



Hudson Parks and Recreation Survey

The Hudson Board of Commissioners is committed to improving the quality of life for the residents of Hudson and the surrounding area. Recreation programs and facilities are an important part of their long-range plans. They, along with the Hudson Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, would appreciate you taking a few minutes to answer some questions. All individual responses are confidential.

This survey is being conducted by the staff of Western Piedmont Council of Governments. Information will be used to develop a comprehensive park plan for Hudson and to give direction to Town officials. We put a high value on public participation, so please fill out and return this survey by **October 17, 2008**. You may drop off the survey at the Hudson Town Hall or the McCreary Family Recreation & Fitness Center or mail it to P.O. Box 457, Hudson, NC 28638. Your input will help us determine the future of parks and recreational resources in our community. We appreciate your participation in this survey and invite you to contact us at (828) 728-8272 if you have any questions.

1. Do you live within the incorporated town limits of the Town of Hudson? Yes No

2. Please indicate the number of persons living in your household, including yourself, that are:

Under age 10 Age 20-24 Age 35-44 Age 55-64
Age 10 – 19 Age 25-34 Age 45-54 Age 65+

3. Please check how you would rate the overall physical condition of Redwood Park?

Excellent Good Fair Poor

4. Have you or members of your household participated in any recreation programs offered by the Hudson Recreation Department during the last twelve months? Yes No

If so, Please list the programs _____

5. Please check how often your family and/or you participate in the programs and services offered by the Hudson Parks & Recreation.

Never Infrequently (5 times a year) Frequently (6 – 10 times a year)

6. Please check how you would best rate the overall quality of programs in which you or members of your household participated.

Excellent Good Fair Poor

7. Please check ALL the ways you learn about parks and recreation programs and activities.

Program Guide Town Newsletter Newspaper
Flyer/Brochure Radio Website
Friends/Neighbors Parks/Rec Staff Other

8. Do you believe parks and open space provide economic benefit for the Town of Hudson?

Yes No

9. Do you believe well maintained open spaces enhance property values of surrounding homes?

Yes No

10. Grants and donations are always the preferred way to fund parks and recreation. Over and above the availability of grants and donations, please indicate which of the following ways public parks, recreational facilities, and/or programs should be funded by rating them on a 4 to 1 scale where 4 is the "most favorable" and 1 is the "least favorable".

Property taxes	
Bonds to be paid by voter approved property taxes	
User Fees	
Sales Taxes	

11. In your opinion, how important are the following potential parks and recreation improvements?

	EXTREMELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NO OPINION
Renovate/replace swimming pool						
Renovate playground, i.e. lighting, benches, additional equipment, etc						
Renovate/replace outdoor tennis and basketball courts						
Upgrade picnic shelters, roof, paint, new tables, etc						
Provide handicap accessibility from parking lot to ball fields						
Construct more ball fields						
More individual picnic areas with shelters						
Expand/acquire more land for parks						
Biking/Mountain Biking area						
Light ball field #5						
Provide more parking						
Construct a putt-putt area near the Recreation Center						

12. Which four facilities or improvements would you be most willing to fund with tax dollars?

	1 ST MOST	2 ND MOST	3 RD MOST	4 TH MOST
Renovate/replace swimming pool				
Renovate playground; i.e., lighting, benches, additional playground equipment, etc.				
Renovate/replace tennis courts & outdoor basketball courts				
Upgrade picnic shelters: roof, paint, new picnic tables, etc.				
Make parking handicap compatible and provide handicap accessibility from parking lots to fields				
Construct more ball/athletic fields				
Construct more individual picnic areas with shelters				
Expand/acquire more land for parks				
Biking/Mountain Biking Area				
Provide lighting for unlit athletic fields				
Provide more parking				
Construct a putt-putt near the recreation center				
Facilities or improvements you would like to see that are not listed above:				

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING
 Concerning HUDSON PARKS & RECREATION
 October 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
 Hudson Town Hall

Please return the survey by October 17, 2008. Survey may be dropped off or mailed to:

- ❖ Drop off: Hudson Town Hall, 550 Central Street -or- McCreary Family Recreation Center
- ❖ Mail to: Town of Hudson, PO Box 457, Hudson, NC 28638