

Recreation C.A.T. Driving Forces and SWOT Statements

Driving Forces

- ❖ The community is reinvesting in its recreational capital. Some examples of this are schools, the YMCA and parks.
- ❖ Changes in population will necessitate flexibility in programming and promoting access to recreation.
- ❖ National trends have created restrictions on parental participation in recreation programs.

Strengths

- ❖ There is a high level of cooperation between the schools, library, hospital and other organizations.
- ❖ The community values its institutions, and shows it by investing in them.
- ❖ There is a broad array of facilities available for recreational services.
- ❖ The community supports scholarship opportunities for recreation.
- ❖ There is a high level of civic involvement.
- ❖ Recreational resources are within walking distance.
- ❖ Access to the Metroparks promotes recreation.

Weaknesses

- ❖ Financial resources are scarce.
- ❖ Green space for recreational activities are too few and scattered throughout the city.
- ❖ There is poor management of green space.
- ❖ Popular recreational options are used up quickly.
- ❖ There is a need for more lighted facilities.

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Opportunities

- ❖ The expansion of turf and multi-use fields encourage recreation.
- ❖ New schools will become more accessible for community use.
- ❖ National trends support creating an active living environment for all.
- ❖ There is funding for programming that tackles obesity.
- ❖ There is a need for new programming as well as enhancing existing programming.
- ❖ There is new planning for park facilities management.
- ❖ Opportunities exist for neighborhood connectedness (block parties and walking school bus).

Threats

- ❖ Apathy is a threat to civic involvement.
- ❖ Lack of parent involvement could endanger future programming/recreational opportunities.
- ❖ There is a shrinking population and budget for recreation opportunities.
- ❖ There is an increase in poverty.
- ❖ Kids are less likely to participate in physical recreation than in the past.
- ❖ There is a fear on the part of parents to let their children transport themselves to recreational activities.
- ❖ The demands on a single parent or working parent restrict participation for their kids.
- ❖ Isolation may restrict participation in recreational activities.