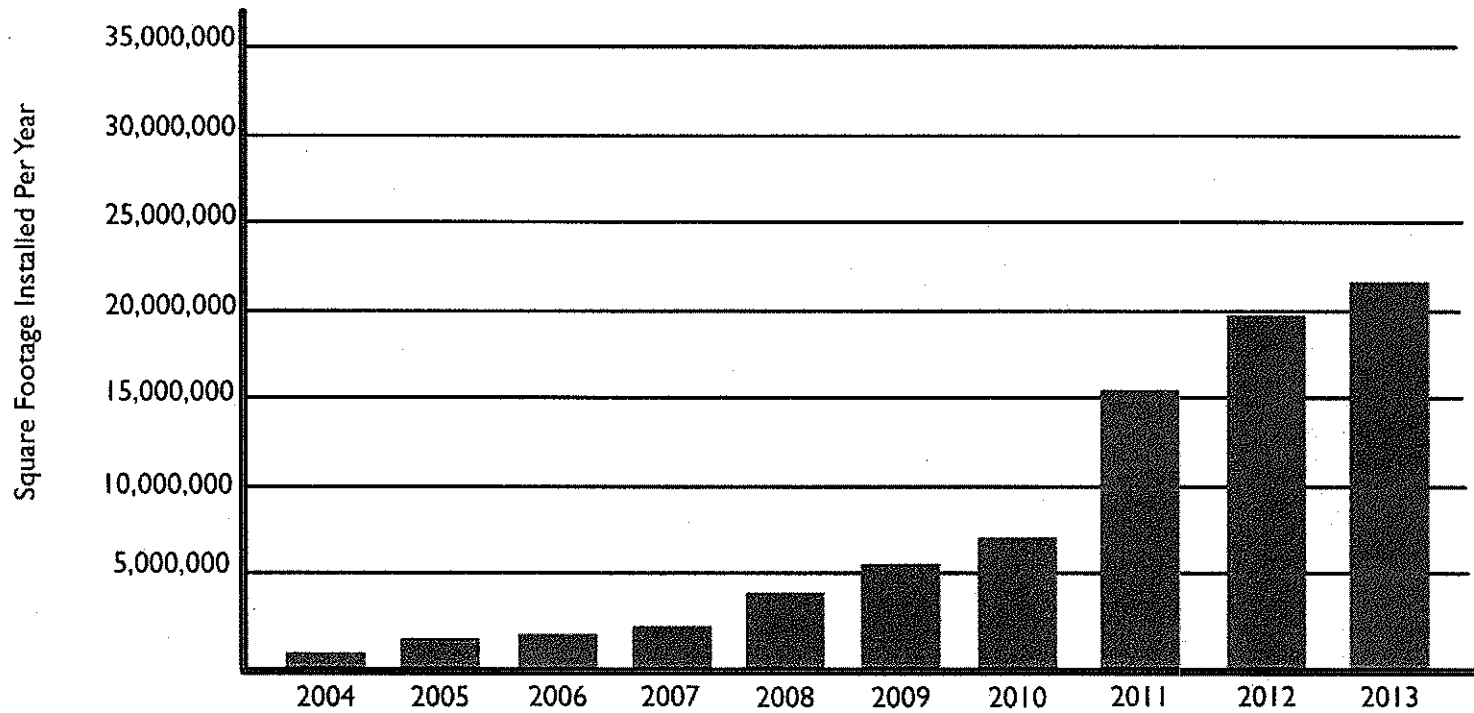
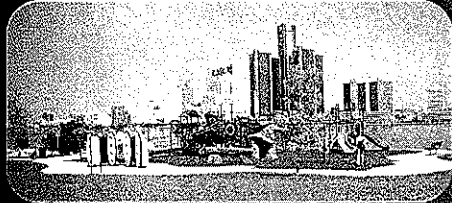


Estimated Growth of the North American Green Roof Industry - 2004 to 2013



Data: Green Roofs for Healthy Cities
www.greenroofs.org

Welcome to the City of Windsor



Parks & Recreation Master Plan



Stakeholder Meeting:

Windsor Essex County Environmental Committee

What is the Master Plan?

- The City of Windsor's existing Culture and Recreation Master Plan was approved by council in 1989 and has not been updated since.
- An updated master plan is required to reflect the current recreational needs of the entire community in order to provide long range guidance for the future development and preservation of Windsor's system of open spaces, parks and trails.

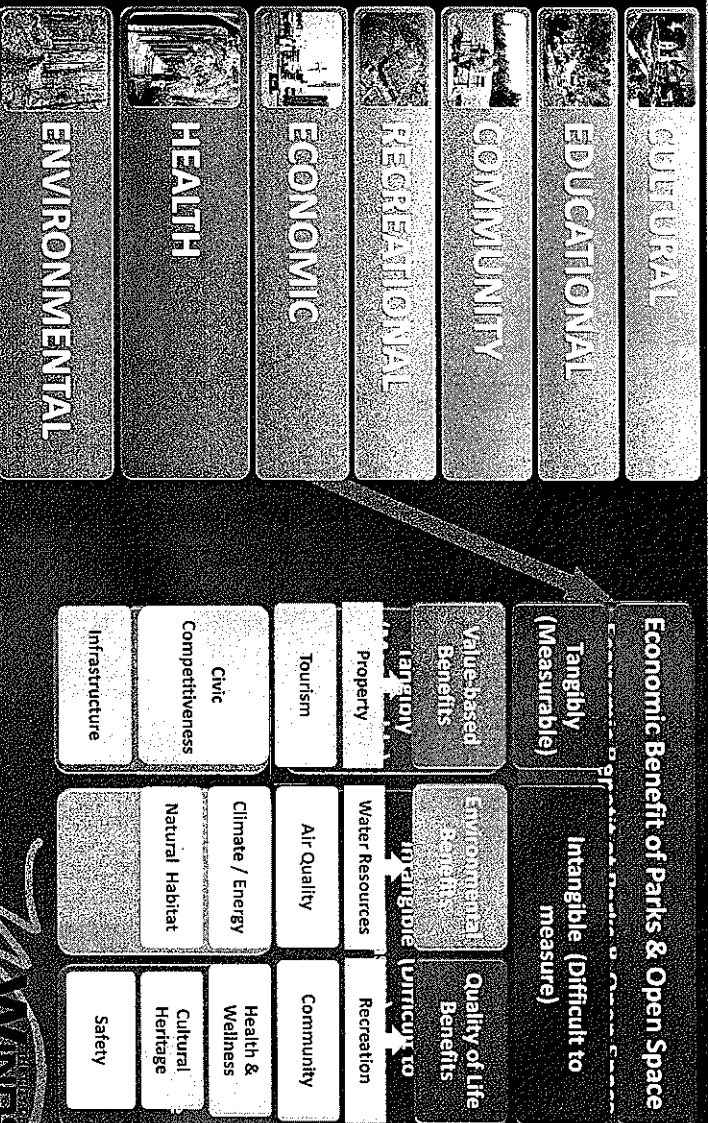
- Ward level Public Open Houses were completed in 2013- 2014.
- Meeting with Organized Sports Leagues was completed in 2014.
- **The Purpose of the Stakeholder & Public Information Consultations is :**
 - To inform of the findings from the previous consultations.
 - To demonstrate an analysis of what direction those findings are leading the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Process .
 - To receive detailed input for further Master Plan Development.
 - To ensure inclusivity in the recommendations
- You are encouraged to provide ideas and comments regarding the future of the parks and recreation system by completing a Survey.

Purpose of Public Consultation

Process and Progress

- Public Consultation in each ward. Sept 2013 – April 2014 – COMPLETED
- City-wide on-line park survey. Dec 2013 – Jan 2014 - COMPLETED
- Public Consultation #2. June 13 & 14 – COMPLETED
- Stakeholder Consultation (groups, organizations, partners). Summer 2014 – June 2015 – ONGOING
- Analysis of findings (review completed surveys, other city reports, supporting city documents). January 2015 – July 2015 – ONGOING
- Master Plan Report Development – Committee reviews. January 2015 – September 2015
- Draft Master Plan – tabled with Environmental Standing Committee and posted on website for review and comment. Public Open House #3. September 2015
- Draft Master Plan submitted to Council. October 2015

Benefits of Parks



The City of Windsor **Official Plan;**
Section 6.7

Open Space definitions:

Public Open Space

- *Municipality,*
- *Federal ,*
- *Provincial*
- *Essex Region Conservation Authority.*


Private Open Space that is owned by persons other than the above. Access to private open space is at the discretion of the owner

Community and Regional Parks

which are designed for the recreation and leisure activities of all Windsor residents and/or a broader regional population: and

Neighbourhood Parks

which are designed for the recreation and leisure activities of residents within a defined service radius of Windsor.

 **Current
Parks and Open Space Classification**

 **Parks & Open Space Ratio:**

Official Plan Required Parkland

Community/ Regional Park:
3.25 Hectares/ 1000 population

Neighbourhood Park :
0.80 Hectares/ 1000 population

**Total parkland combined 4.05
Hectares / 1000 population**

**Community/ Regional/
Neighbourhood Park Open Space
Required – 4.05 ha/ 1000**

Actual Parkland
**Community/ Regional/
Neighbourhood Park Open Space
Provided – 4.62 ha/ 1000**

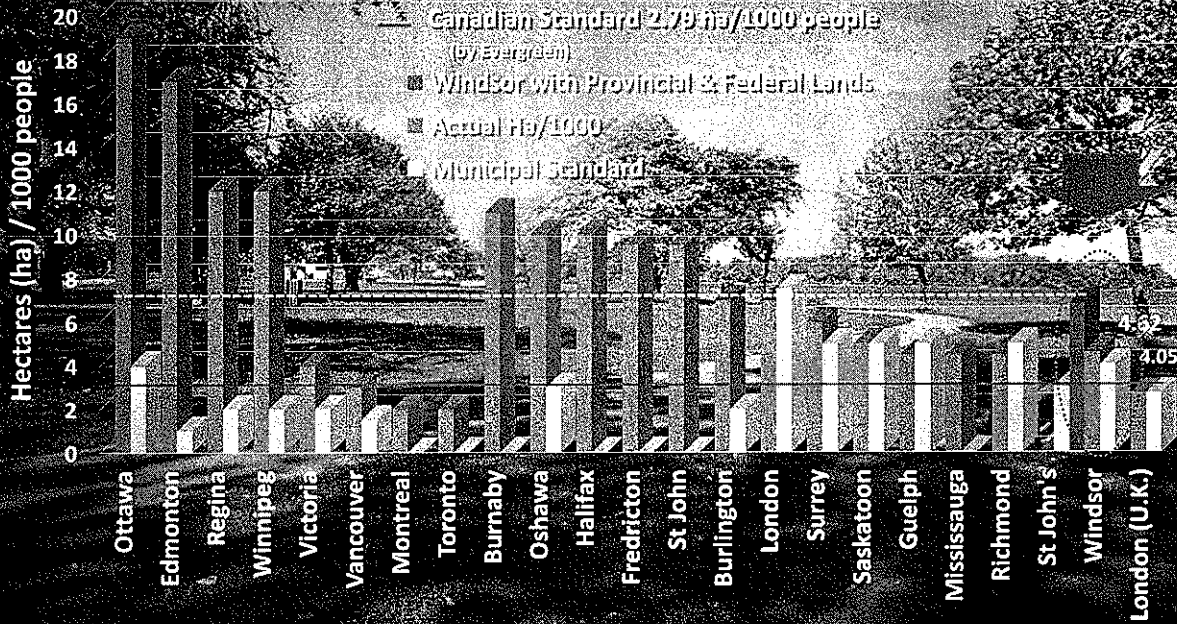
(With Golf Courses , Federal, Provincial and ERCA Lands – 6.86 ha/ 1000)

YEAR	POPULATION	PARKLAND	TOTAL PARKS	AREA/ 1000 Pop.
1989	200,000	680.08	160	3.40 ha
1997	199,044	773.29	169	3.89 ha
2010	216,000	933.82	206	4.32 ha
2015	210,891	976.22	209	4.62 ha
2015 with non-City Maintained Lands	210,891	1446.71	216	6.86 ha

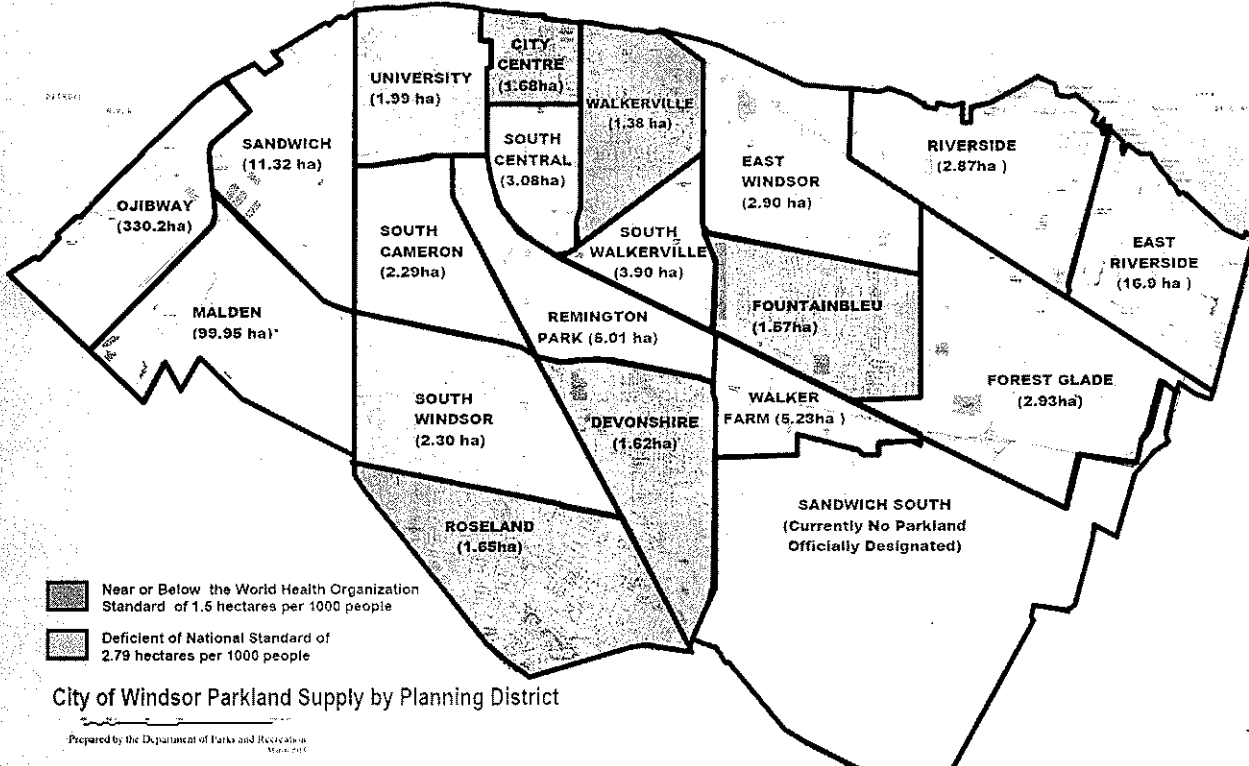
Parks & Open Space Ratio:

Green Space Provision and Standards in Canadian Urban Municipalities

(Source: Evergreen Canada)

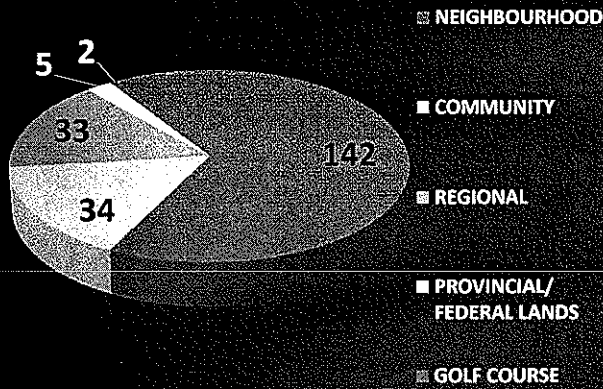


Current Parkland Supply

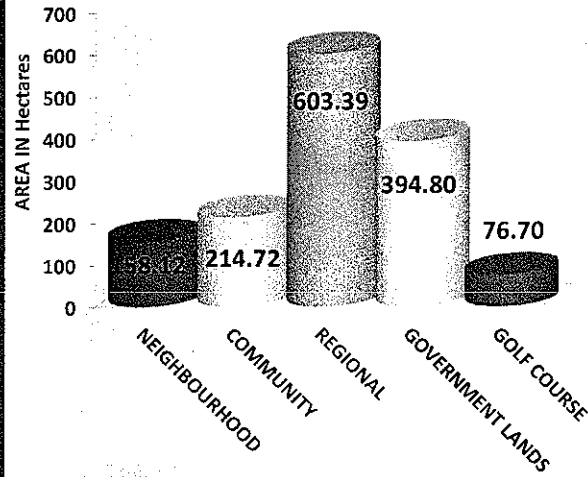


City of Windsor Parkland Supply by Planning District

**Parks Classification - CITY WIDE
(by Numbers of Parks (total 209))**



AREA OF PARKLAND DISTRIBUTION - CITY WIDE



THE CITY OF WINDSOR **Current
Parks and Open Space Classification**

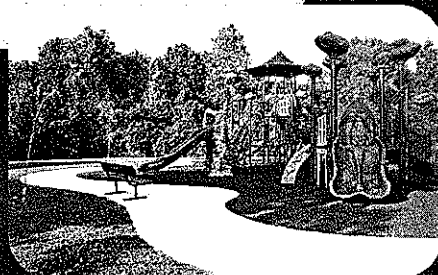
THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Traditional Parks

The current City Parks System is composed of two classifications, **Neighbourhood** and **Community/Regional**. These traditional types of parks are generally designed for casual enjoyment of outdoor activities.

Neighbourhood Parks serve their local residences within a comfortable walking distance and usually focus on passive recreation activities with open spaces of grass, trees for shade, and may include pathways, small playgrounds, benches and picnic tables.

Community and Regional Parks include the base services of a Neighbourhood Park, but serve a greater catchment area with a broader range of amenities that establish the park as a destination. **Community Parks** generally have one focus or a variety of social amenities for all Windsorites, while **Regional scale parks** have a draw that extends beyond the City limits and possibly further outside Essex County.

Regional scale parks may also be reclassified under different park use types such as **Recreational, Natural and Urban Destination Parks**.



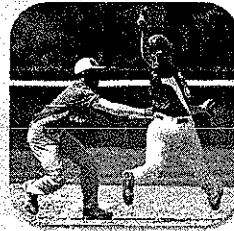
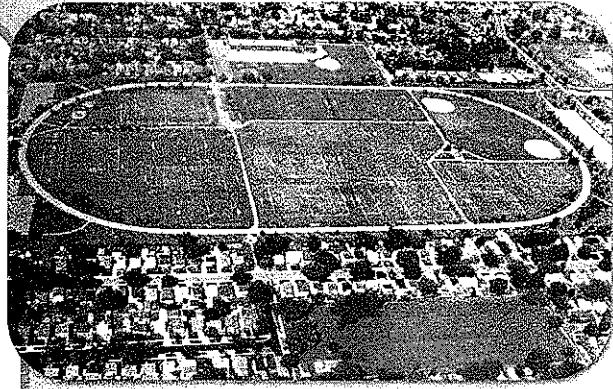
Recreational Parks provide opportunity and venue for formal sporting activity for both league and rental purposes. They may include several types of activities or primarily focus on one sporting activity such as soccer or baseball. They typically include:

- Organized sports fields,
- Indoor recreation centres or arenas,
- Court sports facilities such as basketball, tennis, or volleyball
- Swimming pools, and
- Multi-use trails for jogging and cycling.

Traditional Passive Park recreation uses are generally incorporated as well to help accommodate all age groups.

Since Recreational Parks attract users beyond the extents of the City, various modes of transportation including; vehicles, busses, cyclists and pedestrians in large numbers as participants and spectators, need to be supported by the facilities as well as the internal circulation infrastructure of the park.

At the smaller scale, multi-use Linear Trails serve active recreational purposes at the community level by linking residents with parks, and parks to other parks through, cycling, jogging as well as casual pedestrian strolling.



Recreational Parks

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Natural Areas

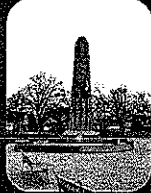
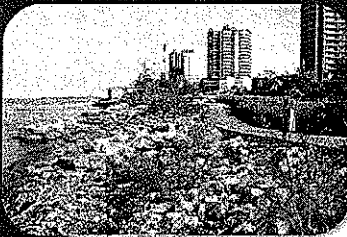
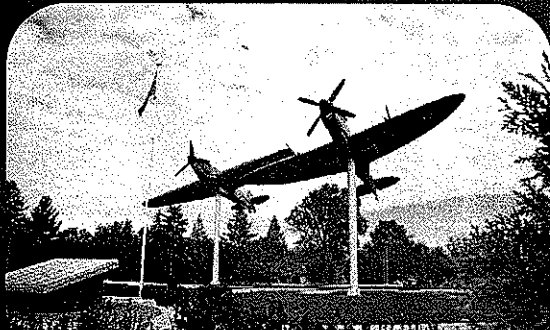


Natural Area Parks are those which have for the most part retained their natural state or have been rehabilitated to natural environment that provides habitat through wetlands, tall grass prairie, Carolinian or riparian forest, or riverbank floodplain.

Environmentally sensitive, they offer restricted public access to provide ecological conservation in effort to preserve natural storm water drainage, identified species at risk, and opportunity for passive recreation through natural observation (i.e. bird watching, photography, landscape painting etc.). Due to their significance, they often have an attractiveness to users from beyond the city limits.

The City of Windsor has several natural parks including; the *Ojibway Nature Complex*, *Peche Island*, *Little River Corridor*, *Black Oak Heritage Park*, *South Cameron Woodlot*, and *Herb Grey Nature Reserve*. As well the Province and Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) control several conservation areas within the city limits to compliment these natural resources.





Urban Destination Parks attract users from all across the city and may have attraction that extends beyond the city boundaries and possibly outside Essex County. Unlike Recreational and Natural Parks, these parks offer a more cultural and/or tourist attraction not related to more passive activities found in the built (urban) environment.

Though regionally significant, they still offer local passive amenity while allowing for commercial opportunity (i.e. carnival, festival, art show, or special event) that is not related to organized sports.

Within this category are the true **Regional Parks** such as the Queen Elizabeth II Gardens in Jackson Park, Willistead Park (Art in the Park), and Charles Clark Square. As well, there are the riverfront parks which due to the fact that many offer access of interaction with the Detroit River have a regional significance. Within the riverfront parks in the **Central Riverfront Implementation Plan** area which act as the City of Windsor's primary showcase for event and festivals. The City of Windsor Waterfront Parks provide opportunities not available in any other parks in the city.

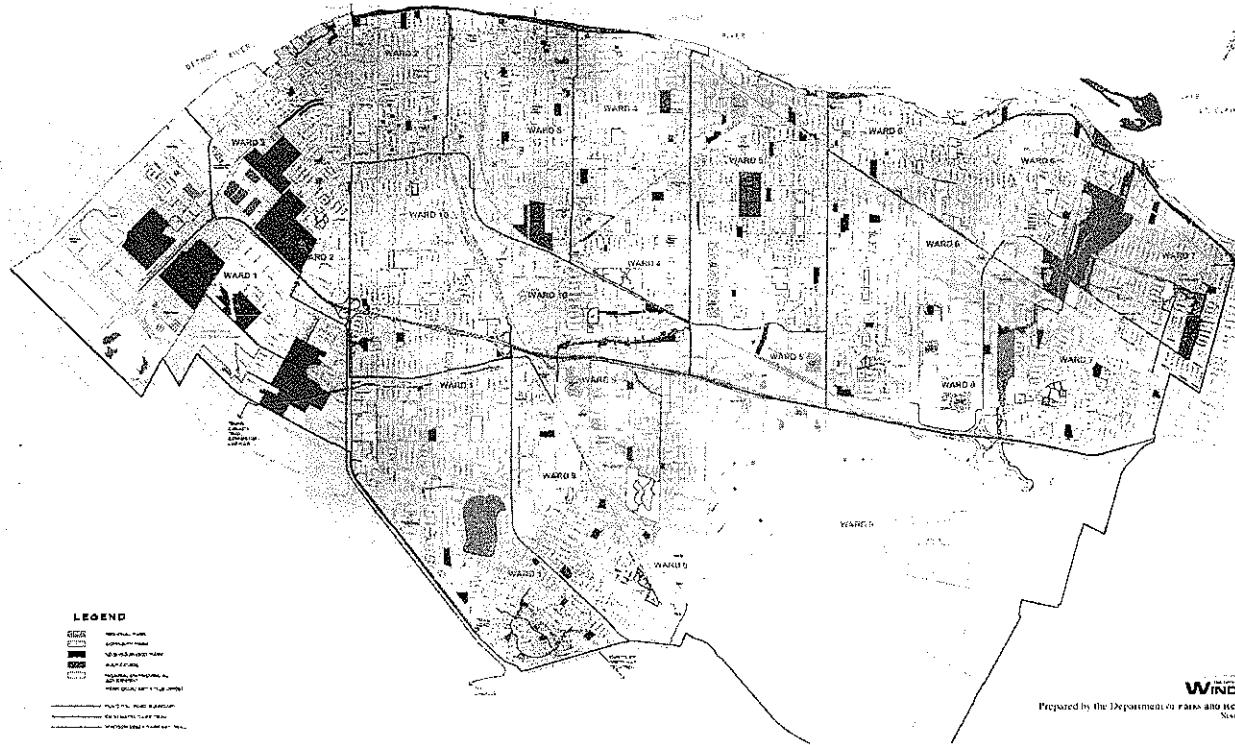
Urban & Waterfront Parks



Parks & Open Space Classification by Ward

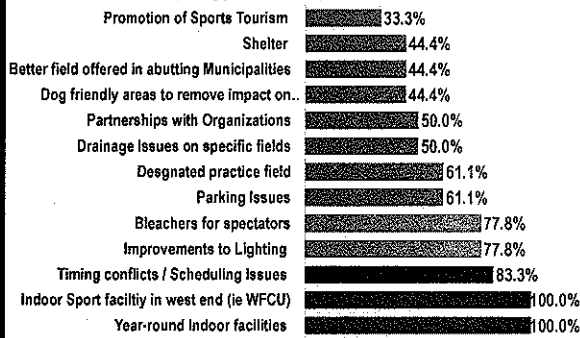


WINDSOR Parks & Open Space Coverage by 800metre (1/2 mile) Walking Distance



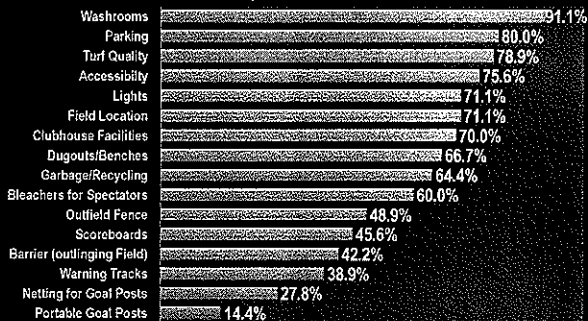
WINDSOR
Prepared by the Department of Parks and Recreation
November 2014

Top Suggestion for Sports Facilities



- Majority have either kept equal or increased enrolment
- Moderately satisfied with the allocations
 - Same fields at the same peak times
 - from May to Mid-September.
- The greatest innovation was to develop a Youth Sports Village
 - in partnership with the various organizations
 - house numerous sports under one roof / Multi-use Facility.

Most Important Park Features



- Preference to centralized fields (i.e. Mic Mac baseball and Ford Test Track soccer) rather than scattered throughout neighbourhood parks.
- Nearly all identify that the availability of washroom facilities near the fields as the most important amenity followed by:
 - parking,
 - fields quality (i.e. drainage, irrigation, and turf condition).

Results from Organized Sports Meeting

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•Use daily or weekly basis

•58% to 64.3% come with at least one other person

•90.9% feel safe

•74.1% well maintained and clean.

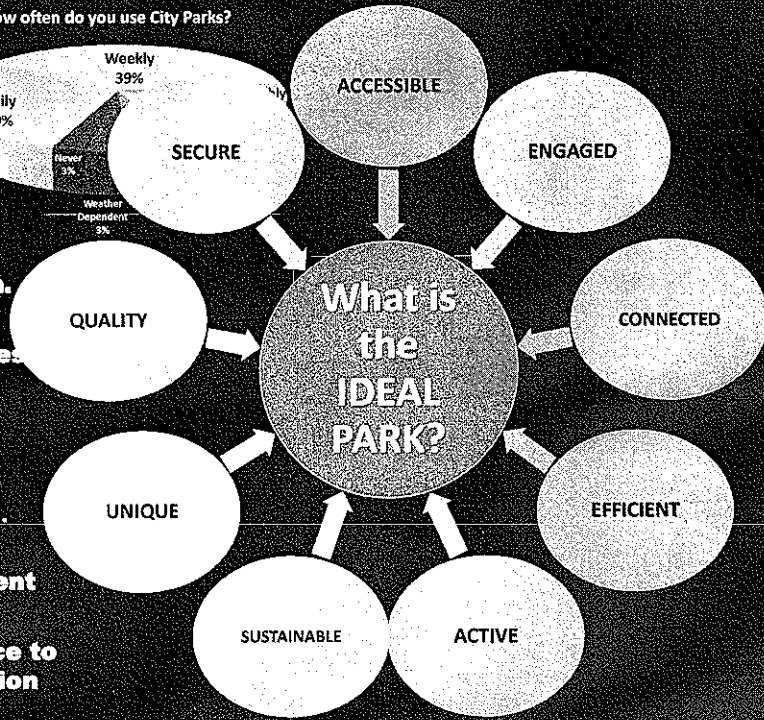
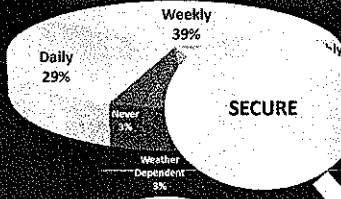
•66.8% for daily exercise and fitness routine

•56.8% to 82.4% identified Playgrounds as Important.

•63.4% to 69.6% found parks and facilities accessible and convenient

•Key improvement was bus service to and from City Parks and Recreation Facilities.

How often do you use City Parks?

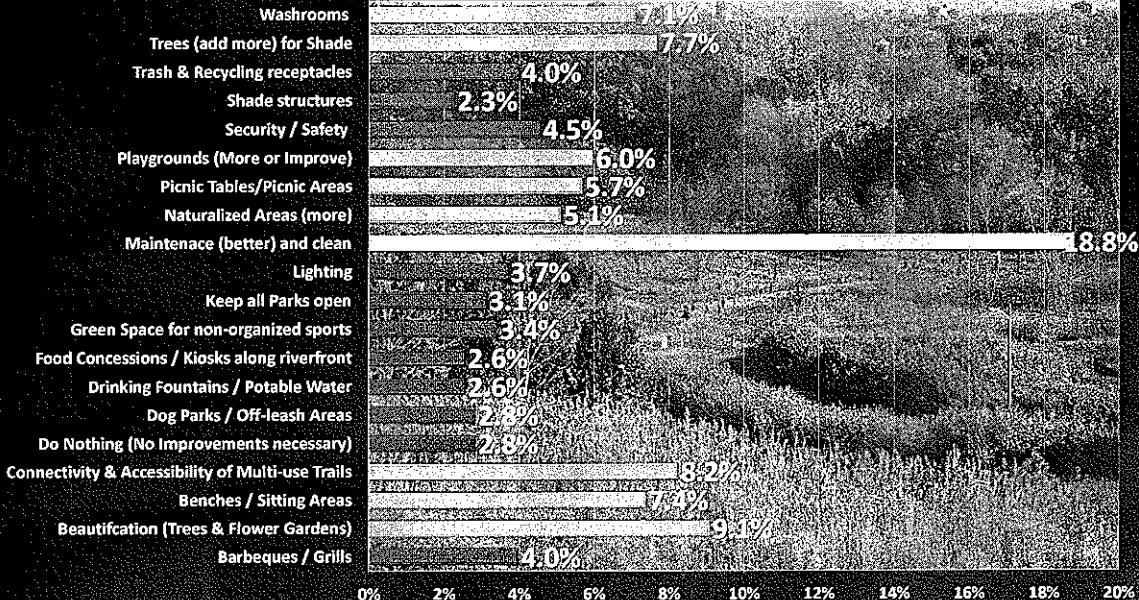


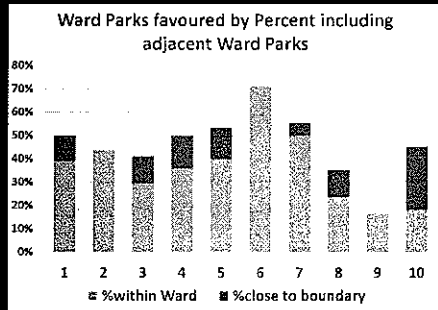
Public Consultations Phase 1 Common Trends & Themes



Phase 1 Compiled Results

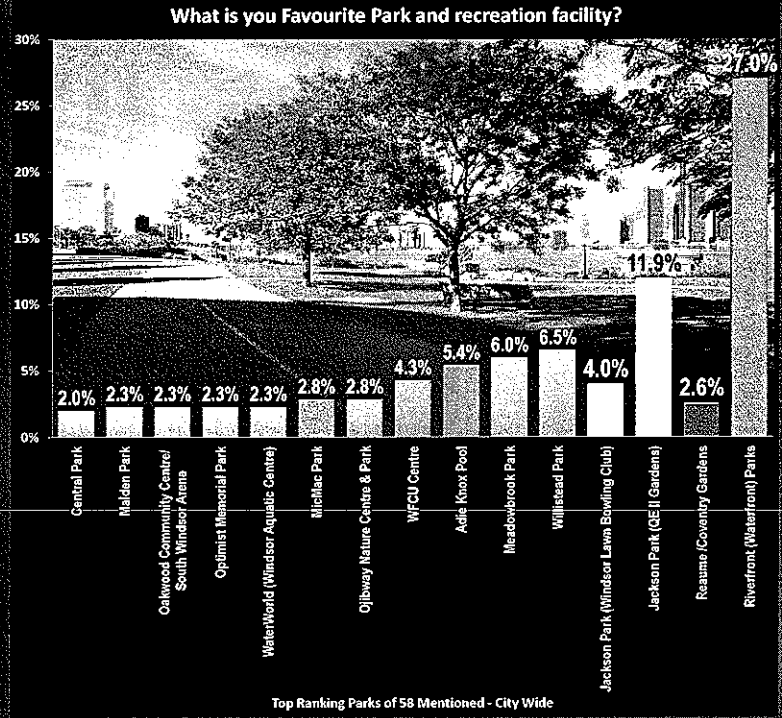
How can we improve our park system?





Key Observations:

- 1) Riverfront and Jackson Park are the City's most valued Park assets
- 2) Parks within close proximity (walking distance) are favoured by residents
- 3) Parks with special amenity are preferred by residents



Phase 1 Compiled Results



Guiding Principles

- ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSIVITY** (Icon: Person with cane)
- COMMUNICATION & PARTNERSHIP** (Icon: Group of people)
- HEALTH** (Icon: Heart with pulse line)
- SUSTAINABILITY** (Icon: Tree and globe)
- DIVERSITY** (Icon: Diverse group of people)
- CONNECTIVITY** (Icon: Bicycle)
- SAFETY** (Icon: Shield)
- EFFICIENCY** (Icon: Bar chart with upward arrow)
- EXPERIENCE** (Icon: Location pin)

Guiding Principles



ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSIVITY

To recognize and respond to the needs of a diverse population of citizens, making parks that are accessible for all people, all ages and those with special needs.



COMMUNICATION & PARTNERSHIP

Building parks and recreational solutions through open and transparent communication for the whole community.



HEALTH

To create a complete parks system that responds to the environmental well-being of our communities, as well as providing recreational experiences that promote healthy active living.



SUSTAINABILITY

To create and maintain parks and recreational opportunities in an environmentally responsible manner to ensure their longevity for future generations.



PARK DIVERSITY

To provide different types of parks and recreational experiences distributed evenly throughout the city.



CONNECTIVITY

Parks and trails still continue to play an important role in the city parks system, are used to get the linkages to and from parks as well as links between parks to remain accessible and serve the greater Windsor community.



SAFETY

Parks facilities and recreational programming in the city shall provide safe, clean and attractive environments for all users.



EFFICIENCY

To successfully develop, maintain and enhance parks and recreation facilities in a balanced cost effective manner.



EXPERIENCE

To provide vibrant and memorable community spaces that foster a positive and unique sense of place.

1) What do you value most in Parks & Recreation?

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2) What city park or facility best suits particular needs of your community? And Why?

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Contact Information



Parks and Recreation – MASTER PLAN
PUBLIC FEEDBACK SURVEY – June 2015

1. What is the closet park to where you live? (If you do not know the name please describe where it is (i.e. street name, or corner of 'A' street and 'B' drive))

2. Please CIRCLE how satisfied are you with the amenities at that park?

- Very Satisfied Somewhat Satisfied Neither Somewhat Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

3. Are there any barriers that exist that prevent you (or family member) from using that park more regularly? (Please Circle one) YES or NO

a) If YES, please CHECK all that apply.

- Distance (too far to walk) Lack of Amenities The Park does not offer What I need
 Lack of Trails or Sidewalks No Shade Other _____

4. Do you think our Parks and Recreation Facilities offer something for everyone? (Please Circle one) YES or NO

5. What would make Parks or Recreation Facilities more user-friendly for:

- a) Children (under 12) _____
b) Youth & Teens _____
c) Seniors (Over 60) _____
d) Persons with Disabilities _____

6. Do you feel the City of Windsor Parks and Recreation Facilities provide good access, and are accessible and well connected? (Please CHECK all statements you feel apply)

- Yes I feel our parks and facilities are accessible and provide good walkways and connections to all park amenities I am in good walking or biking distance to a local park or green space or recreational facility
 I feel our parks and facilities need better access connections and walkways to all park amenities No I am not in good walking or biking distance to a local park or green space or recreational facility
 No our parks and facilities are NOT accessible or very well connected I don't know where the closest parks or recreational facilities are, they are not well known to me.

APPENDIX "C"

Please NOTE: Recreation Facilities throughout this Survey refers to community centres, arenas, sports fields, pools, etc.

7. Please **CIRCLE** how important it is to you whether your neighbourhood has a multi-use trail for cycling and walking?

Very Important

Somewhat Important

Not Important (Don't Care)

8. Do you feel safe visiting City Parks? (Please **CIRCLE** One) **YES** or **NO**

a. If **NO**, check the item below that would make you feel safer

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better Lighting | <input type="checkbox"/> More Police Patrolling | <input type="checkbox"/> Open and Accessible Walkways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance Cameras | <input type="checkbox"/> Better Visibility sight lines through park | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Call Buttons | | |

9. Do you feel that our Parks and green spaces promote a healthy life style?

(Please Circle one)

YES or **NO**

a) If **YES**, what Parks or Recreational amenities would you like to see more of that promote a healthy lifestyle?

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Trails and pathways | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor walking tracks | <input type="checkbox"/> Trees for Shade and better air quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike routes and better park connections | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor soccer/sports park | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinking fountains to fill up re-usable water bottles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Fitness Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelters and gathering spaces for picnics and outdoor concerts within parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball | <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickle ball courts | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoes | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Gardens | |

11. What is the name of your **FAVOURITE** City of Windsor Park or Recreation Facility (i.e. community centre, arena, sports field, pool, etc.) ?

(If you do not know the name please describe where it is (i.e. street name, or corner of 'A' street and 'B' drive)

a) Please **CIRCLE** how often you visit, use or participate in programming at that Parks or Recreation Facility?

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

Yearly

Never (I just like it)

Please **NOTE**: Recreation Facilities throughout this Survey refers to community centres, arenas, sports fields, pools, etc.

10. Do you or a family member participate in Organized Sports or Activities?

(Please Circle one)

YES or NO

a) If YES please list what Sport or Recreational Activity is it?

12. Thinking only of outdoor public parks, how important to you is variety and uniqueness of our Parks? (Please CHECK all that apply)

I would like to visit the same kind of park all the time

I would like parks to have a variety of things to do

I would like more variety in our parks so they offer different experiences depending on where they are located in the city

13. What are the most important features or things in a Park to you?

Trees

Baseball Diamond

Benches

Pathways/Trails

Playground

Picnic Areas

Large Green Open Space

Swings

Tennis Courts

Drinking Fountain

Shelter

Bike Rack

Public Washrooms

Beautiful Gardens & Flowers

Signage

Soccer

Community Garden

Dog Park

Basketball

Lighting

Other

Volleyball

14. What amenity would you like to see in Our Parks or Facilities that isn't here now?

a) Please CIRCLE how often would you visit, use or participate in programming if that amenity was available at a City Park or Recreational Facility?

Daily

Weekly

Monthly

Yearly

Never (I just like it)

15. If you have two parks within a reasonable distance to your house one is large and one is small. Do you support the larger park being developed and maintained to a higher standard than the smaller park? Both would have the grass cut and would be clean and neat but there would be more options of things to do at the larger park?

Yes I support sustainable consolidation of park amenities, services and facilities

No I feel all parks should be equal regardless of size and location

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16. Would you support having “NO MOW / NATURALIZED” areas within parks?
(Please Circle One)

- | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Would Support | Only in Certain Areas | Need More Information | Would Not Support | Neither (don't care) |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|

17. How do you get information about parks and recreation programming that you would participate in? (Please CHECK all that apply)

- | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> City website | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the park | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail Blast | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Activity Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television | | | |

18. How would you like to be notified about what is happening in parks and recreation? (Please CIRCLE One)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> City website | <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail Blast | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Activity Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media (Facebook, Twitter) | <input type="checkbox"/> Television | <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the park | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth | |

19. Would you be willing to participate in an Adopt-a-park or other form of park involvement for volunteers or partnerships if available?

- Yes
 Maybe
 No

20. What is the single most important thing you would like to see happen in City of Windsor Parks or Recreation Facilities within the next 10 years? (i.e. an event, a type of park, a type use, how the parks are managed, etc.)

PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE PARKS MASTER PLAN OR ON ANY SPECIFIC IDEA THAT YOU MAY LIKE THE CITY TO CONSIDER:

For More Information on the Parks Master Plan, Please Contact:

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