

Christiansburg Planning Commission
Minutes of August 18, 2014

Present: Matthew J. Beasley (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)

Ann Carter

Harry Collins

M.H. Dorsett, AICP

David Franusich

Steve Huppert

Craig Moore, Chairperson

Joe Powers, Vice-Chairperson

Jennifer D. Sowers

Nichole Hair, Secretary Non-Voting

Absent: Jonathan Hedrick

Staff/Visitors: Missy Martin, staff

Sara Morgan, staff

Cindy Wells Disney, Montgomery County Planning Commission

Dr. Diane Zahm, Virginia Tech

Richard Bird

Wayne Brockenbrough, 302 W. Main Street

Chairperson Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Christiansburg Town Hall at 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, Virginia, following the pledge of allegiance, to discuss the following items:

Public Comment.

Chairperson Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Dr. Diane Zahm, Virginia Tech faculty member in Urban Affairs and Planning, provided the Planning Commission with a Downtown Christiansburg Parking Study conducted by her students. She gave a brief description of the study and left a copy of the report with each Planning Commissioner. Commissioner Collins asked Dr. Zahm to come back to discuss the study. Dr. Zahm stated she would be happy to come back to discuss the study. Ms. Hair will coordinate with Dr. Zahm.

With no further comments Chairperson Moore closed the floor for public comment.

Approval of meeting minutes for July 21, 2014.

Chairperson Moore introduced the discussion. Commissioner Dorset made a motion to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Franusich seconded the motion, which passed 8-0. Commissioner Powers abstained from the vote as he was not present for the past meeting.

Planning Commission Public Hearing on a Conditional Use Permit request by Wayne Brockenbrough for residential use at 302 W. Main Street (tax parcel 526 – ((A)) – 180) in the B-2 Central Business District.

Richard Bird, spoke on behalf of Mr. Brockenbrough, explained the current News Messenger building will include residential use and office space, if the Conditional Use Permit is approved. Mr. Bird supplied the Commissioners with handouts related to the request.

Commissioner Huppert asked if the building would be torn down. Mr. Bird clarified the building would be renovated to include the residential use and office space. The building would not be torn down.

Commissioner Huppert asked about the current tenants. Mr. Bird explained the New Messenger will remain a tenant and the music store is moving out. The music store space will be used as office space. The residential units will be located in the middle of the building.

Mr. Bird explained adequate parking is provided in upper and lower lots. These lots provide adequate parking for offices and apartments.

Mr. Bird noted the Future Land Use map designates the property as Mixed Use.

Commissioner Huppert asked how many apartments would be created. Mr. Bird said three units would be created. If the office space does not work out then the number of residential units may increase in the office space locations.

Chairperson Moore asked if anyone else would like to comment on the request. Seeing that there were no other comments, Chairperson Moore closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Dorsett asked about the windows of the building. Mr. Bird stated there will be windows on Phlegar Street.

Commissioner Sowers asked if the back side of the building is underground. Mr. Bird stated that the back of the building is below grade. He explained the applicant wishes to install skylights or solar tubes to allow more natural light in the units.

Commissioner Sowers asked about the fire code in regards to the number of windows in the units. Ms. Hair explained that this would be addressed during the building plan review process. The Fire Marshall will be aware of the concerns.

Commissioner Powers asked about the fire corridor that is designated on the plans, handed out by Mr. Bird. Mr. Bird explained the use of a fire corridor when there is not access to the outside of the building. The fire corridor was included in the plans for the back office with thoughts of a future residential unit.

Planning Commission Public Hearing on a Conditional Use Permit request by Wayne Brockenbrough for residential use at 302 W. Main Street (tax parcel 526 – ((A)) – 180) in the B-2 Central Business District (continued).

Commissioner Powers asked about the number of units proffered. Chairperson Moore clarified that the Conditional Use Permit is for the entire building. There are no drafted conditions. Ms. Hair clarified that the Conditional Use Permit request is triggered because of the units being at street level. Commissioner Powers read the definition the applicable Town Code section.

Commissioner Dorsett asked about the intended occupants. Mr. Bird stated the applicant hopes the units will be occupied by older residents.

Commissioner Huppert asked for clarification on the parking on the property. Mr. Bird stated there are 7 parking spaces in the upper lot and 21 parking spaces in the lower lot.

Commissioner Powers asked about the storage space designated on the plan. The space will be used for general storage for the residential units or office spaces. The storage space will have doors coming off the fire corridors. Commissioner Sowers noted that the space could have sections for each resident.

Commissioner Dorsett asked about the square footage for the units. Mr. Bird stated the units would be between 600-800 square feet.

Commissioner Huppert expressed his support for residential units on Main Street in Downtown Christiansburg.

Ms. Hair stated the number or percentage of residential units can be conditioned by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Carter spoke about the precedent set in the past by allowing residential use with the approval of the Roanoke Street request.

Chairperson Moore noted the property is separated from the R-3 Multi-Family Zoning District by one property. Commissioner Franusich added the property abuts a residential property.

Commissioner Dorsett believes the space fronting Main Street should remain business and the other space could be residential. Commissioner Franusich and Commissioner Sowers agreed. Commissioner Dorsett stated that this request makes sense to her. The division of space was discussed by the Commission.

Ms. Hair asked Mr. Bird about the square footage of the building. He responded by stating the front office is 2,000 square footage. The entire building square footage is around 5,000 square feet.

Commissioner Powers discussed the possibility of a skylight in the units being included as a condition.

Planning Commission Public Hearing on a Conditional Use Permit request by Wayne Brockenbrough for residential use at 302 W. Main Street (tax parcel 526 – ((A)) – 180) in the B-2 Central Business District (continued).

Commissioner Dorsett suggested 50% of the building be limited to business and 50% be residential use. The square footage was discussed by the Planning Commission and Mr. Bird. The Commission further discussed the percentage of business and residential.

Commissioner Sowers noted there is limited stock for one bedroom, ground floor apartments in this price range in Town. Those that are in Town have waiting lists and are in high demand.

The 60% residential space was discussed by Commissioners Dorsett, Carter and Sowers. It is the hope of the Planning Commission that the condition will allow for the back office space to be converted to residential space if the applicant wishes to do so in the future. This would allow the applicant to do so without needing to submit another request.

Ms. Hair read the proposed conditions:

1. The use of the building fronting on W. Main Street shall remain business.
2. Residential use of the building is not to exceed 60% of the total square footage of the building.
3. Skylights or similar devices shall be used for natural lighting in each residential unit.

Commissioner Sowers asked Ms. Hair to verify the square footage of the building before the next Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Dorsett and Carter discussed the need and benefits of the request.

Ms. Hair stated the next Planning Commission Meeting is Tuesday, September 2 and this Conditional Use Permit request can be voted on at that meeting. The Planning Commission decided to wait to vote on this request at the next meeting. Ms. Hair noted the public hearing for the Conditional Use Permit request for a Bed & Breakfast at 305 E. Main Street will also be on the agenda. Ms. Hair will not be in town for the next meeting and staff member, Sara Morgan will be running the meeting.

Chairperson Moore asked the applicant to be present at the next meeting.

Other Business:

Commissioner Powers stated two Wednesdays from now is the next Development Committee meeting.

Commissioner Dorsett and Ms. Hair discussed the next meeting date for the Comprehensive Plan subcommittee. Ms. Hair requested the September 2, 2014 meeting be cancelled due to her absence

Commissioner Powers asked cash proffers be of topic for the Development Subcommittee meeting. Ms. Hair stated that can be done and she will discuss cash proffers with the Town Attorney and Administrative staff.

Commissioner Powers requested a presentation to the Planning Commission for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and Metropolitan Planning Organization's Regional Bikeway Walkway Plan.

Commissioner Carter noted the Cemetery Advisory Committee will be presenting the master plan for the Cemetery at the library. The meeting will be held Monday, August 25 from 1:00-3:00 PM and 4:00-6:00 PM.

There being no more business Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Craig Moore, Chairperson

Nichole Hair, Secretary Non-Voting

Resolution of the Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission

Rezoning Request

WHEREAS the Christiansburg Planning Commission, acting upon a rezoning request by Stateson Homes for property located on the northern side of Quin W. Stuart Boulevard and at 745 Stafford Drive, N.W. (an approximately 27.8 acre portion of tax parcel 435 – ((A)) – 40, an approximately 6.2 acre portion of tax parcel 405 – ((A)) – 28 and tax parcel 405 – ((A)) – 9B) from A Agricultural to R-1 Single Family Residential with proffers has found following a duly advertised Public Hearing that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practices (**permit / do not permit**) changing the zoning of the property.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Christiansburg Planning Commission (**recommends / does not recommend**) that the Christiansburg Town Council rezone property located on the northern side of Quin W. Stuart Boulevard and at 745 Stafford Drive, N.W. (an approximately 27.8 acre portion of tax parcel 435 – ((A)) – 40, an approximately 6.2 acre portion of tax parcel 405 – ((A)) – 28 and tax parcel 405 – ((A)) – 9B) from A Agricultural to R-1 Single Family Residential with proffers.

Dated this 21 day of July 2014.

Craig Moore, Chairperson
Christiansburg Planning Commission

The above Resolution was adopted on motion by Dorsett seconded by Carter at a meeting of the Planning Commission following the posting of a public hearing notice upon the property and a duly advertised public hearing on the above request on June 30, 2014. Upon a call for an aye and nay vote on the foregoing resolution, the Commission members throughout all deliberations on the foregoing and voting or abstaining, stood as indicated opposite their names as follows:

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Matthew J. Beasley	X			
Ann H. Carter	X			
Harry Collins	X			
M. H. Dorsett, AICP	X			
David Franusich		X		
Jonathan Hedrick		X		
Steve Huppert	X			
Craig Moore, Chairperson	X			
Joe Powers, Vice-Chairperson				X
Jennifer D. Sowers	X			

Craig Moore, Chairperson

Nichole Hair, Secretary Non-voting

Resolution of the Town of Christiansburg Planning Commission

Conditional Use Permit Application

WHEREAS the Christiansburg Planning Commission, acting upon a request by the Christiansburg Town Council to study a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) request made by Stateson Homes for property on the northern side of Quin W. Stuart Boulevard and at 745 Stafford Drive, N.W. (an approximately 27.8 acre portion of tax parcel 435 – ((A)) – 40, an approximately 6.2 acre portion of tax parcel 405 – ((A)) – 28 and tax parcel 405 – ((A)) – 9B) for a planned housing development in the R-1 Single Family Residential District, has found following a duly advertised Public Hearing that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practices (**permit / do not permit**) the issuance of a CUP to Stateson Homes for a planned housing development on the northern side of Quin W. Stuart Boulevard and at 745 Stafford Drive, N.W. (an approximately 27.8 acre portion of tax parcel 435 – ((A)) – 40, an approximately 6.2 acre portion of tax parcel 405 – ((A)) – 28 and tax parcel 405 – ((A)) – 9B) for a planned housing development in the R-1 Single Family Residential District.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Christiansburg Planning Commission (**recommends / does not recommend**) that the Christiansburg Town Council approve the issuance of the Conditional Use Permit with the following condition(s):

1. The presented “Site Development Regulations of the Proposed Stateson Homes Planned Housing Development” prepared by the Balzer and Associates, Inc. dated June 10, 2014, shall be considered as conditions of approval.
2. The development shall be in general conformity with the presented “Stateston Homes Planned Housing Master Plan” drawings dated June 10, 2014 and revised July 17, 2014.
3. The applicant shall install an 8 foot wide, paved walking trail with a 2 foot wide vegetative buffer along “Road A”, on the “Stateson Homes Planned Housing Master Plan” drawings dated June 10, 2014 and revised July 17, 2014, adjoining the Villas of Peppers Ferry.
4. The developer shall install sidewalks along one side of the streets within the development. The sidewalks shall be divided from the street with a 3 foot strip of grass. The sidewalks shall be located in front of the outside lots of the streets. These lots are lots 1-22, 39-48, and 67-76, as shown on the “Stateson Homes Planned Housing Master Plan”, dated June 10, 2014 and revised July 17, 2014.
5. The developer shall install street lightening of similar design to what exists along Quin W. Stuart Blvd.
6. The developer shall install active recreation within the development, such as a pocket park, after 50% of the lots have received a Certificate of Occupancy.
7. The developer shall install vegetative screening along portions of Road A that are adjacent to existing residential units located in the Villas of Peppers Ferry. A maximum of 70% evergreen trees or shrubs will be used in each screening location.
8. The development shall comply with all applicable stormwater regulations.

Dated this the 21 day of July 2014.

Craig Moore, Chairperson
Christiansburg Planning Commission

The above Resolution was adopted on motion by Beasley seconded by Dorsett at a meeting of the Planning Commission following the posting of a public hearing notice upon the property and a duly advertised Public Hearing on the above request on June 30, 2014. Upon a call for an aye and nay vote on the foregoing resolution, the Commission members present throughout all deliberations on the foregoing and voting or abstaining, stood as indicated opposite their names as follows:

<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Matthew J. Beasley	X			
Ann H. Carter	X			
Harry Collins	X			
M. H. Dorsett, AICP	X			
David Franusich	X			
Jonathan Hedrick				X
Steve Huppert	X			
Craig Moore, Chairperson	X			
Joe Powers, Vice-Chairperson				X
Jennifer D. Sowers	X			

Craig Moore, Chairperson

Nichole Hair, Secretary Non-voting

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 “ZONING,”
SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 30-9 OF THE *CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN CODE* TO
ADDRESS PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR MIXED USE STRUCTURES
WITH APARTMENTS IN THE B-2 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; ON-SITE
PARKING REQUIREMENTS AND OFF-SITE COOPERATIVE PARKING
PROVISIONS; AND GRANDFATHERED STATUS IN THE B-2 CENTRAL
BUSINESS DISTRICT.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia desires to amend its Zoning Ordinance to address certain issues with the Site Plan Review process; and,

WHEREAS, notice of the Planning Commission public hearing regarding the intention of the Town Council to pass said ordinance was published two consecutive weeks (September 21, 2013 and September 28, 2013) in The News Messenger, a newspaper published in and having general circulation in the Town of Christiansburg; and,

WHEREAS, notice of the intention of the Town Council to pass said ordinance was published two consecutive weeks (October 19, 2013 and October 26, 2013) in The News Messenger, a newspaper published in and having general circulation in the Town of Christiansburg; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing of the Planning Commission of the Town was held September 23, 2013 and resulted in a recommendation by the Planning Commission that the following proposed ordinance revisions be adopted; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing of Council of the Town was held November 6, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Council deems proper so to do,

Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia that Sections 30-9 of Chapter 30 “Zoning” of the *Christiansburg Town Code* be amended as follows:

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 30-9. Lighting and minimum off-street parking.

(a) *Specific requirements by use.* Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, when any building or structure is hereafter erected or structurally altered, or any building or structure hereafter erected is converted, accessory off-street parking spaces shall be provided as follows:

<i>Use or Use Category</i>	<i>Off-street Parking Spaces Required</i>
Single-family, private driveway	16' wide x 18' long parking area

Use or Use Category	Off-street Parking Spaces Required
Two-family dwelling	2 per dwelling unit
Townhouse	2 per dwelling unit
Multi-family dwelling, three or more dwelling units: One or more bedroom apartments, roomers	2 per dwelling unit 1 for each roomer
<u>Mixed use structures located in the B-2 Central Business District: One or more bedroom apartments located above street level</u>	<u>1 per apartment unit</u>
Church, temple, synagogue, or similar place of assembly	1 per 5 seats or bench seating spaces (seats in main auditorium only)
College or high school	1 per 5 seats or bench seating spaces (seats in main auditorium, gymnasium or field house only, whichever is larger) or one for each five students, whichever is greater
Elementary, junior high, or nursery school	1 per 10 seats in main assembly room or 2 per classroom, whichever is greater
Private club without sleeping rooms	1 per 5 members or 1 for each 400 square feet of floor area, whichever is greater
Public library, museum, art gallery, or community center	10 per use plus 1 additional space for each 300 square feet of floor area in excess of 1,000 square feet
Private clubs, fraternities, sororities, and lodges, with sleeping rooms	2 per 3 sleeping rooms or suites or 1 per 5 active members, whichever is greater
Sanitarium, convalescent home, home for aged, or similar institution	1 per 3 patient beds
Motel, motor hotel, motor lodge hotel, or tourist court	1 per sleeping room or suite plus 5 spaces for general use

<i>Use or Use Category</i>	<i>Off-street Parking Spaces Required</i>
Rooming, boarding, or lodging house, bed and breakfast establishment	1 per sleeping room
Hospital	2 per patient bed
Hospital, veterinary	1 per 400 square feet of floor area; 4 spaces minimum
Office or office building (other than medical), post office, studio	1 per 400 square feet of floor area; 3 spaces minimum
Medical offices or clinic	1 per 200 square feet of floor area; 10 spaces minimum for a clinic
Funeral home	1 per 50 square feet of floor area excluding storage and work area; 30 spaces minimum
Restaurant or other establishment for consumption of food or beverages inside a building on the premises	1 per 100 square feet of floor area, 3 spaces minimum
Restaurant, drive-in	1 per 100 square feet of floor area, 10 spaces minimum
Retail store or personal service establishment and banks	1 per 250 square feet of floor area for the first 5,000 square feet 1 per 300 square feet of floor area for the second 5,000 square feet 1 per 350 square feet of floor area for the third 5,000 square feet and all subsequent square footage
Shopping center	1 per 250 square feet of floor area for the first 5,000 square feet 1 per 300 square feet of floor area for the second 5,000 square feet 1 per 350 square feet of floor area for the third 5,000 square feet and all subsequent square footage
Automobile service station	3 for each service bay or pump island,

<i>Use or Use Category</i>	<i>Off-street Parking Spaces Required</i>
	whichever is greater. Parking for refueling may be credited toward required parking spaces if the Administrator determines parked vehicles do not interfere with traffic
Antique store or antique mall	1 per 500 square feet of floor area; 3 spaces minimum
Furniture or appliance store, machinery, equipment, mobile home, and automobile and boat sales and service	1 per 500 square feet of floor area; 3 spaces minimum. Automobile sales and service, 10 minimum
Auditorium, theater, gymnasium stadium, arena, or convention hall	1 per 4 seats or seating spaces
Bowling alley	5 per lane
Food storage locker	1 per 200 square feet customer service area
Farmers' market	2 for each rented stall, table, or sales space
Outdoor sales area, open air market or flea market (other than farmers' market)	4 for each rented stall, table, or sales space
Self service storage, miniwarehouse	1 for each 25 storage areas plus 3 spaces for the office, if provided (driving aisle between units must be paved or concrete)
Amusement place, dancehall, skating rink, swimming pool or exhibition hall, without fixed seats	1 per 100 square feet of floor area. Does not apply to accessory uses
General service or repair establishment, printing, publishing, plumbing, heating, broadcasting station	1 per 2 employees on premises; auditorium for broadcasting station requires seating as above
Manufacturing or industrial establishment, research or testing laboratory, creamery, bottling plant, wholesale, warehouse, or similar establishment	1 per 2 employees on maximum working shift plus space for storage of trucks or other vehicles used in connection with the business or industry

Use or Use Category	Off-street Parking Spaces Required

(b) *Interpretation of specific requirements.*

1. The parking requirements above are in addition to waiting spaces or stacking spaces necessary for the operation of drive-in or drive-through facilities. Waiting spaces on the premises must be adequate to avoid obstruction of traffic on the public way.
2. The parking requirements above are in addition to space for storage of automobiles, trucks, mobile homes, campers, recreation vehicles, or other similar vehicles used or offered for sale in connection with a particular use.
3. The parking requirements in this section do not limit the parking requirements contained in the district regulations.
4. The parking requirements in this section do not limit special requirements which may be imposed by approval of a conditional use or special exception.
5. Where fractional spaces result, the parking spaces required shall be construed to be the next highest whole number.
6. Except as otherwise provided, the number of employees shall be computed on the basis of the maximum number of persons employed on the premises at one time on an average day or average night, whichever is greater. Seasonal variations in employment may be recognized in determining an average day.
7. The parking space requirements for a use not specifically listed in the chart shall be the same as for a listed use of similar characteristics of parking demand generation.
8. In the case of mixed uses, uses with different parking requirements occupying the same building or premises, or in the case of joint use of a building or premises by more than one use having the same parking requirements, the parking spaces required shall equal the sum of the requirements of the various uses computed separately.
9. Whenever a building or use is changed or enlarged in floor area, number of employees, number of dwelling units, seating capacity or otherwise, to create a need under the requirements of this section for an increase in parking spaces of ten percent or more, such additional spaces shall be provided on the basis of the change or enlargement. No additional spaces

shall be required for the first change or enlargement which would result in an increase of spaces of less than ten percent of those required before the change or enlargement, but this exception shall not apply to a series of changes or enlargements which together result in a need for an increase in parking space of ten percent or more.

10. Garages, carports, and other covered and/or enclosed parking areas shall not count toward off-street parking requirements of this Section with the exception that parking spaces in parking garages are allowed to be counted toward off-street parking requirements.
11. Stacked parking spaces that are not directly accessible to means of ingress and egress are not allowed to count toward off-street parking requirements.

(c) Joint use and off-site facilities. On-site parking requirement and off-site cooperative parking provisions. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all parking spaces required herein shall be located on the same lot with the building or use served. Where an increase in the number of spaces is required by a change or enlargement of use or where such spaces are provided collectively or used jointly by two or more buildings or establishments, the required spaces may be located and maintained not to exceed 600 feet ~~900 feet as measured along a traversable pedestrian route, with location approval from the Zoning Administrator from an institutional building or other nonresidential building served.~~ For the purpose of this requirement, land used for employee parking but located immediately across a street or alley from the building or use served shall be considered as located on the same lot.

With the approval of the Zoning Administrator, required off-street parking may be provided cooperatively for two (2) or more uses of the same or different types, provided that arrangements are made that will ensure the availability of such space for the duration of the use to be served, and provided further that, unless reduced by the Zoning Administrator as set forth below, the number of spaces provided shall not be less than the sum of the individual requirements.

The combined parking requirements for two (2) or more uses participating in a cooperative parking arrangement may be partially reduced by the Zoning Administrator, provided that the uses will not conflict in time of operation the parking needs of each use at a given time of day may be adequately met through the parking arrangements.

Cooperative parking arrangements shall provide off-street parking spaces within nine hundred (900) feet of each use served as measured along a traversable pedestrian route.

For the purpose of this section, all spaces located within a cooperative parking arrangement shall be deemed to be on-site parking for each use served by such arrangement.

Once approved by the Zoning Administrator, any subsequent change to a cooperative

parking arrangement affecting the availability and convenience of the shared space shall be considered a zoning violation subject to enforcement and penalties as set forth in Section 30-13.

(e) *Grandfathered status in the B-2 Central Business District.* Sites in the B-2 Central Business District having existing structures, which are adequate for commercial, professional, or residential uses as provided in the B-2 Central Business District at the time of enactment of this amendment, shall be considered as grandfathered in regards to off-street parking requirements. For enlargements or significant structural alterations of existing structures, the required parking shall equal the number of spaces required by this section for the new use area, unless a Conditional Use Permit is granted by Town Council after recommendation from the Planning Commission for an exception, or demolition as well as new construction, after enactment of this amendment, shall be grounds for grandfathered status to be lost.

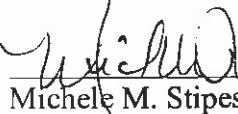
This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption. If any part of this ordinance is deemed unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction all remaining parts shall be deemed valid. Ordinances or parts of any ordinances of the Town whose provisions are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Upon a call for an aye and nay vote on the foregoing ordinance at a regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia held November 19, 2013 the members of the Council of the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia present throughout all deliberations on the foregoing and voting or abstaining, stood as indicated opposite their names as follows:

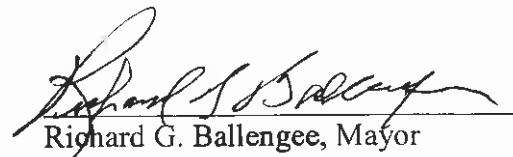
	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Richard G. Ballengee*				
D. Michael Barber	X			
Cord Hall	X			
Steve Huppert	X			
Henry Showalter	X			
Bradford J. Stipes				X
James W. "Jim" Vanhoozier	X			

*Votes only in the event of a tie vote by Council.

SEAL:



Michele M. Stipes, Town Clerk



Richard G. Ballengee, Mayor



Town of Christiansburg
Parks and Recreation Master Plan

2014

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Chapter 1: Executive Summary

The Town of Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan is the first step in the process of meeting the needs of current and future residents within the town. Christiansburg has a reputation for providing excellence in recreation programming, as well as park and facility offerings. The town has developed assets that are available to town residents, but also have a regional appeal. These assets include the following:

- Huckleberry Trail
- Christiansburg Recreation Center
- Harkrader Sports Complex
- Christiansburg Aquatic Center
- Six town-owned parks and one town-leased park
- Youth and adult sports
- Senior programs
- Special population programs
- Youth and adult programs
- Christiansburg Skate Park

Outside of these current assets, the town is also developing the 20 acre Diamond Hills Park and the Truman Wilson Property, a 62 acre parcel purchased by the town in 2013 that is in close proximity to the major retail center of Christiansburg. These two new parks will serve as attractions for town residents and regional visitors considering their size and potential for additional facilities for resident users.



As part of the process of developing the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a survey was created and distributed to gather town resident feedback on recreation facilities and programs. The survey was a major factor in developing recommendations for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan which serves as a guide for future development of facilities and programs.

Established relationships with other town departments, community groups, Montgomery County Public Schools, and neighboring localities strengthen the ability of the department to meet the recreation needs of town residents. Parks and recreation amenities are available for a diverse population of users. The Town of Christiansburg strives to be known for its well-rounded programs and facilities to meet the needs of the community while supporting opportunities for regional impact and tourism, true to its slogan, "The only place to play; Christiansburg, Virginia."



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Chapter 2: Mission, Goals and Objectives

Department Mission

The Christiansburg Department of Parks and Recreation mission is to promote and implement leisure programs and services that enhance the quality of life for all ages. In partnership with the community, we pledge to deliver quality leisure programs and services in a personal, effective and successful manner.

Goals and Objectives

Goals were developed around four key areas based on direction from the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and town staff. These areas include:

1. Parks and Facilities
2. Open Space and Interconnectivity
3. Marketing and Communication
4. Operations and Programs

1. Parks and Facilities

Goal 1-1: Maintain existing parks and facilities while supporting newer parks and facilities as the town grows.

Objective: Establish a capital improvement program to prioritize funding for facility needs.

Objective: Create handicap accessible signature park for the Town of Christiansburg at the Truman Wilson Property.

Objective: Explore the feasibility of creating new facilities to reduce crowding or overuse.

Objective: Construct multipurpose fields to maximize space.

Objective: Develop a softball sport complex to serve residents and bring tournaments to the Town of Christiansburg.

Objective: Develop and modify playgrounds and parks with respect to special populations (people that are disabled).



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2. Open Space and Interconnectivity

Goal 2-1: Provide ease of access for town residents to enjoy the outdoors.

Objective: Preserve and plan for open spaces within Diamond Hills Park, the Truman Wilson parcel, and any other future parks.

Objective: Evaluate whether recreation assets, businesses and residential areas are connected via trails and sidewalks.

3. Marketing and Communication

Goal 3-1: Effectively communicate events, facilities, and programs internally and externally.

Objective: Increase outreach regarding events, facilities, and programs through the continued program guide and social media platforms

Objective: Advertise tourism opportunities within the town in cooperation with the Montgomery Tourism Development Council.

Goal 3-2: Promote coordination with businesses, schools, New River Valley communities, and support beneficial partnerships elsewhere.

Objective: Partner with parks and recreation departments throughout the region to host events and tournaments that are beyond the capacity of one department.

Objective: Develop public private partnerships through sponsorships of events, tournaments, and other community activities.

Objective: Partner with Montgomery County Public Schools to use facilities for youth and adult sports.

4. Operations and Programs

Goal 4-1: Explore the potential for additional community events throughout the year.



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Objective: Market existing events and seek press coverage for stories from town events.

Objective: Identify additional town events for varying interests of town residents.

Goal 4-2: Develop a cost-benefit model for all capital improvements.

Objective: Evaluate the renovation of parks to be retrofitted so they are handicap accessible and incorporate accessibility features into future parks.

Objective: Strengthen interdepartmental cooperation by partnering with other town departments on projects to save on costs.

Goal 4-3: Utilize assets within close proximity to town to enhance recreation programs.

Objective: Develop New River fishing and water sport programs that incorporate education and activities.

Objective: Work with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to develop classes on hunter safety and hunting education.

Objective: Develop classes on hiking and camping safety while utilizing the Appalachian Trail.

Goal 4-4: Ensure compliance with local, state, and national regulations while staying current on national recreation trends.

Objective: Utilize National Recreation and Park Association data and awards as benchmarks for the town.

Objective: Observe Virginia stormwater management regulations and incorporate into recreation facility planning.



Radford Softball Clinic offered as a program through the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department.



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CHAPTER 3: Existing Conditions

The Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department serves approximately 22,000 people within town boundaries and also provides services for residents of Montgomery County and the Town of Blacksburg, as well as surrounding communities. The current assets of the department include the Christiansburg Recreation Center, Harkrader Sports Complex, and seven parks dispersed throughout the community. Parks and Recreation also has two properties for future development, Diamond Hills Park, and the Truman Wilson property. Diamond Hills Park is a 20 acre parcel located off of Independence Boulevard and the Truman Wilson property is 62 acres on the south side of Peppers Ferry Road, N.W.

The Town of Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan serves a dual role of providing an inventory of existing conditions as well as a guide for future development. Following is a description of the parks and facilities within the Town of Christiansburg as well as those under the management of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Park Definitions

For the purposes of the Town of Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the following park designations were used to determine levels of service within town boundaries. Christiansburg park definitions are based on national standards developed by the National Recreation and Park Association, but have been adapted to match the needs and resources of the town.

Mini Park

Mini parks within the Town of Christiansburg are small parks, less than one acre, serving small residential developments with limited population. These mini parks feature small, sometimes specialized facilities geared toward easy accessibility and short-term use by residents within a walkable distance. The service area for mini parks is set at $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. At present, there are five mini parks in town.



Circle Park is a mini park located close to downtown Christiansburg, featuring a playground, swings, and a $\frac{1}{2}$ court basketball court.



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Figure 1: Mini Parks and Amenities

Mini Parks	Playground	Basketball Court	Tennis Court	Baseball Field	Softball Field	Volleyball Court	Rectangular Field	Track	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Tables	Open Space	Restrooms	Bike Rack/Parking	Concession	Amphitheater	Racquetball Court	Skate Park	Batting Cages
Town and Country Park	1								x									
Wall Street Park	1	1							x									
Circle Park	1	1							x									
Wayside Park									x	x								
Downtown Park	3	1							x	x	x							

Neighborhood Park

Neighborhood parks are between one and five acres, allowing for more intense use and include more amenities.

Neighborhood parks serve an area within a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile radius, including a larger population than a mini park. Christiansburg currently has one neighborhood park, Depot Park. It is located adjacent to the Christiansburg Aquatic Center and is relatively close to downtown.



Figure 2: Neighborhood Parks and Amenities

Neighborhood Parks	Playground	Basketball Court	Tennis Court	Baseball Field	Softball Field	Volleyball Court	Rectangular Field	Track	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Tables	Open Space	Restrooms	Bike Rack/Parking	Concession	Amphitheater	Racquetball Court	Skate Park	Batting Cages
Depot Park	1	2							x	x	x							



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Community Park

Community parks are between five and 25 acres, generally providing large recreation uses for all town residents. Community parks typically provide amenities such as large athletic complexes/fields, open space, parking, picnic shelters, as well as uses found in some smaller parks. There are currently two community parks, Harkrader Sports Complex and Kiwanis Park.



A future community park, Diamond Hills Park, is being built and will be completed in 2014. The park is being reconstructed for the Diamond Hills Stream Restoration Project, part of the Town of Christiansburg's Stream Preservation and Restoration Program established in 2009, will provide an additional community park. The Vision 2020 plan recommends recreational planning with the preservation and protection of natural resources. Therefore, the town has proposed that Diamond Hills Park will offer open space, a permeable loop trail, and picnic areas.

Harkrader Sports Complex is host to baseball tournaments and has adjacent playground areas, complimented by additional Montgomery County Public School amenities including a tennis/basketball courts and soccer fields.

Kiwanis Park is owned by the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club; however, the Town of Christiansburg is the primary user. Since the town is the primary user of the park, Kiwanis Park is included in the following table and considered a community park for the purpose of this analysis.

Figure 3. Community Parks and Amenities

	Playground	Basketball Court	Tennis Court	Baseball Field	Softball Field	Volleyball Court	Rectangular Field	Track	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Tables	Open Space	Trails	Restrooms	Bike Rack/Parking	Concession	Amphitheater	Racquetball Court	Skate Park	Batting Cages
Community Parks																			
Harkrader Sports Complex	2			3	1					x		x	x		x			x	
Kiwanis Park	1			1	1				2	x		x						x	



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Regional Park

Regional parks serve town residents, but also serve needs beyond the town boundary in large part due to their facility capacity or unique assets. Regional parks are more than 25 acres and allow for intense recreation uses such as fields, open space, and large venues for events and sports tournaments. Regional parks can be used for bringing people to town for sporting tournaments or for general recreation.

Currently, there are no regional parks within town limits, but a 62 acre site was acquired by the Town of Christiansburg in 2013 to be developed into a park. The land is located south of Route 114, in close proximity to the New River Valley Mall. This park will be adjacent to the Huckleberry Trail extension which is planned to link to the Christiansburg Recreation Center.



Montgomery County's Mid-County Park and the Coal Mining Heritage Park and Loop Trail qualify as a regional parks and are located within close proximity to the Town of Christiansburg. Mid-County Park offers the following: outdoor swimming pool, picnic shelters, 37-hole disc golf course, trails, basketball court and a playground. Coal Mining Heritage Park offers a 1.5 mile multi-use loop trail that meets the standards of the International Mountain Bike Association.

Linear Park

Linear parks are areas that may be developed for alternative transportation and/or recreational travel, including biking, hiking, horseback riding, and other modes. Linear parks can also be natural corridors intended to connect different forms of recreation as well as commercial areas to residential areas.



The Huckleberry Trail is a linear

The Huckleberry Trail offers a multi-use trail option for recreation or commuting.



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park and it currently extends six miles, connecting from the New River Valley Mall in Christiansburg, to the Blacksburg Library. Plans to extend the trail in Christiansburg include a bridge over Route 114 that will connect to the Christiansburg Recreation Center. The bridge and extension will be completed in 2014.

There are no applicable service standards for linear parks other than providing connections throughout commercial centers and recreation uses throughout towns and regions.

Private Recreation Options

Several businesses within the Town of Christiansburg offer private recreation options for residents. These options include exercise classes, golf, bowling, rock climbing, roller skating, and many more. Combined with existing town and non-profit offerings, Christiansburg has options for almost any recreation user.

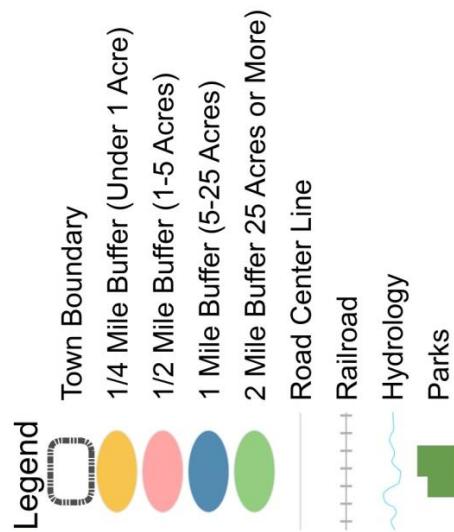
Service Area of Parks

Each park designation has an associated acreage and service area buffer. National standards exist through National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), and have been adapted to fit the current size and demographics of the Town of Christiansburg.

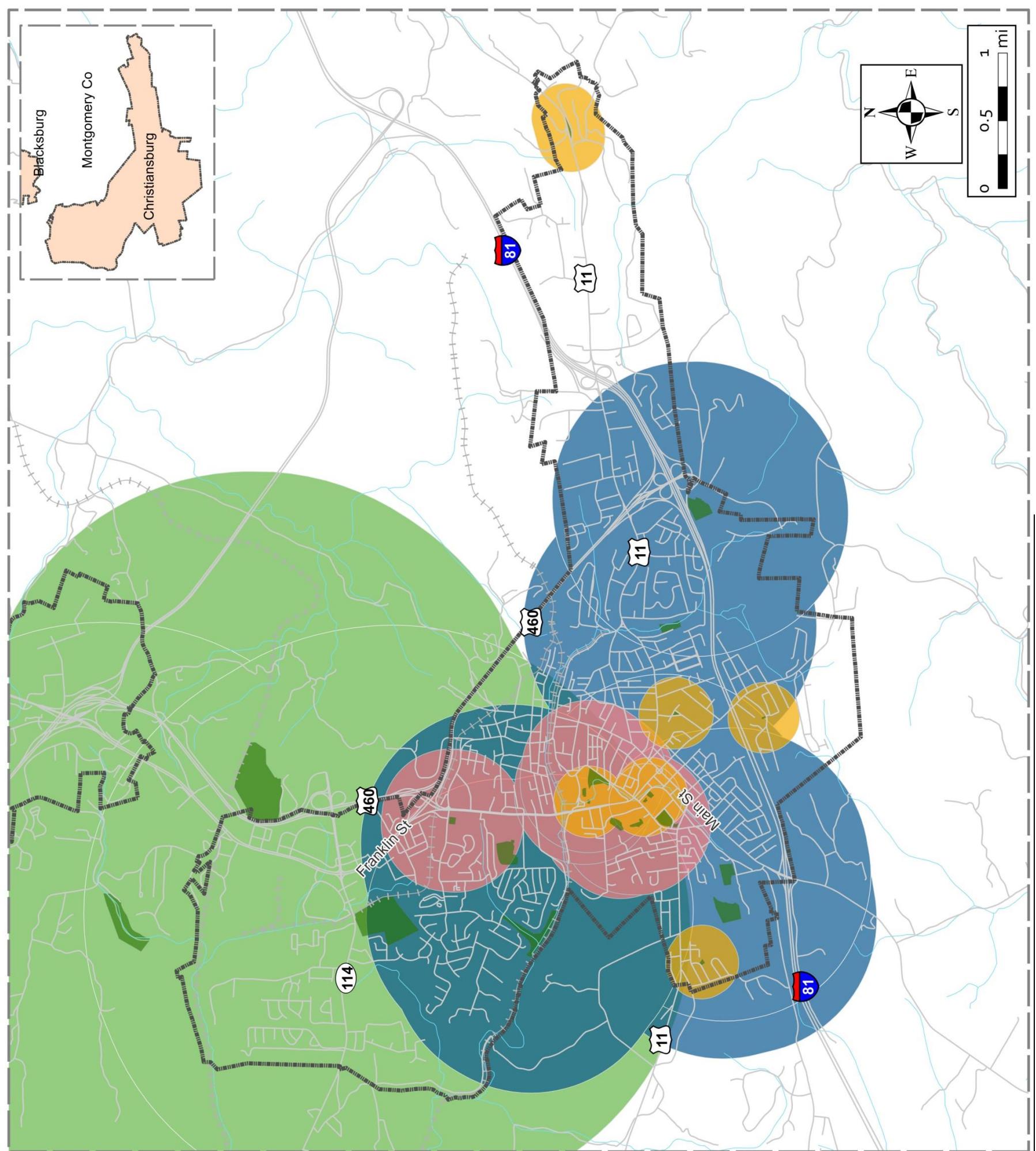
Park Designation	Service Area Buffer
Mini	$\frac{1}{4}$ mile
Neighborhood	$\frac{1}{2}$ mile
Community	1 mile
Regional	2 miles

Following is a map of the current service area boundaries for town-owned parks within the Town of Christiansburg. The majority of town limits are covered by existing service boundaries, with small exceptions for the less populated eastern and southern portions of the town.

Map 1: Park Service Area Boundaries



Map prepared by the New River Valley Planning District Commission, 2014.
Sources include Town of Christiansburg and local input/data.





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Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Programs

Parks and Recreation programs offered by the Town of Christiansburg serve multiple interests and age ranges. The Christiansburg Recreation Center is the main focus of parks and recreation programs within the town. The Recreation Center hosts youth and adult sports, activities for seniors, and hosts community events in need of a large indoor space. The department also sponsors town events that benefit the whole community. Parks and Recreation programs are described below according to the location of each program.

Downtown Christiansburg: The Town of Christiansburg sponsors downtown events throughout the year. The past two years, there have been food truck events downtown sponsored by Downtown Christiansburg Inc. Other events sponsored by the town or other organizations include the Wilderness Trail Festival, Wine and Artisans, Movies in the Park, Cruise-In, Tech Tailgate events, Depot Days, and 4th of July events.

Christiansburg Recreation Center: The Recreation Center hosts the majority of indoor recreation programs. Youth and adult sports, senior center, and exercise classes occur at this centrally located facility. The Recreation Center also hosts major events within the town such as the New River Valley Home Builders' Association's Home Expo.

Programs hosted at the Christiansburg Recreation Center:

- Youth community recreation
- Adult community recreation
- Special Interest Programs
- Senior Programs
- Special Populations (Disabled) Programs
- Special Events
- Adult Athletic Programs
- Youth Athletic Programs
- Athletic Special Events

Sports tourism has been successful with tournaments hosted within and nearby the Town of Christiansburg. An economic impact study was done to compare the effects of the 2013 USSSA World Series and Dixie World Series. Over a five day period, it was estimated that the total impact of the USSSA World Series included 134 rooms per night, and a total of nearly \$287,000 in local impact. The Dixie World Series, over a seven day period, generated 105 rooms per night, and \$280,000 in total local impact.

The following chart, from the 2013 Annual Report, displays the participation trends of all recreation programs within the town. Program participation is on the rise for



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youth community, adult athletic, special population youth special events, senior special events, and clubs. Programs with the biggest decrease in participation are adult and senior community programs.

Figure 4: Program Participation Trends

Program	Year	Numbers	Sessions	Participants	Teams	Spectators
Youth Community Programs	2013	94	343	824	N/A	N/A
	2012	100	452	705	N/A	N/A
	2011	90	317	672	N/A	N/A
Adult Community Programs	2013	202	1,398	4,167	N/A	N/A
	2012	214	1,457	4,348	N/A	N/A
	2011	194	1,313	3,807	N/A	N/A
Youth Athletic Programs	2013	46	496	919	78	N/A
	2012	46	500	989	79	N/A
	2011	46	2,643	1,269	102	85,891
Adult Athletic Programs	2013	23	815	1,346	106	10,600
	2012	18	697	1,197	98	10,455
	2011	18	689	1,034	96	10,335
Senior Citizen Programs	2013	169	1,269	13,540	N/A	N/A
	2012	162	1,351	15,584	N/A	N/A
	2011	138	1,212	15,170	N/A	N/A
Special Population Programs	2013	8	14	1208	N/A	N/A
	2012	5	13	773	N/A	N/A
	2011	7	21	956	N/A	N/A
Youth Special Events	2013	7	7	613	N/A	2,500
	2012	8	8	559	N/A	2,910
	2011	9	9	559	N/A	3,460
Adult Special Events	2013	8	10	429	N/A	6,600
	2012	8	12	427	N/A	6,400
	2011	11	13	642	N/A	7,430
Senior Citizen Special Events	2013	19	24	2,181	N/A	N/A
	2012	21	29	1,908	N/A	N/A
	2011	23	21	1,024	N/A	N/A
Clubs	2013	3	10	383	N/A	N/A
	2012	2	40	234	N/A	N/A
	2011	4	40	440	N/A	N/A
Athletic Special Events	2013	13	39	128	N/A	75
Outdoor Athletic Tournaments	2013	1,438	1,180	11,025	735	44,100
	2012	1,004	914	8,715	581	34,860



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Harkrader Sports Complex: The Harkrader Sports Complex hosts tournaments for baseball and softball as well as league play.

Downtown Park: The Downtown Park is another venue that the town utilizes to host events throughout the year, such as the Great Christiansburg Easter Egg Hunt each spring, and Movies in the Park.

Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Facilities

Christiansburg Recreation Center

The Christiansburg Recreation Center is a 62,000 square foot, multipurpose facility that provides a wide range of recreational and leisure opportunities for the community. There are four full court basketball courts, a 1/8 mile indoor track, cardio room, weight room, senior area, two racquetball courts, and classrooms available for rent. Many of the Parks and Recreation Department's programs are housed at the Recreation Center and cater to varying ages and intensities for recreation users. The Recreation Center is free to use by town residents and memberships are available for users outside town limits.



Montgomery County Public Schools Amenities

Although not owned by the Town of Christiansburg, school facilities operated by Montgomery County Public Schools provide additional options for town residents to utilize for recreation. There are six schools within the Town of Christiansburg offering additional fields, playgrounds, and other amenities. These assets are utilized by the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department. The town maintains the Falling Branch Elementary fields and uses the property during non-school hours.



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Figure 5: Montgomery County Public Schools Parks and Amenities

MCPS Schools in Christiansburg	Park Designation by Acreage	Playground	Basketball Court	Tennis Court	Baseball Field	Softball Field	Volleyball Court	Rectangular Field	Track	Picnic Shelter	Picnic Tables	Open Space	Trails	Restrooms	Bike Rack/Parking	Concession	Amphitheater	Racquetball Court	Skate Park	Batting Cages
High School	Community		6	1			3	1			x									2
Middle School	Community			2			2										1			
Elementary School	Neighborhood	1	2								1	x	x							
Primary School	Neighborhood	3					3				x									
Falling Branch Elem.	Community	1				2	2				x	x								
Old Middle School	Community						1				x									



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Chapter 4: Demographics, Trends, Usage and Future Development

Christiansburg Demographics

According to 2012 Census estimates, the Town of Christiansburg is home to 21,458 people with 9,609 total housing units. The median family income is \$61,290 and Christiansburg's unemployment rate according to the American Community Survey's estimate is 4.2%, annualized for 2012. The median age of Christiansburg residents is 32.8 years. Following is a breakdown of the number of people in each age group within the Town of Christiansburg.

Figure 6: Age Composition of the Town of Christiansburg

Age Group	Population	Percentage
Under 5 years	1,721	8.2%
5 to 9 years	1,420	6.8%
10 to 14 years	1,237	5.9%
15 to 19 years	991	4.7%
20 to 24 years	1,766	8.4%
25 to 34 years	3,882	18.5%
35 to 44 years	2,885	13.8%
45 to 54 years	2,589	12.3%
55 to 59 years	1,343	6.4%
60 to 64 years	932	4.4%
65 to 74 years	1,074	5.1%
75 to 84 years	910	4.3%
85 years and over	230	1.1%

2012 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimate

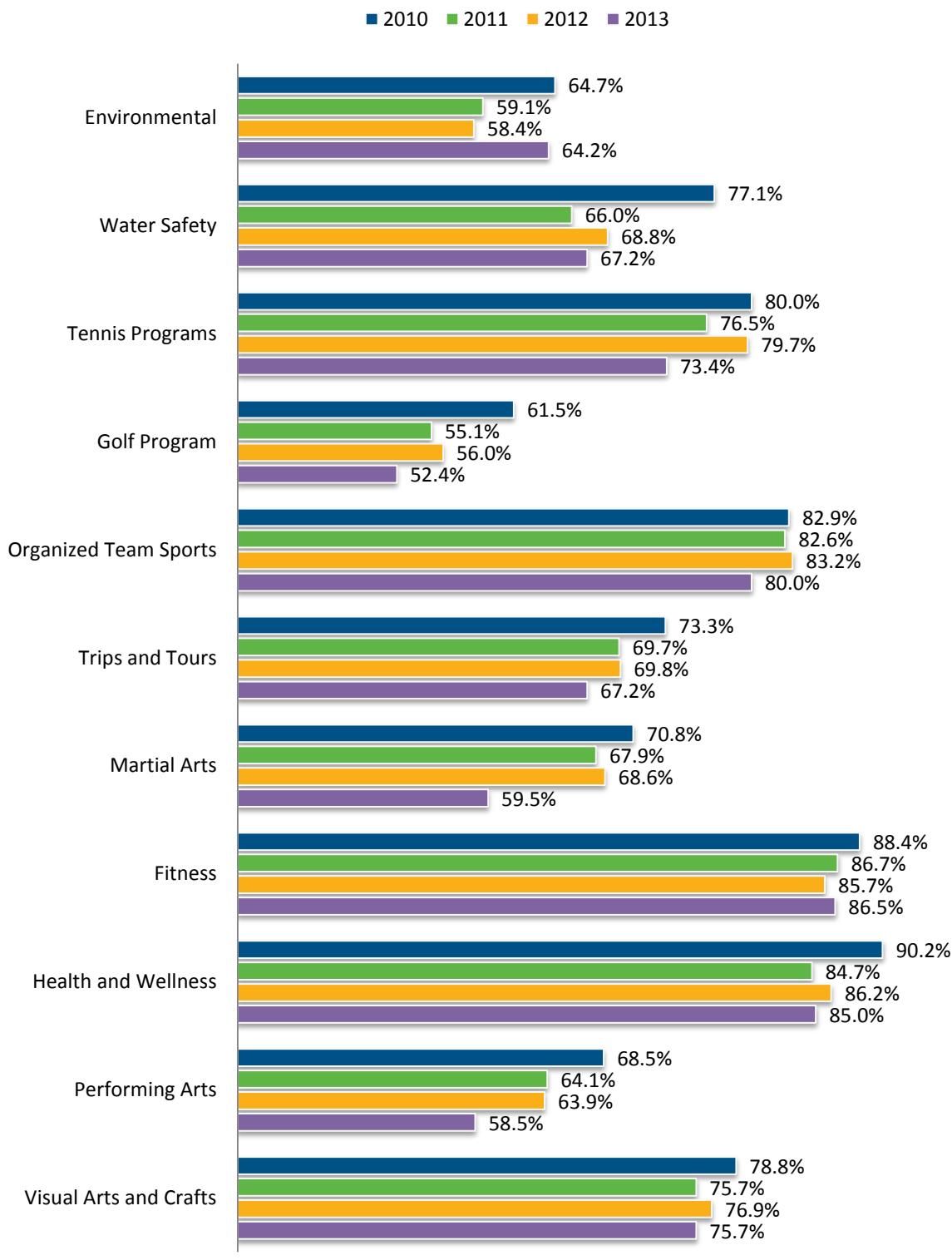
National Trends

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) develops a Parks and Recreation National Database Report each year. There are several components to the report which include trends in program offerings, budgeting, operations, facility service calculations, and more. Following is a chart that details the percentage of recreation departments that offer specific types of programs. These programs include: environmental, water safety, tennis, golf, organized team sports, trips and tours, martial arts, fitness, health and wellness, performing arts, and visual arts and crafts. Christiansburg offers programs in each of these areas.



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Figure 7: National Parks and Recreation Offerings



National Recreation and Park Association, Parks and Recreation National Database Report, 2014



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The Town of Christiansburg performs well in the median population per facility according to the NRPA 2014 Report. If Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) facilities are included, Christiansburg meets and exceeds facility offerings based on population. Even if MCPS facilities are excluded from the count, all facilities meet national standards except for rectangular fields. As the population grows, the town will need to consider additional facilities to meet the needs and desires of residents.

Figure 8: Christiansburg Versus Median U.S. Facility Offerings

Facility Type	Departments Offering	Median Jurisdiction Population per Facility	Total Town/MCPS Facilities	Christiansburg Population per Facility (Includes MCPS)	Town-owned or Maintained
Playground	96.1%	3,840	14	1,533	11
Diamond Fields	92.0%	3,403	8	2,682	7
Rectangular Fields	89.1%	4,242	12	1,788	3
Tennis Court (outdoor)	85.3%	4,283	8	2,682	0
Basketball Court (outdoor)	84.6%	6,644	7	3,065	5
Recreation/Community Center	74.3%	24,645	1	21,458	1
Swimming Pool (outdoor)	59.7%	30,376	0	N/A	0
Community Gardens	47.1%	32,529	0	10,729	0
Dog Park	47.1%	50,852	0	N/A	0
Golf Course (9 holes)	34.7%	29,631	0	N/A	0
Swimming Pool (indoor)	32.8%	61,322	1	21,458	1
Tennis Court (indoor)	9.8%	22,852	0	N/A	0

Additional takeaways from the NRPA report include the individualization of recreation. Of the top ten activities performed by active Americans, all are individual sports such as walking, biking, running, and swimming. The report also calls attention to safety issues, such as concussions, that are affecting team sports like football and soccer. This could result in more flag football leagues throughout the country, but football numbers in the Town of Christiansburg continue to increase. In July 2012, the Town of Christiansburg developed a Youth Sports Concussion Policy and has taken a proactive approach by educating coaches, officials, and parents about the signs and dangers of concussions. A key policy within the document is, "when in doubt, sit them out."

Each year, the National Recreation and Park Association presents communities with awards for excellence in long-range planning, resource management, and agency recognition. There are five classes of awards based on population. The



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Town of Christiansburg falls within the 20,000-50,000 population category. Communities recognized in this category in the past five years include: Westerville, Ohio; Castle Rock, Colorado; Parker, Colorado; Gurnee, Illinois; and Lombard, Illinois. These communities developed and enhanced different areas of recreation planning. Following is a sample of their projects and activities.

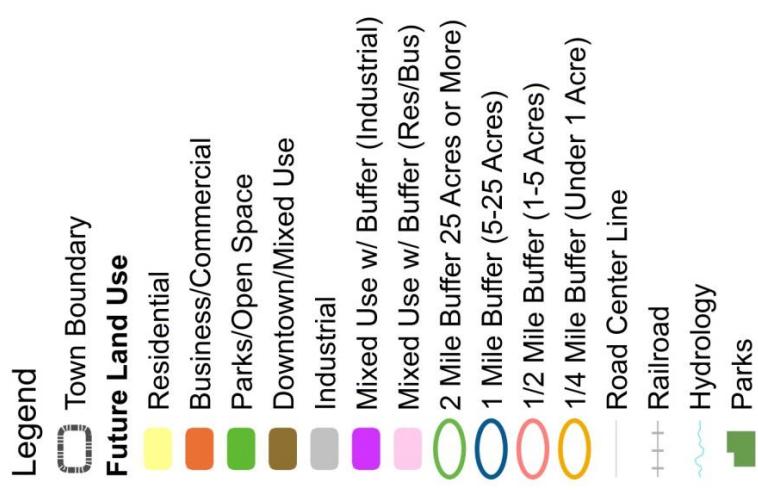
- Westerville, Ohio:
 - Parks and recreation calendar of events.
 - Online registration for classes and athletics.
 - Host videos of events and key recreation assets within the town.
- Castle Rock, Colorado:
 - Special Needs Club meets twice a month for sports, food, and fun for ages 10 and up.
- Parker, Colorado:
 - Personal trainers are on staff with fees for each session.
 - Climbing wall with classes and open climb times throughout the week.
- Gurnee, Illinois:
 - Art, dance, craft, and theater classes for several age groups.
 - Martial arts classes.
- Lombard, Illinois:
 - Picnic shelter rentals.
 - Offers advertising spaces for purchase in quarterly activities guide.

Future Development

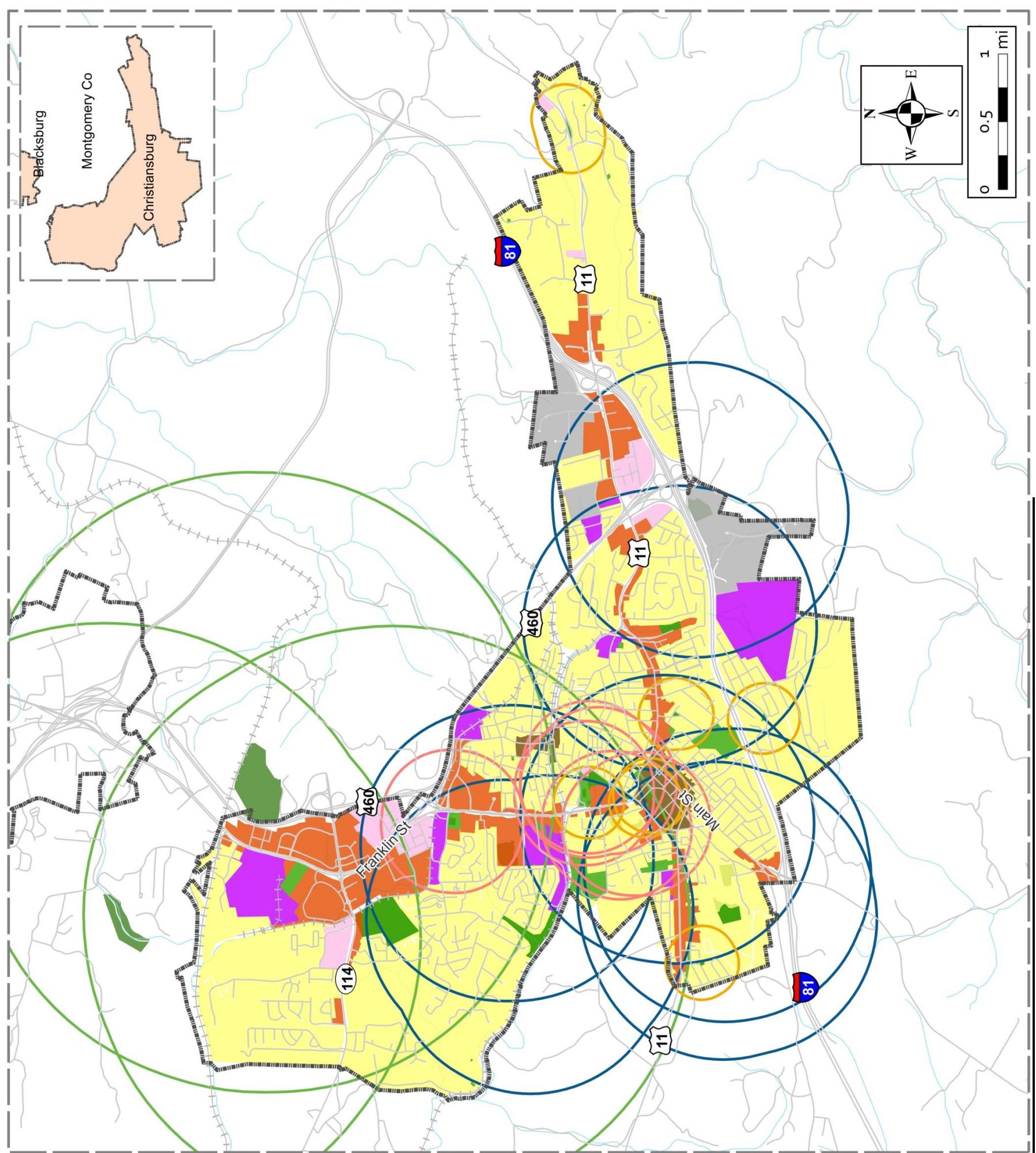
The Town of Christiansburg recently completed the 2013 Comprehensive Plan which includes future population projections developed by Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. The plan indicates that by 2020, the town's population will grow to nearly 25,000. In 2030, the population is estimated to be over 28,000. With this increase from 21,041 in 2010, parks and recreation facilities will need to keep pace to meet the 34% increase in population over a 20 year period. This will put additional strain on the Christiansburg Recreation Center and existing facilities.

Following is a future land use map with park service area buffers. Population growth is expected to occur in the eastern, western, and northern areas of town. These areas do not have a community park or smaller facility within their service area buffer, so it is recommended to evaluate the need for future parks based on park proximity.

Map 2: Future Land Use and Current Park Service Area Boundaries



Map prepared by the New River Valley Planning District Commission, 2014.
Sources include Town of Christiansburg and local input/data.





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Chapter 5: Public Input

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission developed a survey, included in the appendix, as an initial form of outreach. This survey was hosted online and advertised on the Town website, the Parks and Recreation Department website, through "Notify Me" which has nearly 700 subscribers, and a link to the survey was printed on Town water bills. Paper surveys were located at Town Hall, the Recreation Center, the Christiansburg Library, and the Aquatic Center. Overall, 619 surveys were completed and comments were utilized to inform the recommendations found in this plan.

The Town of Christiansburg also hosted a community input meeting on June 2, 2014 to allow for comments on the draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Twelve citizens were present at the meeting. Comments from that meeting have been utilized in editing the Master Plan.

Trends in Public feedback:

- 77% of survey responses came from town residents
- Priorities based on additional or updated facilities and places

Figure 9: Desired Facility and Program Rankings

Rank	Responses	Percentage	Desired Facility/Program
1	198	32.0%	Trails - Paved/Concrete
2	188	30.4%	Music Venue
3	179	28.9%	Trail Running/Walking
4	170	27.5%	Town Events
5	140	22.6%	Dog Park
6	138	22.3%	Aerobics/Exercise Classes
7	124	20.0%	Picnic Shelters
8	123	19.9%	Trails - Gravel
9	118	19.1%	Playground
10	114	18.4%	Track Running/Walking
11	111	17.9%	Bicycling
12	109	17.6%	Camping/Hiking
13	106	17.1%	Soccer
14	93	15.0%	Recreation Center
15	92	14.9%	Kayaking/Canoeing/Rafting
16	80	12.9%	Fishing/Hunting
17	78	12.6%	Swimming
18	64	10.3%	Basketball
19	63	10.2%	Tennis
20	48	7.8%	Lacrosse
21	43	6.9%	Horseshoes



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22	42	6.8%	Senior Activites
23	41	6.6%	Volleyball
24	34	5.5%	Racquetball
24	34	5.5%	Softball
26	29	4.7%	Special Population Activities
27	25	4.0%	Baseball
28	9	1.5%	Pickleball
29	3	0.5%	Frisbee Golf

- “Other”: Each received one vote:
 - Dog park
 - Tennis
 - Mountain biking trail
 - Weekend special interest classes – adult
 - Inline hockey rink
 - Field trips for non-seniors
 - Rook tournament
 - Sidewalks
 - Music/food events
 - Large open spaces
 - Spin classes
 - Weightlifting
 - Children’s Classes
- People responded that they would participate more often in these activities if the town had adequate or additional facilities, by area of town (Top five):

Downtown:

1. Paved Trails
2. Music Venues
3. Town Events
4. Trail Running/Walking
5. Dog Park

Roanoke Street/East Side:

1. Music Venue
2. Town Events
3. Paved Trails
4. Trail Running/Walking
5. Playgrounds

Recreation Center:

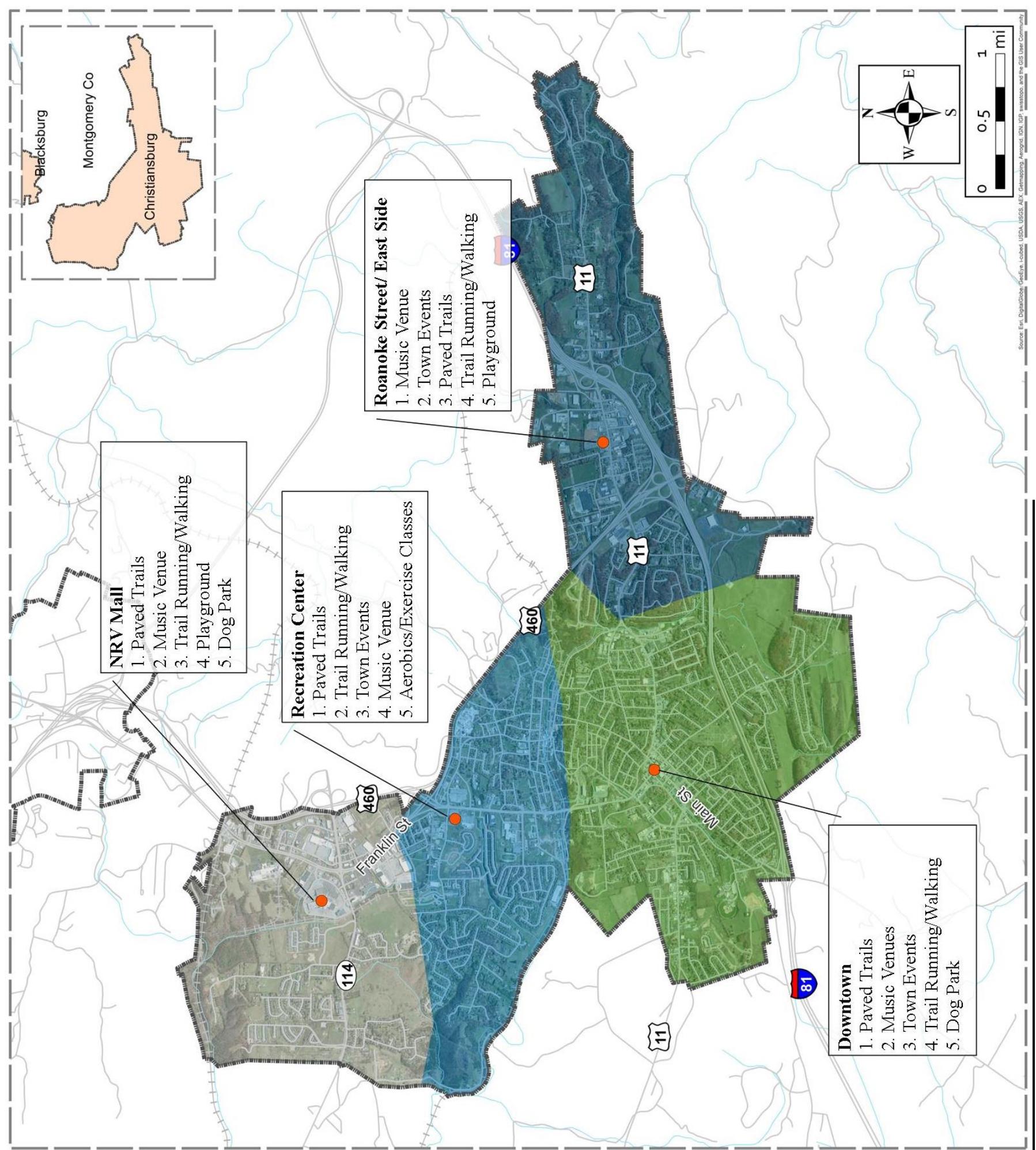
1. Paved Trails
2. Trail Running/Walking
3. Town Events
4. Music Venue
5. Aerobics/Exercise Classes

NRV Mall Area:

1. Paved Trails
2. Music Venue
3. Trail Running/Walking
4. Playground
5. Dog Park

Following is a map of these results.

Map 3:
**Public Desires for New Programs/
 Facilities by Area of Town**



Map prepared by the New River Valley Planning District Commission, 2014.
 Sources include Town of Christiansburg and local input/data.

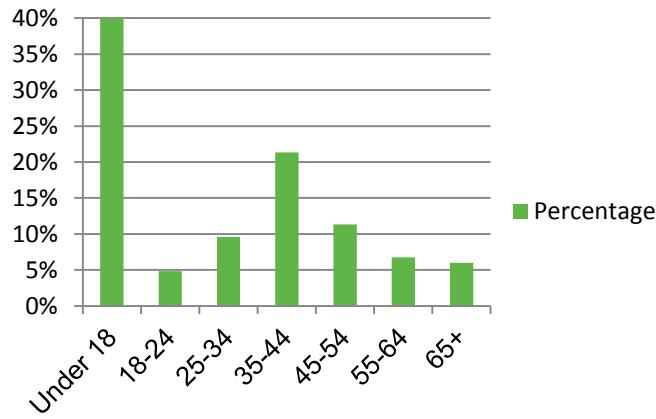


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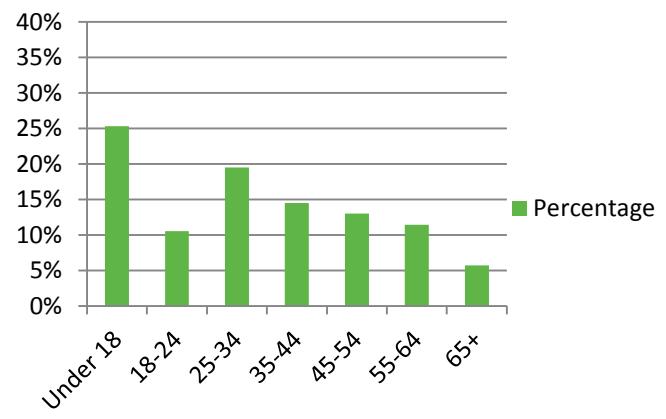
- Survey results compared to Census data:

Figure 10: Household Age Characteristics, Survey and Census

Household Statistics, Survey



Household Statistics, Census



- Survey respondents generally resembled Census data with the exception of the large 'Under 18' and smaller '25-34' age categories.
- The top five reasons that Christiansburg residents visit parks are:
 1. Playgrounds
 2. Sports
 3. Exercise
 4. Relax
 5. Town Event

Figure 11: Resident Reasons for Visiting Parks

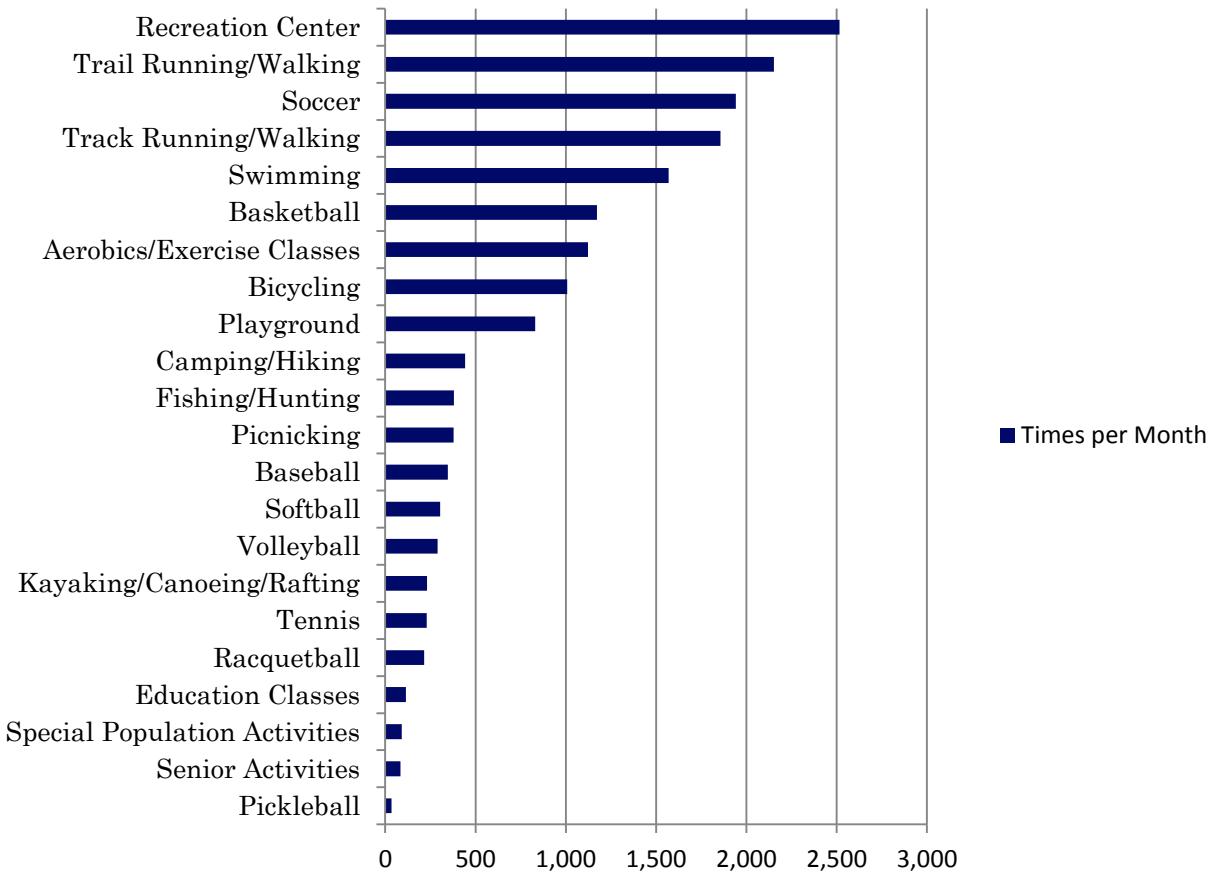
Reason for Visiting Parks Response Percentage





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Figure 12: Recreation Participation in Times per Month



- Top ten activities and places by total participation, meaning the most utilized activities/places (i.e. Christiansburg Recreation Center has many visitors that come 3-5 times/week):
 1. Recreation Center
 2. Trail Running/Walking
 3. Soccer
 4. Track Running/Walking
 5. Swimming
 6. Basketball
 7. Aerobics/Exercise Classes
 8. Bicycling
 9. Playground
 10. Camping/Hiking

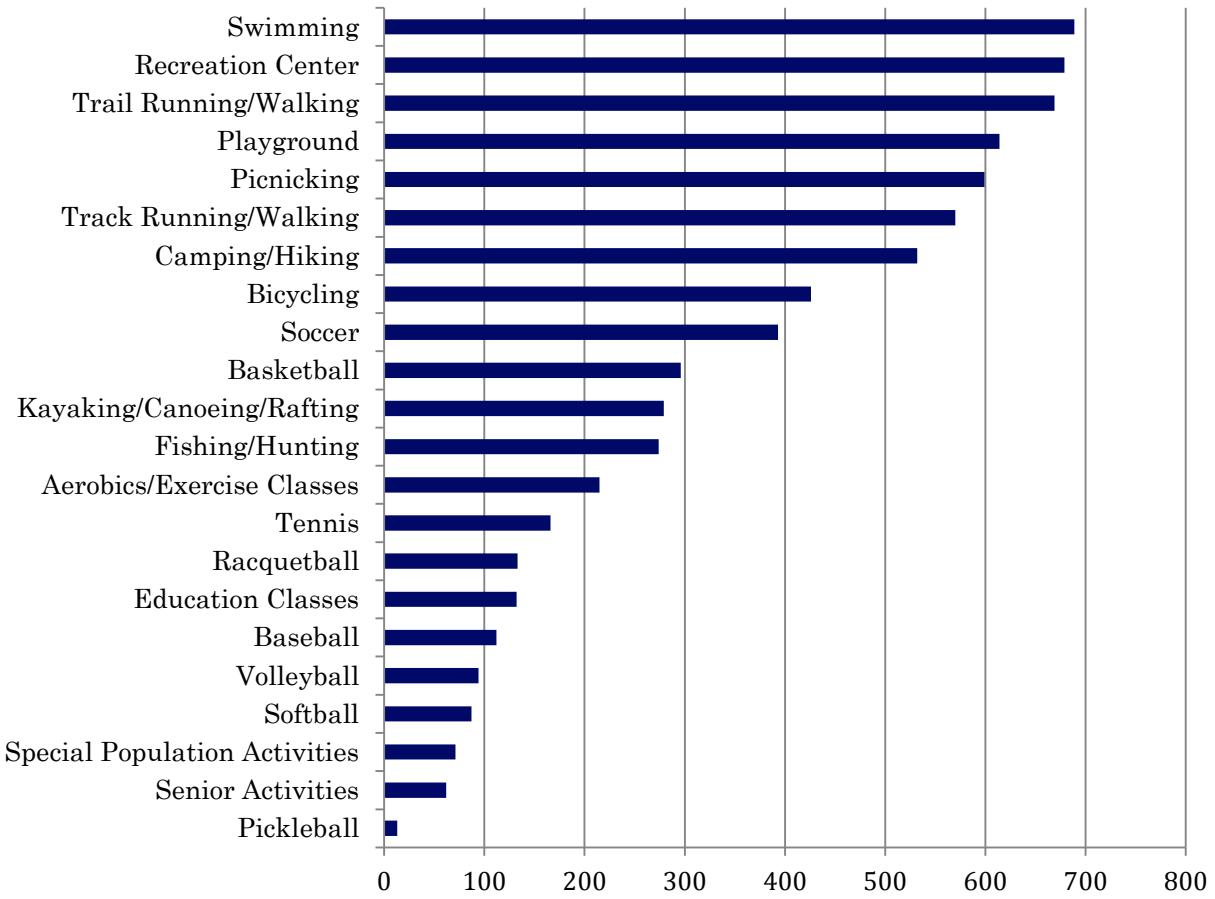


Cheerleading Camp hosted at the Recreation Center.



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Figure 13: Number of Household Participants by Activity



- Top ten activities and places visited indicates the most common form of recreation within the town with respect to total participants:
 1. Swimming
 2. Recreation Center
 3. Trail Running/Walking
 4. Playground
 5. Picnicking
 6. Track Running/Walking
 7. Camping/Hiking
 8. Bicycling
 9. Soccer
 10. Basketball



Weight Room inside the Recreation Center



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Chapter 6: Parks and Facilities Needs and Recommendations

These recommendations for parks and facilities are based on feedback from four sources: 1) public input, 2) Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, 3) town staff, and 4) recreation industry research. Each park and facility was evaluated and recommendations are included for each park or facility. Rough cost estimates accompany each recommendation. Costs will vary as projects are designed and built.

Mini Parks

Town and Country Park:

Town and Country Park is a quiet park serving the neighborhood located on Summit Ridge Road. This tranquil park provides Miracle Recreation playground equipment, swings, and a picnic area that welcomes outings for family and friends.



Recommendations:

- Update playground equipment and swing sets to match other parks' playground equipment updates.
- Increase parking options with designated parking lot or through expanding the pull off for vehicles.

Wall Street Park:

Wall Street Park is located east of the Wall Street and Harkrader Street intersection. This quiet park, tucked away in an established residential neighborhood, offers Miracle Playsystem playground equipment, one half-size basketball court, and a shaded picnic area.

A peaceful spot located off the beaten path, Wall Street Park is tucked behind a brick maintenance building that provides a sense of privacy from the road and welcomes family outings and picnics.





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Recommendations:

- Create wayfinding signage from Route 11 to direct residents to the park.
- Increase parking options with on-street parking or small parking lot.

Circle Park:

Circle Park is located on Ellett Drive and Circle Drive. This playground, nestled in the middle of an established residential area, boasts Miracle Recreation playground equipment, swings, a picnic area and a half-court basketball court. This neighborhood park is also attractive for family outings and picnics.



Recommendations:

- Expand parking options through on-street improvements.
- Install basic fencing to provide a barrier for safety.
- Explore potential for rentable picnic shelter

Wayside Park:

Wayside Park is located at the top of Christiansburg Mountain, off Route 460. Stop at this quaint park for a quick break during your travels. Wayside Park offers picnic tables and plenty of shade for your convenience and relaxation. This park is still being considered for further future development.



Recommendations:

- Provide a scenic open space through landscaping and design to enhance the park, and explore the potential to fill and grade the park.
- Explore options to acquire or utilize land for a neighborhood or community park on the east side of town.



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Downtown Park:

Downtown Park is located on College Street beside the armory. Conveniently located in Town, the park offers a paved walking trail leading to the library that passes the fire department and rescue and lifesaving building. Downtown Park offers Miracle Recreation playground equipment, swings, horseshoe pits, a full basketball court, and a shaded picnic area.



Recommendations:

- Addition of a rentable picnic shelter for town-residents
- Replace older equipment adjacent to College Street to match newer equipment in the park.

Neighborhood Parks

Depot Park:

Depot Park, located on Depot Street, offers Miracle Recreation playground equipment, two basketball courts, a tee-ball field, soccer field, and jogging / walking path. This popular park is an enjoyable place for family outings and picnics and is within walking distance of the aquatic center and skate park.



Recommendations:

- Install handicap accessible swing on existing swing set.
- Post distance markings on or beside the trail.



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Community Parks

Diamond Hills Park (Future):

Diamond Hills Park was acquired by the town and has been undergoing a stream restoration project. This park will also have a passive recreation component for people to enjoy the open space and natural surroundings of the park.



Recommendations:

- Incorporate and maintain open space within the park.
- Develop nature information stations.
- Complete a small, permeable loop trail for park visitors.

Harkrader Sports Complex:

Harkrader Sports Complex opened in 2006 and is located behind the Christiansburg Middle School. The complex has three lighted, multipurpose fields, two of which have 300 foot dimensions and are used for tournament play.

A central tower houses a concession stand and restrooms on the main level. The upper part of the tower has an umpire room, office, and room for scorekeepers, scoreboard operators, media, and staff. There is also a walking path, tennis and basketball courts, picnic tables, and two playground areas.



Harkrader Sports Complex is heavily used from spring to fall and is often the host site for local baseball tournaments. Harkrader Sports Complex has hosted the Dixie Boys World Series in 2010 and 2012. Harkrader was also the host of the 2013 USSSA Baseball World Series. The Harkrader Sports Complex and the Town of Christiansburg will host the 2014 Nations Baseball World Series and the 2014 USSSA Baseball World Series.

Recommendations:

- Explore options to add outdoor exercise equipment to develop exercise stations around the trail.
- Incorporate pavement distance markings for walkers and runners.



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Kiwanis Park:

Kiwanis Park is located off Roanoke Street, behind Southern States. This popular park has two lighted multipurpose baseball / softball fields, a picnic shelter, and new Miracle Playsystem playground equipment. Kiwanis Park and the Kiwanis Community Picnic Shelter are sponsored by the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club.



Recommendations:

- Develop restroom and concession facility between the baseball/softball fields.
- Build permanent scorer's area for both baseball/softball fields.
- Continue to cultivate relationships with the Christiansburg Kiwanis Club.
- Replacement of lights to the baseball/softball fields.
- Construct loop trails around both fields that interconnect into a figure eight.

Falling Branch Elementary School:

Falling Branch Elementary softball and rectangular fields are maintained by the Town of Christiansburg and are available for town use during non-school hours. This partnership has benefitted recreation program offerings and minor improvements will greatly enhance the property.



Recommendations:

- Build new dugouts for softball/baseball fields.
- Designate and build a scorers area.
- Replace fencing on and around fields.



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Regional Parks

Truman Wilson Property (Future):

The Truman Wilson Property presents a significant opportunity to meet the parks and recreation needs of town residents. The Town of Christiansburg has benefitted recently from hosting United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) and Nations baseball tournaments. These tournaments bring teams from across Virginia, as well as the east coast, that spend money on hotels, restaurants, and other attractions throughout the area. The Truman Wilson property can aid the effort to bring in additional tournaments in sports, depending how the park site is programmed.



Recommendations:

- Incorporate cultural attractions to meet desires for town events and a music venue (i.e. amphitheater).
- Dedicate a portion of the property to passive recreation uses that do not include active ballfields.
- Develop rectangular fields (i.e. soccer, football, lacrosse etc.) to meet increasing demand for facilities.
- Develop a signature playground for children of all abilities.
- Develop softball/baseball enclosed park with ticket booth and concessions, similar to the Harkrader Complex.
- Incorporate a fenced dog park into the design of the site.
- Safely connect the park to the Huckleberry Trail to connect prime town assets.
- Develop a paved loop trail to connect recreation assets.
- Incorporate croquet and shuffleboard areas into the park design.
- Add a beach volleyball court.



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Linear Parks:

Huckleberry Trail:

The Huckleberry Trail is an asphalt-paved bike/pedestrian path that connects the towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg. Distance markers are placed every half-mile and benches are placed along the trail so that users may rest and enjoy the scenery.

The Huckleberry trail crosses the road to Warm Hearth Village retirement community, as well as Hightop and Merrimac Roads.

Parking is available at both ends of the trail, with additional parking available at the crossings of Warm Hearth, Hightop, and Merrimac. The total distance of the trail, from the Blacksburg Public Library to the intersection of Rte. 114/Peppers Ferry Road, is just over 6 miles.

In the fall of 2013, the trail was extended from Rte. 114 to the Christiansburg Recreation Center. The completion of the Renva W. Knowles Bridge will connect the trail over Rte. 114. Once the bridge is completed, the trail will extend from the Blacksburg Public Library to the Christiansburg Recreation Center.

Recommendations:

- Explore extending the trail to downtown Christiansburg and to other major population centers within town.
- Incorporate outdoor exercise stations along the trail.
- Develop an annual run/walk event that features the Huckleberry Trail.





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Facilities

Christiansburg Recreation Center:

The Christiansburg Recreation Center, located on 1600 North Franklin Street, is a 62,000 square foot, multipurpose facility that provides a wide range of recreational and leisure opportunities for the community.

It has a weight room, cardio room, two racquetball courts, senior area, and walk / run track surrounding four full-court basketball courts. Community rooms are also available for rent.



Recommendations:

- Maintain existing equipment for weight room, cardio room, and sporting equipment.
- Perform an energy efficiency audit to determine energy saving strategies that lead to cost savings.
- Paint, replace floors, and renovate the Recreation Center on an as needed basis.

Additional Recommendations

Website Recommendations:

- Create a calendar of events with detailed information.
- Allow online registration for facility rentals.

New Park Recommendations:

- Utilize town property or acquire additional property for development of a neighborhood park east of Interstate 81.
- Evaluate potential for acquisition of the old Christiansburg Middle School.
- Utilize town property or acquire additional property for development of a mini or neighborhood park near Peppers Ferry Road on the northwest side of the town.

Signage and Branding Recommendations:

- Develop signage to bring a brand to Christiansburg parks.
- Create wayfinding signage for all parks.



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Chapter 7: Program and Event Recommendations

Programming in parks and recreation poses a unique challenge. Youth and adult programs, especially exercise, follow national trends that change each year. The Parks and Recreation Department must continually monitor these national trends in order to meet future demand for classes and programs.

Program desires, according to the survey, include town events, exercise classes, camping/hiking classes, water sport classes, fishing/hunting classes, and classes for seniors and special populations.

Programs focused on outdoor recreation scored highly in the survey and should be a key priority. The addition of fishing, hunting, and water sport classes will diversify the department offerings, reaching different residents within the town.

Trails were the clear preference for future desires within the town, followed closely by town events and music venues. Events and music allow a community to show its culture, and offer opportunities for residents to participate in that culture. The Town of Christiansburg currently hosts events throughout the year. These events serve youth, adults, and seniors and include:

- 4th of July Celebration
- Christiansburg Alumni Return
- Heritage Day
- Wilderness Trail Festival
- Ghouls Gathering
- Lion's Club Craft Fair
- Christmas Parade
- Breakfast with Santa
- Home Expo
- Great Easter Egg Hunt

These events have been successful, but more events are desired based on survey responses.

Recommendations:

- Develop phased, 1-2 programs per year, pilot programs for camping, hiking, water sport education, hunting, and fishing.
- Plan and construct amphitheater at Truman Wilson Property to host cultural and music events.
- As trails develop, organize 5K and other events with themes developed by town stakeholders.
- Host an annual downtown music and arts festival, showcasing local talent.



Tap Class at the Recreation Center.



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Chapter 8: Accessibility and Connectivity

The Huckleberry Trail is a significant benefit to recreation users within the Town of Christiansburg, and is one of only a few walking and biking options within town. Limited sidewalk networks serve the downtown area, and the Huckleberry Trail serves the north side of town while providing an option for commuters to Blacksburg. A need exists to connect residential areas such as the cambria area to points of interest within town; such as, businesses, parks, other trails, and other attractions.

Trails and Sidewalks:

Trail running and walking was a key priority according to the survey responses. The New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (NRVMPO) is currently working on a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Included in this analysis is a network of multiuse pathways throughout the town. These trails can connect parks to neighborhoods, and neighborhoods to employment and activity centers.

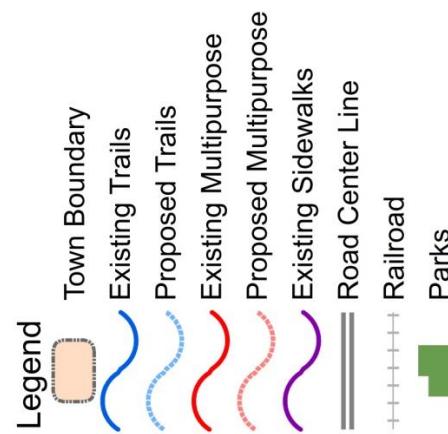
Cost for trails and sidewalks is often the prohibitive factor when evaluating cost versus benefit. Multi-use, 12 foot wide asphalt, typically cost \$80 per linear foot or \$422,400 per mile while sidewalks cost \$40 per linear foot or \$211,200 per mile. These costs include materials, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, drainage, etc. It is important to recognize trails have a direct link to economic development. According to a 2004 study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Virginia Creeper Trail connecting Damascus to Abingdon, VA accounts for an economic impact of \$1.59 million and supports approximately 27 jobs. Exploring additional opportunities for trail expansion can add quality of life and economic value to the Town of Christiansburg.

Following is a map of existing and proposed trails and sidewalks throughout the town.

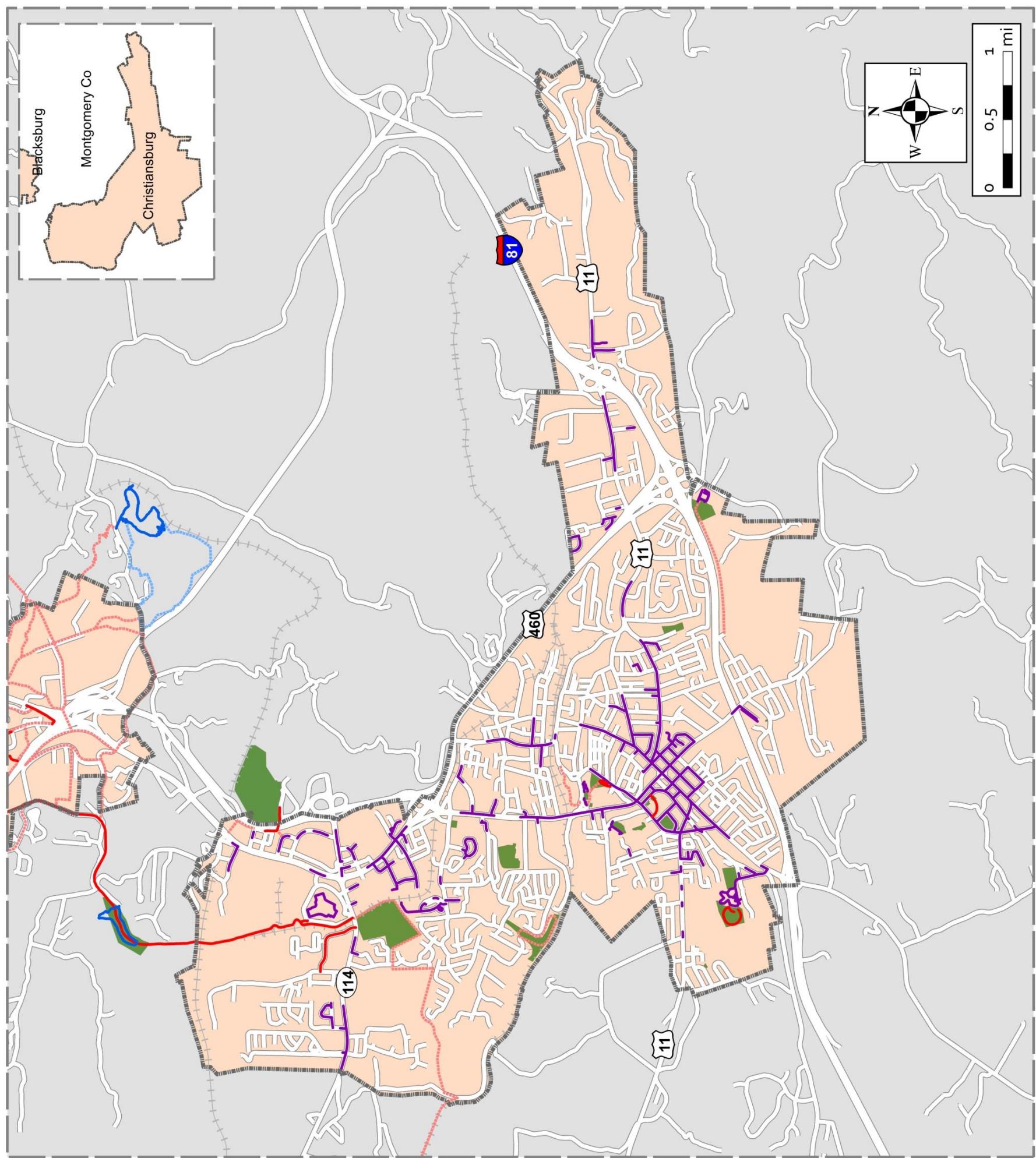
Recommendations:

- Develop an interlinked trail and sidewalk network to connect major population, recreation, and retail areas.
- Create signaled crossings of major roadways/intersections for bicycle and pedestrian traffic, such as the North Franklin/Wades Lane intersection.
- Extend the Huckleberry Trail to the downtown area.

Map 4:
**Existing and Potential Trail
and Sidewalk Network**



Map prepared by the New River Valley Planning District Commission, 2014.
Sources include New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization and
local input/data.





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Chapter 9: Implementation of the Master Plan

Recommendations contained in the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan were identified by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, town staff, through the public outreach survey, or by recreation industry research. The steady growth of the Town of Christiansburg will present new challenges and opportunities for facilities, parks, and may dictate the need to broaden offerings within town.

The development of the Truman Wilson property is the top priority of this Plan. The public survey clearly indicated trails and cultural events are the highest priority. The 62 acre Truman Wilson site will allow for many of these desires to be addressed. Developing the park with cultural amenities first, such as an amphitheater, and linking the Huckleberry Trail to the park will begin to meet the expressed desires.

Sport tourism, such as hosting athletic tournaments, benefits the town through meals and lodging purchased by outside teams and spectators. As stated previously, the two USSSA and Dixie World Series tournaments resulted in a combined impact of nearly \$570,000. Maintaining current tournament relationships, developing relationships with additional sports tournament organizations, and marketing any new facilities developed on the Truman Wilson site will allow these numbers to grow and bring greater benefits to the town from teams and spectators.



Over the next ten years, the Parks and Recreation Department will need additional financial resources to develop new, and maintain existing, properties and facilities. These efforts will bring additional revenue through sports tourism, increasing property values through quality of life improvements, and will allow the town to serve a more diverse population through the department. The town can develop events that will become part of the culture of being a resident of the Town of Christiansburg, helping connect the town to individuals. This plan, as implemented, will strengthen the town's parks and recreation brand as, "The Only Place to Play; Christiansburg, Virginia."



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Appendix

Summary of Open-Ended Comments – Survey

- Comments centered on the following items, in rank order:
 - Fields and Facilities
 - Trails and Connectivity
 - Operations and Staff
 - Programs
 - Parks
 - Girls Sports
 - Marketing and Communications
 - Events, Arts, and Culture
 - Fees for the Recreation Center and Aquatic Center
 - Safety
- Lacrosse and soccer were the most requested facilities in the open-ended comments
 - Lacrosse – 14 comments
 - Soccer – 12 comments

Summary of Comments – June 2, 2014 Public Meeting at the Christiansburg Recreation Center

- Explore the potential for expanding the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission to include more representatives, specifically youth, civic organizations (i.e. Rotary Club)
- Mr. Epperley was asked about why the Aquatic Center and Skate Park were not included in the Master Plan. Mr. Epperley explained that the Aquatic Center was its own department whose scope covered the Skate Park as well.
- Music events would be welcomed.
- The Christiansburg Soccer Club donated \$5,000 to help with the addition of the soccer field. They were appreciative of the new look of Depot Park and commented on the now more frequent use.
- Purchasing combo soccer/football goal posts can aid in multi-use rectangular fields.
- Field space for youth is important to keep them involved in the community. References were made to studies linking youth sport participation to better performance in school.



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Cost Estimates for Parks and Facilities

These estimates are based solely on equipment and materials and meant only to provide a basic idea of costs associated with park and facility development. Grading, stormwater management, and other costs will be added to these totals. As the town seeks proposals for park and facility development, more detailed figures will be submitted.

Item	Cost Estimate
Playground Equipment	\$35,000-40,000
Parking Spaces	\$1,000 per space
Wayfinding Signage	\$500 per sign
Picnic Shelter	\$50 per square foot 20 x 30 ft = \$30,000
900 Square foot Concession Facility with Restrooms	\$90,000
Baseball/Softball Dugouts	\$4,000 each
Amphitheater	
Basic – Wood benches and stage area	\$50,000
Intermediate – Terraced seating and stage area	\$250,000
Top Tier – Terraced seating, precast stage and sound wall	\$350,000-400,000
Rectangular Field Complex (Soccer, Lacrosse, Football, etc.) 4-6 Fields	\$300,000-500,000 per grass field \$500,000-750,000 per turf field
Four Field Softball Complex	\$900,000-1,000,000
Chain Link Fence – dog park, ball park, etc.	\$18 per linear foot
Shuffleboard Court	\$7,500
Beach Volleyball Court	\$10,000
Field Lighting	\$100,000 per field, reduced for adjacent fields to \$80,000 per field
Press Box/Scorer's Box	\$10,000

Town of Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Survey

The results of the following survey will inform the Christiansburg Recreation Master Plan process. Please fill out this survey so that the Town can better meet your parks and recreation needs. Please complete every question and return by mail or drop off at Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Department (Recreation Center), 1600 N. Franklin St., Christiansburg, VA 24073. Thank you! An **online version** of the survey can be taken at www.surveymonkey.com/s/Christiansburg_Parks_and_Recreation_Survey

1. Is your residence located within the town limits of Christiansburg? (circle one)

Yes No Don't Know

2. Please write the number of people in your household within each age category:

Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

3. Which of the following do you live closest to? (check one)

NRV Mall Christiansburg Recreation Center Downtown Shelor Motor Mile

4. How would you rate how often you participate in Christiansburg parks and recreation programs/activities? (circle one)

Never 0 1 2 3 4 5 Very Often

5. How many times PER MONTH do you visit a town park? (circle one)

None 1-2 3-4 5+

5.1-What is the main reason you would visit a town park? (check only one)

Playground Picnic Town Event Exercise
 Relax Sport Other (list): _____

6. How many people in your household use the Recreation Center? (circle one)

None 1 2 3+

6.1-How many times PER MONTH do you visit the Christiansburg Recreation Center? (circle one)

None 1-4 5-8 9-12 12+

7. How many people in your household use trails (i.e. Huckleberry) within town? (circle one)

None 1 2 3+

7.1. How many times PER MONTH do you use trails within town? (circle one)

None 1-4 5-8 9-12 12+

8. How many people in your household participate in youth recreation organized by the Town of Christiansburg? (circle one)

None 1 2 3+

9. How many people in your household participate in youth recreation organized by any other organization? (circle one)

None 1 2 3+

10. How many people in your household participate in adult recreation organized by the Town of Christiansburg?

None 1 2 3+

11. How many people in your household participate in adult recreation organized by any other organization? (circle one)

None 1 2 3+

12. What do you feel are critical needs in/for PARKS within the Town of Christiansburg?

13. What do you feel are critical needs for SPORTS FACILITIES within the Town of Christiansburg?

14. What do you feel are critical needs for PROGRAMS/CLASSES within the Town of Christiansburg?

15. How many people in your household participate in, or visit, the following activities/places? (write number next to each activity, leave blank if "0")

<input type="text"/> Aerobics/Exercise Classes	<input type="text"/> Baseball	<input type="text"/> Basketball
<input type="text"/> Bicycling	<input type="text"/> Fishing/Hunting	<input type="text"/> Kayaking/Canoeing/Rafting
<input type="text"/> Pickleball	<input type="text"/> Picnicking	<input type="text"/> Playground
<input type="text"/> Racquetball	<input type="text"/> Special Population Activities	<input type="text"/> Soccer
<input type="text"/> Softball	<input type="text"/> Swimming	<input type="text"/> Tennis
<input type="text"/> Track Running/Walking	<input type="text"/> Trail Running/Walking	<input type="text"/> Volleyball
<input type="text"/> Recreation Center	<input type="text"/> Education Classes	<input type="text"/> Senior Activities
<input type="text"/> Camping/Hiking		

16. How many times PER MONTH TOTAL do people in your household participate in, or visit, the following activities/places? (Please enter the total for all that apply to your household. Example: If you play tennis 2X per month and your spouse plays 6X per month, enter 8)

<input type="text"/> Aerobics/Exercise Classes	<input type="text"/> Baseball	<input type="text"/> Basketball
<input type="text"/> Bicycling	<input type="text"/> Fishing/Hunting	<input type="text"/> Kayaking/Canoeing/Rafting
<input type="text"/> Pickleball	<input type="text"/> Picnicking	<input type="text"/> Playground
<input type="text"/> Racquetball	<input type="text"/> Special Population Activities	<input type="text"/> Soccer
<input type="text"/> Softball	<input type="text"/> Swimming	<input type="text"/> Tennis
<input type="text"/> Track Running/Walking	<input type="text"/> Trail Running/Walking	<input type="text"/> Volleyball
<input type="text"/> Recreation Center	<input type="text"/> Education Classes	<input type="text"/> Senior Activities
<input type="text"/> Camping/Hiking		

17. Check any that your household would participate in, or visit, MORE OFTEN if Christiansburg had adequate or additional facilities:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aerobics/Exercise Classes	<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing/Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking/Canoeing/Rafting
<input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Shelters	<input type="checkbox"/> Playground
<input type="checkbox"/> Racquetball	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Population Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer
<input type="checkbox"/> Softball	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/> Track Running/Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Trail Running/Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Trails – Gravel
<input type="checkbox"/> Trails – Paved/Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Music venue	<input type="checkbox"/> Town events
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping/Hiking
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please specify) _____		

Additional Comments:
