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**MICHIGAN CITY PARKS
AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

PUBLIC SURVEY

The Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department is always interested in public input. This survey was specifically created to gather information from residents and park patrons to learn more about the recreational interests and to provide an opportunity to express opinion concerning the programs, activities and quality of parks within the City. The survey is available on-line. The head of the household representing your family's opinions should complete this survey.

Please return survey to:

Michigan City Parks and Recreation
Attn: Master Plan Survey
Six on the Lake
Michigan City, IN 46360
Fax 219-873-1540
www.michigancityparks.com

If you have questions or desire assistance with this survey, please contact the Park Office at 219-873-1506.

MISSION STATEMENT

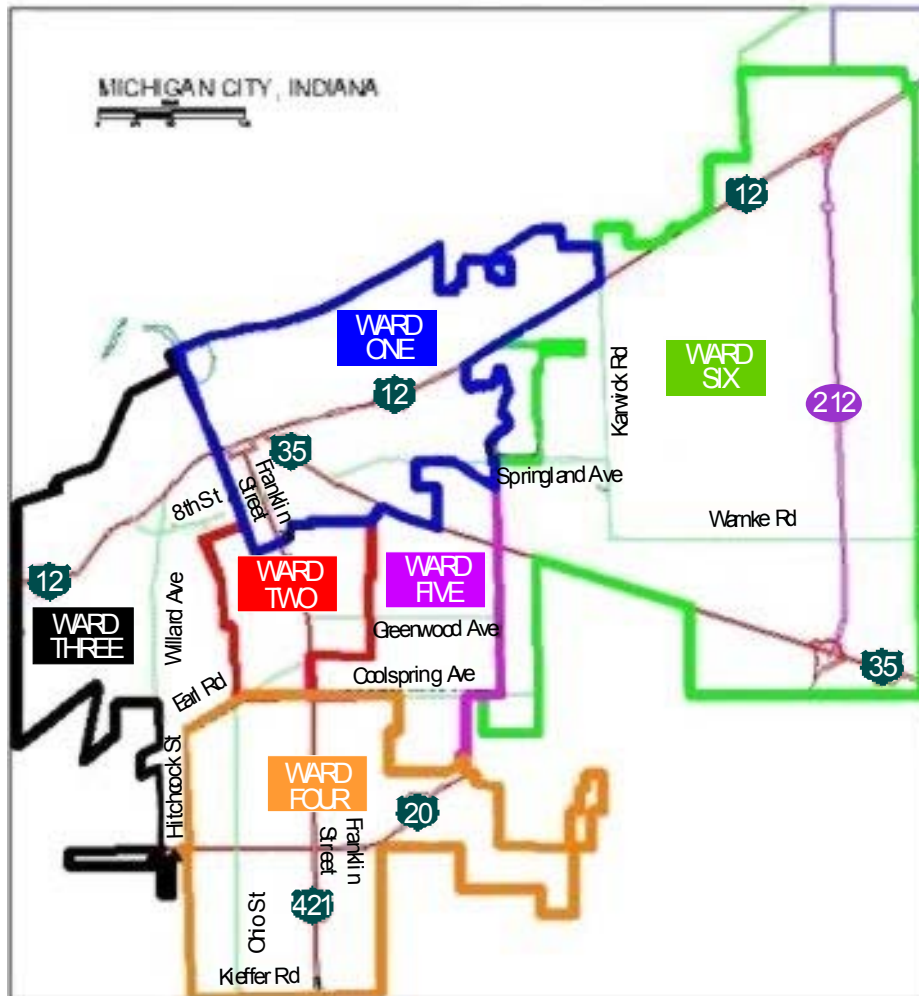
The Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department strives to preserve, protect and manage natural, historical and recreational resources and facilities in order to offer professionally managed leisure activities and programming in which ALL citizens can participate.

Our Park Board and Staff are dedicated to fiscal responsibility and efficiency thru proper planning. We will pursue cooperation and partnerships with fellow City Departments, groups, and agencies in our community to achieve these philosophies.

Our combined efforts will enhance and ***ENRICH*** the quality of life of our citizens, visitors and future generations to come.

Enjoyment of ***N***atural ***R***esources ***I***ntegrating our ***C***ity's ***H***istory

1. Please indicate the area of town you live in:



- _____ Ward One
- _____ Ward Two
- _____ Ward Three
- _____ Ward Four
- _____ Ward Five
- _____ Ward Six
- _____ Outside Michigan City Limits

2. Number of people in your household:

- Adults _____
- Children (under 18) _____
- Age of Children:
- _____ 0-5
- _____ 6-10
- _____ 11-15
- _____ 16-18

3. Please indicate your use of the following parks:

<u>Facility</u>	NOT AT ALL	LITTLE USE	REGULAR USE
Adams Park			
Beach - Lifeguarded Area			
Beach - Outside Life Guarded Area			
Beachwalk			
Bismark Hill			
Canada Park (Sox Park)			
Cleveland Park (Eastport School)			
Gardena Park			
Hansen Park (formerly Sycamore)			
Henry Lake Area			
Jerrigan's Hill Park			
Karwick Nature Park			
Krueger Memorial Hall			
Krueger Memorial Park			
Millennium Plaza			
Mott's Woods			
Municipal Golf Course - North			
Municipal Golf Course - South			
Oak Hills Park			
Patriot Park			
Pullman Park			
Pullman Park Skate Park			
Ridgeland Park			
Ruby Woods			
Senior Center			
Tall Timbers Park			
Walker Street Park			
Washington Park			
Washington Park Zoo			
Water Tower Park			
West 8th Street Park (Tot Lot)			
Winding Creek Cove			
Zilla Square Park			

Please indicate any improvements you would like to see at any of the above:

4. Please indicate your use of the following programs provided by the Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department:

<u>ADULT</u>	NOT AT ALL	LITTLE USE	REGULAR USE
Basketball League			
Volleyball League			
Softball League			
Beach Volleyball League			
Karate Class			
Track & Field Clinic			
Volleyball Classes			

YOUTH	NOT AT ALL	LITTLE USE	REGULAR USE
Youth Baseball (MCUBO)			
Baseball Class			
City Kids Day Camp			
Karate Class			
Mr. Basketball Camp			
Punt, Pass & Kick			
Pitch, Hit & Run			
Hershey's Track & Field			
Soccer Camp			
Soccer Leagues			
Track & Field Clinic			
Volleyball Class			
Dance Class			
Junior Golf			
Learn-to-Swim (Piranha's)			
Zoo Camps			

5. How are you kept informed of Michigan City Parks and Recreation Department programs and activities?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WEFM Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Michigan City Area Schools (Flyers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> News-Dispatch | <input type="checkbox"/> Word-of-mouth from other families/participants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LaPorte Herald-Argus | <input type="checkbox"/> Park Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Fun & Rec Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Park website-michigancityparks.com |

Other-Please specify: _____

6. Do you favor adding to or improving the following facilities in the Michigan City park system?

	YES	NO
Senior Center		
Sledding Hill		
Miniature Golf		
Golf Driving Range		
City Kids Day Camp		
Nature Center		
Skateboarding Area		
Additional Picnic Shelter		
Improving Henry Lake Area		
Additional ball diamonds at Sports Complex		
Wetland Observation Deck		
Recreation Center		
Additional Public Beach Access		
Walking Paths		
Additional Soccer Fields		
Bike Trails		
Public Access Fishing Sites		
Additional Volleyball Sites		
Washington Park		
Recycle Education Center		
Fishing Pond at Sports Complex		

Other-Please specify: _____

RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:

7. Did you know that picnic shelters are available for rent in Washington Park?

- Yes No

Did you know that Memorial Hall is available for rent for meetings, receptions, family reunions, graduation parties, etc.?

_____Yes _____No

Did you know that the Senior Center is available for rent for weddings, proms, baby showers, etc.?

_____Yes _____No

Are you aware of the Zoological Society membership and what it offers?

_____Yes _____No

Did you know you can have Birthday Parties, Private Events, or Corporate Outings at the Zoo?

_____Yes _____No

8. Indicate if you have visited or attended any of the following events:

	2006	2005	2004
Bicycle Race			
Festival of Holiday Lights			
Fun Days in the Park			
Ice Skating Rinks in Winter			
In-Water Boat Show			
Labor Dayz			
Lakefront Art Festival			
Millennium Plaza (Programs at)			
Municipal Band Concerts			
Pro-Am Beach Volleyball Tourney			
Senior Center			
Sledding Hill at Patriot Park			
Smooth Jazz At South Shore			
Summerfest Fireworks			
Washington Park Beach			
Washington Park Zoo Events			

9. Rank the top (5) activities in order of importance to your family (#1 being the most important):

PROGRAM	ASSIGN #
Archery Range	
Art/crafts classes	
Baseball	
Basketball	
Bike Trails	
Bowling	
Camping	
Canoeing	
Fishing	
Frisbee Golf	
Golf	
Hiking Trails	
Ice Skating	
Miniature Golf	
Music in the Parks	
Nature Centers	
Picnics	
Playgrounds	
River Trails	
Roller Blading	
Skateboarding	
Skiing	
Sledding/Tubing	
Soccer	
Softball	
Swimming	
Tennis	
Volleyball	
Water Park	
Zoo Visits	
Other:	
Other:	

10. What is the primary reason you visit the Washington Park Zoological Gardens?

- _____ Recreation
- _____ Education
- _____ School Trips

11. When was your last visit to the Washington Park Zoological Gardens?

Within the past months:

- _____ 0-3
- _____ 4-6
- _____ 7-9
- _____ 10-12
- _____ One year or more

12. Have you visited the following NEW (or renovated) attractions/exhibits, new animals, or programs at the Washington Park Zoo? If so, place a checkmark.

Aviary (birds)	
Bengal Tiger Brothers	
Bobcat Exhibit	
Children's Rotary Castle	
Grizzly Bear Sisters	
North American Carnivore Exhibit	
Observation Tower	
Tree House Gift Shop	
Zoo Camp	
Zoependous Adventure Program	

13. Rank the following as to where you would like to see improvement dollars spent at the golf course? (#1 being the most important):

	ASSIGN #
Cart path development	
Clubhouse improvements	
Drainage improvements	
Irrigation improvements	
Landscape improvements	
Parking improvements	
Sand trap improvements	

Other-Please specify: _____

14. Please list three new Park and Recreation facilities, programs, or services you would like to see.
- 1st Preference _____
 - 2nd Preference _____
 - 3rd Preference _____

15. Knowing the improvements the community would like to make in our park system, how do you believe we can best pay for these improvements?

Please specify: _____

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*Thank You for your participation in this public survey.
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