



DALEVILLE, INDIANA

5-Year Master Park Plan

2025-2029



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PURPOSE

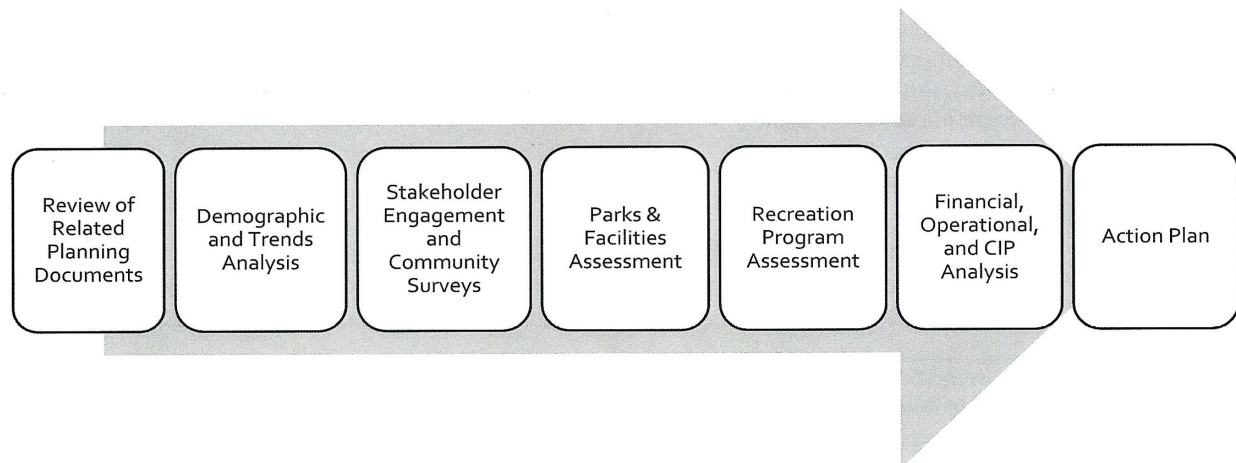
The Town of Daleville Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Park Plan (hereafter known as Plan) provides the community a roadmap for addressing its park and recreational need for the next five years. This Plan details the current state of the community and will develop a comprehensive assessment of community priorities. This will be an update to the Town's 2015-2020 5-Year Master Park Plan.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Daleville Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors by providing safe and well-maintained parks, diverse recreational programs and events, and accessible facilities. We are dedicated to fostering a sense of community, promoting healthy lifestyles, preserving green spaces, and ensuring that our parks and recreational services reflect the unique needs and values of our small community. We strive to create inclusive, safe, and welcoming environments that inspire connection, promote wellness, and create enjoyable memories for individuals and families of all ages and abilities.

PLANNING PROCESS

The Plan update followed a process of data collection, public input, assessment of existing conditions, and input from local leadership and key stakeholders. The project process followed a logical planning path, as illustrated below:



The following tasks were employed in developing the Plan:

- Develop an inventory of any existing parks, programs and facilities.
- Needs assessment of park amenities matrix of comparable communities (with similar populations) park systems.
- Establishment of future projects and prioritization goals.
- Development of an implementation strategy and project schedule.
- Investigation of potential funding opportunities.

This, ultimately, will guide the town in an appropriate direction for current and future programs and services and provide specific means to meet the vision and mission for the community.

This is essentially a process of answering, *"Where are we? Where do we want to go? And how do we get there?"*

PLANNING GOALS

The following components address the general goals for each major area of operation within the system. These components provide a clear understanding of what the future park board and community will be striving to achieve over the next five years.

Communication

Continue communication with the community and partnerships for park needs and future developments and services.

Equity

Develop and maintain a parks system that has the appropriate amount of park space, services and amenities that are equitably distributed and accessible by all community residents for access to appreciate, engage, play, and recreate.



Financial

Develop and maintain a Capital Improvements Plan that assists the community in obtaining funds for sound capital improvements, maintenance and operational support.

Natural Resources

Dedicate resources to preserving and enhancing the natural environment to allow for water quality and habitat protection, and views and vistas when acquiring or otherwise protecting open space/parklands and recreational facilities.

Needs

Ensure the needs of our community are heard and addressed through park programs, services, facilities, and amenities.

Operations

Maximize every available resource to fully support the Parks and Recreation operations which will in turn enhance the community's quality of life by providing clean, safe, and accessible park facilities and services.

Partnerships

Partner with other municipalities, state and federal agencies, school districts, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector in fulfilling the recreational and park needs of the community, where possible, in conformance with standards adopted in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Planning

Gather input from a diverse group of citizens including community leaders and the general public to create priorities for parks and recreation in the community.

Recreation

Create parks where families, individuals, and visitors will find more opportunities for recreation and enjoyment.

Safety

Put the safety of all our park users at the forefront of all that we do and provide for the community.



PARK BOARD/STAFF

The Daleville Park Board is a group of appointed volunteers who hold monthly meetings with generally 5-7 attendees. This Board was established by ordinance #2014-02 on August 11, 2014. The board is charged with management of the two parks and planning events that are held in the park. This board is responsible for determining what capital improvements are needed and can be enjoyed by residents.

President:	Amy Morgan	(2022-2026)
VP:	David Hubble	(School Rep.)
Board Member:	Amy Roberts	(2025-2029)
Board Member:	Tammy Anthony	(2024-2028)
Board Member:	Ashley Franklin	(2023-2027)

Park Staff

The Town of Daleville has limited park staff. There is a small amount of seasonal staff May-September.

Park Manager: Dan Richardson

Park Coordinator: Trina Richardson

General Information

Address:

Daleville Municipal Building
14421 W Main St
Daleville, IN 47334

Meetings:

2nd Monday of each month @ 5:30p

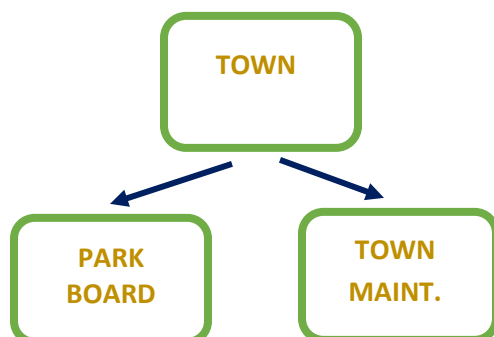
Office Hours:

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Monday – Friday

Phone Numbers:

Town of Daleville: 765-378-6288

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





FISCAL STATUS

In 2015, the town created a nonprofit organization to oversee the parks department by way of the Council appointed park board. According to the articles of incorporation, the park board's nonprofit side may accept gifts/grants/donations/etc. and use those accordingly with signature approval from their board president and secretary. The nonprofit side makes the park and recreation department eligible for more grant and funding options in order to provide more resources/amenities for the citizens by way of the parks. The nonprofit side is still functioning and they meet monthly (most of the time, but sometimes every other month in the colder season).

The park general fund is funded by tax revenue, and the board/DLGF has the 2024 budget at \$35,000. The Board takes in approximately \$6,500-\$7,500 a year in revenue off of the pavilion/inflatable party rental options. They are otherwise funded by the various donation streams they have setup. In the park donations budget, which is used primarily for events and special purchases (i.e. resurfacing the court projects, Christmas decorations, etc.), they have brought in approximately \$23,000 for 2024. \$2,000 came from a Walmart Spark Good mini grant. The remainder of it is from local business sponsorships and/or donations, individual donors, and profits from fundraising events.

Ongoing maintenance of the Town Hall Park is expected to be \$20,000 annually and will be financed with the revenue generated from a "Town Hall Park Trust" which will pay out 4% of the total fund value every year.

Starting in 2025, the towns redevelopment commission will be giving \$50,000 to the parks donation fund. These funds will be coming from a TIF district that in the past had gone exclusively to Delaware County. This influx of funds will become an annual boost for the park department budget for a small town like Daleville.

The park board wants to use the funding to bolster their annual events a little more, possibly to do some smaller projects around the park, and just help to offset the costs of things like materials, chemicals, landscaping, etc. They also want some of the funds to go into a bigger concert series for the 2025 season.



PARK BOARD PLAN APPROVAL RESOLUTION

DALEVILLE PARK BOARD PLAN ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Park and Recreation Board is aware of the parks and recreation needs of the residents of Daleville, Indiana, and

WHEREAS, the Board realizes the importance of sound planning in order to meet the needs of its citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DALEVILLE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD, by unanimous declaration, does adopt the Daleville Park and Recreation Master Plan as its official plan for the next five years, for the growth and development of parks and recreational opportunities in Daleville, Indiana.

Passed and signed this day of April 14, 2025.

ATTEST:


Board President


Town Attorney



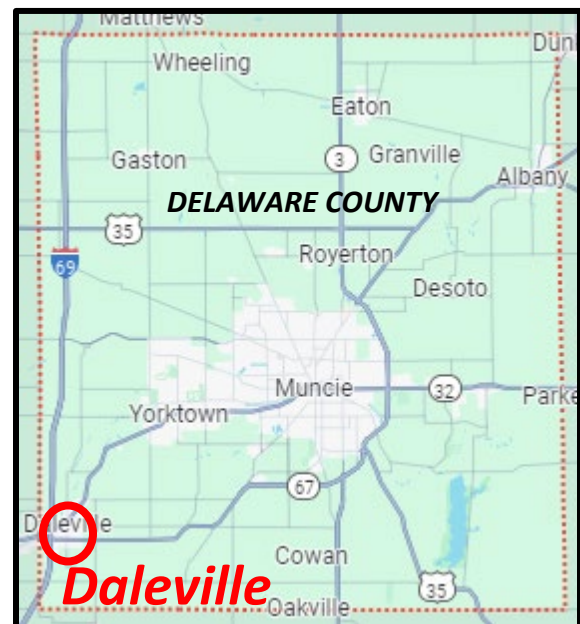
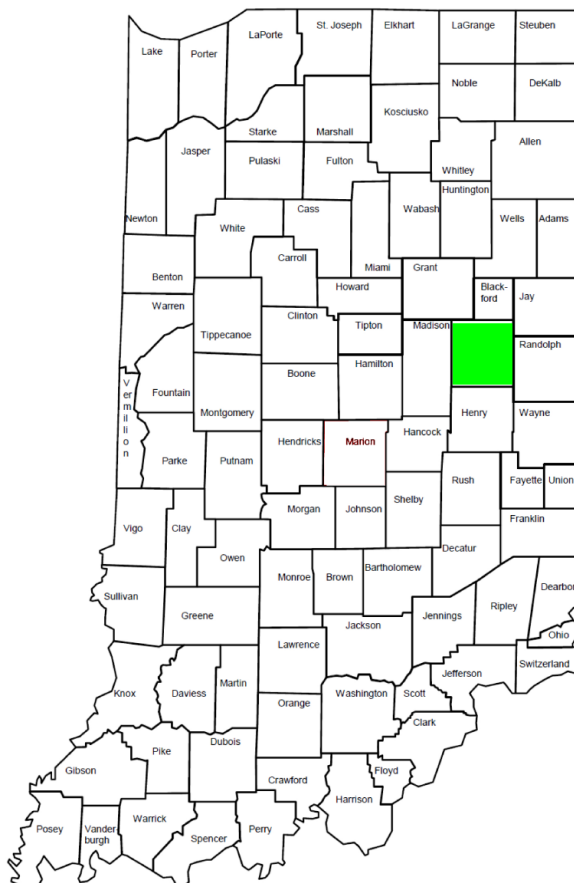
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- **Demographic Analysis**
- **Economic Statistics**

PLANNING AREA

The Town of Daleville is located in the southwestern corner of Delaware County, Indiana, the cities of Anderson and Muncie. The planning area is approximately 2.2 square miles which depicts the Town's boundaries. The Town has I-69 running along its western boundary and SR 32 and 67 running east/west. The Town is approximately 11 miles from the county seat of Muncie and 49 miles from the state capital of Indianapolis.





NATURAL CHARACTERISTICS

Outdoor recreation, in general, relies heavily upon the natural and environmental features of an area. The characteristics of these features significantly affect the prevalent forms of recreation most likely to occur in any one area. Regions with extended winters, for instance, will typically develop more winter-oriented recreational facilities than regions with warmer climates.

Topography

The planning area has a relatively flat topography with any elevation change of no more than 50'. Its soils are predominantly of the Crosby-Treaty series and Wawaka-Miami complex, which are made up of loamy till covering sand and gravel and are very well-draining soils. The water table may be seasonally high in this type of soil.

Waterways

The most prominent is the West Fork White River which lies along the northern border of the town and provides access to canoe, fish, and view nature. Shellabarger Park has access to the river and lies almost completely within the flood plain. While on occasion usually in the spring, the White River will overflow its banks and cause flooding in Shellabarger Park. The duration of the water standing in Shellabarger Park is minimal and usually has receded within 1-2 days. The only maintenance required is cleaning any equipment that has been affected and the addition of displaced pea gravel to the playground area.

Climate

Daleville has a humid climate with warm summers and cold winters. During the summer months, temperatures reach up to the mid 80's with high humidity levels and daily thunderstorms. In the winter months, temperatures can drop down into the single digits with occasional snowfall.

Precipitation in Daleville varies throughout the year but tends to be higher in spring and summer months when thunderstorms are more common. Daleville gets 41 inches of rain, on average, per year. The US average is 38 inches of rain per year. Daleville averages 22 inches of snow per year. The US average is 28 inches of snow per year. On average, there are 179 sunny days per year in Daleville. The US average is 205 sunny days.

During the winter months the splash area is closed but all other amenities are available for use. The future conversion of the old town hall building into a community center will hopefully spur more activities during winter months.

Forestry and Wildlife

Prior to human settlement, Daleville was covered by a climax deciduous forest. With human activities such as settlement, farming and urbanization came habitat destruction, and the loss of forests and wetlands. Today very few substantial forested areas remain within the town mainly along the White River, and many of these are private woodlots. The wildlife in and around Daleville is typical for central Indiana with deer herds in lowlands and lowland forests along with



smaller mammals occurring in lowland forests, upland woods, and fence rows. There are no endangered species in the area.

Approximately 7.5-10% of land within town limits is tree covered. There are a few larger stands of forest mainly along the White River. Types of trees most commonly found in and around Daleville are oaks, maples, and poplars. In 2017 the town established Town Hall Park. The purpose of the project was to construct a town park including features such as a greenway trail with a bridge, splash park, play areas, and performance stage. The project resulted in impacts to 0.21 acre of emergent wetland and the relocation of 728 linear feet (LF) of an unnamed tributary to the White River. The Town of Daleville received permits from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the United States Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the impacts with mitigation to be completed on site. Mitigation includes the creation of 0.23 acre of emergent wetland, 0.25 acre of forested wetland, 708 LF of the relocated stream with improved in-channel habitat, and 0.97 acre of forested/prairie buffer habitat. The bridge construction and associated riprap for permanent bank protection reduces the linear feet of stream available for mitigation credit which is offset by stream buffer habitat requirements.

The site was installed in 2017. The contractor (Stantec) installed one year warranty plantings in early October in 2018. Maintenance activities for 2022 included treatment of Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), field thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*), giant ragweed (*Ambrosia trifida*), and teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*). Maintenance activities conducted by the Town in 2023 included a continued reduction of the populations of noted species as well as all non-native honeysuckle and mulberry species.

The year six monitoring inspection was conducted on October 4, 2023. At the time of the 2023 monitoring inspection, the wetland mitigation site was meeting 7 of the 9 standards applicable to the IDEM 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) and 5 of the 6 performance criteria applicable to the March 2016 Mitigation Plan (MP). The stream mitigation areas met 5 of the 5 applicable IDEM performance standards, 4 of the 5 applicable MP performance standards, and 1 of 1 USACE performance standard.

For 2024, recommendations include invasive species management focusing on early season treatment and removal of target species to encourage development of native flora. No corrective action is recommended regarding rice cut grass coverage exceeding the individual threshold based on the negative impacts of corrective action exceeding net benefit.

Stantec is also requesting an on-site agency meeting to review site development in relation to site release timeline. This will occur in spring of 2025.



MAN-MADE, HISTORICAL, AND CULTURE CHARACTERISTICS

MAN-MADE

Beyond the choice of recreation type, the physical impact of activities on the land affect where recreation can and should occur. Natural features, for the most part, can be altered to make the land more suitable for a specific use. Man-made influences, such as transportation, add new dimensions to the planning spectrum and, in some cases, are more important than natural features when planning for recreation.

The Town of Daleville is an urban/rural community set among agricultural lands as well as commercial interstate along the I-69/SR 67 corridor. It sits between the cities of Anderson (7 mi) and Muncie (11 mi). It has a downtown area right off of SR 32 which runs on the north side of the town and connects the cities of Anderson and Muncie.

Government

The Town of Daleville has the following government positions:

- Clerk-Treasurer
- Five-Member Town Council
 - **Boards & Commissions**
 - Park & Recreation board
 - Planning Commission
 - Board of Zoning Appeals
 - Redevelopment Commission
 - **Town Departments**
 - Police
 - Zoning Commissioner
 - Street
 - Water

Educational Facilities

- **Public Schools**
 - Daleville Elementary; Jr-Sr High Schools
- **Higher Education** (*Within 1 hour drive*)
 - Anderson University (Anderson)
 - Ball State University (Muncie)
 - Butler University (Indianapolis)
 - Huntington University (Huntington)
 - Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion)
 - Indiana University-Indianapolis (Indianapolis)
 - Indiana University (Kokomo)
 - Ivy Tech Community College (Anderson, Muncie, Indianapolis)
 - Marian University (Indianapolis)
 - Purdue University-Indianapolis (Indianapolis)
 - Taylor University (Upland)



Communications

- **Newspapers**
 - Herald-Bulletin (Anderson) daily newspaper.
 - Middletown News (Middletown) weekly newspaper.
 - Star Press (Muncie) daily newspaper.
- **Social Media**
 - **Facebook**
 - **Town of Daleville**
 - **Daleville Town Hall Park**

Transportation

The speed of transportation connects the world into one global unit where parcels can be delivered overnight to any place in the world. Within the United State this speed is transformed into a complex circulation network covering the land, air and sea. The visible physical attributes of this circulation system affect the location of recreational facilities both by determining the geographical distribution of the population and by setting limits on the types of recreation that are compatible with transportation generated noise.

Automobile

As the prime mode of individual transportation, the automobile's tremendous impact compels planners to include it as a major consideration in most planning efforts.

The Town is located immediately adjacent to three primary transportation corridors that include Interstate 69, State Road 32, and State Road 67. The biggest feature is I-69 which runs through the west side of Daleville and generates the most amount of traffic to and through the town. Because of its proximity and importance to the local economy, I-69 cannot be overlooked when creating a strategic plan for the town.

Some other major man-made features that contribute to the overall economic health of Daleville and its parks program are State Roads 32 and 67, which run east-west through the center and south side of town, respectively. The state highways, combined with I-69 create a flurry of transportation activity that is critical to growing the town's commercial and residential areas. The transportation corridors provide excellent access for the town residents to easily commute to the north side of Indianapolis as well as Muncie and Anderson. Very few communities throughout the state have the elaborate state highway connectivity that is present in Daleville. This connectivity will continue to drive the population and economic growth of Daleville.

Airports

The nearest International/Domestic Airports are Indianapolis International Airport (64 mi), Fort Wayne International Airport (72 mi). There are several local airports the closest being Anderson Municipal Airport (3 mi), Delaware County Airport (19mi) and the Marion Municipal Airport (34 mi).



history of Daleville is first and foremost a history of Salem Township because Daleville was not incorporated as a town until 1982.

Development really picked up in Daleville in 1858 when the railroad came to town. By 1901 the Central Indiana Interurban line came through Daleville, bringing with it an electrical substation to power the streetcars. This substation infused the community with an energy source which allowed some of the allure and comforts of a city like Anderson or Muncie to come to a small community like Daleville.

Major industries in Daleville were wagon manufacturing which gave way to the manufacture of bus bodies as the wagon fell out of use, lumber, and stove manufacture for Sears. While the Indiana Gas Boom was taking place in the late 19th to early 20th centuries glass, brick, and tile manufacture were significant money makers in Daleville.

The industrial base led to the development of a grocery store, churches, a bank, a hardware store, a tavern, and an opera house in Daleville.

The town remembers the July 17, 1933 bank robbery committed by John Dillinger as an important historical event because it yielded national attention to the community. Today the event is commemorated by a car show.

At one time there were three bus stops in Daleville. The town no longer is serviced by bus transportation. Daleville has great attributes today, including a strong school system, excellent access to main transportation corridors, river-centered recreation such as canoe trips, and general affordability. Vacancy and poor maintenance in old town are indications of disinvestment but are also opportunities for new growth and reinvestment.

CULTURAL

Events/Festivals

The goal of special events is to bring residents together to socialize, enjoy park amenities, and celebrate living in Daleville. All of the special events are held at Town Hall Park.

- **Annual Independence Day Celebration**
- **Annual Fall Frenzy Parade & Event**
- **Free Summer Movie Series**
- **Free Summer Concert Series**
- **Teen Night**
- **Adult Night**
- **Total Eclipse of the Park (2024 only)**
- **Sensory Friendly Play Hours at Splash Pad**



DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

Understanding a community's population and projected trends for future growth and development is a key starting point for this planning process.

The Demographic Analysis provides an understanding of the population within and surrounding Daleville, Indiana. This analysis is reflective of the total population, and its key characteristics such as population density, age distribution, households, gender, ethnicity, and household income.

There are seven demographic factors that can influence and drive broadband adoption and development: Population and Age, Diversity, Educational Attainment, Economic Statistics, Commuting Patterns, Income, and Housing.

Methodology

Information used when making these analyses were drawn primarily from the following sources:

- *2022 American Community Survey, 2020 U.S. Census.* In addition to the decennial census (2020), the U.S. Census Bureau continually conducts dozens of other censuses and surveys, including the American Community Survey. The American Community Survey is an ongoing survey that gathers information from a community through a small sample, rather than the large and extensive 10-year survey most are familiar with.

The demographic analysis considers characteristics such as population, age, race, ethnicity, place of work, and educational attainment to identify demographic trends that will impact the future housing, education, jobs recreation, transportation, community facilities and other need of Daleville.

Population

The 2022 ACS shows a population for the Town of Daleville of 1,426. During the same period the population of Delaware County was 112,156 and Indiana was 6,751,340.

Population by Age

Shown the table below is the breakdown by an age group for the Town of Daleville. As can be seen by comparing it to the percentage for the county and the State as a whole, the Town of Daleville has comparable percentages of younger people in the age groups of school age children (0-19). College age adults (20-24) have Daleville with a smaller percentage than the county and about the same as the State. Daleville has a much higher percentage in the 65+ group which is usual for a small rural town. The median age in Daleville is 39.2 years old, which is much higher than the county (35.6) and of Indiana (37.9).



Population by Age <i>Source: American Community Survey (2022)</i>						
	Town of Daleville	Percent of Total Town	Delaware County	Percent of Total County	Indiana	Percent of Total State
Total	1,426	100%	112,156	100%	6,751,340	100%
Preschool (0 to 4)	82	5.8%	5,292	4.7%	415,542	6.2%
School Age (5 to 19)	272	19.1%	21,546	19.2%	1,369,689	20.3%
College Age (20 to 24)	104	7.3%	15,334	13.7%	464,895	6.9%
Young Adult (25 to 44)	346	24.3%	24,670	22.0%	1,722,385	25.5%
Adult (45 to 64)	327	22.9%	25,913	23.1%	1,721,282	25.6%
Older Adult (65 +)	295	20.7%	19,401	17.3%	1,057,547	15.6%
Median Age	39.2		35.6		37.9	

Population Projections

Below is a population projection table (STATS Indiana) where it shows the history of the population for the Town of Daleville, compared to Delaware County and the State of Indiana and the projections for 2030 and 2040. The decrease in population for Delaware County does not seem to be the case for the Town of Daleville population, which has shown little change in the past 3 decades.

STATS Indiana does not show population projections for cities and towns (in decades) so we can usually use the percent of population change for the county and applying it to make projections. In this case we can only assume that there will be marginal change in population for the next 20 years. Although STATS does provide a population projection for 2023 giving the town a 3.2% increase. If we apply this percent increase for each decade we end up with population increases of 53 more residents by 2030 and 55 more by 2040. Given that Daleville does have open land for future residential development and seems to be focused on developing commercially this should provide for population increases.

Population Projection Table <i>Source: STATS Indiana</i>			
Year	Daleville	Delaware County	Indiana
1980	NA	128,587	5,490,224
1990	1,681	119,659	5,544,159
2000	1,658	118,769	6,080,485
2010	1,647	117,671	6,417,198
2020	1,651	111,903	6,785,528
2030	1,701	111,575	7,014,880
2040	1,756	108,831	7,171,702



Diversity

Race and Ethnicity

The population breakdown by gender and race:

- 47.5% Male, 52.5% Female
- Median Age: 39.2
- 97.7% White; 0.1% Black or African American; 0.0% American Indian; 0.8% Asian; 1.7% Hispanic or Latino; 0.0% some other race.

Daleville's population was 97.7% white in 2022. Daleville is much less diverse in racial composition than Delaware County (87.1% white), Indiana (84.2% white) and the United States (73.6% white).

Educational Attainment

Daleville has a higher percentage of its 18-24 age group population that have achieved a high school diploma (40.3%) when compared Delaware County (26.7%) and to Indiana (31.8%). In regard to higher education, Daleville is comparable to both the county and state rates having 24.3% of the population who have earned a bachelor's degree or higher compared to Delaware County (25.5%) and the state (25.9%).

Educational Attainment						
Source: American Community Survey (2022)						
	Town of Daleville	Percent of Total Town	Delaware County	Percent of Total County	Indiana	Percent of Total State
Ages 18-24						
Less than High School	10	6.5%	1,208	5.5%	103,736	15.6%
High School Graduate	62	40.3%	5,855	26.7%	210,738	31.8%
Some College or Associates Degree	82	53.2%	13,049	59.4%	283,345	42.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	0	0.0%	1,838	8.4%	65,499	9.9%
Age 25 and over						
Less than High School	54	5.6%	6,531	9.3%	502,624	11.4%
High School Graduate	358	37.0%	23,497	33.6%	1,475,931	33.5%
Some College or Associates Degree	321	33.2%	22,132	31.6%	1,281,352	29.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	235	24.3%	17,824	25.5%	1,139,908	25.9%



ECONOMIC STATISTICS

Workforce and Unemployment

About 62.3% of Daleville's population 16 years and older were estimated in the labor force (1,171) people in 2022. Daleville has a higher rate of participation in the labor force, when compared to the state (60.3%) as well as Delaware County (59.8%).

Labor Force		
Source: American Community Survey (2022)		
Community	In Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Daleville	62.3%	8.2%
Delaware County	59.8%	6.1%
Indiana	60.3%	3.1%

Industries and Occupations

The largest Industry for people in Daleville was the Management, Business, Science and Arts occupations consisting of 39.9% of the workforce. The largest Occupations for people in Daleville included Educational and Healthcare services (33.3%), Manufacturing (13.7%), and Professional and Management services (8.4%).

Occupations	
Source: American Community Survey (2022)	
Industry	Percent of Labor Force
Management, Business, Science and Arts	39.9%
Production, Transportation, Material moving	20.0%
Service	19.6%
Sales and Office	13.4%
Natural resources, Construction, and Maintenance	7.2%

Commuting

About 92.2% of Daleville's population used a private vehicle either by driving alone (80.9%) or carpooling (8.4%) while traveling to work. The mean travel time to work in Daleville was 36.2 minutes which was much higher than Delaware County (21.0 minutes and the state average (23.6 minutes).

The availability of a vehicle for transportation is not universal for all housing units in Daleville, meaning that the population living in housing units with no vehicle access relies on either public transportation, walking/bicycling, or other forms of transportation. Approximately 11.9% of



workers either walk to work, work from home, take public transportation or have no transportation.

Commuting Time	
<i>Source: American Community Survey (2022)</i>	
Community	Median Travel Time
Daleville	32.6 minutes
Delaware County	21.0 minutes
Indiana	23.6 minutes

Place of Work

When it comes to where people in Daleville work, a small majority work within the county (39.4%) as compared to those working in another county (60.2%). Only 0.5% worked outside of Indiana.

Place of Work			
<i>Source: American Community Survey (2022)</i>			
Community	Worked Inside County	Worked Outside County	Worked Outside State
Daleville	39.4%	60.2%	0.5%
Delaware County	78.4%	20.1%	1.5%
Indiana	67.6%	26.9%	5.5%

Income

Daleville's median household income in 2022 was \$54,519, lower than Indiana (\$67,173) and just above Delaware County (\$53,307).

Daleville's per capita income (used to determine standard of living) is \$31,406 which was much lower than the state (\$58,973) but much higher than Delaware County (\$25,428).

Median Household Income	
<i>Source: American Community Survey (2022)</i>	
Community	Median Household Income
Daleville	\$54,519
Delaware County	\$53,307
Indiana	\$67,173

Per Capita Income	
<i>Source: American Community Survey (2022)</i>	
Community	Median Household Income
Daleville	\$31,406
Delaware County	\$25,428
Indiana	\$58,973



Poverty Level

The 2022 ACS has Daleville at the Federal Poverty Level at 13.3%. At this level families are making the minimum amount of income a household needs to cover basic necessities like food, clothing, and shelter.

The ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Economic Dashboard shows that 31% of Daleville residents are at this level. These are households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county. Although this is less than half of the population it can still mean that fees for park programs and amenities could be out of reach for this population group. Fortunately for the residents, the Daleville Parks offers all of their events and the amenities free of charge (except the shelter rentals).

Housing Tenure

Daleville has approximately 691 housing units. The housing units are predominantly single-family dwellings. Single-family housing units make up 83.2% of the total housing units. Multi-Family units make up 14.4% and mobile home structures make up 2.5% of housing units.

Approximately 9.8% of housing units in Daleville were vacant according to the 2022 ACS which was pretty much in line with both Delaware County (10.6%) and Indiana (9.5%) in averages for vacant housing units.

Housing Occupancy <i>Source: American Community Survey (2022)</i>					
Community	Occupied	Owner Occupied	Rental Occupied	Vacant	Total Units
Daleville	90.2%	72.2%	27.8%	9.8%	691
Delaware County	89.4%	65.6%	34.4%	10.6%	51,613
Indiana	90.5%	70.1%	29.9%	9.5%	2,931,710

In Daleville, 72.2% of the occupied housing units were owner-occupied and 27.8% were renter occupied. Daleville has a higher percentage of home ownership than Delaware County (65.6%) and higher than that of Indiana (70.1%).

Households

Daleville had an estimated total of 623 households in 2022 with an average household size of 2.29 people per household. Daleville's average household size is similar to Delaware County's (2.27 people/household) but lower than Indiana's at 2.53 people/household. Approximately 54.9% of all households in Daleville were families and 37.4% were non-family households. Of the family households, 22.8% consisted of a spousal family and 7.7% were single-parent households. The percentage of one-person households (people living alone) in Daleville (12.5%) is lower than Delaware County (14.4%) and Indiana (13.6%).

**Household Characteristics***Source: American Community Survey (2022)*

	Daleville	Percent of Town	Delaware County	Percent of County	Indiana	Percent of State
Total Occupied Households	623	100%	46,159	100%	2,653,596	100%
Family Households	342	54.9%	22,324	48.4%	1,460,949	55.1%
with Children	142	22.8%	7,733	16.8%	549,173	20.7%
Single Parents	48	7.7%	3,212	7.0%	169,927	6.4%
Non-family Households	233	37.4%	20,623	44.7%	1,022,720	38.5%
Living Alone	78	12.5%	6,665	14.4%	361,345	13.6%
Av Household size	2.29		2.27		2.49	

Housing by Age

Daleville has a comparatively older housing stock. Almost 3/4 of the current housing stock or approximately 71.1% of the homes were constructed before 1970, which makes them over 50 years old. By comparison, only 56.1% percent of Delaware County houses were built before the 1970's and 43.2% for the entire state.

The 1950's showed the highest percentages of new housing units constructed. Approximately 24.3% of all the housing stock was built during this time period.

Housing by Age*Source: American Community Survey (2022)*

Year Built	Daleville	Percent of Town	Delaware County	Percent of County	Indiana	Percent of State
2020 or later	0	0.0%	77	0.2%	14,362	0.5%
2010 to 2019	24	3.5%	2,190	4.2%	208,097	7.1%
2000 to 2009	28	4.1%	3,504	6.8%	354,898	12.1%
1990 to 1999	21	3.0%	5,238	10.1%	416,515	14.2%
1980 to 1989	13	1.9%	4,141	8.0%	283,599	9.7%
1970 to 1979	114	16.5%	7,483	14.5%	392,071	13.4%
1960 to 1969	141	20.8%	8,057	15.6%	315,172	10.8%
1950 to 1959	168	24.3%	7,555	14.6%	313,010	10.7%
1940 to 1949	32	4.6%	3,877	7.5%	161,315	5.5%
1939 or earlier	150	21.7%	9,491	18.4%	472,671	16.2%
TOTAL	691		51,613		2,931,710	



Building Permits

Homeownership can also be reflected in the number of new residential builds.

Building Permits 2020-24			
Year	Residential Units		Commercial Units
2024	0		2
2023	0		0
2022	0		2
2021	4		1
2020	5		3
Total	9		8

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW SUMMARY

Employment/Industry

- *The unemployment rate (8.2%) is much higher than both the county and the state.*
- *Most people work in Management, Business, Science and Arts industries.*
- *Daleville workers have a longer commute compared to Delaware County and the state.*
- *Most of the workers work outside of Delaware County.*

Income

- *The per capita income is higher than Delaware County but lower than the state.*
- *The poverty rate (13.3%) is lower than both Delaware County (20.6%) but higher than state (12.3%).*

Housing

- *71.4% of the housing in Daleville is 50 years or older.*
- *There is an owner occupied rate of 72.2% which is higher than both the county and the state.*



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SECTION 3:

PUBLIC INPUT

IN THIS SECTION:

- **Meetings**
- **Citizen Survey**
- **Questionnaires**

MEETINGS

Park Board

May 13, 2024

Met with the Park Board to go over the proposed plan update and the timeline for the planning process. Discussed the types of public input i.e. surveys, questionnaires, that we could do. It was decided to do an online survey that would have the same questions from the previous study to gauge any changes. Questionnaires would be sent to park board and community leaders.

June 10, 2024

Met to discuss the current Mission Statement and develop new general goals for the Plan. They were satisfied with the Mission Statement and a new set of general goals were established.

Next they reviewed the draft of the survey questions and the questionnaires. It was decided to go over any questions or comments and finalize the draft at the July meeting.

July 17, 2024

Met to go finalize the survey questions and the questionnaires. It was decided to roll out the online survey via SurveyMonkey in August via social media (Facebook), direct email, and on the Town's website.

The date for the first public meeting was set for September 9, 2024. They would advertise the meeting through social media and posters at the parks and town hall. They also advertised the meeting using utility billing statements.

February 10, 2025

Met to discuss comments from the IDNR review and to work on the Capital Improvements Plan. Addition dollars coming from the TIF district were discussed. They would know more after the redevelopment commission meets in March. Future projects would be a community center and a nature trail out at Shellabarger Park. Trina would have more information on both items and would help finalize the CIP. It was decided that the final plan presentation would be on April 14th.



Public Meetings

September 9, 2024

The first public meeting was held at the Daleville Town Hall public meeting room. There were 17 people from the public in attendance. On the agenda was discussion about the park planning process as it related to the Daleville update. The citizen survey results were reviewed and discussed. The results did not surprise any of the attendees. Some people thought that the splash pad is often overcrowded and that more shaded and fenced in areas (toddler playground) could be used at Town Hall Park. Everyone agreed that the events are well attended and the concert series could be expanded and possibly bring in better bands. The maintenance of the parks seems good except for sometimes at Town Hall Park trash bins overflow.

Participants were then asked what types of changes they would like to see for the parks which included amenities and programs. Improvements to Shellabarger Park were the main focus. The playground and the pavilion need upgraded. Also, the possibility of having a better connection to the river and more trails.

April 14, 2025

The second public meeting was held at the Daleville Town Hall public meeting room. There were 11 people from the public in attendance. The final CIP was discussed as were the future projects.

Most everyone was excited about the upgrades and improvements to Shellabarger Park. A few people expressed that it was long overdue. The park board agreed but explained that their past budgets had not allowed them to make these new improvements. They explained that the additional funds coming from the town's TIF district will now make these types of park improvements possible. There was also excitement for the new community center. Many were glad that the building (old town hall) would finally be put to good use. A few people expressed hopes that some programming such as yoga and activities for kids would be possible. One person was happy to see the line item for continuing to do invasive plant removal and hoped that native plantings would be part of the project as well.

Overall people were very supportive of the proposed improvements to the parks. They also commented that the parks board has been doing a great job especially on the annual events and hope they keep up the good work.

CITIZEN SURVEY

As part of the community input process, an online survey was developed to gain a better understanding of the opinions of Daleville citizens preferences and satisfaction levels of the parks, facilities, and recreation activities. The survey went live in August of 2024 and received a total of 175 surveys giving the town a return rate of 24.7% (per household) or 10.6% (total population). The online survey was advertised via social media (Facebook), direct email, and on the Town's website.



The summary can be found in **Section 5: Needs Analysis** and results of this survey can be found in **Appendix A: Public Input**.

QUESTIONNAIRES

Questionnaires were sent to all of the park board members as well as town department and community leaders and organizations. Out of 19 community leaders who were sent the questionnaire, 15 responded. All 5 park board members responded.

The summary can be found in **Section 5: Needs Analysis** and results of these questionnaires can be found in **Appendix A: Public Input**.



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SECTION 4:

PARKS and PROGRAMS PROFILE

IN THIS SECTION:

- **Parks Profile**
- **Programs Profile**
- **ADA Accessibility and Design**
- **Assurance and Accessibility Compliance Form**

PARKS PROFILE

There are currently two parks in the Daleville parks system. The parks system is managed by the Park Board with help from the Clerk-Treasurers Office. Park and recreation services are also augmented each year by volunteers. The maintenance and management of all Town park property is run out of the street department.





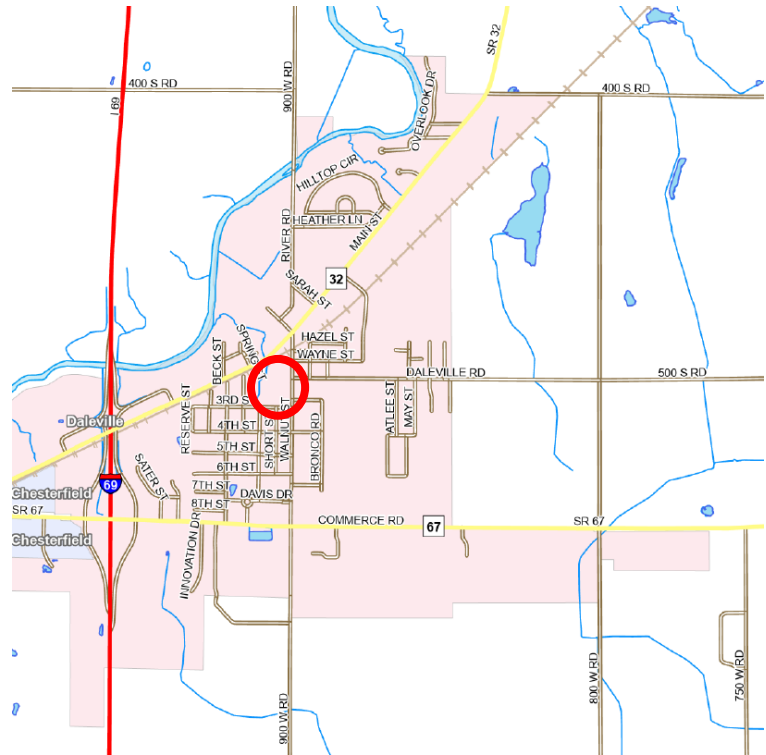
TOWN HALL PARK

Town Hall Park is located in the middle of town, just off of the main north/south street. The park features a 1/3 mile trail, a playground, splash pad with outdoor showers, rentable shelters with tables and a rest room facility, and shared parking lots. In addition, part of the old town hall building can be rented for events. Most all of the Town's events are held in this park.

Area: 9 acres

Facility Inventory:

- Walking trail
- Shelters (2)
- Playground
- Splash Pad
- Outdoor shower
- Concessions
- Amphitheater
- Restroom
- Drinking fountains
- Sunscreen dispensers





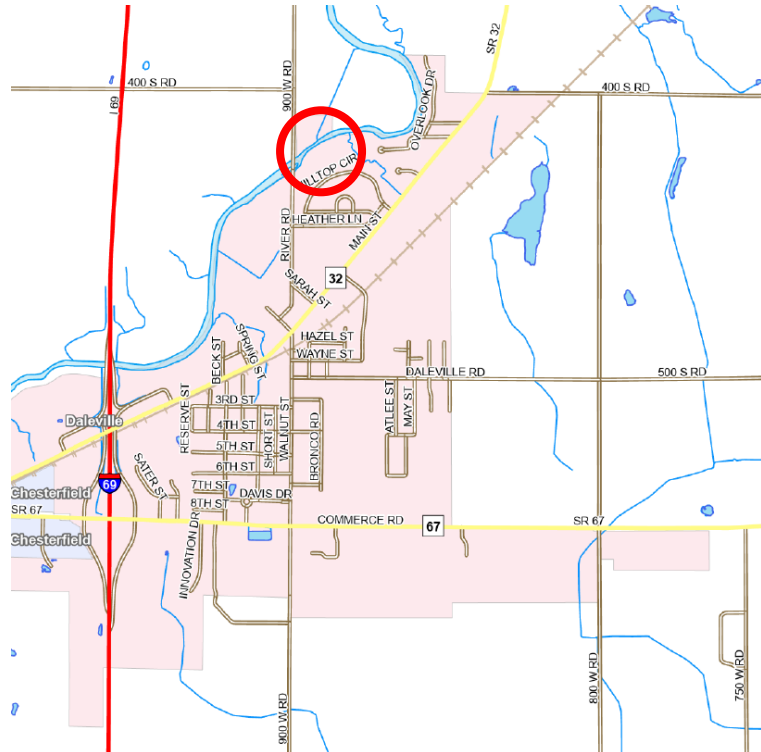
SHELLABARGER PARK

Shellabarger Park is on the north side of Daleville along the White River. The park features passive open spaces, a 1/4 mile trail with exercise equipment, unique woodlands with access to the river, a playground, a basketball court, shelter with tables, and a parking lot.

Area: 5.5 acres

Facility Inventory:

- Walking path
- Basketball court
- Shelter
- Picnic tables
- Playground
- Exercise trail
- Dog park
- Parking
- Restrooms (portable)
- Drinking fountains





TRAILS

Park Walking Paths

Currently, the Parks Department has a loop trail in both of its parks; however, there is a goal to continue developing trails.

Cardinal Greenway

The Cardinal Greenway is one of the longest trails in Indiana at 75.5 miles long, running from Richmond to a point between Marion and Sweetser. Part of the trail runs from the SE corner of Delaware County through Muncie to Gaston. The Cardinal Greenway makes up a portion of the Northern Route of the American Discovery Trail.

White River Greenway

There are portions of the White River Greenway that run in both Muncie and Anderson.

Honey Creek Greenway

Running along a former rail corridor, the 5.5 mi Honey Creek Trail connects three of Middletown's parks, including Dietrich Park, and passes through the community of Honey Creek.

OTHER RECREATIONAL

Local

Just west of town there are 3 baseball/softball fields. While within the town limits, it is run by the Daleville Junior Baseball & Softball Association, which is a nonprofit organization. Their purpose is to serve the areas baseball and softball players which are boys & girls from 3-16 years of age.

State

The State of Indiana provides recreational opportunities that are designed to make use of unique natural, cultural, or historical features that are deemed to be significant to the development of the state. Blending natural resources with manmade facilities, many of the recreational facilities that the state provides would be too costly for a county or local recreation department to develop and maintain. State park and recreation facilities usually consist of passive recreation such as hiking, biking, swimming, boating, camping, and nature appreciation that serve a regional population.

While there are no state facilities within Daleville, there are several within a 1 hour drive including; Mounds (5 mi), Summit Lake (20 mi), Ft. Harrison (40 mi), White River (52 mi), Ouabache (60 mi).



Delaware/Madison County

Both the cities of Muncie and Anderson have large park systems and athletic facilities. There are several smaller towns within minutes of Daleville with parks plus there are countless not-for-profit and private athletic and wellness facilities throughout the county.



PROGRAMS PROFILE

The Daleville Parks do not offer any types of programming at this point. They do offer special events throughout the year.

Special Events

Community involvement in parks and recreation is enhanced by providing special events unique to the community. The goal of special events is to bring residents together to socialize, enjoy park amenities, and celebrate living in Daleville. All of the special events are held at Town Hall Park.

- **Annual Independence Day Celebration**
- **Annual Fall Frenzy Parade & Event**
- **Free Summer Movie Series**
- **Free Summer Concert Series**
- **Teen Night**
- **Adult Night**
- **Total Eclipse of the Park (2024 only)**

In addition to the provision of services provided directly by Daleville Parks, partnerships with other organizations are utilized for most all of the events. Through informal cooperative relationships, partners assist with delivering services to select events.

Athletics

The purpose of athletics is to provide instructional programs and league play for youth. Goals of these programs are to teach sports fundamentals and sportsmanship, provide fun, enjoyment, and game competition, and build and maintain mind and body through teamwork and vigorous exercise.

Currently the Town does not partner with any athletic programs. The baseball/softball association is a nonprofit run separately from the town. In the summer they host a Brazil United Summer Soccer Camp at Town Hall Park.

Health and Wellness

Health and Wellness programs exist to offer residents exercise and fitness programs that offer the chance to focus on personal wellness in a group setting.

For 2025 the Parks are planning on having a yoga instructor to host some bi-weekly outdoor yoga classes. They are also working through some senior fitness programs to see about bringing that to the Parks as well. They also offer sensory friendly play hours at the Splash Pad.

Youth Enrichment

These programs are designed to give participants a hands-on learning experience that will allow them to use their imagination. The Parks do not offer any type of programming in this area but are planning to do so in the future.



ADA ACCESSIBILITY and DESIGN

Policy Statement

The Town of Daleville, Indiana is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of its services on the basis of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability/handicap, low income status or limited English proficiency as protected with Title VI.

Impact of ADA on Facilities Design

An equally important aspect of developing a quality park system lies in how well it serves the needs of the disabled. More now than ever before, we have a responsibility (morally as well as legally) to provide a reasonable level of accessibility for individuals with varying levels of ability. To help ensure that this in fact happens, Congress enacted The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992 that provides for equal access to all users of public (and private) facilities and programs. Although still largely untested, the basic intent of the act is clear; reasonable equal access opportunities must be provided to those with disabilities.

There are no requirements within the ADA which mandate any special requirements relative to the size of any park and recreation facility. The act does, however, mandate that park areas and facilities be reasonably accessible and usable to all populations. The extent to which compliance with the act will impact the size or configuration of a particular facility is likely to be inconsequential in terms of a particular facility size. It may, however, dictate some changes to specific design guidelines in response to the act. In July 1994, the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, Recreation Access Advisory Committee published the *Recommendations for Accessibility Guidelines: Recreational Facilities and Outdoor Developed Areas*, which provide detailed guidelines for all types of park and recreational facilities. It is recommended that each park planning agency incorporate these and subsequent guidelines and legal standards in the final determination of spatial and facility design guidelines for all units of the park, recreation, and open space system. These accessibility guidelines are further complimented by the materials available on the concept of universal access.

Existing Facilities and Required Improvements

These new accessibility requirements have led to many questions on how efforts made to make recreational facilities accessible can be balanced with the natural landscape of parks, greenways, and nature areas. The ADA accessibility requirements apply to public accommodations, commercial facilities and state and local government entities. If you own, operate, or lease a recreational facility, it is important to determine how your facility and programs must meet the requirements. Parks fall under Section II of the ADA which deals with public services. Access to facilities as well as programs is required. The ADA requires that:

- Newly constructed buildings and facilities must be readily accessible.
- Renovations or alteration of existing buildings and facilities must be readily accessible.



➤ Barriers to accessibility in existing buildings and facilities must be removed when it is “readily achievable”.

A structure is readily accessible if it meets the *ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities*.

Timeframe for Compliance

Sections of the ADA became effective at different times. New construction completed after January 26, 1993, must comply with accessibility standards; alterations made after January 26, 1992, must meet the accessibility standards; and barriers must be removed by January 26, 1995.

Since the development of guidelines pertaining to park and recreation access and use are in process as of the time of this requirement relative to the size of any particular type of park or recreation facility. The act does, however, mandate that all areas and facilities be accessible and usable. The guidelines were recently updated in 2012. The new ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities are available on the Internet at <http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADASTandards/2010ADASTandards.htm>.

CURRENT ACCESSIBILITY

The Town of Daleville plans to utilize the current master plan update, along with current overall Town ADA planning and implementation documents, to inform life cycle and capital improvement forecasts, annual operation and maintenance budgets, and service level and programming. Accessibility and Universal Design will be a high priority within those efforts.

Within the next five years, the Town plans to utilize the Capital Improvement Plan to inform and update budget planning/funding to keep the Park Board informed of current and future ADA needs. The following items will be updated within Town planning and implementation documents:

- Continued assessment of current facilities.
- Considerations for accessibility with all new improvement projects or new park development.
- Seating and Furnishing.
- Building and Structure fixtures and furnishings.
- Pathways (new and more direct Accessible Routes from trails and entrances).

Town Hall Park

- **Picnic Tables:** Provide at least 1 accessible picnic table per shelter.
- **Pathways/Ramps:** Install path at least 36” wide to play equipment.



Shellabarger Park

- **Parking:** Install/mark at least 1 accessible space with the International Symbol of Accessibility.
- **Accessible Entrance:** Provide level landings and railing along path or alternative route that is more level.
- **Pathways/Ramps:**
 - Provide a separate path for pedestrian entry that includes a curb cut ramp.
 - Provide level landings and railing along path or alternative route that is more level.
- **Picnic Tables:** Provide at least 1 accessible picnic table per shelter.

ADA COORDINATOR/GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The Grievance Procedure under the Americans with Disabilities Act was established in 2012 as part of the Town's ADA Transition Plan this Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"). It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the Town. The Town's Personnel Policy governs employment-related complaints of disability discrimination.

Procedure:

Daleville has adopted an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by the U S Department of Justice regulations implementing Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"). title II states, in part, that "no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of such disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in programs, services, or activities sponsored by a public entity".

Step One: File the Grievance

The person or entity shall complete the Grievance Fonn. The grievance form can be found in the office of the Clerk Treasurer, Daleville, Indiana at the Town Hall building. A grievance shall be communicated in writing and sent by e-mail, fax or telephone and must follow the format of the Daleville Town ADA Grievance Form. A grievance concerning the accessibility of Daleville services, programs or activities should be addressed to:

Steve Brogan, ADA Coordinator
P.O. Box 567
14421 W Main Street
Daleville, IN 47334

*Step Two: Acknowledgement*

A grievance should be filed within 90 days after the grievant party becomes aware of the alleged violation. The ADA Coordinator will send an acknowledgement of receipt of the grievance within 90 working days.

Step Three: Informal Resolution

Following the filing of a grievance, the ADA Coordinator shall determine whether, and to what extent, an investigation of the grievance is warranted. Any resulting investigation shall be conducted by the ADA Coordinator or his/her designee. The ADA Coordinator will complete the investigation within 60 calendar days of receipt of the grievance. If appropriate, the ADA Coordinator will arrange to meet with the grievant to discuss the matter and attempt to reach an informal resolution of the grievance. Any informal resolution of the grievance shall be documented in the ADA Coordinator file and the case will be closed. Any informal agreement shall be approved by the Town Council.

Step Four: Written determination

If an informal resolution of the grievance is not reached in Step 3, within 60 calendar days of receipt of the grievance, a written determination as to the validity of the complaint, and description of the resolution, if appropriate, shall be forwarded by the ADA Coordinator to the Town Council for approval.

Step Five: Final determination and resolution

After the investigation and report by the ADA Coordinator, the entire matter shall be presented to the Town Council. The Town Council shall make a final determination of the matter. The ADA Coordinator shall communicate the determination and resolution to the grievant within 90 calendar days of receipt of the grievance, unless the additional time for further consideration of the grievance is determined by the ADA Coordinator. Any extension of time will be communicated to the grievant. Any request for reconsideration of the response to the grievance shall be at the discretion of the Town Council.

If the grievant is not satisfied with the Town of Daleville's handling of the grievance at any stage of the process, or does not wish to file a grievance through ADA Title II Grievance Procedures, the grievant may file a complaint directly with the U.S. Department of Justice or other appropriate state or federal agency. Use of Town of Daleville's grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies.

The resolution of any specific grievance will require consideration of varying circumstances, such as the specific nature of the disability; the nature of the access to services, programs, or facilities at issue, the essential eligibility requirements for participation; the health and safety of others; and the degree to which an accommodation would constitute a fundamental alteration to the service, program or facility, or cause an undue hardship to Daleville. Accordingly, the resolution by Daleville of any one grievance does not constitute a precedent upon which Daleville is bound or upon which other complaining parties may rely.

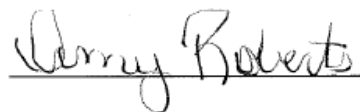


SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 COMPLIANCE SHEET

**ASSURANCE OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE WITH:
ARCHITECTURAL BARRIERS ACT of 1968 (As Amended);
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 (As Amended); AND TITLE II
OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990
(As Amended)**

The Daleville Park Board has read the guidelines for compliance with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (As Amended); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (As Amended); and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (As Amended) and will comply with the applicable requirements of these Acts.

SIGNATURE 
APPLICANT PRESIDENT
Amy Morgan
(President's printed name)

SIGNATURE 
Amy Roberts
(Secretary's printed name)

DATE April 14, 2025



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SECTION FIVE:

NEEDS ANALYSIS

In This Section:

- **National Standards**
- **Park System Comparison**
- **Other Planning**
 - **Downtown Revitalization Plan (2014)**
- **Park Needs**
- **Program Needs**

NATIONAL STANDARDS

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recognizes the importance of establishing and using park and recreation standards as:

- A national expression of minimum acceptable facilities for the citizens of urban and rural communities.
- A guideline to determine land requirements for various kinds of park and recreation areas and facilities.
- A basis for relating recreational needs to spatial analysis within a community-wide system of parks and open space areas.
- One of the major structuring elements that can be used to guide and assist regional development.
- A means to justify the need for parks and open space within the overall land-use pattern of a region or community.

The purpose of these guidelines is to present park and recreation space standards that are applicable nationwide for planning, acquisition, and development of park, recreation, and open space lands, primarily at the community level. These standards should be viewed as a guide. They address minimum, not maximum, goals to be achieved. The standards are interpreted according to the particular situation to which they are applied and specific local needs. A variety of standards have been developed by professional and trade associations which are used throughout the country. The standard derived from early studies of park acreages located within metropolitan areas was the expression of acres of park land per unit of population. Over time, the figure of 10 acres per 1,000 population came to be the commonly accepted standard used by a majority of communities.



Other standards adopted include the "percent of area" approach, needs determined by user characteristics and participation projections, and area use based on the carrying capacity of the land. The fact that some of the standards have changed substantially is not an indication of their obsolescence. Changes are a measure of the growing awareness and understanding of both participant and resource (land, water, etc.) limitations. Parks are for people. Park, recreation, and planning professionals must integrate the art and science of park management in order to balance such park and open space resource values as water supply, and air quality.

PARK SYSTEMS COMPARISON

NRPA states "A park system, at a minimum, should be composed of a 'core' system of park lands, with a total of 6.25 to 10.5 acres of developed open space per 1,000 population." Park sites are classified according to a NRPA hierarchy that provides for a comprehensive system of interrelated parks. These NRPA guidelines and definitions serve as a good baseline for determining a minimum standard for park services. For the purposes of this Plan we used the lower acreage of 6.25 due to the fact that Daleville Parks and the comparable park systems are all in small rural communities.

Most parks in smaller rural communities are considered "neighborhood parks" by the NRPA standards. Neighborhood parks serve as the recreational and social focus of these smaller communities. They generally range in size from 5 to 10 acres and have amenities such as play areas, picnic areas, splash pads, ball fields, skating, open space for field games, shelters, and walking paths. Typically, neighborhood parks do not provide off street parking. However, parking may be necessary due to the scope of activities and size.

When looking at comparable municipalities two items were considered, a close geographical proximity and similar populations. Daleville has a total park acreage of 14.5 acres. With a current population of 1,661, Daleville Parks would exceed the NRPA requirement of parkland acreage.

	Daleville	Eaton	Frankton
Population (US Census 2020)	1,661	1,595	1,775
No. of parks	2	1	1
Nat'l Standard Park Acreage			
System Acreage	14.5	4	2.2
need per 1,000 population	10.8	10.3	11.5
(+/-) need	+3.7	-6.3	-9.3



	Daleville	Eaton	Frankton
Park Amenities			
Community Center	1	1	0
Playground	2	2	1
Picnic Shelters	2	1	0
Restrooms	1	1	0
Parking Lot	2	1	0
Gazebo	0	1	0
Basketball court	1	2	0
Soccer/Football	0	0	0
Baseball/Softball	0	0	1
Tennis court	0	0	0
Pickleball	0	0	0
Volleyball	0	0	0
Trails (# of parks)	2	1	0
Dog Park	1	0	0
Splash Park	1	0	0

Daleville Parks cooperates with the school system and many of the public facilities in the county in sharing their opportunities for recreation. The most current population for Daleville is 1,661. The table below shows how the Daleville Park system compared with the standards set by the National Recreation and Parks Association:

Activity/Facility	# of units per population	Service Radius	# of units per Daleville Parks	# of units +/- per population
Basketball	1 per 5,000	1/4 to 1/2 mile	1	1
Tennis	1 per 2,000	1/4 to 1/2 mile	0	-1
Volleyball	1 per 5,000	1/4 to 1/2 mile	0	-1
Baseball/Softball	1 per 5,000	1/4 to 1/2 mile	0	-1
Pickleball	1 per 7,000	1/4 to 1/2 mile	0	-1
Football	1 per 20,000	15-20 minutes travel	0	-1
Soccer	1 per 10,000	1-2 miles travel	0	-1
Golf				
Driving Range	1 per 50,000	30 minutes travel	0	-1
9-Hole	1 per 25,000	1/2 to 1 hour travel	0	-1
18-Hole	1 per 50,000	1/2 to 1 hour travel	0	-1
Swimming Pools	1 per 20,000	15-30 minutes travel	0	-1



OTHER PLANNING

Downtown Revitalization Plan (2014)

In 2014, the Town of Daleville commissioned the planning team of Rundell Ernstberger Associates, LLC; US Architects, LLP; and Strategic Development Group to complete a downtown revitalization plan.

The document was intended to outline a vision for Daleville, Indiana's downtown over the next ten to twenty years. The intent of the plan was to provide the framework needed to begin the stabilization and rebirth of Daleville's historic urban core promoting active living and commerce.

Goals pertaining to parks and recreation were:

1. Redeveloping Town Hall Park
2. Develop a Town Trail network
3. Redevelop baseball/softball fields (Daleville Junior Baseball & Softball Association owned)

Shellabarger Park was not part of this plan due to its location outside of the planning area.



PARK NEEDS

Citizen Survey Results

As part of the community input process, an online survey was developed to gain a better understanding of the opinions of Daleville citizens preferences and satisfaction levels of the parks, facilities, and recreation activities. The survey went live in August of 2024 and received a total of 175 surveys giving the town a return rate of 24.7% (per household) or 10.6% (total population). The online survey was advertised via social media (Facebook), direct email, and on the Town's website.

Here is a summary of the survey:

The majority of people use parks and recreational facilities to enjoy being outside, with 86.14% of respondents citing this reason. Other common reasons include the well-maintained park equipment (66.27%), socializing with friends and family (63.86%), saving money due to proximity (40.96%), leading a healthier lifestyle (39.16%), and being better informed about park amenities and events (25.30%).

Key reasons for using the parks include using the exercise equipment, kayak launch/removal, walk the dogs, the safe environment, Splash pad, and attending movies and concerts.

Reasons for not using parks include overcrowding, using private facilities, lack of desired amenities, distance, and personal schedules. Comments also mention concerns about safety, age-appropriateness, weather, and the need for more shade and fencing.

Comments about park usage indicate concerns such as safety, the need for more shade and fencing, and overcrowding. Popular park amenities include the splash pad, playgrounds, walking paths, and picnic areas.

Maintenance is needed at various park facilities including playground equipment, baby change stations, and the basketball court. Requests for kayak launching, shower facilities and dog park fountain repairs were noted.

Daleville Parks could benefit from various facilities and activities that enhance the community's recreational options. When asked what types of amenities people would like to see in their parks the following was suggested:

- **Facilities:** Suggested additions include a pool, outdoor laser tag, ice skating rink, indoor gym, and skate park.
- **Amenities:** Ideas for playgrounds include toddler-friendly areas, swings, nature play spaces, and sensory-friendly equipment. Bike and walking trails are also recommended.
- **Athletic Options:** The community expressed interest in pickleball courts, archery ranges, disk golf, and sports fields.



- *Other Additions:* Shady spaces, native plants, interactive art, zipline.

Residents of Daleville have shared various suggestions and concerns regarding the local parks. Their feedback covers safety, amenities, and activities, reflecting a strong desire to improve their community spaces.

- *Safety Concerns:* Many residents feel the toddler playground should have a fence due to nearby hazards like cement stairs and a creek. There is also concern about the splash pad being next to roads and drop-offs, needing fencing for safety.
- *Maintenance Issues:* Several comments note that the playground equipment and splash pad need repairs and updates. Some areas appear dirty, with overflowing trash bins and unclean restrooms noted as areas for improvement.
- *Community Engagement:* Many noted they appreciate the community events and facilities, even if they do not participate actively. The sense of community is strong, with praise for the passion shown by the park department.
- *Enhanced Amenities:* Requests were made for more swings, shade structures for playgrounds, and fencing in certain areas. Suggestions include adding more parks and connecting bike trails with nearby locations.

Overall, the feedback from Daleville residents emphasizes their love for the parks while highlighting areas that need attention. Many feel that with some improvements, especially regarding safety, cleanliness, and expanded activities, the parks can be transformed into even more vibrant community spaces.

Questionnaire Results

Questionnaires were sent to all of the park board members as well as community leaders and organizations. The park board and community leaders were given questionnaires concerning the current and future state of the Daleville Parks. A total of 24 questionnaires were sent to park board members, town officials, and various community leaders. There were 20 total respondents. Below is a summary of the questions concerning park facilities and amenities.

The survey collected opinions on the adequacy of existing facilities for various age groups, the maintenance of parks, and the need for new structures.

Town Hall Park is considered well-maintained by 76.9%, but Shellabarger Park has a mixed review on maintenance, with 23.1% saying it is not maintained at all.

57.1% of respondents are open to adding new facilities, with suggestions including new playground equipment, restrooms, and a volleyball court at Shellabarger Park.

The survey indicates general satisfaction with current facilities for younger age groups but highlights the need for improvements and new offerings, especially for older age groups and specific parks.



Summary

The survey gathered feedback from residents and the questionnaires from the park board and community leaders about Daleville Parks, to understand the opinions and satisfaction levels regarding local parks, facilities, and recreation activities.

Major points:

- Usage Reasons: 86% use parks to enjoy being outside, followed by well-maintained equipment (66. 27%) and socializing (63. 86%).
- Concerns About Parks: Reasons for not using parks include overcrowding, private facilities, lack of desired amenities, distance, and personal schedules. Safety and shade concerns were also highlighted.
- Park Amenities: Popular features include splash pad, playgrounds, and walking paths. Maintenance is needed for playgrounds, baby change stations, and the basketball court.
- Desired Additions: Residents suggested adding a pool, outdoor laser tag, ice skating rink, indoor gym, skate park, toddler-friendly playgrounds, bike trails, and athletic options like pickleball courts and archery ranges.
- Safety Issues: Concerns for toddler safety due to nearby hazards and the need for fencing around certain facilities were noted.
- Maintenance Feedback: Calls for repairs to playground equipment and splash pads, as well as comments on cleanliness and overflowing trash bins.
- Town Hall Park is well-maintained (76. 9%), while opinions on Shellabarger Park vary.
- 57. 1% support adding new facilities, including playground equipment and restrooms.
- General satisfaction exists for younger age group facilities, but there's a call for improvements for older users and specific parks.

Daleville residents expressed a strong connection to their parks while identifying areas needing improvement, particularly in safety, maintenance, and expanded activities. The feedback reflects a desire for better community spaces and engagement.



PROGRAM NEEDS

Since the parks department does not offer any programming the following focuses on events.

Citizen Survey Results

Several comments have been noted about the events and organization of Daleville Parks:

- Concert nights should not be held on Thursdays, and more food trucks/vendors are needed.
- Teens and older kids lack activities.
- Concerns about adults drinking at kid-focused events.
- Issues with organization, supervision, and consideration for park neighbors.
- Suggestion for entry by donation.
- Easter event was highly praised.

Suggestions include hosting more fairs or carnivals during the warm months, as well as requests for concerts that feature more contemporary music. Residents expressed a desire for more adult-focused activities and seasonal events for teens. Suggested activities include naturalist walks, teen events, dance classes, concerts, and seasonal festivals.

Questionnaire Results

The survey asked about the effectiveness of programs/events for different age groups. While the needs of younger age groups (0-12 years) are mostly met (85.7% and 87.5%), opinions are divided for older age groups (13-64 years) and mixed for seniors (65+).

There is some interest in increasing or adding to existing events, with 71.3% of respondents interested in adding new events, with suggestions including concerts and fairs with 37.5% believe current offerings are sufficient.

The public image of the parks department is quite positive, with 44.4% rating it as excellent, another 44.4% as very satisfactory, and 11.1% as satisfactory.

Respondents provided input on necessary improvements and funding for the Parks Department. Highest priorities include maintaining current parks, repairing playground surfaces, updating equipment, creating safe walking areas, and enhancing trails. Most thought Shellabarger Park needs beautification and more shaded areas at the Splash Pad.

71.4% of respondents believe tax dollars are well spent, while 28.6% are unsure. For park fee increases, 22.3% support them, 44.4% are unsure, and 33.3% oppose due to financial concerns. 22.2% support a tax increase for park improvements, while 66.7% are uncertain.

Overall, the respondents want improvements in park facilities but express mixed feelings about funding increases.

The vision for the future involves connecting parks with safe trails, a community center, and enhancing community engagement through recreation and relaxation. Key challenges include



funding, volunteer recruitment, and upgrading facilities. Potential partnerships with schools, churches, local businesses, and elderly programs were suggested. Additional recommendations include seating, fitness classes, a community pool, and volleyball courts. Overall, the community appreciates the current parks but sees a need for updates, particularly at Shellabarger Park.

Summary

The survey gathered feedback from residents and the questionnaires from the park board and community leaders about Daleville Parks, highlighting successes and areas for improvement.

Major points:

- Residents suggested moving concert nights from Thursdays and increasing food vendors.
- There is a lack of activities for teens and older kids, and concerns about adult drinking at kid-focused events.
- Suggestions include donation-based entry and more fairs, carnivals, and contemporary music concerts.
- While younger age groups' needs are mostly met, opinions for older groups (13-64 years) are divided, and mixed for seniors (65+).
- The parks department is viewed positively, with 44. 4% rating it as excellent.
- Key improvement areas include maintenance, playground repairs, safe walking areas, and beautification of Shellabarger Park.
- Mixed feelings were expressed about funding increases for park improvements.
- The community envisions connecting parks, a community center, and enhanced engagement through recreational activities.

Overall, the community values current parks but seeks updates and improvements, especially at Shellabarger Park.



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SECTION SIX:

GOALS and OBJECTIVES

In This Section:

- **Recommendations**
- **Capital Improvements Program**
- **Future Projects**

RECOMMENDATIONS

Park departments often react to changes within the park system instead of taking a position that acknowledges the future while preparing a plan. Funding and maintaining a sustainable park system is important to the parks department.

PARK AMENITIES

Through the collection of public input from the citizens of Daleville, the Park Board, and various community leaders we were able to define what the parks needs were for the next 5 years. What was also taken into account was the information from the people who are involved on a daily basis with the park system. Through meetings and observational park walks, it was learned that the park board sometimes have a different view of the needs and realities of each park. They are also aware of the wants of park users and take into account their opinions when deciding which types of projects to accomplish. The department plans to accomplish the park updates for ADA compliance within the next 5 years.

PARK PROGRAMS/EVENTS

The Daleville parks department will continue to hold events as they continue to grow in popularity. Since these are usually one day events, the current park board (along with volunteers) can handle the responsibility and planning for each event throughout the season. If in the near future the parks department develop a community center then programming can become a possibility.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) presented in this Plan lists the main strategies and resulting projects derived from the planning process. The CIP is created to be flexible allowing the parks department to adjust and be flexible to future economic changes, available funding, and future unmet community needs. Realizing that priorities can shift due to unforeseen circumstances, this Plan will provide the necessary tools to continue going forward while also ensuring that Daleville has quality parks and recreation for their citizens.

2025

Park/Budget Item	Est. Cost	Funding Source
Shellabarger Park		
Permanent Restroom Bldg	\$20,000.00	Grant
Tetherball addition	\$500.00	Donations
Hook Ring game	\$400.00	Donations
Cornhole Pitch	\$3,000.00	Grant
Horseshoe Pitch	\$600.00	Grant
Swing replacement (4)	\$500.00	Grant
Metal race car	\$800.00	Grant
Sit-N-Spin	\$1,200.00	Grant
New surfacing (pea gravel)	\$600.00	Park Budget
Trash receptacles (2)	\$1,000.00	Grant
Picnic tables	\$2,500.00	Grant
Town Hall Park		
Shade structure	\$5,700.00	TIF/Grant
Systemwide		
Invasive plant removal	\$500.00	Park Budget
Tree planting	\$500.00	Donations
Maintenance		
Splash pad (chemicals, etc.)	\$20,000.00	Park Budget
Landscaping	\$7,500.00	Park Budget
General	\$1,000.00	Park Budget
TOTAL	\$66,300.00	



2026

Park/Budget Item	Est. Cost	Funding Source
Shellabarger Park		
Geodome climber	\$2,000.00	TIF
Gaga Pit	\$1,500.00	TIF
Playground Surfacing Upgrade (playground grass)	\$60,000.00	Grant/TIF/Donations
Pod climber	\$14,000.00	Grant
Town Hall Park		
Community Center planning	\$7,500.00	Park Budget
Systemwide		
Invasive plant removal	\$500.00	Park Budget
Tree planting	\$500.00	Donations
Trail planning	\$5,000.00	TIF/Grant
Maintenance		
Splash pad (chemicals, etc.)	\$22,000.00	Park Budget
Landscaping	\$7,500.00	Park Budget
General	\$1,000.00	Park Budget

TOTAL \$114,000.00

2027

Park/Budget Item	Est. Cost	Funding Source
Shellabarger Park		
Town Hall Park		
Outdoor lockers/storage	\$8,000.00	TIF
Community Center Phase I	\$110,000.00	TIF/Grant
Systemwide		
Invasive plant removal	\$500.00	Park Budget
Tree planting	\$500.00	Park Budget
Maintenance		
Splash pad (chemicals, etc.)	\$24,000.00	Park Budget
Landscaping	\$7,500.00	Park Budget
General	\$1,000.00	Park Budget

TOTAL \$151,500.00



2028

Park/Budget Item	Est. Cost	Funding Source
Shellabarger Park		
Basketball court rehab	\$3,500.00	
Trash receptacle	\$500.00	
Town Hall Park		
Community Center Phase II	\$100,000.00	TIF/Grant
Systemwide		
Invasive plant removal	\$500.00	Donations
Tree planting	\$500.00	Donations
Maintenance		
Splash pad (chemicals, etc.)	\$26,000.00	Park Budget
Landscaping	\$8,000.00	Park Budget
General	\$1,000.00	Park Budget
TOTAL	\$140,000.00	

2029

Park/Budget Item	Est. Cost	Funding Source
Shellabarger Park		
Nature Trail	\$75,000.00	
Town Hall Park		
Playground (New)	TBD	TIF/Grant/Donations
Systemwide		
Invasive plant removal	\$500.00	Donations
Tree planting	\$500.00	Donations
Maintenance		
Splash pad (chemicals, etc.)	\$28,000.00	Park Budget
Landscaping	\$1,000.00	Park Budget
General	\$1,000.00	Park Budget
TOTAL	\$106,000.00	



FUTURE PROJECTS

COMMUNITY CENTER

After the town built its new town hall, the old town hall building has been used for small events and storage. Its location in Town Hall Park makes it an ideal candidate for a community center. The building will need structural work to update the exterior and interior and then there will be interior improvements to accommodate the use of the structure for the parks department purposes as well as town related event purposes. Because of this the project will be in two phases for cost reasons.

NATURE TRAIL

There is interest in developing a nature trail in an unused section of Shellabarger Park that abuts the White River. A nature trail would provide an opportunity for an educational learning experience centered around the flora and fauna along the White River. The area in question could be used for a 1/8 to 1/4 mile trail. It would also give residents an opportunity to enjoy an unspoiled area along the White River.





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APPENDIX A:

PUBLIC INPUT

In This Appendix

- **Meetings**
- **Questionnaires**
- **Citizen Survey**



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PARK BOARD MEETINGS

Park Board Meeting
May 13, 2024 @ 5:30p
Daleville Town Hall

AGENDA:

- Introductions
- Purpose of Plan
- Plan Process/Timeline
- Citizen Survey/Questionnaires
- Next Step

TOWN OF DALEVILLE
Master Park Plan
2024-2028

Park Board Meeting #1
May 13, 2024
Daleville Town Hall

Sign-in

Name

1. Amy Morgan/President _____
2. David Hubble/VP David Hubble
3. Amy Roberts Amy Roberts
4. Tammy Anthony Tammy Anthony
5. Ashley Franklin Ashley Franklin
6. _____



Park Board Meeting
June 10, 2024 @ 5:30p
Daleville Town Hall

AGENDA:

- Mission Statement
- General Goals
- Citizen Survey Review
- Next Step

TOWN OF DALEVILLE
Master Park Plan
2024-2028



Park Board Meeting
June 10, 2024
Daleville Town Hall

Sign-in

Name

1. Amy Morgan/President Amy Morgan
2. David Hubble/VP David Hubble
3. Amy Roberts Amy Roberts
4. Tammy Anthony Tammy Anthony
5. Ashley Franklin Ashley Franklin
6. _____



Park Board Meeting
July 15, 2024 @ 5:30p
Daleville Town Hall

AGENDA:

- Citizen Survey Review/Finalize
- Questionnaires Results?
- Next Steps
 - Public Meeting #1 Date/Time

TOWN OF DALEVILLE
Master Park Plan
2024-2028



Park Board Meeting
July 15, 2024
Daleville Town Hall

Sign-in

Name

1. Amy Morgan/President Amy Morgan
2. David Hubble/VP David Hubble
3. Amy Roberts Amy Roberts
4. Tammy Anthony Tammy Anthony
5. Ashley Franklin Ashley Franklin
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Park Board Meeting
February 10, 2025 @ 5:30p
Daleville Town Hall

AGENDA:

- IDNR Questions Review
- CIP Discussion
- Public Meeting #2 (April 14, 2025)
- Next Steps

TOWN OF DALEVILLE
Master Park Plan
2025-2029



Park Board Meeting
February 10, 2025
Daleville Town Hall

Sign-in

Name

1. Amy Morgan/President

Amy Morgan

2. David Hubble/VP

David Hubble

3. Amy Roberts

Amy Roberts

4. Tammy Anthony

Tammy Anthony

5. Ashley Franklin

Ashley Franklin



PUBLIC MEETINGS

Public Meeting #1
September 9, 2024 @ 6:00p
Daleville Town Hall

AGENDA:

- **Introductions**
- **Purpose of Plan/Process**
- **Mission Statement/Goals**
- **Citizen Survey**
- **Needs Discussion**
- **Next Steps**



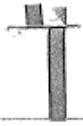
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Public Meeting #1
September 9, 2024 @ 6:00p
Daleville Town Hall

Sign-in

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Public Meeting #2
April 14, 2025 @ 5:30p
Daleville Municipal Building

AGENDA:

- **Introductions**
- **Purpose of Plan**
- **Capital Improvements Plan**
- **Next Steps**



Public Meeting #2
April 14, 2025 @ 5:30p
Daleville Municipal Building

Sign-in

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QUESTIONNAIRES

PARK BOARD

Out of 5 park board members who were sent the questionnaire, 5 responded.

Park Facilities:

Q1 How familiar are you with the facilities offered by the Parks Department?

Very Familiar	100.0%
Somewhat familiar	0.0%
Not too familiar	0.0%
Not familiar at all	0.0%

Q2 How often do you utilize Parks Department facilities?

	Daily	Few times a week	Few times a month	Few times a year	Never
Spring	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Summer	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Fall	20.0%	40.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Winter	0.0%	0.0%	60.0%	0.0%	40.0%

Q3 Do you believe the existing facilities meet the needs of the following age groups?

	Needs met	Needs somewhat met	Needs not met
Ages 0-5	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%
Ages 6-12	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%
Ages 13-18	0.0%	80.0%	20.0%
Ages 19-24	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%
Ages 25-64	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%
Ages 65+	40.0%	0.0%	60.0%

Q4 Do you believe Parks Department facilities are properly maintained?

	Town Hall Park	Shellabarger Park
Very well maintained	100.0%	0.0%
Somewhat maintained	0.0%	60.0%
Not very well maintained	0.0%	40.0%
Not maintained at all	0.0%	0.0%



Q5 Should new facilities/structures be added? If yes or maybe, what types of facilities/structures?

Yes	80.0%
Maybe	20.0%
No	0.0%

Comments:

- Another shelter house, more parking options, updated equipment at Shellabarger park, more family-style activities at Shellabarger park (like tether ball, horseshoe and corn hole pits, better walking trails, more seating for picnics, etc).
- Dog Park moved to Shellabarger, New playground at Shellabarger, nature trail at Shellabarger.
- Shellabarger could use a newer playground.
- More swings.

Park Programs:

Q6 How familiar are you with the programs/events offered by the Parks Department?

Very Familiar	100.0%
Somewhat familiar	0.0%
Not too familiar	0.0%
Not familiar at all	0.0%

Q7 How often do you utilize Parks Department programs/events?

	Daily	A few times a week	A few times a month	A few times a year	Never
Spring	20.0%	20.0%	60.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Summer	40.0%	0.0%	60.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Fall	40.0%	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Winter	20.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	40.0%

Q8 Do you believe the existing programs/events meet the needs of the following age groups?

	Needs met	Needs somewhat met	Needs not met
Ages 0-5	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Ages 6-12	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Ages 13-18	20.0%	80.0%	0.0%
Ages 19-24	40.0%	40.0%	20.0%
Ages 25-64	40.0%	60.0%	20.0%
Ages 65+	40.0%	60.0%	0.0%



Q9 Should existing programs/events be increased? If yes or maybe, what types of programs/events?

Yes	40.0%
Maybe	60.0%
No	0.0%

Comments:

- More events like teen nights and adult nights during the off season.
- I like the idea of more concerts.
- I think the park does a great job.

Q10 Should new programs/events be added? If yes or maybe, what types of programs/events?

Yes	40.0%
Maybe	60.0%
No	0.0%

Comments:

- Senior citizen programs like monthly meals and gatherings, work out or walking classes. The addition of Halloween programs and celebrations for other holidays outside of the splash pad season.
- Concerts.

Access and Opportunities:

Q11 What do you feel is the most important function provided by the Parks Department and why?

- Community gathering space that is clean, maintained, and inviting for all to enjoy.
- Events.
- Kids events keeps them entertained.
- Public recreation.
- Safe play areas for the kids.

Q12 What are the strengths of the Parks Department that we need to build on?

- We need more space to park, because the area is always so well used with lots of people needing space to park.
- Community involvement, volunteers.
- The splash pad is the golden ticket.
- Getting more sponsors.

Q13 How would you assess the Parks Department's ability to market and communicate its services with the public?

- It is good, but it could be better. A program that would allow automated emailing/texting (not ReachAlert which only contacts residents of the town). A budget to allow running sponsored ads on social media.
- Our Park Coordinator does a wonderful job of advertising events.
- Great.
- I think it's in a good spot.

Q14 What do you feel is the public's image of the Parks Department?



Excellent	60.0%
Very satisfactory	40.0%
Satisfactory	0.0%
Somewhat satisfactory	0.0%
Not very satisfactory	0.0%

Financial:

Q15 What do you feel are the highest priority capital improvements needed by the Parks Department and the residents? (i.e. trails, community center, sports complex, playground equipment, etc.)

- COMMUNITY CENTER! Updated playground equipment at Shellabarger park. A sports complex for things like soccer games/programs, more outdoor court spaces, and larger baseball/softball fields.
- Community Center.
- Trails, community center, more fitness.
- I'd like to see a new playground at Shellabarger.
- More swings and shade barrier.

Q16 Do residents believe their tax dollars are wisely utilized and allocated?

Yes	60.0%
Maybe	40.0%
No	0.0%

Q17 Would residents support increases in park fees?

Yes	20.0%
Maybe	60.0%
No	20.0%

Q18 Would residents support a tax increase for capital and program improvements for the Parks Department?

Yes	20.0%
Maybe	60.0%
No	20.0%

Vision for the Future:

Q19 Are there recreational services or amenities that you have seen in other communities that you would like to have in your community?

- The Yorktown sports plex is GORGEOUS and so is Morrow's Meadows.
- Equipment and safety measures for special need children.



- Tennis and pickle ball.

Q20 Should the Parks Department acquire more land? If yes or maybe, do you have suggested locations or areas for parkland expansion?

Yes	60.0%
Maybe	20.0%
No	20.0%

Comments:

- 7109 S River Road.
- Old Canoe Country.
- Probably somewhere out off of 67.
- I would love to acquire the property down across from Shellbarger park in order to add a sports plex and more preserved and beautified green space for gathering/hosting sporting tournaments.

Q21 What do you feel the Parks Department's role should be within the community?

- To provide safe indoor & outdoor spaces where the community can gather as one. To increase togetherness and fellowship, and to increase overall happiness, health, and wellbeing.
- Event planning.
- Public recreation and proactive in search to improve our town.

Q22 Over the next 5 years, what are the 3 to 5 most important issues/challenges facing the Parks Department?

- Budget! The budget is too low to do all that we wish we could do for our community. Staff shortages. The events and programs offered now require a lot of manpower, but volunteerism and help is very low.
- Updating of the parks, adding ADA accessible facilities.
- Money, volunteers, controlled growth.
- Lack of swings, dog park, walking trails.

Q23 Are there other organizations that the Parks Department should consider exploring partnerships with?

- Local businesses, the community foundation, the community school system
- Cardinal Greenway, Mounds Greenway.
- Chesterfield would make the most sense. Yorktown and Middletown possibly.

Q24 Please share any other opinions/ideas that might be helpful in determining the future of the Parks Department in the next 5 years?

- Expanding parks areas for more fields, (soccer, etc.).
- Events for special needs children Community building- in the winter have indoor basketball and fitness events such as yoga, Zumba, and elderly classes.
- I think it's in a good place and we are on the right path for the future.
- Shellabarger should be renamed.



COMMUNITY LEADERS

Out of 19 community leaders who were sent the questionnaire, 15 responded.

Park Facilities:

Q1 How familiar are you with the facilities offered by the Parks Department?

Very Familiar	66.7%
Somewhat familiar	33.3%
Not too familiar	0.0%
Not familiar at all	0.0%

Q2 How often do you utilize Parks Department facilities?

	Daily	Few times a week	Few times a month	Few times a year	Never
Spring	0.0%	33.3%	41.7%	16.7%	8.3%
Summer	0.0%	61.5%	15.4%	23.1%	0.0%
Fall	14.3%	14.3%	50.0%	21.4%	0.0%
Winter	0.0%	16.7%	41.7%	16.7%	25.0%

Q3 Do you believe the existing facilities meet the needs of the following age groups?

	Needs met	Needs somewhat met	Needs not met
Ages 0-5	75.0%	25.0%	0.0%
Ages 6-12	91.7%	8.3%	0.0%
Ages 13-18	63.6%	27.3%	9.1%
Ages 19-24	40.0%	50.0%	10.0%
Ages 25-64	27.3%	63.6%	9.1%
Ages 65+	40.0%	50.0%	10.0%

Q4 Do you believe Parks Department facilities are properly maintained?

	Town Hall Park	Shellabarger Park
Very well maintained	76.9%	23.1%
Somewhat maintained	23.1%	23.1%
Not very well maintained	0.0%	30.7%
Not maintained at all	0.0%	23.1%

Comments:

- Both parks well maintained.
- The park structures have been improved.



- Bathrooms at Town Hall park are always in bad shape. The baby changing station is also broken and hanging off the wall. The rope toy on big kid side of park is very unstable and wiggling all around the one on the fake grass hill.

Q5 Should new facilities/structures be added? If yes or maybe, what types of facilities/structures?

Yes	28.6%
Maybe	57.1%
No	14.3%

Comments:

- Shellenbarger Park needs new playground equipment, restroom facility and a volleyball court and maybe horseshoe pit, softball field.
- At Shellenbager Park: Restrooms facility, new playground equipment, volleyball court, more picnic tables dispersed throughout the park.
- Updates and maintenance needed at Shellabarger Park.

Park Programs:

Q6 How familiar are you with the programs/events offered by the Parks Department?

Very Familiar	90.9%
Somewhat familiar	0.0%
Not too familiar	0.0%
Not familiar at all	9.1%

Q7 How often do you utilize Parks Department programs/events?

	Daily	A few times a week	A few times a month	A few times a year	Never
Spring	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	25.0%	33.3%
Summer	50.0%	83.3%	16.7%	12.5%	33.3%
Fall	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	25.0%	0.0%
Winter	50.0%	16.7%	16.7%	37.5%	33.3%

Q8 Do you believe the existing programs/events meet the needs of the following age groups?

	Needs met	Needs somewhat met	Needs not met
Ages 0-5	85.7%	14.3%	0.0%
Ages 6-12	87.5%	12.5%	0.0%
Ages 13-18	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Ages 19-24	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Ages 25-64	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Ages 65+	50.0%	33.3%	16.7%

Q9 Should existing programs/events be increased? If yes or maybe, what types of programs/events?



Yes	12.5%
Maybe	50.0%
No	37.5%

Comments:

- Concerts, Fair, open market.
- The seasons are covered well, in my opinion.

Q10 Should new programs/events be added? If yes or maybe, what types of programs/events?

Yes	14.2%
Maybe	57.1%
No	28.5%

Access and Opportunities:

Q11 What do you feel is the most important function provided by the Parks Department and why?

- Quality of place. We all need a place to relax and unwind.
- Keeping equipment safe for all.
- Safe entertainment for all this would be all sorts of entertainment.
- The bees in the trash cans. They are almost nonfunctional because of the bee issues. It would be nice to find a resolution to this problem.
- A place for families to gather that is fun and safe for kids and facilitates gatherings.
- The playground and splash pad because it's a free facility for the community that many utilize.
- Safety and cleanliness.

Q12 What are the strengths of the Parks Department that we need to build on?

- Amphitheater, Splash Pad
- Providing free events to the community to attend.
- Shellabager park could be upgraded.
- The splash pad play area is always kept nice and clean. That's very important to parents coming to have a nice safe place for their kids to play.
- Shellenbarger parks needs to become even more a peaceful, quiet place for families to gather. Continue community events and provide more shade in the Town Park and Splash Pad.
- The Town Hall Park is awesome and appears to be well maintained. Keep up the good work.

Q13 How would you assess the Parks Department's ability to market and communicate its services with the public?

- Getting better with room to improve!
- Very good.
- Doing well.
- Very well.
- Social media is up to date and current. It works.



Q14 What do you feel is the public's image of the Parks Department?

Excellent	44.4%
Very satisfactory	44.4%
Satisfactory	11.1%
Somewhat satisfactory	0.00%
Not very satisfactory	0.00%

Financial:

Q15 What do you feel are the highest priority capital improvements needed by the Parks Department and the residents? (i.e. trails, community center, sports complex, playground equipment, etc.)

- Maintenance and upkeep of the current park. Stay on top of weeds, staining, and the meditation area. Spots in the playground surface need repaired as well as the astroturf.
- Playground equipment and sports complete. Safe walking areas.
- Trails would be awesome! Any upgrades welcome.
- Updated equipment and some beautification of Shellenbarger Park.
- Sports complex for older kids and young adults.
- Playground equipment at Shellenbarger Park and more shaded area at the Splash Pad and kids playgrounds at the Town Park.

Q16 Do residents believe their tax dollars are wisely utilized and allocated?

Yes	71.4%
Maybe	28.6%
No	0.0%

Q17 Would residents support increases in park fees?

Yes	22.3%
Maybe	44.4%
No	33.3%

Comments:

- My opinion is that our community can't afford fees.
- I believe charges would have a very negative impact, especially if too high.
- I would but I fear many would not. A few bucks doesn't sound too bad but many in this area don't have it.

Q18 Would residents support a tax increase for capital and program improvements for the Parks Department?

Yes	22.2%
Maybe	66.7%
No	11.1%

Vision for the Future:



Q19 Are there recreational services or amenities that you have seen in other communities that you would like to have in your community?

- Trails to connect the two parks to all of the community.
- Safe walking (not on streets), Sports complex.

Q20 Should the Parks Department acquire more land? If yes or maybe, do you have suggested locations or areas for parkland expansion?

Yes	0.0%
Maybe	14.3%
No	85.7%

Q21 What do you feel the Parks Department's role should be within the community?

- Community engagement with quality of life place and programs.
- Mainly to bring the community together.
- Facilitate areas of recreation and relaxation for families.
- Maintain what we currently have.

Q22 Over the next 5 years, what are the 3 to 5 most important issues/challenges facing the Parks Department?

- Funding, volunteers, quality concerts.
- Canoe launching at Shellabarger Park, when park is busy not enough places to sit for adults. Providing Adult fitness, providing activities for elderly.
- Upgrades to equipment, restrooms, parking, cleanup and better use of the river area.
- Offsetting operating expenses incurred by the Splash Pad, Funding for the Parks Department, capital improvements at Shellenbarger Park.

Q23 Are there other organizations that the Parks Department should consider exploring partnerships with?

- Schools, churches, local businesses.
- Silver Sneakers for Elderly offer class in park.

Q24 Please share any other opinions/ideas that might be helpful in determining the future of the Parks Department in the next 5 years?

- Need to provide more benches for seating, provide fitness classes, Provide swings for adults, community pool, batting cages, volleyball court.
- I am pleased with the Town Hall Park in every way, from all the events offered, to the appearance. Shellabarger Park needs TLC and has for some time. Social media coverage is awesome, the park committee does an awesome job, love the relationship with the HUB, overall, very pleased!! I love my town. Thank you for all you do!
- Overall, for the size of our town, I think it's awesome. Again, Shellabarger Park needs to be updated. Nothing elaborate just newer and the grounds tidier. The shelter is sad and unwelcoming at the entrance. Thank you for all you do!



CITIZEN SURVEY

A total of 175 surveys were collected giving the town a return rate of 24.7% (per household) or 10.6% (total population).

Q1 How often do you or members of your household visit the parks and/or recreational facilities?

	Daily	A few times per week	A few times per month	A few times per year	Never
Spring	6.29%	21.14%	42.29%	24.00%	6.86%
Summer	10.98%	28.90%	38.15%	18.50%	4.05%
Fall	5.17%	25.29%	39.08%	23.56%	8.05%
Winter	1.75%	4.09%	19.88%	23.98%	50.29%

Q2 What reason(s) do you or members of your household use the parks and/or recreational facilities? Choose all that apply.

1 Enjoy being outside.	86.14%
2 Park equipment is well maintained.	66.27%
3 To socialize with friends/family.	63.86%
4 To save money, closer to home.	40.96%
5 Trying to lead a healthier lifestyle.	39.16%
6 Better informed about park amenities, events, etc.	25.30%

Comments:

- I love the exercise equipment!
- Kayak launch / removal.
- Walk the dogs.
- Draws food trucks to town.
- To walk my dog.
- Water play.
- Safe environment.
- Best splashpad.
- I appreciate the town facilities. I think it's very important for the community.
- Movies and concerts.
- The PlayHub Preschool.
- Splash pad.



Q3 If you or members of your household do not use the parks and/or recreational facilities, what are the reason(s)? Choose all that apply.

1 Parks/facilities are too busy.	48.78%
2 I utilize private recreational facilities.	31.71%
3 Parks/facilities do not have the amenities I want.	24.39%
4 Parks/facilities are too far from home/work.	7.32%

Comments:

- To many outsiders, there's no room.
- Not much for adults.
- The exercise machinery which is outdoors is too far for walking distance.
- Kids are getting older not as much to do.
- Go to Chesterfield sometimes.
- We are too busy and don't have time to make it.
- The park is a good distance away from us so we attempt to go as often as possible.
- Too many people from outside Daleville come to the water park! Extremely disappointing. Makes it nearly impossible to enjoy what our tax dollars pay for!
- My son is scared of trains currently.
- Mainly come in summer for splash pad.
- It's too cold outside.
- Wish was fenced.
- We are both seniors and our children are grown so we usually use it when there is an event or grandchildren are here.
- I love the park and splash pad. I do wish there was more shade on the equipment so it isn't hot when the kids go down the slides or play.
- Would like to see a 24 hour indoor gym space in the town
- There isn't a fence and therefore my child can run off. This makes it not as relaxing as it could be.
- Grandkids have outgrown it.

Q4 What park facilities/amenities do you use the most often? Choose all that apply.

1 Splash Pad	72.62%
2 Playgrounds	70.24%
3 Walking paths	49.40%
4 Concession stand	35.71%
5 Restrooms	35.12%
6 Picnic areas/shelters	32.74%
7 Amphitheater	26.79%
8 Open spaces	22.62%
9 Exercise trail	21.43%
10 Athletic courts	8.93%
11 Outdoor shower	2.98%



Q5 How important to you and members of your household are each of the following benefits provided by the Parks Department?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important
Maintenance of parks	85.21%	10.06%	2.37%	1.18%	1.18%
Family friendly activities	72.56%	14.02%	9.15%	1.22%	3.05%
Enjoyment of open spaces/nature	71.68%	19.08%	6.94%	0.58%	1.73%
Physical activity/health	52.17%	32.92%	11.80%	0.62%	2.48%
Social interaction	42.26%	30.36%	21.43%	0.60%	5.36%

Q6 How satisfied are you or members of your household with the overall quality of the Park facilities/programs/events?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Picnic areas/shelters	43.27%	45.61%	9.94%	1.17%	0.00%
Walking paths	45.24%	37.50%	17.86%	0.60%	0.00%
Athletic courts	38.65%	25.15%	37.42%	0.00%	0.00%
Open spaces/nature areas	40.48%	42.26%	16.07%	0.60%	0.60%
Splash Pad	61.40%	27.49%	8.77%	1.17%	1.17%
Outdoor shower	17.65%	24.84%	54.25%	1.96%	1.31%
Playground areas	41.92%	40.72%	14.97%	1.80%	0.60%
Restrooms	24.39%	40.85%	27.44%	5.49%	1.83%
Concession stand	31.29%	33.13%	30.06%	4.29%	1.23%
Exercise trail	33.54%	34.16%	30.43%	1.86%	0.00%
Amphitheater	40.24%	34.15%	25.00%	0.61%	0.00%
Inflatable rentals	21.94%	21.29%	56.77%	0.65%	0.00%
Pavilion at Town Hall Park	30.67%	35.58%	33.74%	0.00%	0.00%
Pavilion at Shellabarger Park	24.05%	24.68%	44.30%	5.70%	1.27%

Comments:

- The playground equipment at Town Hall Park needs maintenance.
- Baby change station I'm bathroom is broken.
- The basketball court needs more lighting, it's too dark at night.
- Please get the piano away from the sitting area. It's awful to be there and a kid whamming the keys.
- I wish there were not snakes in the Habitat area, as they come to my yard! I'm scared to death of them!
- The restrooms get so hot and humid and I wish the bee's weren't so bad.
- Would like restroom and shower facilities for kayak launching.
- Dog park fountain has never worked.

Q7 Would you recommend Daleville Parks to friends?



Yes	91.28%
Maybe	7.56%
No	1.16%

Q8 Have any members of your household reserved a pavilion or inflatable at the park?

Yes	17.34%
No	82.66%

If you answered yes, please rate your overall experience.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Pavilion at Town Hall Park	55.00%	37.50%	7.50%	0.00%
Pavilion at Shellabarger Park	40.74%	33.33%	22.22%	3.70%
Inflatables	68.42%	31.58%	0.00%	0.00%

Q10 Please rate the park sponsored events that you or members of your household attended over the last year? Choose all that apply.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Total Eclipse of the Park	63.75%	33.75%	2.50%	0.00%
Annual Independence Day Celebration	60.19%	34.26%	5.56%	0.00%
Annual Fall Frenzy Parade and Event	55.96%	39.45%	5.50%	0.92%
Free Summer Movie Series	65.56%	27.78%	6.67%	0.00%
Free Summer Concert Series	55.91%	32.26%	7.53%	4.30%
Teen Night	50.00%	34.21%	10.53%	5.26%
Adult Night	53.33%	28.89%	13.33%	4.44%

Comments:

- Wish the concert nights weren't on Thursdays. More food trucks/vendors.
- Not much to do for teens/ older kids.
- I think it's sad that there is an adult event at the park that is designed for kids, where the adults go and drink. A place for kids to enjoy and play is not a place for adults to go and drink.
- Poorly organized, poorly supervised total disregard for park neighbors.
- Preschool Playhub is every Tuesday and we love it.
- Perhaps entry by donation.
- Easter is excellent.
- Bands are horrible this year. Must be low budget.



Q11 Please check all the ways you learn about Daleville Parks.

	Responses
1 Town of Daleville Facebook page	77.78%
2 Daleville Town Hall Park Facebook page	66.67%
3 From friends or neighbors	29.24%
4 Flyers/Posters/Signs around town	16.96%
On monthly water bills	16.96%
5 Conversations with staff/employees	16.37%
6 Daleville Parks monthly newsletter	14.62%
7 Flyers distributed at schools	8.77%

Q12 What types of facilities/amenities/events that you may have seen or experienced at other parks would you like to see offered by Daleville Parks?

Facilities:

- Pool
- Outdoor laser tag
- Ice skating rink
- Recreational indoor town gym
- Skate park

Amenities/Equipment:

Playground

- Fenced toddler playground
- Merry-go-round for playground
- Swings for big kids
- Nature play space with boulders to climb on
- Lego building under pavilion.
- More sensory friendly/autism friendly equipment
- Shallow stream for kids play like Webb Zone Playground Alpharetta Georgia

Trails

- Bike trails connecting parks
- A local forest area with trails added to Daleville park system
- More trails by the river
- Joint exercise/walking paths

Athletic

- Pickleball
- Tennis court
- Archery range
- Disk golf
- Soccer and baseball fields.
- Exercise equipment/play equipment for adults

Other



- Shady spaces for sitting/swinging
- Native plants
- Bench swings
- Interactive art installations
- Air bag for jumping
- Spun chairs
- Zipline
- Bicycle repair station
- Ferris wheel

Events/Programs:

Programs/Activities

- Naturalist walks to identify and use plants along trail
- Silly Safaris
- Things for older teens. Movies that are for a bit older kids/teens.
- Swing dancing lessons
- Photography class
- Gingerbread house decorating

Events

- Luminary walk
- Student concerts
- Chalk drawing contest
- Traveling circus
- Comedy show
- Watermelon eating contest
- Snow machine to have snow sculpting and snowman building festival
- Escape Room event
- Bands or music on the weekends
- Farmers market
- Food trucks

Q13 If there is anything else you would like to add about Daleville Parks, please feel free to let them know by using the comment box.

- Please put a fence around the toddler playground. It's next to cement stairs and a creek. Both are hazardous. I have 3 toddlers, and it feels dangerous to have multiple close hazards. Similarly to the splash pad that's next to the road. The toddler section of the splash pad is next to the cement drop off and road, both are hazardous. A fence preventing children from going in that direction is necessary.
- The food at the stand is junk food, could it be food that is healthful?
- Having a carnival or fair or two would be a pleasant surprise in the warm months.
- As a resident of Daleville Road, even if I don't participate in the events, I am glad that they are available for others. And it appears to me, many others, including residents, enjoy them.
- We love the passion Trina puts into our community park!
- Get rid of the last question about income.



- Connect a bike trail with Mounds SP and Yorktown.
- Super bummed the splash pad reduced their hours to 12 (noon) instead of staying open in the morning. With littles going first thing after breakfast works best for most and we love enjoying the splash pad whenever one else is at school.
- More normal swings!
- The BEST thing Daleville has done since 1956 was to build the Splash Pad and make it FREE to use. It has attracted new people to the area.
- As residents of Raintree Estate we'd love to see the park updated with better equipment and a kayak/canoe ramp.
- Love our parks! Love that our town wants to keep enriching! Thanks so much!
- I only attended 1 concert, but I can hear them from my house. I've never heard of any of the bands and they all are cover bands playing old rock and roll. That genre of music is not for everyone. Maybe if the bands were playing more up to date music the crowds would be bigger. Also, I dislike them on Thursdays. We also came to watch Sandlot, and we could barely hear the movie so we ended up leaving. The actual volume was very low but some of the people that was also attending were extremely loud which didn't help.
- I heard there is a plan to convert Shellabarger Park to a dog park (or a park for dogs). If so, I would like to suggest that a dog park could be built next to Shellabarger Park (behind Shumaker Apartments or above the abandoned septic tank area).
- Your park is wonderful and safe. I feel like I am with family when I am there even around those I have never met before.
- A sensory day or night for kids on the spectrum. Bubble party, glow in the dark party. For everyone really but when it's really busy and loud we go somewhere else.
- The parks system here in Daleville was a major factor in my wife and my decision to move here. Overall, we have been, and remain to be, very pleased with the facilities and events. The influx of nonresidents at the water park in the summer is a major disappointment and has driven us away from using it. My wife would say I'm being a jerk but it's definitely one of the first things I bring up when I'm talking to people about our experience in Daleville with the parks!
- The park's wooden equipment is starting to decay/deteriorate. If funds are needed to update the park, have some sort of fundraising campaign. Monthly donations through water bill? Or events that have a small fee or donation basis?
- Playground equipment and splash pad need updates and maintenance. Everything looks like it's falling apart. Dog park is used daily by dozens of people and it's just gone? Trash is not picked up on a daily basis. Makes the entire area look bad. Make homeowners around the park keep their properties clean and enforce laws, rules, and regulations for everyone. Was a beautiful little park 6-7 years ago, breathe some life back into it.
- Thank you for working hard to make our community a nice place to live! We love the park!
- We would love to have some shade added over the smaller playground area by the splashpad. The equipment gets so hot to play on.
- My Yellow Rickshaw was awesome. Love to see them back next year.
- More adult related activities - movies that appeal to older teens and adults. Non- alcoholic fun too.
- More shelters or let us bring canopy.
- Love your park and splashpad, just wish it was fenced in. Add a pecs board so nonverbal kiddos can communicate with others. Add some sensory friendly equipment also.
- Just to let you know, the parks are very well taken care of. Thank you.
- Nicely kept up.



- Please add fencing and the parks would be perfect.
- We need more parks and more trails to connect them! We should try to make a park in that area where riverside canoes used to be
- I think that if staff are unable to keep the copious amounts of trash and used bandages off of the playground and splash pad, then perhaps keep gloves handy. I've offered to pick up but I'm not touching that stuff without gloves. It's gross. That's basically the only complaint I've ever had and it's not the park department's fault. It's humans that don't care a thing about the equipment and the beautiful park.
- I would like to see the dog fountain work at the dog park. Also could we get poop bags back. I have seen a lot of people not picking up and feel if we had some available there by the gate they maybe more inclined as some people don't always think to grab bags before leaving the house.
- Would like to have a bluegrass band perform for one of the concert shows.
- I am so proud of what our town has available!
- It's really disappointing to see the Shellabarger park to be neglected. It's in a good area and deserves more attention.
- Have been very impressed with what the parks have become after living here over 10 years. I like having a reason to walk down to the park to grab a bite to eat and shop from local vendors. Even though I don't have kids I appreciate the efforts to make the parks a quality family destination. Would like to see seasonal teen events for the park. I think it would give them something to do as well as help instill a sense of community. Fourth of July event this year was 5 star.
- Please put some type of fencing up where the playground meets the river. It's so dangerous for the kids to be able to jump off or fall off into the water. We would come more often if that were to be fixed. Even with an eye on your kids at all times, they can easily stumble off that ledge.
- Community Center- use the front of the old town hall.
- Thanks for the piano we love it!
- The splash pad, restrooms playgrounds are very dirty.
- The park is super nice but a lot of times the workers let the trashcans overflow and the bathrooms are typically a mess.



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APPENDIX B:

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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FUNDING and REVENUE STRATEGIES

Park and Recreation systems across the United States today have learned to develop a clear understanding of how to manage revenue options to support parks and recreation services in a municipality-based system on the limited availability of tax dollars. Park and Recreation systems no longer rely on taxes as their sole revenue option but have developed new sources of revenue options to help support capital and operational needs.

A growing number of municipalities have developed policies on pricing of services, cost recovery rates and partnership agreements for programs and facilities provided to the community. They also have developed strong partnerships that are fair and equitable in the delivery of services based on whom receives the service, for what purpose, for what benefit and for what costs. In addition, agencies have learned to use parks and recreation facilities, amenities, programs and events to create economic development as it applies to keeping property values high around parks and along trails through increased maintenance, adding facilities and events to drive tourism into the region that create hotel room nights and increase expenditures in restaurants and retail areas.

The following financial options outline opportunities for Daleville Parks and Recreation to consider in supporting the capital improvements outlined in the Plan as well as operational costs associated with managing the system for the future. Many of these funding sources may not be allowed now by the Town or have never been used but should be pursued through legislative means should Daleville Parks and Recreation see the value in pursuing these funding sources.

General Obligation Bond

A general obligation bond is a municipal bond secured by a taxing authority to improve public assets that benefits the municipal agency involved that oversee some of the parks and recreation facilities in the Town. General Obligation Bonds are a tool used by local governments to borrow money. The bonds are guaranteed by the governing body's full faith and credit and backed by property tax revenues. The Town can use revenue generated from the sale of general obligation bonds to fund a park project and repay the bonds and interest with future property tax revenue. General Obligation Bonds should be considered for park and recreation facility projects; such as an update to Neighborhood, Community and Regional Parks, trails, a new recreation center, aquatic center, or a sports complex. Improvements to parks should also be covered by these funding sources because there are very little operational revenues associated with these parks to draw from and some of the Town parks improvements are in need of upgrades and renovations limiting the uses of other revenue sources. These parks help frame the Town's image and benefit a wide age segment of users and updating these parks will benefit the community as a whole and stabilize each neighborhood and other areas of the Town. If the parks are maintained to a higher level than the neighborhood, it raises the value of property. If parks are maintained below the level of existing homes in the neighborhood, it will bring the property values down.

**County Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT or EDIT)**

CEDIT is adopted by the county council if the county has the County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT), the COIT council if the county has the County Option Income Tax (COIT), and either body if the county has neither. Revenue is divided among the county, cities, and towns and must be used for economic development or public capital projects. An additional CEDIT rate may be added to fund a local homestead credit to offset the effect of inventory tax elimination on homeowners.

Levy on Property Tax:

Public agencies around the country receive funding through property tax revenues. State laws vary on how these funds can be used- rather applied to operating cost or capital investments.

Special Purpose Levies: Public agencies, including parks can receive funding through a tax levy designated to a specific purpose and generally for a limited period of time. This could be a one time, special purpose levy implemented for a limited time period.

Recreation and Park Impact Fees

The Town could implement recreation impact fees if the Town wanted to pursue these funds from developers. The current deficiencies in neighborhood park lands could be alleviated in certain parts of the Town that are short of park land and trails. Impact fees generally provide some capital funds but rarely are they sufficient to provide full funding of large projects.

Tax Increment Finance District

Commonly used for financing redevelopment projects, a Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) involves the issuance of tax-exempt bonds to pay front-end infrastructure and eligible development costs in partnership with private developers that are considered Quality of Life improvements that capture increases in property tax revenue within a designated geographic area and allocates it for a specific public purpose. TIF revenue has been used towards park acquisition, maintenance, and improvements in certain cities. As redevelopment occurs in the Town, the “tax increment” resulting from redevelopment projects is used to retire the debt issued to fund the eligible redevelopment costs. The public portion of the redevelopment project funds itself using the additional taxes generated by the project. TIFs can be used to fund park improvements and development as an essential infrastructure cost.

Developer Cash-in-Lieu of meeting the Open Space Requirement

Ordinances requiring the dedication of open space within developments to meet the park and recreation needs of the new residents often have provisions allowing cash contribution to substitute for the land requirement.

Park Land Dedication Fee

A park land dedication fee requires that a portion of any housing or commercial/industrial development be dedicated to public use, in the form of parks, recreation facilities, playgrounds, etc. Alternatively, the development may pay cash in lieu of a land dedication, which would be put in a special fund and used for future park acquisition.



Business Improvement District

The public/private partnership collects additional taxes from business within a designated area. The fees are used for public projects, based on the notion that a well maintained public space will increase commerce for local businesses. Generally used in downtown areas, a Business Improvement District is a useful strategy for pooling revenue to support a common goal. BID funding is managed by a nonprofit corporation created through the Town. This BID district can help support downtown parks as well.

Facility Authority

A Facility Authority is sometimes used by park and recreation agencies to improve a specific park or develop a specific improvement such as a stadium, large recreation center, large aquatic center, or sports venue for competitive events. Repayment of bonds to fund the project usually comes from a sales tax in the form of food and beverage. A Facility Authority could oversee improvements for the large facilities, such as an aquatic center, community center and sports field complex. The Town could seek out a private developer to design build a field house facility for Parks and Recreation with the Town paying back these costs over a 20-year period through the facility authority. The Facility Authority could include representation from the schools, the Town and private developers.

Utility Lease Fee

Utility lease fees have been used to support parks in the form of utility companies supporting a park from utility easements, storm water runoff and paying for development rights below the ground. This funding source is derived from fees on property owned by the Town based on measures such as the amount of impervious surfacing as well as fees from utility companies having access through the park. It is used by many cities to acquire and develop greenways and other open space resources that provide improvements in the park or development of trails. Improvements can include trails, drainage areas, and retention ponds that serve multiple purposes such as recreation, environmental protection, and storm water management. This could be a source for the utilities to make a contribution to support the parks and trails in the future.

Food and Beverage Tax

A 1 % sales tax on food and beverage is currently used by other cities on fast food and restaurants only. These dollars can come from the local community as well as visitors to the Town to help pay for a bond to finance future park and recreation related improvements. Food and Beverage Taxes are very well accepted in most communities. Many park and recreation agencies have a 1 % food and beverage tax to support land acquisition across the country.

Capitalizing Maintenance Costs

Levies and bonds for new projects do not always account for the ongoing maintenance and operations funding that will need to be needed by those projects. By capitalizing maintenance costs,



cities include those anticipated costs into the specific levy or bond proposal and then set the funding aside in an endowment to cover the future costs.

Lease Back

Lease backs are a source of capital funding in which a private sector entity such as a development company buys the park land site or leases the park land and develops a facility such as a park, recreation attraction, recreation center, pool, or sports complex; and leases the facility back to the municipality to pay off the capital costs over a 20 to 30-year period. This approach takes advantage of the efficiencies of private sector development while relieving the burden on the municipality to raise upfront capital funds. This funding source is typically used for recreation and aquatic type facilities, civic buildings, and fire stations.

Park and Recreation Capital Improvement Fund

Fees may be established and collected by the Park and Recreation Board for particular special events held on park property as the Board may deem necessary for that specific event. Private organizations who hold their event on park property and who charge admission for the event shall donate a portion of those charges to The Park and Recreation Capital Improvement Fund. Revenue from all vending machines placed on park property and accessible to the public shall be placed in the fund.

Partnerships

Establishing policies for public/public partnerships, public/not-for-private partnerships and public/private partnerships needs to be established with measurable outcomes for each partner involved. Daleville Parks and Recreation can gain a lot of operational monies back to the department if they can manage their partnerships in a more equitable manner.

Land Leases/Concessions

Land leases and concessions are public/private partnerships in which the municipality provides land or space for private commercial operations that will enhance the park and recreational experience in exchange for payments to help reduce operating costs. They can range from food service restaurant operations to retail operations on Town owned property. Leases usually pay back to the Town a percentage of the value of the land each year in the 15% category and a percentage of gross from the restaurant or retail attraction. They also pay sales tax and employee income taxes to the Town which supports the overall government system in the Town.

User Fees

User fees are fees paid by a user of recreational facilities or programs to offset the costs of services provided by the Department in operating a park, a recreation facility or in delivering programs and services. As the Department continues to develop new programs, all future fees should be charged based on cost recovery goals developed in a future Pricing Policy. The fees for the parks and/or core recreation services are based on the level of exclusivity the user receives compared to the general taxpayer. It is recommended that user fees for programs be charged at market rate for services to create value and operational revenue for the Department. For services



where the Town feels that they cannot move forward on adequate user fees to obtain the required cost recovery, consideration of contracting with a not-for-profit and/or private company to help offset service costs should be pursued. This would save the system dollars in their operational budgets while still ensuring the community receives the service to keep the quality of life at a high standard.

Corporate Naming Rights

In this arrangement, corporations invest in the right to name an event, facility, or product within a park in exchange for an annual fee, typically over a ten-year period. The cost of the naming right is based on the impression points the facility or event will receive from the newspapers, TV, websites, and visitors or users to the park. Naming rights for park and recreation facilities are typically attached to sports complexes, amphitheaters, recreation centers, aquatic facilities, and events. Naming rights are a good use of outside revenue for parks, recreation facilities or special attractions in the Town.

Corporate Sponsorships

Corporations can also underwrite a portion or all of the cost of an event, program, or activity based on their name being associated with the service. Sponsorships typically are title sponsors, presenting sponsors, associate sponsors, product sponsors, or in-kind sponsors. Many agencies seek corporate support for these types of activities.

Advertising Sales

Advertising sales can be used on sports complexes, scoreboards, gym floors, trash cans, playgrounds, in locker rooms, at dog parks, along trails, flower pots, and as part of special events held in the Town. These sales help support operational costs and have been an acceptable practice in parks and recreation systems for a long time.

Maintenance Endowment Fund

This is a fund dedicated exclusively for a park's maintenance, funded by a percentage of user fees from programs, events, and rentals and is dedicated to protect the asset where the activity is occurring.

Park and Recreation Revenue Revolving Fund

This is a dedicated fund to be used for park purposes only that is replenished on an ongoing basis from various funding sources such as grants, sponsorships, advertising, program user fees and rental fees within the park system. The Department could establish a revolving fund supported by all of the funding sources identified in this section and kept separate from the tax general fund.

Permit Fees

Permit fees include a base fee for all direct and indirect costs for the Department to provide the space on an exclusive basis plus a percentage of the gross for major special events and



tournaments held on park owned permitted facilities. Alcohol permits should be explored and if determined worthwhile, added to these permits which would generate more dollars for the Department. These dollars could be applied to a Recreation and Park Revolving Fund to help support park improvements and operations in the future.

Sale of Development Rights below the Ground

Some public agencies have sold their development rights next to greenways below the ground for fiber optic lines and utility lines for gas and electric on a lineal foot basis.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

PUBLIC ENTITIES

Land and Water Conservation Program

Participation in outdoor recreation activities is expanding so rapidly that park agencies often face a financial burden in attempting to provide enough facilities to keep up with the demand. Congress passed the Land and Water Conservation Fund in 1965 to assist eligible governmental units in providing new outdoor recreation opportunities. The LWCF was permanently funded in 2020.

The LWCF is a matching assistance program that provides grants up to 50% of the cost for the acquisition and/or development of outdoor recreation sites and facilities. Since the program began, Indiana has received approximately \$90 million in federal funds. The allocation usually is divided between Department of Natural Resources projects and local government park projects, depending on funding levels. More than \$50 million has been provided to local agencies through the program. More than 30,000 acres of land have been acquired in Indiana with LWCF assistance for public outdoor recreation use and conservation.

LWCF local applicants may request amounts ranging from a minimum of \$250,000 up to a maximum of \$1 million. Applications are available online. The application is required to be submitted via email by Aug. 1.

Reimbursements will not be paid out until after a state grant agreement is fully approved, approximately three months after federal approval. Project sponsors must submit a reimbursement request to the project grant coordinator on a regular basis (twice per year, preferred). Reimbursements are typically for 50% of total project expenditures submitted on the request, until the final reimbursement which may be a different percentage. Five percent of the grant amount is held until the project is fully completed and approved for close-out by the grant coordinator.

Project sponsors may use a combination of appropriations, bond issues, force account labor, and donations of land, cash, labor, materials, or equipment to match the grant. Other federal funding sources generally cannot be used as the local share of the project.



Grant applications may consist of land acquisition and/or facility construction or renovation for local public parks for outdoor recreation. New parks or additions to existing parks may be funded. The land acquisition or development may not be started until final approval is received from the federal government. All land to be developed must be controlled by the park board through direct ownership. Examples of types of projects include:

- Acquiring park or natural area
- Trails
- Picnic areas
- Sports and playfields, such as playgrounds, ballfields, court facilities and golf courses
- Water-oriented facilities for boating, swimming, and access to lakes, rivers, and streams
- Natural areas, nature centers, or interpretive facilities
- Campgrounds
- Fishing and hunting areas
- Winter sports facilities
- Amphitheaters and bandstands
- Roads, restrooms, utilities, or park maintenance buildings

All facilities should be universally designed for persons with disabilities and the park board's facilities, programs and activities must be open to the public without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or disability.

The LWCF Guidebook includes seven handbooks as step-by-step guides. Please use these documents and the Supplemental Forms to complete your application.

To be eligible for LWCF grant funds, the applicant must have established a public park and recreation board according to Indiana law. The park and recreation board must have a current five-year park and recreation master plan approved by the Indiana DNR. If you do not have a five-year park and recreation master plan, please see the links at the bottom of this page.

Project sponsors are required to have a pre-application meeting with the Grants Team. Meetings may be on site or virtual. Email LWCF@dnr.IN.gov early to discuss the proposed project and application process.

Applications must be received at LWCF@dnr.IN.gov by Aug. 1.



Indiana Trails Program

The Indiana Trails Program (ITP) is a grant program to support the development of trails throughout the state. The program uses state funds to help connect Hoosiers to outdoor recreation opportunities and natural environments without needing to rely on the use of a vehicle.

All units of government and certain 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agencies are welcome to apply. Eligible not-for-profit organizations must have a central mission that focuses on providing public outdoor recreation opportunities and has the capability to maintain the facilities developed with grant funds for a minimum of 25 years. Please contact a program administrator if you have questions regarding your organization's eligibility.

Projects will be eligible if they provide public access to trails. ITP funds can be used for:

- Construction of trails
- Development of trailheads and other support amenities (parking, water fountains, benches, etc.)
- Construction of bridges, boardwalks, and crossings
- Acquisition of easement or property for trails
- Projects that can be completed within four years

All facilities should be universally designed to accommodate all people.

The Indiana Trails Program will provide a maximum of 80% reimbursement for eligible projects, up to the maximum grant award amount. The applicant must have at least 20% of the total project cost available at the point of application.

The grant request minimum is \$100,000, and the maximum is \$400,000.

The 2025 ITP application window is Sep. 1 – Oct. 1. Applications must be submitted electronically to ITP@dnr.IN.gov by the end of business hours on Oct 1.

The Indiana Trails Program is a biennium grant program, only accepting applications every two years. This allows the program to award more actionable grant amounts. The next ITP application round will be in the spring of 2028.

ITP Program Contact Information

Indiana Department of Natural Resources
402 W. Washington Street, Room W298
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Email: ITP@dnr.IN.gov



Indiana Shooting Range Grant Program

The Department of Natural Resources Shooting Range grant program is an assistance program for the development of rifle, handgun, shotgun, and archery facilities.

The program has two main objectives:

- Increase public recreational shooting opportunities
- Train hunter education students

Funding for the Department of Natural Resources Shooting Range grant program comes from the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Program which is commonly called the Pittman Robertson (P-R) Program, and from a federal excise tax on rifles, shotguns, handguns, ammunition, and archery equipment. Funds are apportioned to state fish and wildlife agencies based on the number of hunting license holders and each state's size in relation to the other states. Because of the need for local shooting opportunities in Indiana, the Division of Fish & Wildlife has made some of these funds available to local units of government and not-for-profit corporations for shooting range development.

The project sponsor will not receive a cash grant at the time of project approval. Instead, the sponsor must pay the bills and be reimbursed for a maximum of 90% of the expenses incurred for the project according to the terms of the project agreement.

At the time of the application, the project sponsor must have at least 25% of the total project cost available. The local share may include tax levies, bond issues, or force account contributions. The donated value of cash, labor, equipment, and materials may also be used. Other sources of federal funding may not be used as a local match.

All units of government and agencies incorporated as not-for-profit corporations open to the public at least 20 hours per month will be eligible to participate.

At the local level, the Division of Fish & Wildlife administers the program. At the federal level, it is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Projects will be eligible for funding if they develop rifle, handgun, shotgun firing, or archery opportunities for public use.

Eligible types of development facilities include:

- backstops
- berms
- target holders
- baffles
- gun racks
- signage
- field courses
- benches



- trap and skeet houses
- platforms
- sanitary facilities
- classrooms
- protective fencing
- storage areas
- shelters
- parking lots
- accessible pathways
- support facilities

All facilities should be universally designed to accommodate all people. Facilities, programs, and activities funded through this program must be open to the public without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Development on leased property is permitted if the lease endures for the expected life of the facilities to be built and provides for adequate public access. The grant applicant must agree to keep the project site in use as a public shooting range for the life of the facility.

Funds made available through pass-through grant arrangements may not be used for acquiring land.

How do I apply?

Download the most recent [Shooting Range Grant guidelines](#). For additional questions, please contact:

Sam Whiteleather

Division of Fish & Wildlife

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Email: swhiteleather@dnr.IN.gov

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Facilities Program (PFP)**

The goal of the program is to encourage communities with eligible populations to focus on long-term community development. Eligible applicants can apply for grant funding up to \$500,000. To be competitive, projects must demonstrate the following:

- The area to be served has a substantial low- and moderate-income population (51% or greater) or is designated a slum or blighted area by local resolution;
- The particular project addresses the long-term planning and development efforts of the community;
- The funds granted will have a significant impact on the overall project;
- The community has demonstrated a strong commitment to the project; and
- The project is ready to proceed upon grant award and will be completed within 18 months after grant award.

To be eligible for CFF assistance, projects must meet the following minimum requirements:

- The lead applicant must be a non-entitlement city, county or incorporated town that possesses the legal capacity to carry out the proposed program.
- The lead applicant may apply on behalf of a 501c3 not-for-profit organization for an eligible project, provided that the organization can document its not-for-profit status with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, the Indiana Department of Revenue, and the Indiana Secretary of State.
- The proposed project must meet a national objective and be an eligible activity under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Act. In general, the project must either:
 - benefit an area or clientele whose population is at least 51% low- and moderate-income, or
 - aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight.

At least 10% of the total project budget must be provided by the applicant. This local match must be in the form of cash or debt provided by the applicant or a third party. Other state or federal grant funds will not be considered as a part of the local match.

For more information, contact:

Indiana Office of Rural Affairs

Community Development Block Grant Program One North Capitol, Suite 600

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

(317) 232-1703, (800) 824-2476



Transportation Alternatives Program

TA Program Structure, Policies, and Procedures

- **Application timeline:** Application timeline varies by county.
- **TA program structure:** The program is run through a state-level TAP Office. The state uses a competitive selection process, and TAP funds are distributed directly by the state TAP Office. There is a mandated geographic distribution of funds: to the MPOs (by population) and then to six districts that cover the non-MPO area.
- **Who is eligible to apply:** Local government, regional transportation authorities, transit agencies, natural resource or public land agencies, school districts, non-profit partners, and tribal governments
- **Application components:** Online application, financial commitment letter, ADA/Title VI commitment letter, mapped project, identification of potential railroad and utility interactions, bridge inspection report, scope of work, cost estimate
- **Selection criteria:** Road AADT and AATT, LPA Past Performance; Planning Support, Community Support – Social Issues, Connectivity, Safety Improvements, Facility Condition, LPA who has Asset Management, Funding Participation, Funding Commitments, Economic Development; Previous/Existing Project and ADA accommodations
- **Is there an advisory committee?:** Yes
- **Advisory committee members:** Applications are scored by a team of INDOT experts in their fields
- **Project award minimum:** None.
- **Project award maximum:** None.

State DOT TA Coordinator

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PRIVATE ENTITIES

Community Foundation of Muncie & Delaware County

The Community Grants program meets the mission of The Community Foundation to exercise leadership in directing resources to enhance the quality of life for residents of Muncie and Delaware County, Indiana. Additionally, it reinforces the Foundation's vision to impact and empower Muncie and Delaware County by enabling philanthropy as a trusted community leader promoting positive change now and for generations to come. To that end, grants are awarded in the following areas of interests: arts and culture, community betterment, economic development, education, and human services.

Community betterment includes but is not limited to recreation, public safety, neighborhood revitalization, animal welfare, beautification and preservation, environment, community well-being, and community development.

Grants are awarded from the Unrestricted Fund of The Community Foundation, named unrestricted funds, and select field of interest funds and align with the priorities established by the Board of Directors of The Community Foundation. Grants are generally awarded to 501(c)(3) organizations and may also be awarded to units of government, schools, etc., that are classified as public charities.

The Community Foundation accepts applications on a rolling basis which are reviewed by volunteer grants committees that make recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval quarterly. The Foundation seeks to invest in nonprofits that address current and potential issues in our community, taking advantage of compelling opportunities for improvement and by focusing on the long term success of Muncie and Delaware County. Grants are awarded to nonprofits that work towards practical solutions and positive results for recognized community priorities.

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OTHER

- Finish Line Youth Foundation
- Gaither Charitable Foundation, Inc
- Leighton-Oare Foundation, Inc
- Lilly Endowment Inc
- Dick's Sporting Goods Foundation
- Wells Fargo
- The Ackerman Foundation
- Ball Brothers Foundation
- The Mothershead Foundation
- Thrush-Thompson Foundation, Inc
- Clarcor Foundation Inc
- Trends International Charitable Foundation Inc
- AOL Charitable Trust
- Terry D. and Carol A. Agness Family Foundation
- Anthem Foundation
- General Charities, Inc
- Love at Work, Inc
- The Swisher Foundation, Inc
- The Joyce Foundation
- Samarian Foundation, Inc
- Salin Foundation, Inc
- The Aikman Foundation Inc
- USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program
- American Hiking Society
- Bikes Belong Foundation
- Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
- KaBoom
- Imagination Playground Grant
- Rigamajig Grants
- Park Recycling Grant
- Central Indiana Senior Fund
- Subaru of Indiana
- AARP FLAGship Grants
- Pacers Foundation
- George and Francis Ball Foundation
- Centerpoint Energy
- Zeigler Foundation