

# 2015 Vergennes Recreation Survey

This survey is being presented to determine the future of recreation opportunities in Vergennes in the coming months and years. Please take the time to read the questions carefully and give honest answers so we may use this information to formulate a comprehensive recreation plan for our city. Thank you.

1.) On a scale of 1 to 4, how important to you and your household are the availability of local parks and recreation opportunities in Vergennes. Circle one.

Very Important 4 <b>51% (74)</b>	Important 3 <b>32% (46)</b>	Neutral 2 <b>13% (18)</b>	Not Important 1 <b>4% (6)</b>
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2.) How would you rate the overall condition of the parks and recreation facilities you have visited in Vergennes within the past one year. Circle one.

Excellent 4 <b>5% (7)</b>	Good 3 <b>46% (66)</b>	Average 2 <b>40% (57)</b>	Fair/Poor 1 <b>9% (13)</b>
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3.) Which parks or recreation areas do you visit each year on a regular basis. Circle all that apply.

City Green	<b>89% (128)</b>
Falls Park at the Basin	<b>70% (101)</b>
City Docks	<b>44% (64)</b>
Vergennes Swimming Pool	<b>39% (56)</b>
Macdonough Park and Gateway stairs	<b>39% (56)</b>
Settlers Park	<b>19% (27)</b>
Vergennes Tennis Courts	<b>18% (26)</b>
Skate Park	<b>8% (12)</b>

4.) If the City were to allocate funds to recreation, how should these funds be spent? Circle one column.

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Physical improvements	100%	75%	50%	25%	0
Programming	0	25%	50%	75%	100%
	<b>8% (12)</b>	<b>28% (41)</b>	<b>38% (55)</b>	<b>19% (28)</b>	<b>0% (0)</b>

5.) How would you prefer to stay informed about recreational opportunities/news and events in Vergennes? Please circle three.

Front Porch Forum	<b>64% (92)</b>
City Website	<b>63% (91)</b>
Addison Independent	<b>58% (84)</b>
School Newsletters	<b>25% (36)</b>
Word of mouth	<b>7% (10)</b>
Other	<b>12% (17)</b>

6.) Would you prefer to see programming scheduled on - circle two:

1. Weekends	2. After School	3. Summer	4. Evenings	5. Vacations
<b>42% (61)</b>	<b>26% (38)</b>	<b>51% (74)</b>	<b>33% (48)</b>	<b>21% (30)</b>

7.) Recreation facilities and programs can serve various purposes within the city. Please rate how essential your household views each of the purposes below. Circle one for each.

	Essential	Valuable	Neutral	Not	<b>AVERAGE</b>
Recreational opportunities for children	4	3	2	1	<b>3.34</b>
Recreational opportunities for teens	4	3	2	1	<b>3.34</b>
Recreational opportunities for adults	4	3	2	1	<b>2.96</b>
Recreational opportunities for seniors	4	3	2	1	<b>2.98</b>
Recreational opportunities for families	4	3	2	1	<b>3.13</b>
Maintaining safe and attractive facilities	4	3	2	1	<b>3.60</b>
Creating programming/events for citizens	4	3	2	1	<b>3.09</b>

8.) If the City of Vergennes were to provide programs, please circle the three that would be most used by your household.

Music	<b>53% (76)</b>
Overall wellness	<b>47% (67)</b>
Theater	<b>31% (45)</b>
Educational	<b>27% (39)</b>
Environmental	<b>22% (31)</b>
Summer camps	<b>19% (28)</b>
Sports programming	<b>18% (26)</b>
Arts / Crafts	<b>18% (26)</b>
Swim Lessons	<b>17% (25)</b>
Before/after school	<b>15% (21)</b>
Other	<b>9% (13)</b>

9.) If the City of Vergennes were to create new parks and recreation opportunities, which of the following options for funding would you support. Circle all that apply.

Funding through user fees	Yes	<b>69% (99)</b>
	No	<b>13% (19)</b>
	Blank	<b>21% (26)</b>
Limited increase in real estate taxes	Yes	<b>40% (58)</b>
	No	<b>38% (55)</b>
	Blank	<b>22% (31)</b>
Impact fees on new construction	Yes	<b>42% (60)</b>
	No	<b>24% (34)</b>
	Blank	<b>34% (50)</b>
Matching grants	Yes	<b>81% (117)</b>
	No	<b>5% (7)</b>
	Blank	<b>14% (20)</b>
1% Local option tax	Yes	<b>38% (55)</b>
	No	<b>36% (51)</b>
	Blank	<b>26% (38)</b>

10.) Should the City Council consider hiring a part time recreation coordinator to manage recreational facilities and programming?

Yes	<b>61% (88)</b>
No	<b>24% (34)</b>
Blank	<b>15% (22)</b>