



Montgomery County Parks & Recreation

Survey Results

November 10, 2008

The Montgomery County Conservation Board conducted a Parks and Recreation online survey. The purpose of the survey was to seek citizen input to determine what types of parks, amenities, and programs are needed now and for the future.

The survey was available online through the Montgomery County Government website from October 8, 2008 to November 8, 2008. 368 Montgomery County Citizens participated in the online survey which produced the following results.

1. What is your zip code:

1.	37043	-	36.8%
2.	37040	-	27.5%
3.	37042	-	20.6%
4.	37052	-	6.0%
5.	37191	-	3.6 %
6.	37010	-	2.2%
7.	37142	-	1.6%
8.	37044	-	0.5%
	37051	-	0.5%
	37171	-	0.5%

2. Which of the benefits of parks and recreation are most important to you and your household? (Top 5 responses)

1. Providing opportunities to enjoy nature/outdoors
2. Providing opportunities for youth
3. Improving health and wellness
4. Protecting the natural environment
5. Building neighborhood cohesion

3. Which type of park is most needed in Montgomery County?

(Top 5 responses)

1. Multi-use trails or paths for walking, biking, etc.
2. Large multi-use parks that serve the whole community
3. Mid-sized parks that serve several neighborhoods
4. Natural areas
5. Parks with river, creek or water frontage

4. Which of the following specialized facilities is most important in Montgomery County?

(Top 10 responses)

1. Outdoor gardens/Nature center
2. Indoor recreation or community centers
3. Disc Golf course
4. Outdoor amphitheater
5. Sports fields
6. Splash park
7. Children's play areas
8. Picnic areas
9. Off-leash dog park
10. No specialized facilities are needed

5. Which of the following recreation programs is most needed in Montgomery County?

(Top 10 responses)

1. Outdoor/environmental programs
2. Adult fitness and wellness programs
3. Before and after school programs
4. Special events
5. Arts (performing, visual, cultural)
6. Youth Sports
7. Adults sports
8. Aquatic programs
9. Classes for lifelong learning
10. Summer day camps

6. Which age groups are underserved by current recreation services?

(Top 5 Responses)

1. Adults
2. High School Youth
3. Seniors
4. All groups are served adequately
5. Elementary youth

**7. Which other groups are underserved by current recreation services?
(Top 5 responses)**

1. Families
2. All groups are served adequately
3. People with disabilities
4. People with low incomes
5. People from diverse cultures

8. What level of maintenance do you expect for Montgomery County Parks and Recreation?

1. Highest level of routine preventative maintenance applies to high quality landscape improvements. - 51.5%
2. Moderate level of maintenance services for locations with moderate level of development and visitation rates. - 44.5%
3. Low level of maintenance, deferred maintenance and remedial maintenance activities associated with sites. - 3.9%

9. Would your household consider any of the following funding methods to support the Parks and Recreation delivery system for Montgomery County?

	YES	NO	UNDECIDED
Recreation Tax/Fee	35.6%	45.8%	18.6%
Corporate sponsorships and naming rights	75.5%	11.6%	9.9%
Property Tax increase	18.7%	69.3%	12.0%
Park user fees	34.7%	45.5%	17.8%

10. If new monies should become available, what would be the order of priority for the following?

1. Greenway and Trails
2. Renovation of existing facilities
3. Development of new facilities
4. Program development
5. Conservation of Open Space
6. Land Acquisition

