch. No conflict and plenty of room for all dogs and owners. It is more or less isolated from the other activities of the park and be far less disruptive. We have lots of irrigated turf fields in town especially with Bronken Park not more than 1 mile away from the regional park. I also suggest dog poop stations along the entire loop trail.
keep the park leash-law free, please
Primary Reason to come spend time and money in Gallatin County is the Hockey Facilities.
I don't know what a lot of these terms mean, like "Spray Fountain" and "Infiltration Basin"
Very in favor of soccer fields!
The noise of skateboards slapping against cement is very annoying and interferes with the peace and quiet of nature!
I say yes to the rest room but no to the concession stand, that was a biased question. Please take that into consideration
this park originated as a dog park and should be kept that way. other resources are available for people that are anti-dog.
County should partners with the City to build the pool.
I like the natural setting of the park ,but would welcome a swim center there
I have been taking my dog to this park since she was 9wks old. I Strongly DISAGREE to restricting dogs to a fenced-in area. the beauty of this park is

that it is a wide open space! Please leave it as it is.
OFF leash dog walking and dog Access to both lakes
All parks cannot be all things to all people. I think that is what makes bozeman rec facilities so great, I can go to certain places for certain experiences and have choice in the atmosphere based on the specialization of parks and offerings
Bozeman = Open Spaces. Bozeman = Dog Friendly. Bozeman is the Gallatin County Regional Park as is, or more importantly, it is the DOG PARK. No matter who you talk to in Bozeman, people don't know it as Gallatin County Regional Park. They know it as the dog park. They know it as the place they can take their dogs, walk freely, allow their dogs to play with others and just enjoy the serenity and beauty of a large park IN TOWN! They can go there at lunch, before or after work and all day with their families during the weekend. I live very close to the park and do so because I chose to. It was a big factor in where my wife and I chose to live. We go there every day with our dogs and can't imagine not having it. We have a little one on the way and I can't ever imagine wanting an ice rink, basketball court, tennis court, and outdoor pool in place of the beautiful 100 acres of open land. That's not Bozeman! This is not a big city. This is Bozeman! We LOVE this park. We LOVE taking our dogs there. We LOVE having 100 acres to enjoy just minutes from our homes. We LOVE Bozeman. If you change this park, you're changing everything that Bozeman is and should be. People don't move to Bozeman to have a freaking fountain and swimming pool. People move here, stay here, and raise families here because of the outdoors. They're here because of the serenity, the fresh air, the open space, and the beauty. Everything the park represents. Let us have this one place to enjoy the "Big Sky" state right here in town. Let us have this place we've all come accustomed to and make a part of our daily lives. Please don't take this away from those of us who helped to make it, pay for it, keep it maintained, and enjoy it. Build all this other stuff in areas that aren't already set aside for the enjoyment of others. Don't take this place away from us. Please.
This should remain a place where dogs can run freely and happy. We already have a place for humans at Bozeman beach!
I daily walk my dog off leash and this is of the most importance to me.
The Gallatin County Regional Park is a nice place to have some open space, peace and quiet and walk our dogs. Please don't fill it up with trying to provide for too many types of recreation. Dog owners in Gallatin County need a place like this park to have a wide open off leash area to let their dogs run and exercise.
Please keep the park off leash!! It is one of the things that keeps bozeman unique and one of the main reasons we choose to buy a home near the park. It would be devastating to our family to lose the off leash access. Please keep the park off leash!!
I am scared that the convenience of having a place to get my run in along with running my dog. He is a golden retriever that stays home while I work all day. It is so nice to come to the park and let him run until he is tired and I can make dinner. I run with him once a week. He also likes to swim in the ponds and see his friends. I will be very sad if I can't use the park anymore. I won't go without my dog. I never go to East Gallatin because I can't bring him. My 11 year old daughter likes to swim with him in the ponds also. We just don't swim in the fenced off part of the pond. They have a great time together.
Irrigation, if used at all, should be done in an environmentally supportable way only.
It is important to me to have open space for dogs to be off leash. A beautiful dog park is outside of town but I also strongly agree that the regional park should have a large off leash section. Its a 200 +/- acre park a bit can be allowed for dogs to be off leash (more than the miniscule 5 or 7 that I think may have initially been voiced).
I don't really use this park, so have no strong opinions. I do, however, think a park in that part of town is important and activities should be coordinated with what takes place at the fairgrounds.

**\*13) What is your opinion of the condition of the Gallatin County Regional Park**

		<b>Response (%)</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Excellent	<div><div></div></div>	14.20	96
Average	<div><div></div></div>	36.54	247
Needs some improvement	<div><div></div></div>	35.80	242
Poor	<div><div></div></div>	5.47	37
No Opinion	<div><div></div></div>	7.99	54
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

<b>Comments</b>
Test
Again, dog feces is a major issue.
The Skatepark addition would add something to our community that is sorely needed and will help keep our youth involved in activities that keep them out of trouble
Needs trees
The south parking lot and the area just in front of it - between the parking area and the trail - really needs to be maintained. Either paving the parking lot or grating it regularly to get rid of the holes. And the area inbetween needs to be filled with gravel/rock of some kind since it is a heavy traffic area.
Love it- its a very relaxing experience
County has no budget for this facility - completely beholden to user groups.
The park was founded with the idea that it would be multi-use & that it would be a work-in-progress for many years. Changing times would require updates.
Always over run with dogs that are off leash and owners who do no clean up their excrement. I like everything but the dogs!
This is our family's favorite park. We appreciate the progress being made on it!
Its coming along. What is there is well done. its just underdeveloped. Field complex should go in next for soccer, football, rugby, lacrosse users.
It's not a park, it's just a field with 2 ponds.
haven't been there
still kind of looks like an empty lot but its getting better everyday!
I have enjoyed seeing the improvements along the way. The addition of the trash cans through out and the poop bags are excellent! Of course rest rooms would be fantastic for us older folks who would love to spend more than 30 minutes at the park
it's coming along, but still needs work to get it done
dog waste is a HUGE problem, it is horrible. I stopped going there due to dog waste problem. The city should issue citations to people who do not curb their dogs
As a sledding surface the amphitheater hill may need occasional slope management in order to prevent large bumps from developing over time, which is what has made Peets hill so dangerous.
Needs direction and plan
way to many items in the master plan. Why another outdoor pool when community members swim in the pond with a beach? Do we really need another Bogart pool situation? Why would you place a dog park right next to a busy street with no access for the owners and their pets to swim in the ponds?
dog poop, litter, fields where dogs dig holes and then the weeds die early
Never been there. Don't know where it is.
Bathrooms are nowhere to be found.
It feels like a work in progress that has a lot of work yet to be done.
People need to be more responsible about cleaning up aftertheir pets.
The potential is there, just need to keep making progress. Don't start a project and leave it looking unfinished (ex. Skatebaord ramps, bmx track)
I'm sorry I don't go there.
ground squirrel holes between sled hill and trail make hill sprints difficult
Unmaintained appearance, with no quality standards for improvement being made. Lack of adherence to Master Plan.
My son and I visit this park numerous times a week, love the new pump track and are very excited for the skateboard ramps to be completed! We use the sledding hill almost every day in the winter and we walk around the ponds frequently! It would be awesome to have more activites all in one place!
Very poor. The maintenance of the park us non existent and shows a lack of commitment by the county.
Could use a couple more dog waste stations.
Dog feces and trash is a constant issue. I would attend the regional park much more often if it weren't for that.

Seems like a big plot of land that hasn't been developed yet.
It's hard to develop the whole thing--kudos for the work so far.
there should be a choice that is better than "average" but less than "excellent." Also, average is a relative term. Objective terms are probably better.
What is there is well maintained, however restrooms at a public facility and water etc. is very important when using a family facility
Needs to continue to develop in an ADA manner
No trees. I don't use it!
More trails
I appreciate that it isn't over-developed with manicured turf and sprinklers and buildings. Lets leave a little of Montana in Bozeman.
Leave it the way it is!!!
It really has been ignored, but for understandable reasons, economy, use level etc.
It would be nice if the people who run that monster run would stop digging a huge muddy strip in the field.
The county is not doing enough to enhance the park. The only improvements come from volunteer committees. The swimming beach is very poorly done and looks awful.
Leave it alone, don't develop it. Its beautiful being untouched. Don't screw it up.
I like it the way it is.
Needs trees!
Too many loose dogs
Weed management and dog management needs improvement
It only seems to have issues after the Bozemonster because it gets ripped up.
Take down all the unneeded fencing
lots and lots of weeds. The random piles of garbage and dirt are also not appealing
too many out of control dogs and dog poop
It is a good work in progress.
it could use some regular maintenance, expecially after events
The Amphitheater needs to be developed next!!! It will set the tone for so many other things. Everyone things that the hill was built for sledding and don't have a clue it's always been for seating. Oak street needs to get finished along with the Oak street parking lot.
coming along nicely, it's a work in progress.
Started out great, but development over the past couple years has ground to a halt.
do not like unleashed dogs every where
Needs skateboard facilities to be expanded
I feel like the county ahs been waiting and waiting for this park to take shape
Over-paid for the land, didn't get the improvements that were agreed to. Under-developed, under-used.
dog poop and pee everywhere
I am a in town home owner I do not use the regional park
coming along well but has a ways to go
Needs to maintan areas that have improvments like weeding.
Underdeveloped
needs more facilities, the users will follow. Move the farmwers market to a rotating schedule: 1x per month at Bogert, 1x per month at fairgrounds, 2x per month at regional park.... ditto the SLAM fest... alpw other neighborhoods to enjoy the benfit and share the burden of the community activities. NW Bozeman is the new hub of the upper gallatin valley valley
I love the park, but I see room for improvement.
Much better now that people are cleaning up after their dogs.
the crew does a great job. the public needs to be more responsible...!
I love the fact we have these parks. Some are in good shape, others not; they need to be improved. It is important for people to have "free" places to exercise and play - this will contribute to better physiological and mental health for the people of Gallatin Valley and give our kids productive things to do instead of finding destructive alternatives (e.g., drugs, loitering).
Dog poop stations along the existing trail. Restroom facility would be nice.
The Dinasaur park and sledding hill being in the best condition
I think the park is fine as it is, but support community's improvement.
With the exception of not having restrooms, the Dinosaur playground is fantastic. The rest is pretty average.
I love it but it could be improved
well on its way but more to be done
the hill gets "loved to death"
It seems that there has been some improvement over the summer. Generally speaking though, KEEP IT WILD!
Love taking my dogs here. It is a great place for them to socialize and be dogs!
The biggest improvement that would have a profound effect would be any irrigation. Please keep the park open to dogs! We live across the street and the dog friendly park is why we moved there.
seems to be continually improving. very pleased with what it is and how it has grown.
Enhance natural and open spaces rather than further building and development.
If I want beauty I go to the mountains. If I just want a nice place with water, grass, birds and a place to run I go to the ponds.
When I first moved here I visited the park, but was unable to locate anything besides the sand/ jungle gym. Needs better signs to explain what is there and/ or what is planned.

14) How would you rate the ability of the Board, Management and Staff to operate and develop the Gallatin Regional Park

		Response (%)	Responses
Excellent	<div></div>	2.68	18
Satisfactory	<div></div>	22.06	148
Do the best they can with the resources they have	<div></div>	33.98	228
Needs improvement	<div></div>	14.16	95
No Opinion	<div></div>	27.12	182
Answered Question			664
Skipped Question			12

Comments
As a community homeowner and a Gallatin Regional Park daily user, I have been extremely concerned with the recent management of the park. The current management blamed the degraded state of the sledding hills vegetation on dog traffic disregarding the heavy sledding usage that uproots the grass every winter. Time and money was spent to reseed the hill this spring, summer, and fall and usage of the hill was restrained for dogs. It would be extremely upsetting to me see sledding on the hill again this winter after all the time and money spent to reseed the hill.
Authority should match budget - there is no budget, so I can't see how the Board can claim authority. The last thing they should do is limit access for the park's largest user group - dog owners.
Tearing up so much of the park for the BozeMonster race, then restricting walkers' access to the amphitheater, strikes me as very poor management

FORParks has been magnificent in what a volunteer group can do. But with the heavy park use, it MUST have some paid help.
No one enforces cleaning up after dogs or keeping dogs out of sensitive areas.
I think its under-funded. When Mike Harris, the open space director for all the county open space, is picking up trash (rather than "directing"), it obviously is under-funded.
I've never seen anyone maintaining anything and I live right there.
unknown
i think there is a ton of potential with this space. i really believe citizens will soak all that is created there and that it would be hard to spendoney poorly developing that space for recreatiobal use. seems like a no brainer to me.
commission support should not be an excuse; it is management's job to rally support and secure funding
Dont know
I'm afraid the Board may be trying to do too much with the space. Incorporating too many objectives into the space available will create over-crowding and facilities that are too small.
Move faster on master plan
Mike Harris seems to be well intentioned, but lacks resourses and has demonstrated a lack of quaility / attention to detail in the improvements made. Ex. out of plumb bridge, new trail that has akward alignment at the east side of the park, conctructed in a different location than indicated in the Master Plan; There needs to be some sort of quality standard to provide uniformity in that park, rather than allow it to grow into a bunch of random projects that look like trash. The Board need higher standards, or at least, not just let Mike Harris run / ruin the park
I've emailed to volunteer, but received no response.
There need to be bathrooms in several places. There need to be trash cans and dog bags on the North end of the park near Baxter.
So far, this board has not done anything of value to this park.
Bozeman is getting too developed as it is. Don't develop one of the last open spaces in town.
That's difficult to answer because I'm happy with the way it is now, but do not want to the Master Plan to go into effect, i.e., limiting the dog off-leash area to a small section.
I don't know how to answer this question since I don't know what their goals/responsibilities/fundng is like. I do like the park the way it is so they must be doing a pretty good job.
need to do something about the out of control dogs-why is there no comment section to #15?
Mike Harris works wonders with a minimal budget and I daresay works many hours of overtime to make things happen at the park.
need a sign to show that they open..
not sure what they do or that they existed
Again, would like to also click Do the best they can with the resources they have
I wish I knew more about the financials.
I feel like the county ahs been waiting and waiting for this park to take shape; let's start using this land!
Seems to be taking a very long time to get anything accomplished.
Over-paid for the land, didn't get the improvements that were agreed to. Under-developed, under-used.
dogs are in control and lawsuits waiting to happen as vicious attacks will occur
Let the dogs swim!
Dont know who operates the park
Not familiar
I thoroughly appreciate the work of everyone. I do realize that there have been some restrictions put on them since this is a regional park.
Needs investment to make better.

15) Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Responses	Total
Dogs at the Regional Park should only be allowed off leash in designated fenced areas.	215	112	80	107	146	660	25%
Dogs at the Regional Park should not be required to be on leash.	209	101	91	103	157	661	25%
Unrestrained dogs prevent me and my family from visiting the Regional Park.	82	52	115	124	283	656	25%
If people don't like being around dogs then go to a different park than the Regional Park.	145	110	105	113	188	661	25%

16) Please rank from 1 to 5 which of the following facilities should be a priority for development by Gallatin County? (1 being lowest and 5 being highest)

	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Total
Flat Athletic Fields (soccer)	88	85	213	114	97	597	7%
Baseball Fields	92	111	229	113	51	596	7%
Softball Fields	100	120	232	99	48	599	7%
Hockey Rinks	92	91	149	136	145	613	7%
Playgrounds	70	61	168	168	145	612	7%
Indoor Swim Center and Athletic Complex	102	73	144	115	193	627	7%
Trails	64	46	70	147	301	628	7%
Dog Parks	101	94	145	132	158	630	7%
Climbing facilities	120	121	184	113	69	607	7%
Fishing Ponds	109	126	200	110	60	605	7%
Shooting Ranges	234	109	115	74	65	597	7%
X Country Ski Courses	83	88	168	146	117	602	7%
Sledding Hills	72	97	188	154	97	608	7%
Indoor Special Events Center	102	75	173	159	105	614	7%
Indoor Riding Arena	167	131	166	73	60	597	7%

<b>Other</b>
test
skateboard parks 5
Skateboard Park
Updated BMX Park
Skateboard park 1, Ampitheater2, Concessions and Bathrooms3,
Bike access, Bozeman Creek reclamation, E. Gallatin reclamation, food truck park, trails to the M, trails at Kirk Park
we have the best fishing in the world 15 miles around us why would we bother with stock ponds?

Answer assumes swim center isn't being developed within city-not important to duplicate things we already have
The county has no money for any of these - why are you asking?
developing means of protecting wetlands: Very important
flat fields include more than soccer - rugby, lacrosse, football, ultimate frisbee. Every major city in the state has a county/city field complex - EXCEPT Gallatin county. Facilities like fields, rinks and arenas are an investment in our economic stability - thousands of dollars are generated from visitors to events (look at the extra seats at the msu field as an example). It's time to invest..
Skateparks
outdoor pools, plural children's pool, adult pool
Our County is in desperate need of expanded swimming facilities. a large indoor multi-use swimming center would be my preference if we could afford it.
As an equestrian, I see our user group being squeezed the margin. It's not even on this list! Gallatin County is going to lose a major revenue source by pushing horses to private facilities.
For the amount of dog owners this city has there are very few off leash parks.
This question is confusing and misleading. Aren't private non-profits handling the "development" of many of these facilities? Climbing Facilities by Conrad Anker's organization, Riding Arena by rodeo group, Hockey Rinks by Hockey organization, Shooting Range by their club, Baseball by Legion, Soccer Fields by Blitzz? Whenever possible, these organizations should utilize their time and resources on development and utilize county land and/or resources when available. For my purposes, my answer is tailored to reflect the areas my family participates in, the facilities that make a strong, welcoming, family-friendly community and that I would hope the county would invest in.
Disc Golf (a decent forested course)
Newswimming pool would be a top priority in my opinion!!
Roller Derby Flat Track
No shooting ranges close to houses and in popular parks!
Bike park!!!! A shooting range would only be useful if it was a rifle range.
I think in prioritizing the county should consider what facilities are already available in the area. This is the only dog park in town where dogs can actually run and people can walk dogs. There are smaller parks available but they are not large enough to walk a dog on a trail.
Bike parks
no ice tower
Roller skating rink
Outdoor pool
there are plenty of trails in this county already...we need a new pool!
We need a shooting range to keep people from shooting and littering in the national forest
Wouldn't it be nice if we could just have it ALL
or outdoor swim center
off-leash dog walking, not fenced dog parks
Splash park/ swimming very important
stay away from Nordic; BSF does it way better than County ever could
Anything where the resources are not meeting the demand.
Indoor Concert/Music Venue
Indoor soccer facility, multiuse with other sports
Off-leash dog trails, specifically
If you keep the Dog park as it is, no need for other off-leash dog parks. If you don't, my answer would change to make that (off-leash dog parks) #1.
Off leash dog areas need to be VERY large (at least half the Regional Park) allowing for people and dogs to excersize at the same time (ski, bike, run, walk and swim). I want to be able to enter the park and quickly get to these areas from the parking lot AND from the trails near my home in Baxter Meadows. My dog needs a place to swim. I think it would be great if there were fenced in areas that excluded dogs ... either dog free areas for the minority of people that are afraid of dogs or picknicing, or only allowed dogs on leash. The greater majority of areas in the Regional park should allow off leash dogs since this city has so many responsible dog owners.
LEAVE IT ALONE!! WHY DO YOU HAVE TO OVER DEVELOPE THE PLACE!!
Oportunitie for fishing sledding and x country skiing exist and should be maintained, not necessarily increased.
Chataqua style meeting area for conversation, presentations etc.
BMX and skate parks
Natural areas, untouched by developers where we can enjoy the beauty of nature and be free to walk with our dogs on something other than pavement.
Concert Venues
I listed the athletic complex, because I think we really need indoor soccer facilities. Soccer fields and hockey rink are really important because as an adult our seasons/times to play these sports are severely influenced by the lack of facilities. Adult soccer can only get fields for a few months in the summer when we could play much longer if fields were available. I haven't signed up for adult hockey because I don't want to play late at night. Indoor soccer is only available in school gyms, also late at night. Snofli is a dog park concept that is working and we need more like it to solve the off leash issues that arise with dogs in this town. Can't the regional park have both a large dog park with trails and water AND areas where leashes are required?
I strongly disagree with continuing to allow dogs to be off leash at this park; this is a vocal minority of the taxpaying landowners in this county and will continue to destroy the habitat of the ponds and much of the improvements that will try to be made.
The indoor shooting ranges should require the use of non-lead ammunition as should all shooting ranges and hunters.
Outdoor Amphitheater at the park
Outdoor pools
Mountain Bike Park
Skateboard facilities
outdoor pool?
Also consider indoor sports complex with basketball courts, batting cages, soccer / flag football turf fields
dogs only belong on one of the above listed items
Outdoor pool aquatic center
I am not in favor of duplication of services, i.e if we have limited dollars, we need to develop what we don't already have, such as indoor and outdoor soccer facilities.
this survey is set up to screw results.. # 1 should be 1st priorities
Lacrosse fields!
outdoor pool
dont need to duplicate expensive services at this park that would be at the fairgrounds, like ice skating rinks, indoor pools, etc.
how about ice skating surfaces (no boards required)
Rest rooms at ALL facilities
Miles of trails!
TENNIS
If you must create a dog park area (which I disagree with) then that would be high priority.
Sand volleyball courts, outdoor swimming pool
OUTDOOR SWMMING POOL!!!
Definitely an outdoor concert venue like the ampitheatre in the regional park. That is what it was initially planned/intended for and needs to be created and promoted that way. Like Lunch on the Lawn, the Regional Park needs to have an evening every week during summer when we have small, local



bands/music playing.
Grateful to GVLT. Need more trails!
leave the community athletics to the Y and offer them support (financial and otherwise)
County should partner with the city for a pool facility
All I those places are available else where in Bozeman. The dog park should stay a dog park.
We need to be able to maintain such areas before we build them. Furthermore, we need to use our resources to update and maintain our infrastructure before we can justify luxury, non-essential facilities like those named above.
I swim on the Master Swim Team. The pool keeps closing due to facility problems.
open green space NOT sports fields that can be multi use
** not a water amusement park, would like to natural areas listed
The barns are in extremely poor condition and hard on the animals, exhibitors, and visiting public.
Again, you should coordinate the swim center & other needs with the city of Bozeman

17) Of the new facilities being considered by the Gallatin County Commission for funding which would you say are most important?

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	Very Unimportant	Responses	Total
New Police Station/Sherrif Department	104	186	207	73	71	641	13%
New Law and Justice/Court Building	80	160	246	76	79	641	13%
Multi-Use Special Event Center (Field House)	129	210	210	53	37	639	13%
Athletic Field (soccer) Complex	86	146	266	82	54	634	12%
Hockey Arena	161	145	197	91	42	636	12%
Indoor Riding Arena	29	76	251	147	120	623	12%
YMCA	149	206	189	51	42	637	12%
Indoor/Outdoor Swimming Center	263	216	106	35	27	647	13%

18) Please rank the priority of the following categories of recreational facilities in Gallatin County. (1 being lowest 5 being highest)

	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Total
Parks, Trails and Open Space that can be utilized at any time without being part of an organized sport, group or event.	56	28	70	101	395	650	33%
Organized athletic facilities for soccer, hockey, baseball, softball, swimming, lacrosse, rugby, football, etc.	45	54	184	181	189	653	33%
Special Events Center for INDOOR events like rodeo, concerts, trade shows, tournaments, etc.	77	86	219	159	109	650	33%

\*19) Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Responses	Total
The County Commission adequately funds recreational facilities like parks and fairgrounds.	19	112	279	189	77	676	20%
Recreational facilities like the Fairgrounds or the Regional Park bring economic benefits to business in Gallatin County.	311	261	78	16	10	676	20%
Providing recreational opportunities like parks and trails for the people of Gallatin County should be a priority for the Gallatin County Commissioners.	324	242	73	23	14	676	20%
The County Commissioners should provide a dedicated source of funding for the construction, operation and maintenance of parks and fairgrounds in Gallatin County even if it meant raising taxes.	238	255	115	46	22	676	20%
The County Commission should borrow money to build improvements at the Fairgrounds and Regional Park and the money for operation and maintenance can come from user fees and rentals.	129	197	196	100	54	676	20%

\*20) If an increase in taxes was proposed to fund parks and fairgrounds; what level of increase would you support?

	Response (%)	Responses
\$3.50 to \$10 per year	<div></div>	27.51 186
\$11 to \$15 per year	<div></div>	16.86 114
\$16 to \$25 per year	<div></div>	15.98 108
\$26 to \$35 per year	<div></div>	29.44 199
Do not support.	<div></div>	10.21 69
	Answered Question	676
	Skipped Question	0







\*21) Would you be more likely or less likely to support a tax increase if you knew the money was going to the Fairgrounds?

	Response (%)	Responses
Very Likely	<div></div>	29.14 197
Likely	<div></div>	35.65 241
Neutral	<div></div>	22.49 152
Unlikely	<div></div>	7.69 52
Very Unlikely	<div></div>	5.03 34
	Answered Question	676
	Skipped Question	0

\*22) Would you be more likely or less likely to support a new tax levy for parks and fairgrounds if you knew that a dedicated amount would be given to individual cities and towns annually like West Yellowstone, Belgrade, and Three Forks?

	Response (%)	Responses
Very Likely	<div></div>	7.10 48
Likely	<div></div>	21.15 143
Neutral	<div></div>	31.95 216
Unlikely	<div></div>	23.37 158
Very Unlikely	<div></div>	16.42 111
	Answered Question	676











\*23) Which one best represents your age?

		Response (%)	Responses
younger than 18		0.74	5
18 to 30		15.68	106
31 to 40		31.66	214
41 to 50		29.73	201
51 to 60		14.64	99
61 or older		7.54	51
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0



\*24) Where do you live?

		Response (%)	Responses
Bozeman		86.09	582
Belgrade		5.77	39
Manhattan		1.04	7
Three Forks		0.30	2
West Yellowstone		0.00	0
Outside of a City or Town		6.80	46
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0






\*25) What Zip Code do you live in?

		Response (%)	Responses
59714		7.54	51
59715		43.93	297
59716		0.30	2
59717		0.00	0
59718		46.45	314
59730		0.30	2
59741		1.04	7
59752		0.44	3
59758		0.00	0
59760		0.00	0
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0







\*26) What is your gender?

		Response (%)	Responses
male		47.04	318
female		52.96	358
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

\*27) What is your annual income?

		Response (%)	Responses
Less than \$20,000		8.28	56
\$20,001 to \$35,000		14.94	101
\$35,000 to \$50,000		19.82	134
\$50,001 to \$65,000		17.60	119
Greater than \$65,000		39.35	266
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

\*28) Which of the following describes how you usually vote?

		Response (%)	Responses
Mostly or only Republican		11.69	79
A few more Republicans than Democrats		8.14	55
Independent		22.49	152
A few more Democrats than Republicans		13.61	92
Mostly only for Democrats		30.62	207
None of the above		13.46	91
		Answered Question	676
		Skipped Question	0

29) If you would like to be included on updates regarding the Master Plan and park funding process please give us your email address. It will not be shared with outside groups.







Text Answers (203)
Test
I believe Bogert Swimming Pool is a sinking ship and a new one should be built. Yes, I'm biased since I live by the Regional Park. But when we built there, we were told that an outdoor swim complex was to be built there. There is room for the structure, the traffic and the parking as well.
The more healthy recreational opportunities we have, the healthier our community will be! We need more skateboard and bike parks!
I think the climbing boulders around town are great and would love to see more of them that are more challenging.
Bike access, clean and restore Bozeman Creek and East Gallatin River. Somehow, N. 7th needs to have pedestrian/bike access down to Manley and the Bozeman Pond.
The Ice Climbing Tower and outdoor concert facility would not be good for the Northeast Neighborhood. During the fair it is difficult to park in my neighborhood, as people are not utilizing the parking lot, but instead parking on the streets. The police do not enforce parking laws during that time. I end up with beer bottles and garbage in my yard and on my street. The Ice Climbing Tower and outdoor concert facility will only add to the problem. We have world class climbing in the Bozeman area, just a short drive up into the mountains, we don't need a climbing tower-what an eyesore! Partner with MSU for outdoor concerts, we have a great stadium that isn't used in the summer! The bottom line is this, many people live within earshot of the fairgrounds, please consider how your decision affects our quality of life. Thanks for asking!
Funding for Gallatin county fairgrounds should be a top priority. This is a chance for a large investment opportunity. Bozeman should be able to compete with the Great falls and Billings Fairgrounds. The money put in will attract trade shows, concerts, athletics and bring in revenue to the surrounding area. A nice fairgrounds is KEY to revitalizing 7th avenue. LEARN from the 4 seasons Arena's mistakes in Great Falls
Thank you
The more events/tournaments we can bring in will help with our income stream. Bozeman is centrally located in MT population, great place to host cultural/athletic events, bring out of town money in.
I have been going to regional park with my lab for 5 years. I want it as a dog park where my lab can run without a leash. Watching part of the pond become a no-dogs beach broke my heart. She loves to swim in the pond and I would never allow my children to swim in that disgusting pond. I give my dog a bath everytime shes done swimming cause its probably full of swimmers itch and possibly giardiah from all the duck poop. My dog also loves the hill so please don't fence it off again. Thanks!
What bearing does how I usually vote have on this survey?!
I am the President of the Gallatin Valley Volleyball League and an area that we could setup nets would be of great value to our community. Currently we play at Kirk Park and setup between 3-6 nets and fill them 3 times a week.
I think the existing fairgrounds should be improve. I am in favor of more green space and improved parking. It is a mud pir when it rains. Leveling it would help. I am not in favor of an ice climbing tower and a noisy concert venue. How about improving the band shell at Bogert Park. I think the commission should be paying some attention to the upcoming plan of Montana rail link to run 30 coal trains a day through our area. This will truly disrupt and affect our quality of life and seems to be ignored by every governmental group.
I do not believe that our public facilities should be in competition with private facilities, nor do I believe that we need more than 1 public facility of some natures. We have a gun range in Logan, we have indoor pools, we have a great private climbing facility, etc. The FAIRgrouds should be catering to the needs of the FAIRS, and use those facilities for as many purposes as can be booked to raise the funds for improvements. Unless the facility is for use by the fairs and 4H, there should not be a need for it at the FAIRgrounds. Let the parks develop parks, let the private market develop other recreational wants.
Pedestrian crossings into the Regional Park need to be a high priority. I've witnessed many near-misses of runners and children crossing (or trying to cross) W Oak.
Since I've been deeply involved with civic improvements for at least 49 years, including calculations as to how to get measures passed, all the way from libraries to open space, from candidates to state-wide measures like clean water & air, I'd like very much to have a few minutes to address the County Board of Park Commissioners to tell them a few things I learned over the years about how to pass a measure. For example, if you included giving some part of a levy to the other cities you might get a majority, or at least more than if you didn't, to vote in favor. But this can't be answered in one sentence. On another matter, -- re dog use -- you did not have my favorite solution -- I found the few choices too limited. I believe: It's time to put restrictions on dogs running loose in the park. 2. To make dog owners pay a fee so that they know that having a dog loose is a privilege & a responsibility that they have to earn rather than a right, as half of them do now. 3. They should also have to have their dog under voice control when not on a leash. 4. With an animal control person, perhaps part time who would visit at unknown times, (s)he could issue tickets for dogs not under voice control, owners who don't act responsibly, etc.. 5. With a fee required for dog owners to pay, along with fines for misbehavior for owners & dogs, sufficient income could be raised to pay a part-time animal control officer. 6. But if dogs are loose at all, wetlands & lakes must have some protection. This comes from a person who has probably spent more hours at the park, thinking about the park 24 hours a day, spending many hours picking up others' litter & dog poop, & too much to mention. A fluff head who only takes & never gives should not have his thoughtless opinion given the same weight in your consideration as someone who has sweat & worked countless hours for the park.
I'm glad to see the west side of town is getting more park space, but it is currently over run with dogs and dog poop. I'm looking forward to seeing that change.
need parking closer to the hockey rinks. Carrying heavy hockey bags is harder than a swim bag and is also normally done in the cold months when parking closer is needed. There are already numerous soccer field complexes in Bozeman, another one is not needed at the fairgrounds. As a resident who can hear things that are happening outside at the fairgrounds I do not mind the noise as long as it is over by a decent hour (i.e. 9 on weekdays and 10 on Friday and Saturday nights). Have no objection to ice climbing facility or other outside arenas but I do want them monitored because they are in a neighborhood and local residents who love the north side should not have to deal with loud noise late at night.
1. At the Regional Park, I support fencing dogs and people out of sensitive areas (for preservation) instead of fencing in dogs. 2. Several questions on this survey are worded problematically, especially if statistical analysis is expected. 3. I responded "None of the above" to #28 because this question is of zero relevance to this survey, especially if the writers of the survey believe it is a valid instrument. In fact, asking a question about political affiliation with this type of survey is potentially illegal.
The off-leash dogs have taken over too many parks. The Regional Park trails are unsafe for me to wander with my grandchildren or my on-leash dog. Too many close calls.
Comissioners have built their jail. Now it's time to invest - with interest, time and money - in recreational infrastructure of this county. They don't have to do it alone - user groups are queued up and ready to help. But leadership on this investment must come from the top down. A bunch of users all fired up on improvements (to trails, fairgrounds, regional parks etc) will get nowhere without the county commissioners' leadership. Please put recreational improvements regularly on the agenda for meetings; please staff this department; please fund projects (with tax increases and/or bonds to be repaid by users). Time to do something.
Recreation and open space are two of the most important strategic advantages bozeman has in attracting investment and jobs. Don't be penny wise and pound foolish. Investment in trails, protecting open spaces, bike routes, parks, etc allow companies to attract talent at a lower salary.
More detailed information would allow me to make more informed responses
Thanks for doing this. Like I said before I believe this vial is immensely underused/ developed in proportion to our population. I hope the commissioners will agree that developing this park is vital to the quality of life and quality of recreational opportunities in town.
the regional park need more signage letting people know dogs need to be on leashes unless in dog areas. the county should build a regional swimming area (maybe the regional park) rather than relying on the city of Bozeman to do so, it should be a county wide project since people would come from all around to use it.
I believe that an outdoor amphitheatre/concert venue would be very successful and is something that we need in Bozeman.
I would like to see the money that is collected through taxation actually spent on what it was meant for.
Thank you for finally getting serious on this. You may not receive tens of thousands of surveys, but I know this is on everybody's mind!
This survey is a little rough.
Very timely plan, happy to participate in the survey, Thanks!
I fully support upgrading the fairgrounds as it's such an important asset to Gallatin County. However, I'm very concerned that equestrian uses are being pushed aside. I fully support all user groups, so it's not about us vs them, but about preserving the agricultural / equestrian history and ties to the fairgrounds. Simply put, many will no longer use the fairgrounds because of the unsafe nature of the barns and general facility.
Parks are for people. Focus on that. Not dogs or livestock.
I have worked with the County while supporting recreational events in Bozeman. I am very glad to be taking this survey. I have found that the County is much more open to supporting events than the City and I like working with them much more. It would be great to see some County development. I think you will find a lot of people willing to collaborate if you are open to it.
Limit paved areas on paths and parking lots, especially I can see the fairgrounds has a large area to be paved, consider a xeriscape grass covering or gravel, I see the raid basins is a good design but adsorption will be greater without the pavement. The frequency of use doesn't justify a big parking lot.
The fairgrounds are right in the heart of Bozeman. It is a disgrace that they are in such disrepair. I don't know whether this is due to underfunding, poor management or both. I would love to see the city and county spend some money on the public areas and community facilities that will make Bozeman a more livable place instead of just calling it "The Most Livable Place."
Stop looking at recreational development as an expense and open your eyes to recreation as an economic driver. Why do you think people come here?
Off-leash forested disc golf course. First place I have lived that hasn't had one. It is the only thing truly lacking. Aside from Gallatin Regional park no decent sized park that dogs can swim too.
I feel personally that an large indoor event center would be extremely beneficial to many groups, events, and people in the area. One that would allow



for a large variety of uses, such as concerts, sporting events, markets, tradeshowes etc. The more one sided improvements are the less benefit our overall community would see. I also feel that the hockey arena is a great idea, since the BAHA has a very large league and brings in a lot of money. Possibly with a new arena more people will attend the Ice Dogs games, which too would bring in more funds. But I do feel that a separate event center is necessary. Thank you.

I'm happy these things are being discussed and look forward to what Bozeman becomes!!

I would like to know more about the rumored bike park and if either the fairgrounds or regional park would be able to host biking events. The city seems very unwilling to let bike races happen at any of the existing parks

Thank you for the opportunity to take this survey. This survey demonstrates your dedication to serving the people of this county. Your service is very appreciated

Personally, I would love to see a venue where roller derby could be practiced and played all year around rather than only being able to have home bouts in the summer. The Gallatin Roller Girlz are very active in various community endeavors, are a non profit, donate a large portion of proceeds from their home bouts to local causes, and provide an athletic opportunity for women of various ages and abilities.

An events center would be a huge plus to the county - everyone looking for square footage larger than 6000 sq ft is held hostage by MSU.

I have had a son in the Legion baseball program and feel that the Legion Field is under utilized. It could be used as a great venue in the summer for concerts, etc. The concession stand is great and the bathrooms are clean and well kept.

no icetower, too seasonal, too exclusive, too noisy,

I think that we have the money to do the important things, it is that the funds don't get used appropriately. Use the money we have and do what the people want. There are already dog parks, fishing access, don't use money for things that are already available in our community. Start with things that would bring money to our community. For instance, if we had soccer fields, we could have SOCCER TOURNAMENTS which BRINGS MONEY TO THE COMMUNITY! Just like rodeos, concerts etc. I travel all over Montana and Bozeman's use of space is a joke on so many levels--An ice climbing wall--where is the revenue there?

The addition of the trail systems in the past few years have been fantastic. There are only a few more links to get it more cohesive - would be great if more of an effort on the County's part could be made on this. So much is already being done by local, private groups, including upkeep. BSF, GVL, GVBMX, etc. Small groups doing things the entire community utilizes.

Gallatin county has potential for a park system, but needs to act. The current fairgrounds are basic. It could be a wonderful epicenter for recreation and community that would revitalize the north side and draw people from around Gallatin county. Parks and community spaces need to be a priority. Not everyone has the means to get to the mountains to play.

Good luck getting the County Commission to raise taxes or have any type of long term vision for this community

We live in a very outdoor centric area. We do not have enough facilities for swimming, hockey, sports, rodeo. If people want to fish, hike, hunt, or get outside we live in Bozeman and there are plenty of funded trails and open areas to enjoy. Also we spend a great amount of our year enduring winter, indoor places to go are very important to our community.

The fairgrounds has too many junk buildings and needs to be cleaned up with larger facilities that are nice and can be used for multi purposes. We need things for kids to do here and not have to travel to go to area towns for tournaments. Keep and bring money to Bozeman! It is crazy we don't have a year around facility to hold hockey, soccer and basketball tournaments in Bozeman.

Please support a year round hockey rink!

Please don't waste money on an ice tower

Would love to see a facility to support roller derby and other indoor events.

Thanks!

There is no reason why the farmers market that takes place in the hockey rink cannot be put somewhere else to allow the ice to stay year round.

I travel a lot for work and kid's sports. I see the fabulous facilities that other towns have for sporting events. This community truly needs a YMCA and better venues to host many sporting events and concerts. With the obesity epidemic, kids and adults need an inexpensive place to go or if they are on a team, they should have nice fields etc. to play on. Not everyone can afford the "elite" Ridge!

Thank you giving the public and opportunity to give input

Support the Ice Rink! BFSC is great for kids and families!! Figure Skating teaches dedication, respect, and perseverance, as well as team work and athleticism. Growing up at a rink and competing as a figure skater greatly contributed to my success in school and as a "grown up".

It is unfortunate the Ice Garden was not retained by the city. This was an amazing facility with a lot of potential. Hopefully the new plans can provide a similar opportunity.

The regional park has become the dog park and many of the non-dog resources are now underutilized by non-dog visitors to the park. I can no longer run there due to constantly being chased and attacked by dogs that I am told are 'friendly' and just excited. These owners think that everyone should just love their dog and accept any behavior. While I don't think the regional park should be closed to dogs, should dogs have the run of the entire 100 acres? Can't we make an off-leash area where they can go and run and enjoy a section of the park (such as the NW corner with the NW pond). Do they have to have it all? This is the part where dog owners don't understand that not everyone cares for other people's dogs as much as they do and that if a child acted the way that bad behaving dogs behave, it would be deemed unacceptable. While we all pay taxes, it is always one group takes more than they should. There is a way to balance this out so that everyone can enjoy the multipurpose uses of the park.

Hockey has grown in a huge way in the past twenty years in this valley. Hockey tournaments bring revenue to local business just like B-Ball tournaments. Hockey players like myself, spend quite a bit of money to play and there is a huge demand for ice time. The commissioners should do all they can to help BAHA become even more successful than they have been. Let's play some hockey!

Most of the baseball fields in Bozeman are in awful shape. They definitely need attention. Most of the recreational activities/venues are/would be a great investment. Either pay for the parks etc. or pay for rehab programs. The more activities there are for kids the better. Recreation should be a priority.

There is no reason to have annual income or political affiliation on this survey!!!

Thanks

What business is it of yours how I vote? Or how much money I make? Or even my gender?

I believe that the persons in charge of funding for the Gallatin County Fairgrounds are doing a poor job. As a business student at Montana State and a BAHA member since 1995, I would like to see more fundraisers for the hockey arena. I realize that this may not be a priority to a lot of residents of Gallatin County, but a more conscious effort could be put forth to raise money for additions and renovations.

What about indoor soccer fields that can be used in the winter. There are plenty of fields for use in the summer but winter activities are lacking.

I am strongly opposed to any requirement to leash dogs in the regional park. Most of the current park users are there to walk their dogs. I noticed a dramatic improvement in people picking up after their dogs after the installation of the trash cans and bag dispensers, but there's still a few areas that could use one that don't have one still.

PLEASE FUND THE ICE RINK SO WE CAN BRING BACK A WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE. IT IS A TRAVESTY THAT WE CURRENTLY DO NOT OFFER THIS!!!

The master plan does not include a fenced dog area which has been part of the fairgrounds for at least 10 years. I believe that there should be an area like this where people can come train their dogs in a controlled environment. Also one of the holding ponds should have at least a temporary dock for dog events like the fair dock diving. To host large events the dock needs to be 40' long, though part of that can be over land.

I generally support open space with trees, leniency with dogs and an indoor/outdoor pool facility (YMCA)

I haven't lived in town long, but love the recreational facilities that are available. I would love to see expanded swimming options, however, and, living in the North side of town, I think an ice rink is really needed as the only current options involve travel across town. Would love to see some x-country skiing trails at Rose Park in the winter. I have a little guy, so not sure how I feel about sledding vs an amphitheater as the sledding option is great. Regarding the dogs at the park, I suppose that really depends on the dog and how overrun the park might be by dogs, which currently isn't really an issue. I do love that all of this is being discussed and I am excited to see how recreation options expand!

Parts of this survey were poorly designed. In particular: > Question number one did not indicate what time measure was being used. I assumed it was years, but you should never leave that up to survey takers to decide. > Question 16 looked like it should only allow five answers, with no duplicate rankings, but it didn't. > Question 18 asks for rankings from 1-5, but there are only three things to rank.

There are plenty of soccer fields, baseball fields, and parks around town. More funding should be put into trail development and not organized activities. There are also outdoor music pavilions, ie bogart. Why have 2 in such a small town when there are not performances there on a regular basis now. A free skate ice rink at the regional park would benefit the community surrounding it. Thank you for letting me voice my opinion.

Bozeman needs a true rec center, the fairgrounds looks like the right spot

Hope that dog agility or a "dog barn" will be included in the master plan.

I love most sports, my children and I play many recreational sports, but here is absolutely no need to create new sports fields or concert venues when these facilities already exist and are not overused. Proposed commercialization of Gallatin regional park is ridiculous and does not reflect the ideology of the vast majority of users.

The vision and leadership at the fairgrounds needs to change. There is a great opportunity to provide the facilities that the city of Bozeman wants. Ag facilities need to be moved to a rural more centrally located county area and the fairgrounds needs to be focus on the local residents needs.

We need a 2nd skating / hockey year round facility.

Since Bozeman has 9 months of inclement weather, supported indoor activities are critical. Not everyone is a snow enthusiast.

The Gallatin Valley is really growing. Thinking about our future network of trails and large parks now will really help the quality of life and economy. People move here because it is a great place to live. We need to still offer that when the population is double the size and Bozeman and Belgrade grow together. I've love to see the trail started in Three Forks connect all the way to Bozeman because that is our population basin.

Thank you for conducting this survey. Parks and recreational facilities have a large impact on the quality of life for people. It also provides those with less funds an outlet and opportunity to recreate.

You get what you pay for. If you want public amenities and services, you need to levy taxes.

The way the Bogert pool situation was handled this summer was very sad. It was unswimmable for lap swimmer at temperatures held in August.

It was hard to rate some of my opinions as Bozeman and Gallatin Valley have a lot of the facilities like parks, trails riding arenas swimming pools available so the facilities that are not yet part of the community I felt should be part of a priority funding plan. I have found trouble in indoor public events, and fields for youth activities to be the least available since we moved here. I really appreciate all Bozeman has to offer and all the Parks and Recreation board bring to the Fairgrounds year-round!

The current noise level at the Fairgrounds from concerts is often inappropriate for the local neighbors. I do not live in that area.

My input on taxes is gbased on my sense that a local option sales tax is imperative. It does not realate to the Fairegrounds. I am against further property tax increases. We have to find a different way to fund things.

Because the Regional Park allows dogs off-leash is what makes it a unique part of Bozeman. There are other parks for cross-country skiing, baseball playing, organized sports, climbing walls, etc. Help keep Bozeman unique instead of duplicating other parks in town.

you should not include question 28. that could provide an opportunity for partisan politics to enter in to this public use planning.

Sectioning off a TINY area for an off leash dog park is a horrible idea. Either the whole park should be off-leash... OR... if need be, a VERY LARGE AREA with WATER ACCESS should be designated.

If our taxes are going to be increased for parks and recreation, I would like to see the majority of the monies go for trails and dog parks. Other more expensive facilities mentioned, like indoor riding arenas, swimming pools and ice hockey rinks, should be paid for predominantly by user fees from the groups which utilize them. I would also like to see some of the funds go to the individual towns, like Belgrade, so we can have a trail system out here. I hate having to drive to be able to walk my dog off-leash.

It is distressing to me that the previous survey indicated an overwhelming desire for off-leash dog access to the Gallatin Regional Park trail system, and the Master Plan appears to be steadfastly ignoring the majority of taxpayers' opinion.

Keeping the Regional Park as an area for folks who are not part of organized sports and keeping it as an area for those with dogs who need a place to run off-leash (and allow the owner to also walk/run) is my top priority. Let's do some in-filling in Bozeman and update places like Bogart pool or the fairgrounds before we go building new turf fields/buildings/pools at the regional park. All of the "Development" proposed at the Regional Park already exists somewhere in Bozeman or could be built elsewhere. Lets leave a little piece of Bozeman for those of us who aren't part of a sports team or need fancy turf fields and restrooms. After a long day of work, its amazing what a walk around the Regional Park can do for me and my dogs.

I have a home in Belgrade as well as Bozeman. Along with my comments on dogs above, I think that bathrooms are very important. It is a nightmare for parents to send their kids into filthy bathrooms with no running water or soap to wash with. Most parents send their kids into the bushes feeling that the great outdoors will have less disease and filth to contend with. This is not only a great health risk, it reflects poorly to visitors to the valley.

Quit turning bozeman into an over developed suburban sprawl nightmare! Don't take our few remaining open spaces and bulldoze them and pave them over into an urban mess. Leave the untouched natural land to way it is. WE DONT WANT TO LIVE IN LA!! If that is what you want, then move there!! Quit destroying the beautiful landscape of Montana by turning it into an over developed city!! The Regional Park is an attractive place to go because it is not developed, it is open space, which is what we are losing and now you want to take that nice big piece of beautiful open space and destroy it. You are horrible, evil people and should move to some big city where you can be happy that there is no natural open space in site to please your desire to destroy anything beautiful or natural!

I applaud the efforts to provide recreation for all interest groups. But to overload the parks spaces defeats the purpose of open space. It is also important to have to have space where one can exercise with their dog rather than putting them in an enlosed space to watch them run around. (That area inevitably becomes worn out and dusty) There are dogs and people for that matter, that are more interested in "going" than playing with other dogs.

One of the reasons we chose to live in Bozeman is for access to open space for our entire family, including our dogs. In addition, parks need to be a priority. They promote a healthy lifestyle that is imperative to bringing up strong, active, intelligent children. We need a variety of parks to reach out to a broad range of individuals.

The Gallatin County Regional Park is so important to have as a resource for us dog owners. In the email I received displaying the results of the survey regarding the use of the park with dogs, it said over 90% of people felt strongly that it should stay as an off-leash area for dogs. Your city residents are telling you what they want... why would you even consider disregarding the input of the community? It would be an utter shame to put such strong restrictions on this park. Parks are for the community. Your community talked... listen to us. I'm a graduate student- snowWill is awesome. It is also too far for me to drive during breaks from classes, teaching, and work. I also NEVER take my dog there during the summer because there is not available water for the dogs to play in, and black dogs overheat way too quickly. (Similar to the reason I can't take my dog to a lot of places around town!) Cooper park is also great- very close to my house, but if the dog runs for 30 seconds in any direction from the center of the park, he'll get hit by a car. Gallatin park is the ONLY park that suits our needs right now, and I cannot stress how important it is to us as a community that it remain an off-leash dog area. Every time I go to the park, at least 3/4 of the people there are with their dogs. I've made friends there; my dog has made friends. It is serving its community perfectly well as is.

The "no leash" dog park is important because Bozeman is a dog town and has more than it's share of large breed dogs, Labradors etc. who need space to run, water to swim in etc. so they don't become aggressive. Unlike the Snowload facility, the 100-acre park allows older or disabled PEOPLE the ability to walk on a flat surface with their dogs, it's located close to in-town subdivisions where it's easy for families to access. City dogs need this facility the most! Dogs "off leash" socialize better and are much less aggressive. Fishing in the ponds is a really dumb idea. It isolates the ponds from other use and fills the pond with fish hooks, line, dead fish on the banks and the ponds are not good fisheries which would mean the count would have to stock and maintain a fish population. Bad idea all around.

Off-leash trails are important to Bozeman.

How does a description of how one usually votes have anything to do with this?

The Regional Park is one of the only locations to allow off-lease access to dogs in the Bozeman Area. Please do not take this away!

We need to have an area where dogs can be with their owners to run off leash and socialize. The trail at the park now is almost to small but it will work in a pinch. Most dog owners are responsible and remind those who are not to step up. The only other off leash area in town is Peet's Hill and that is across town. Please keep the park off leash. We need an area for dogs and owners on the NW side of town.

Please keep GCRP an off-leash park with water access for dogs. If it were built right, it would not affect erosion or the wetlands. There is only one other option in town for dogs to swim, and it is too small and overcrowded. I will only support the GCRP if dogs are allowed off-leash in at least 50% of the park.

We need open space. Please do not destroy the one remaining untouched pieces of land that we have by developing it. We are all happy having an open natural space where we can freely go with our dogs and enjoy the day so please don't reign in your restrictions and your suburban sprawl into a place we all enjoy.

If--and only if--you decide to restrict off-leash activity at the regional park on Oak and Yellowstone, please keep one pond and trail for off leash activities.

Please, please consider required leash laws on dogs if money is spent to improve the Regional Park. This area has fabulous potential! If state soccer, softball,etc. tournaments could be held here, it would have a very positive impact on the local economy. Dogs are off leash throughout the entire area of Bozeman. I love dogs, I own one, but am severely disappointed in the ownership here. Dogs relieve themselves and more than not, leave the mess. Dogs intimidate smaller kids if off leash, they get under foot of other recreationers; especially their poop! I have only seen once or twice in my years of using parks and trails where the dog owner had true voice control of their off leash dog. What a disappointment it would be to see lots of money spent on parks, fields etc. to have uncontrolled dogs leaving messes and harassing kids, adults, wildlife and other pets. Please stop allowing irresponsible dog owners to place their dogs enjoyment over the enjoyment of tax paying citizens and their families. We need a recreational area where dog leash laws are enforced and obeyed. No such safe haven exists anywhere in Bozeman. What an awesome addition this area could have with improvement of the Regional Park and Fair Grounds! Thank you for allowing for input. Jennie Holton

Thanks for doing what you can to make Bozeman a great place to live!

I think one of the biggest problems of the fairgrounds are the folks who make the decisions on spending. There is a lack of willingness to see that they are not making the right decisions or there is room for improvement. Frankly they need some young-minded individuals who see the fairgrounds as an investment in the future. Whether its being resourceful and setting an example for a sustainable expansion or showing that the community deserves something better. THE COMMUNITY DESERVES SOMETHING BETTER. Its unfortunate that our tax money is going to pay the salary of the folks at the fair grounds who are clearly not making any improvements. When it comes to the parks I think there is a huge lack of resources for dog owners in the Bozeman community. So many members of the Bozeman community own dogs and there needs to be a place where they dont have to be on leashes all the time. I understand there are some dogs that need to be restrained and I feel that our dog-owner community would be responsible in policing this. Please make more facilities open to off leash dog use. Thanks!

I strongly support keeping the entire regional park as an area to take dogs OFF-LEASH. We live in Baxter Meadows for the primary reason of walking our dog to the park to swim and exercise. This is a wonderful asset for the community and the only park in the county that is off-lease for dogs and has water resources for swimming (at least that I am aware of). We are there twice a day and roam the entire park. Thank you for this great amenity! I strongly encourage the county/city to purchase additional acreage in the southwest part of Bozeman to develop a similar park!

Please keep the Regional Park a dog leash free area.

I would not support a tax increase for an ice climbing tower or outdoor concert venue at the fairgrounds, because it would only benefit a select few and/or cause undue hardship on local residents.

Bozeman desperately needs a good indoor venue for concerts, somewhere that can compete with the llikes of Missoula's Wilma theater.

The Regional park is so great just how it is now. PLEASE don't change where we can take our dogs off leash; this park is so important to so many dog owners!!!
The "dog park" in our neighborhood is very valuable to us and we use it almost daily. We like how it is "wild" and natural unlike other parks. Plus, it's the perfect place for our dogs to exercise and socialize. We would be very disappointed if the space for our dogs to be off leash were limited and we would not support this plan.
I am not a proponent of dogs being off leash around town (mainly for the dog's safety), but having grown up here with dogs, the situation at snowfill is about the best we have to offer. Snowfill is far from my home and the only place of its sort. I feel strongly that a park like that could be a great answer to the concerns at the regional park. I also feel strongly about needing more outdoor and also indoor soccer facilities. The fact that I can only play soccer a few months out of the year here is actually a motivation for me to move away. It would be really nice to have more sports opportunities like that for adults.
There are enough parks in Bozeman that require dogs to be on leash. We need to keep the Regional Park an off leash park. Dogs need room to run. Not only to stay healthy physically, but also to keep them stress free.
Some of these questions and agree/disagree statements are VERY poorly worded — for a survey like this, biases and ambiguities shouldn't be introduced. They make it hard to take this survey seriously, and it's pretty important. Anyway, since I couldn't decline to answer those, I selected "neutral." For example, I think dogs should be required to be leashed (and not just under verbal control) outside of designated, fenced-off dog runs. I would love to see a park where both people with dogs and people who are terrified of dogs can go whenever they want. A reasonably-sized fenced area (i.e. much smaller than Heart of the Valley's Maxi Park but quite a bit larger than their agility course area) would accommodate both groups very well as long as all dogs outside of the fenced area are leashed. Many dogs have excellent recall training, but others (like my family's two rescues) do not, and I think it unreasonable to expect people who hate dogs to either avoid the park entirely or be okay with walking near unleashed dogs and possibly getting jumped up on and licked if they're permitted off-leash outside of fenced areas. They have as much a right to enjoy the park and feel safe doing so as I do. Additionally, I believe clarification on the issue of tax increases for parks and the fairgrounds is necessary. In general, I would be happy to support an increase in taxes for parks funding throughout Gallatin County (including Belgrade, Manhattan, Three Forks, and West Yellowstone), but I wouldn't choose it over, say, education, health/human services, or the police and fire departments getting what they need to operate if they were all on the same ballot. Parks and recreation are important, but as quality-of-life measures; they're not critical to the health and well-being of residents in the same way an adequately staffed and funded fire department is, and I would choose to fund the FD over parks every time. Thanks for publishing this survey and asking for Gallatin County residents to take part in planning what happens next!
The question regarding political party and voting preference was not appropriate.
It is interesting to me that the majority of this survey is specific to the Gallatin County Fairgrounds and Regional Park located in Bozeman, and then at the very end there is the suggestion that the tax increase might be used in other cities. Did I miss something? Isn't this specifically about facilities located in Bozeman for the use of members of the entire county?
Dog owners have become increasingly irresponsible obeying the leash laws on any trail around and in the city limits of Bozeman! Please provide more enforcement and trails where dogs are not allowed.
Offleash dogs in the regional park directly contradict any other development in the area, such as marsh/wetland, and organized activities.
A dedicated outdoor concert venue is not appropriate for the fairground because of the late evening noise and traffic it brings to the neighborhood. Noise (music, people, traffic) carries a long way in Bozeman's summer evenings, and increased traffic on the narrow residential streets is problematic. A concert may occasionally be okay (Fourth of July), but as a regular thing - I would not wish that upon any part of Bozeman. Although I understand why the MSU Fieldhouse is not a perfect concert venue, it's there, sound systems have been upgraded and there is sufficient parking away from residential areas. And, even though all of the improvements listed would be nice, as Bozeman continues to draw people from a great distance to enjoy its amenities, user fees should be considered to keep the tax burden from becoming impossible for many Bozemanites to manage. We know about trickle-down economics - it doesn't seem to work its way down to homeowners very quickly, if at all.
on the first question in the survey what is the time period you are measuring? years? months? Out of control dogs are a huge problem at the regional park-the only people using it are dog owners and their untrained dogs!
As much as we would like to see dogs run free in the parks, not all dogs are "friendly" despite what their owners might say. Because of this, you can not expect tax paying non-dog lovers or kids who are scared of dogs to be able to enjoy the parks. Also we have first hand knowledge of " a loving, friendly pitbull" that would never harm anyone (according to its owner), kill a 2 year old child.
I am not opposed to fields for different sports. However, I think the greatest priority should be for opportunities to get into a more natural outdoor environment close to residential areas. But playing fields are also important for our young community of families. Just do things to get kids and families outdoors and enjoying more healthy activities rather than sitting in front of televisions eating junk food and getting fat and lazy.
Many people are tired of every dog owner under the sun thinking they have that one special dog that does no wrong. They think it is OK to have their dog at every event, park, store, trail, etc. I like dogs and have been an owner but it has gotten out of control. I was in a McDonald's the other day and a lady had her dog in her lap feeding it alternately with herself. Then the dog was licking the table! No one on staff did anything about it because of the reaction of today's dog owners!!! It was not a service dog.
Pool! We need a new pool! We need a new pool yesterday! Plus swim docks and better access to swimming at area ponds.
Dogs! I love mine/them; but the owners too often do NOT clean up after their dogs. It seems to me that that huge park area should not be open to unleashed dogs. Perhaps something half the area of Snowfill could be fenced, including access to a limited area of the pond. I am grateful for the leash free areas we do have, and some should be on the far west side, but no one wants themselves or little children stepping in dog feces.
a 50 meter, indoor swim facility is desperately needed. The off leash dog park use at the Regional park has gotten out of control and needs to be more closely monitored due to the filth left behind by irresponsible dog owners.
I will say here that my answers to questions 23 through 28 were made arbitrarily, with no concern for accuracy, though some may be accurate. I am surprised at the personal information requested towards the end of the form that includes age, city, ZIP code, gender and political voting record. I am disappointed that the commission would approve of this data collection; this stongly and negatively affects my view of the professionalism and integrity of the commission. I am SO disappointed. I was on-board until then...
Mountain bike park and more trails.
I have found a need to use Nash Park for parking to access Leverich Canyon trail. I would like to see a plan underway to have a small part of Nash Park to become officially dedicated for parking. This would be handy for all sorts of recreational and picnic access.
Dogs should be required to be on leash in all parks. We should not have to worry about us or our children being attacked by unleashed dogs in any County park. All current parks where dogs are allowed on or off leash reek of dog feces that is not picked up. I refuse to go to the M trail because it smells so bad. The regional park is beginning to be the same way. Sledding on the hill in the winter is like taking your life in your own hands due to all the doggy land mines left across the hill where the children are sledding and rolling down the hill. It is disgusting.
Thank you for asking your community's opinion on the matter.
I would really like to see a more strict policy on leashed dogs in and around Bozeman. As a dog owner, I find it very frustrating to participate in outdoor activities when nearly all the dogs are off leash. Our trails and parks would be cleaner and we would likely have a better experience if leashing was required and policy had the authority to ticket.
I think that Bozeman is falling behind other cities in Montana. We don't have a great place to hold youth sport tournaments and with youth sports like lacrosse growing like crazy in this town, it is a big loss of revenue for Bozeman. We also don't have a good outdoor swimming facility. We traveled to Helena this summer to let the kids swim and play in a lazy river and use waterslides. It is silly that Bozeman is so behind, we have the population and the tourism to more than support an out door swim park.
What in the world is question #28 in there for? What a creepy way to get that info. Stick to the business at hand.
There are two voters in my household yet we can only complete this survey once per IP address. Please let me know how my wife can vote as well. My address is nippi@gmail.com
I believe the fairground needs immediate attention because it is more than just a "fair ground" it hosts much more & could be so much more! refined and attracting more business to the gallatin valley in general; but also representing Bozeman, Montana more reflective or indicative of the communities that surround it. It amazes me how far behind, under funded, & neglected this fairground & county owned actually is. Lastly the staff at the Fairgrounds is an amazing group of people, so professional, & polite & seemingly very passionate about their job. Whom ever is guiding the staff must be an amazing example of leadership and passion combined. I really hope to see the county rise up to meet the wants of the community & surrounding communities so we can keep our money locall, grow with the city of Bozeman and the Gallatin County.
My family and I used to visit the local recreational areas to walk the trails at least once or twice a week, it's one of our favorite local activities. Since our 3-year old daughter started walking and running on her own at the parks, un-leashed dogs have been a serious issue for us. People will let their large (and small) dogs just charge at our girl and it's happened so much that she's gone from a huge dog fan to being simply terrified of them when we're out walking. I believe more areas designated for un-leashed pets and enforced leash laws would allow us to resume frequenting the parks as a family.
I value all of the outdoor recreation options in Gallatin county, but weather can be cold much of the year. Gallatin county needs more indoor recreation options, like indoor swimming pools. An indoor pool can be open 12 months of the year.
The regional park and fairgrounds look only slightly better than a parking lot... little attention so far to design or creativity. Please put more thought into design, landscaping, and architecture. Hockey, swimming, and livestock activities (rodeo, pavilions, etc.) do not need tax dollars or public infrastructure; these can be provided privately, on private land and supported by user fees. Trails, parks, and playgrounds make much more sense to provide through public money, since they are semi-public goods.... zero marginal cost of consumption and inefficient to collect user fees for. Please consider what can and cannot be privately funded and reasonably supported by user fees. Finally, this survey could have benefited by hiring an experienced, professional survey firm. Requiring people to provide their political affiliation to complete the survey!? Come on!
Dogs are a lethal weapon that can go off at any time. Like someone randomly shooting into a crowd of people. Attacks will occur and lawsuits will follow. Even the best of owners have dogs that are intimidating and leave behind urine and fecal matter. We already know that the majority of dog owners are non-law abiding and irresponsible and the county and city are lax to enforce existing laws. It is insane that someones dog has more rights than my child.
I put priority on facilities that would be a source of income for Bozeman and that might be under-represented in Bozeman presently.

the Recreational Park is a big deal to my family. i'm there almost daily with my (unleashed) dog and 6 year old boy. we sled, dino park, bike, skate, swim, and that park is crucial to our daily exercise. i support the proposed plan, especially a larger trail around the whole area.

I had been (before taking this survey) under the impression that there was a possibility of a swimming complex at the fairgrounds. I would love to see this there.

Soccer Facilities (indoor and outdoor) and the YMCA are priority to the Gallatin Valley community.

I really like the fairgrounds as it is. A special events center belongs elsewhere in bozeman.

Pools!!!!

The Gallatin County needs to address the growing need for indoor facilities to provide year round access to the community for recreational opportunities. Montana has unlimited outdoor opportunities provided by nature which most people already enjoy. Families will only be able to stay here and EMPLOYERS come here bringing jobs and a greater tax base if the valley expands the indoor facilities to service the population. It is in the best economic interest of the valley to think of the big picture and in doing so lure clean business and industry to the area. Our aging demographics in the state is cause for great concern. Knowing of the growing numbers of elderly not only do we need to service them by providing indoor facilities but also look ahead to the well being of our state and work diligently to entice new business, bring families to the area and since Gallatin County is naturally a draw we should be wise enough to focus on our strengths and upgrade our community. Kelly Fedge DuBose YMCA CO-Founder

We desperately need a summer time, outdoor pool for our children and families.

We need soccer fields as we have to play at the schools and also gym spaces and need an event center for concerts and things besides MSU. We also could use bigger theatres for concerts.

How many times have surveys like this been done over the years? Are attitudes shifting? My property taxes, unlike 'tame' inflation @ 2% per year, or zero wage growth for 10 years---are increasing 10% per year, like clockwork. I am not a brain scientist or rocket surgeon, but in 10 years, I will not be able to afford Gallatin County, and will have to move. SOLEY due to property tax increases. No solution, just an observation. Have to move away from Bozeman back to Montana? What a shame. Perhaps we need to stop socializing and cost shifting to the broad pool, but have pay-go, user groups arrange for their own funding of facilities/improvements on the public grounds? The ground is the costly part, public/private partnerships w/ city/ county providing land, user groups enhance it, all are able to use / enjoy, based on active interested group membership/ dues. scholarships help those in need, dirt-bags can still enjoy the low cot/ no cost activities (bike, run, frisbee, etc etc)

Unrestrained dogs are a huge issue. In the last year, I was knocked down by a charging (unleashed) dog and broke my arm. My son was bitten by an off-leash dog at East Gallatin. The culture of tolerance for unleashed animals must change, and our parks policies are a good place to start!

It's time for Bozeman and Gallatin County to create and support recreational infrastructure to a higher degree. We need far more facilities for our youth, both indoor and outdoor. Winter lasts 6 months of a year so we need better indoor facilities. To some of us it appears the people promoting trails have the strongest political clout. Trails are fine, but we need to focus on creating places for our kids to recreate.

Overall I feel that parks and trails in Bozeman are awesome. Just a lot of room for improvement. I feel that easily available outdoor recreation is the single most important thing a community can do to impact the public's quality of life. Lets make Bozeman and ALL of Gallatin County a model for the Nation!

We believe this to be a VERY important aspect of Bozeman. More parks, recreation and trails are best for our community. Individual health, economy and happiness. Thanks for what you do!!!

to include outdoor workout stations for adults at parks

Dogs are important! If they end up being segregated and not allowed to be off leash I most likely will not participate in recreation at the regional park. Instead of requiring leashes, put signage about responsible pet ownership... Require poop pick up and enforce fines! Remind people if they have an aggressive dog or a dog that jumps or bothers people to keep control of their dog. Banning a dog is like banning my child.

Lets give the community/people of Bozeman what they REALLY NEED!!! Not fluff!!(Butterfly garden are beautiful, but it is FLUFF..expensive to maintain/care for. Leave that to the museum of the rockies, it they want it). Community really needs indoor facilities (indoor pool (not outdoor, REALLY...we live in cold country), indoor water park, an indoor bldg, that some sports events can happen in (such as basketball during the winter, futsal, etc.), shrink the size of the dog park (dogs have ALL the sidewalks and streets of Bozeman to walk on with a leash, why do they need an off leash park area that is same size as irrigated park area (I2) that has to accommodate thousands of Bozeman kids (who will try to practice and play on it), an indoor skating rink (let do this right. Why do we have to settle for a flooded basketball court as a skating rink, and outside)?.. It seems to make sense that a Regional Park have all the park stuff in one place. If you already have irrigated turf, add the cage parts and make it a ball field too. Also, make it useable for soccer fields as well. Also, and very important, please make these services centrally located. MANY people live on the other end of town from the Fairgrounds, and it is almost impossible to use get there when there are multiple kids in a household and practice is 2 times a week (or more). Also, each house built in Bozeman charges/charged a 7k fee to build that went to the city. That money should be/should have always been, used to fund parks, build indoor community centers, water parks/pools, community parks and improvements etc.. These things should not always have to come off the backs of residents in additional taxes. Thank you!

County money should be spent on county projects. Not city...like Belgrade. The Gallatin County fairgrounds are within the city of Bozeman, but owned by the county. Let the taxpayers of Belgrade and West fund their own projects.

I said this above, but it's important to reiterate. We need a new ice rink. We also need places for agriculture, horses, etc. Bogert Pool should be revamped and remain a pool. A pool at the fairgrounds would be great, but not at the expense of closing Bogert Pool. Drowning is a major cause of death in children. Wth all the water that surrounds us, we need more safe places (i.e., pools) for our kids to learn how to swim. We also need more soccer field for our kids. I love the fact we have these parks. Some are in good shape, others not; they need to be improved & expanded. It is important for people to have "free" places to exercise and play - this will contribute to better physiological and mental health for the people of Gallatin Valley and give our kids productive things to do instead of finding destructive alternatives (e.g., drugs, loitering). Aside from the physiological benefits of contributing to better health & combating obesity & it's associated complications, Montana ranks high in suicide rates nationally, we need to give kids and adults productive, healthy things to do.

Thanks for seeking public input. it gives me hope, and it undermines my concerns that the fairgrounds administrators might be anti-Bozeman. The fairgrounds in particular could be a far more productive resource for the Bozeman and Gallatin County communities.

Not enough information on question 20. Would it be the stated amount on property values by 100,000. So the tax (25.00) on the median house in Bozeman (253,893) would be 66.00 but a commercial building would be 250.00. Having the brunt of the taxes paid by businesses rather than individuals using the facilities.

GETTING KIDS TO BE SAFE SWIMMERS WITHOUT SPENDING A TON OF MONEY OR HAVING THEM FREEZE IS A STRESS. SWIMMING (OR AT LEAST LEARNING TO SWIM) IS FOR JUST ABOUT EVERYONE -- THE VERY YOUNG TO THE VERY OLD -- AND DOESN'T COST MUCH TO ACTUALLY DO, AS OPPOSED TO ICE-CLIMBING, MOTORS/PORTS, HORSEBACK RIDING, ETC. TOURISTS APPRECIATE A GOOD PLACE TO SWIM AS WELL AS LOCALS...

One thing to mention is the fact that developers of residential and commercial land could be helping with land set-asides for facilities like fields, parks, open spaces, YMCA, etc...

As I noted previously, an excellent example of an event center is the one located in Rapid City, South Dakota. I know their town is bigger than ours, but it's an excellent example of a horse facility that brings in a huge regional audience many times a year for equine and other events. Thank you for taking the time to get everyone's input! Keep up the good work.

We live outside of town but make frequent trips to town often bringing our two yellow labs w/ us. One weekly trip I make is to visit a public school w/ my dogs so the children can read to them. (This is an Intermountain Therapy Animals program.). On these trips we ALWAYS stop at the Oak Street Park. My dogs absolutely love it there; they start enthusiastically barking as soon as we get close. They are always well-behaved & my husband & I always pick up after them. We have never encountered problem dogs & have never seen a threatening encounter between a dog and a person. In fact, the children we see there seem to love seeing the dogs. It is a wonderful place for dog walking. Please do not rob the good dogs & dog owners of the city of the opportunity to enjoy this off-leash park. Thank you. Jeannie & Bill Hermes

I think to appoint to the fairborad a strong proponent of the most contentious proposal at the fairgrounds is dirty pool and shows an obvious bias

The amount of money brought into the community through a soccer complex would outweigh any other monetary benefit. Watch the amount of money and people that show up for a soccer tournament in Billings, Kalispell, or Helena and you will be blown away. Every Hotel and restaurant owner in town should support this.

Outdoor swimming pool/ water park should be a main priority!

I live two blocks from the Fairgrounds. While I support the overall Master Plan, I am against the climbing wall. I believe a 9 story structure is far too large and will ruin our views of the Bridgers. The tallest buildings in that area are 2 to 3 stories, and I strongly oppose the construction of a 9 story climbing wall.

Good luck! thanks!

My family and I live here because it's so active and beautiful. The trail system (Peets Hill, the M, etc) make access to trails easy and fantastic. GVLT is doing a great job. I wish the city invested as much time and effort making sure there were safe, fun avenues for walkers and bikers. Looking forward to seeing more event centers develop as well as the Fair Grounds. Cheers, lx

I live two blocks from the Fairgrounds, and I fully support late outdoor concerts. It makes this community vibrant and fun.

Thank you!

anything that is a BUILDING and SPECIFIC TO A SPORT (aka indoor riding arena or hockey) needs to be built in conjunction with the users (meaning capital and maintenance costs shared with county picking up less than 30%) Information on current usage of other facilities would be helpful in answering this survey. Such as is the field house and the event center in Belgrade regularly booked such that an addition facility could pay for itself easily?

Parks are for people, children, and families not dogs. Dogs should be confined to fenced areas or be on a leash. Owners are more likely to pick up after their dog if it is on a leash rather than running free. Fines should be levied for not cleaning up after your pet. Enforcement needs to be part of the equation along with education.

Please just work with the City to save us money and provide more services!!!

I am passionate about leash free at the new park. Charge us an annual fee, if you want. Let's panelize those who do not obey our laws but not create another California-like law. I feel as a Montanan we do not need more California-like laws to dictate our basic Montanan traditions and customs. We have been riding horses for over a century and do not need an "indoor riding" facility. This is Montana, not California
I feel very strongly about Gallatin Regional Park remaining a convenient, designated off leash area for the dog owners of Bozeman and the surrounding area. The city required the developers of the nearby neighborhood I live in to include a park, however it is not off leash. Therefore I cannot effectively exercise my dog there without potentially being subjected to harassment and fines from animal control officers, so the dog use component of Gallatin Regional Park is crucial to maintaining a happy, healthy, and well behaved canine citizen. Busy dog owners need options available near the northwest region of Bozeman, especially with all the ongoing development in this area.
We enjoy the regional park and the connected trails system in Bozeman. These facilities were a major reason for us moving into town from an outlying part of Gallatin County. I also enjoy having an "off leash" option in town, and I notice that since the new dog poop stations were added, there is far less mess in the park along the trails- thank you Run Dog Run.
I absolutely LOVE the regional park and it should be available to all people and dogs. I believe that people (and their kids) who would like to be undisturbed should utilize their restricted areas such as the beach and Dino Park. Thank you for putting all the "Dogi Spot" stations up. There is a marked reduction of poop. Thanks also for all your efforts!!
Bozeman is a dog friendly city. We need to keep open space for dogs. It is important! And there are not that many off leash places to take your dogs in town as it is. Please don't take one of the few off leash areas away from us!
I feel that if the regional park was going to be limited use for dogs, and other activities, it should have been established as such originally instead of the current state, so locals would know what to expect. There is not an area on the West side of town other than the regional park where you can walk dogs off leash, and many people live in the area due to this fact. This park has created a neighborhood of like minded individuals and a few bad apples who don't feel that it is important to be responsible for their pet destroy it for others. It has already been very successful at this park to have fenced areas for both the pond and playground to keep pets out, and it would be more effective to have no pet zones instead of only a tiny area for pets.
I strongly oppose plan to fence in dogs at Regional Park. There are insufficient off-leash dog areas in town as it is. How about fencing in those people who don't like dogs but insist on walking there anyway? I support extra user fees for those of us who want to use the park to run our dogs. P.S. Why do you need to know my annual income and political affiliation? Is my opinion more valid if I am rich and republican??
We use the dog regional park daily for walking our dogs off leash. However, we are not opposed to an off leash fenced area. However, it definitely needs to be larger than
I think that partnering with the YMCA is a brilliant idea. The YMCA serves everyone...no one is turned away based upon ability to pay. It will also serve as a great partner with the city in managing and supporting the community pool. I believe it is a strong partnership. Think of the opportunities for children and their families having a gym, fields, programming, child care, and a state of the art aquatics center available to all of Gallatin County for a minimum - no charge...amazing! A golden opportunity!
I daily visit the Regional Park and I am able to exercise and recreate the whole family. My kids enjoy the BMX track and the Dinosaur Park. My high energy dog is able to enjoy some laps around the trail off leash. Restricting the off leash area to a small section of the park would greatly degrade my daily experience and enjoyment of the Regional park. Please keep a large area for off leash dog exercise! There are other fishing ponds near by. There are other on leash only trails nearby. By restricting off leash areas the daily lives of hundreds of dog owners will be severely negatively impacted.
The Bozeman community needs to provide more activities for the youth. It is truly a shame that this town lacks the facilities to promote constructive athletic activities for children... It is long overdue to remodel the Fairgrounds and I will fully support the plan that Stefan has proposed.
I don't understand the complete focus on public funding. Why not allow private companies to get involved, e.g., award some land to someone who will build an outdoor pool and charge user fees to finance a sustainable operation.
Again, please keep the park off leash!! We love having the space to exercise with our dog. Bozeman needs to remain unique and not like every other town, help keep it that way by keeping the park off leas.
Bozeman is a wonderful place to live and we have lots of facilities/attractions that would be considered luxury for many other communities, yet we continue to want more. As we get more, we pay more. For those of us that are content to live simply without a lot of fluff, additional expenses associated with yet more facilities are difficult to support.
Please consider the methodology required to report survey responses with statistical validity. The public must understand that your system of collecting data may not represent the overall wishes of county residents, but those residents informed and interested in taking this survey.
The regional park is an excellent resource and it has been fun to watch it take shape.
I think everyone town should have a downtown swimming pool. Idaho does this with even its smallest ranch towns, perhaps we can find out how they provide this service and fund it.
Questions 12-19 were very cumbersome and felt entirely off topic. I hope I can submit this questionnaire without answering them as I mainly wanted to comment on the fairgrounds-specific plans. I live at 16 E Aspen, so the fairgrounds are my backyard basically. I support the development as proposed, most importantly the oak st. entrance and larger parking facility on that end of the grounds. The current entrance and parking facility is a nuisance for our neighborhood, with folks regularly taking the parking away from actual local residents. Large events lead to more trash in the neighborhood as they wander out on foot. The ability to have more or hopefully all concerts indoors would go over great in the community as we're all sick of the noise factor associated with outdoor concert events that take place now. The shooting range could use completely new management, full time staff and a complete rebuild. I don't know if there are going to be funds earmarked for any of that, but here's hoping, as it is not a useful facility in its current state. Good luck with the efforts!
There are venues for events and anytime you talk about raising taxes, we have to say enough is enough. Putting money into something (the Fairgrounds) that I think is an eyesore and is in the blighted part of town is not something I want have more of my hard earned money go towards.
The Fairgrounds is in poor condition. I do not believe the fairgrounds management team is doing a good job with specifically maintenance, and upgrades. The barns in very poor condition and not suitable for animals or humans. They charge too much for vendors to come in and too much for events. They literally screw over 4-H, who are a main free contributor to their events. I do not believe the commissioners are putting enough resources to the fairgrounds or that they have the community's best interest at heart and taxes are poorly advocated. Take a look at major metropolitan cities. They are doing better than the most expensive county to live in in the state of MT. It is shameful!
The fair is not about the midway and commercial building. The fair is the exhibits and the animals and the events.
I would like to see the fairgrounds become better utilized by the community, however, I am adamantly opposed to an outside concert venue. Having more than one concert per month would be totally unacceptable and you could not make the facility pay for its maintenance w/ only 4 events per year (i.e. concerts in the summer months). I think the fairgrounds needs to find a balance between agriculture and other needs of the community. You should not abandon the agricultural heritage of the fair. I see no value in the question regarding my voting habits. This survey was not well designed. It does not clearly reflect my opinions. I would consider supporting the smaller towns, but would need to know what sorts of things were being considered and how much it would cost & could the cities cover the maintenance cost into the future.