

# PUBLIC INPUT - SURVEY

## SCRANTON PARKS & RECREATION STUDY

### THE CITY OF SCRANTON NEEDS YOUR INPUT !!!

WE ENCOURAGE PARENTS & KIDS TO TAKE THIS SURVEY TOGETHER.

#### Project Need:

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The City of Scranton is committed to providing its residents with places to play, neighborhood parks and playgrounds. These areas must be safe, well maintained, and provide a variety of play options, from playgrounds, swings and courts to gathering areas, wellness/hiking trails and open lawn. Well-maintained parks increase the appeal and wellness of our neighborhoods.

Your opinion is respected and it is needed during this planning process. ***What would be in your ideal playground? What can the City do better? What is your favorite park? What do you like to play? Do you have a new vision for a recreation space?*** Please complete this survey so we can find out what is important to you. With proper planning and community involvement, the City's parks can be improved to meet the needs of all residents, young and old.

#### Project Goals:

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- Evaluate the conditions of all existing parks, including safety and accessibility.
- Document any improvements and maintenance needs for all existing parks.
- Prepare a new improvements plan for each park.
- Identify the need for new features within the parks, as guided by public input.
- Strategize an approach to help the City address recreation needs and facility improvements to create and maintain safe and valuable park spaces.



Use this link to take survey online: <https://www.surveylegend.com/s/3351>

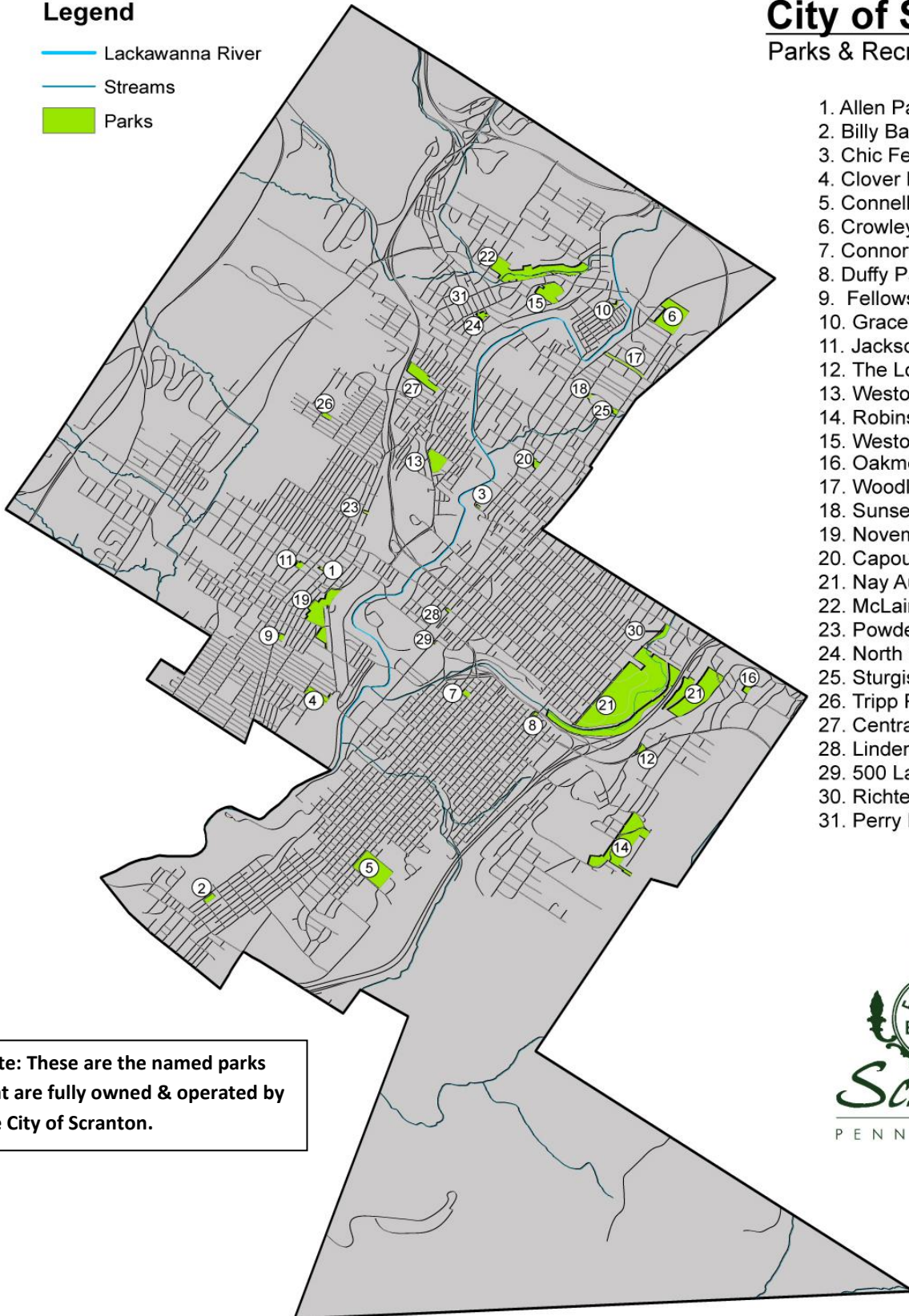
**Map of the City of Scranton Park Spaces:**

**Legend**

-  Lackawanna River
-  Streams
-  Parks

**City of Scranton**  
Parks & Recreation Spaces

1. Allen Park
2. Billy Barrett
3. Chic Feldman Field
4. Clover Field
5. Connell Park
6. Crowley Park
7. Connors Park
8. Duffy Park
9. Fellows Park
10. Grace Street
11. Jackson Street Park
12. The Lookout
13. Weston Field
14. Robinson Park
15. Weston Park
16. Oakmont Park
17. Woodlawn Islands
18. Sunset Islands
19. Novembrino Park
20. Capouse Avenue Pool
21. Nay Aug Park
22. McLain Park
23. Powderly Park
24. North Scranton Mini Park
25. Sturgis (Pretzel Park)
26. Tripp Park
27. Central City Little League
28. Linden Street Park
29. 500 Lackawanna Ave
30. Richter Ave Park
31. Perry Park



**Note:** These are the named parks that are fully owned & operated by the City of Scranton.



## General Information:

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1.) Are you a Scranton resident?     Yes     No

If from Scranton, what neighborhood do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Do you work in Scranton?         Yes     No

3.) What is your Zip Code?     18503     18504     18505     18507     18508     18509     18510  
   18512     18515     18519        Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4.) Who is filling out this survey?

I am a child (under 12)     I am a teenager         I am an adult         We are a family (all ages)

5.) Please check all that apply to the adults (over 18) in your household:

Retired     Working     College Student                     Married     Single

6.) How many people are in your household/family? \_\_\_\_\_

7.) Do you have children under the age of 13 living at home?     Yes     No

8.) If you are a dog owner, do you take your pet to a Park?     Yes     No

If Yes, list your favorite(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

## Importance of Parks:

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1.) Do you use parks in Scranton?     Yes     No

If No, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please list the park(s) that you USE the MOST? \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, which is your FAVORITE park? \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Mark your main reasons for using City parks (select all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> I do not use them	<input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Socializing/Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Biking
<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Exercise	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Access	<input type="checkbox"/> Wellness Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnics / Parties	<input type="checkbox"/> Birding
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Football/Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical	<input type="checkbox"/> Pool
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Garden	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

- 3.) Do you believe property values are higher near a well-maintained park?  Yes  No
- 4.) When deciding where to live, was location to a nearby park important?  Yes  No

**Current Use of the City Parks (see map above):**

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- 1.) Is there a park within walking distance (< 10 minutes) from your home?  Yes  No
- 2.) Do you have to drive to access a park?  Yes  No
- 3.) Please rank how well the park(s) you visit are maintained.  
 Poor/Neglected  Good  Well-maintained
- 4.) Are there currently any special events or festivals at your neighborhood park that you enjoy attending?  Yes  No If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_
- 5.) What are the most common park maintenance problems you notice?  
 Trash/litter/illegal dumping  Vandalism  Broken play equipment  Pet waste  
 Unclean bathrooms  Poor landscaping/dead trees/leaf litter  Lack of signage  
 Poor drainage/standing water  Mowing/Weeding  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please list any specific park(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.) Please rank how often you use these additional recreation areas in Scranton.
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|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Lackawanna River Heritage Trail & Greenway | <input type="checkbox"/> daily | <input type="checkbox"/> weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> rarely | <input type="checkbox"/> never |
| Nay Aug Avenue Natural Play Area           | <input type="checkbox"/> daily | <input type="checkbox"/> weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> rarely | <input type="checkbox"/> never |
| Sweeney's Beach                            | <input type="checkbox"/> daily | <input type="checkbox"/> weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> rarely | <input type="checkbox"/> never |
| Parker Street Recreation Area              | <input type="checkbox"/> daily | <input type="checkbox"/> weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> rarely | <input type="checkbox"/> never |
| McDade Park                                | <input type="checkbox"/> daily | <input type="checkbox"/> weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> rarely | <input type="checkbox"/> never |
| Little League/Youth Sports Fields          | <input type="checkbox"/> daily | <input type="checkbox"/> weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> rarely | <input type="checkbox"/> never |
| University of Scranton                     | <input type="checkbox"/> daily | <input type="checkbox"/> weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> rarely | <input type="checkbox"/> never |

**Other Regional Parks:**

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- 1.) Do you have to travel outside of Scranton to meet your wellness & play needs?  Yes  No
- If yes, please list your top destination(s) beyond Scranton: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) Why do you need to leave the City to play?
- Better maintained parks  Safer  Just for something different  
 Facilities not found in Scranton  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## New Park Spaces & Features?

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1.) Which play features would you like added to the Scranton Park System?

- Splash Pad     Pickleball     Disc Golf     Skate Park     Bicycle Pump Park     Sledding Hills  
 Ice Skating     Mountain Biking Trails     River Access     Outdoor Classrooms  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

2.) Are you aware of any vacant lots or other land that would make a great neighborhood park?

- Yes     Not at this time

If yes, provide its location/current ownership (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

3.) Are you aware of any parks with ADA accessibility issues (lack parking or proper walkways to site amenities)? Do you have suggestions for more ADA accessible play features or amenities?

- Yes     Not at this time

If yes, state your concerns and/or requests: \_\_\_\_\_

3.) What play features or amenities are missing from your favorite neighborhood park?

Park Name: \_\_\_\_\_ I wish the park had: \_\_\_\_\_

4.) Do you have suggestions for any new special events, artwork, festivals or other seasonal activities within your neighborhood park? \_\_\_\_\_

## Interested in Helping?

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1.) Want to be involved? Volunteer and organize park cleanups, children activities, parties, special events etc.....     Yes     Not at this time

If yes, provide Name and email or phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me via:     Mail     Email     Phone

**How to Submit your Survey?** THANK YOU for completing this survey.

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Please return the survey to: Parks & Recreation Director  
982 Providence Road, Weston Field  
Scranton, PA 18058

# ROBINSON PARK

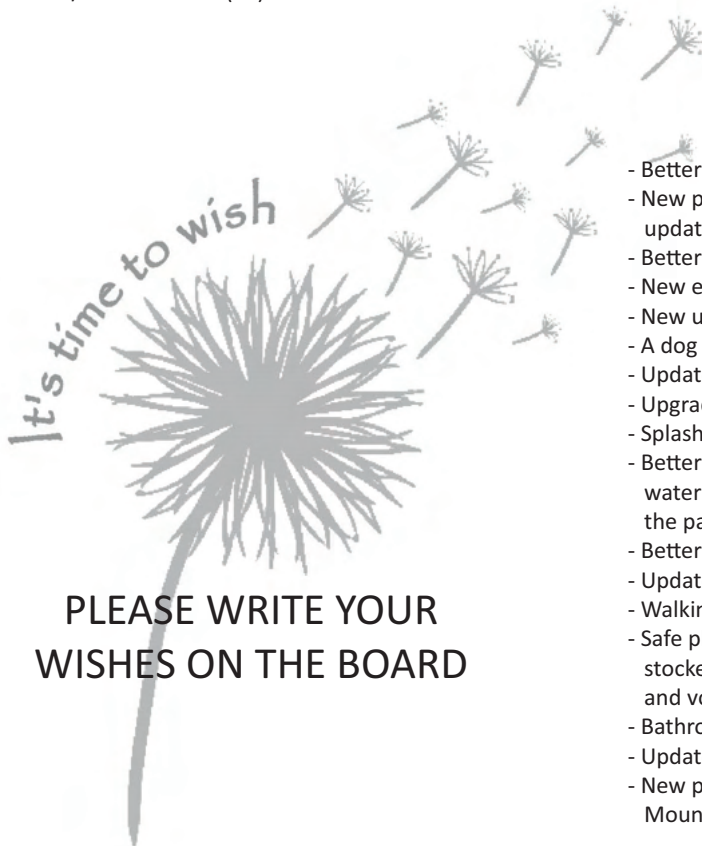
## **CURRENT PUBLIC SURVEY NOTES**

- Robinson Park needs an overhaul for sure. The playground structures are wooden and splintering. It is a beautiful area with a pavilion and Mountain Lake across the street. Please give this park attention asap before it falls into total disrepair.
- Robinsons playground equipment is also 20+ years old.
- Fences are broken around Robinson Park and garbage is usually an issue. The basketball court is in terrible shape
- Robinson Park is closest to my home. It is in disrepair.
- There could be a beautiful park bc Robinson is the second largest park in the city and the only park with a lake! The only lake in the city
- I would love to see handicap accessible playground equipment at Robinson.
- Enhance walking / fishing around lake
- Robinson park has no handicap accessible playground equipment. There are no sidewalks from the parking lot to the play ground areas. Poor drainage makes the grass impassable for someone in a wheelchair.
- Do not want to attract more people who destroy the park
- Survey respondents that specifically stated they use Robinson Park the most/their favorites (26)

## wish list from a meeting with the neighborhood group in 2019.

### Robinson Park:

- 2 Jungle gyms - 1 for younger kids and 1 older kids
- Rock wall and rope climb on jungle gym
- Spiral slide, straight slide, and baby slide
- Tic tac toe and bell on jungle gym
- New swings - baby and older kids, large multiple child swing (see photo)
- Plastic merry go round (see photo)
- Handicap accessible swings (see photo)
- Sponge floor under playground area
- Soccer area (clear grassy area for playing)
- Splash pad
- New court
- New fence
- New hoops
- Running/walking path around park and lake
- Benches throughout
- Water fountain
- Security cameras and motion lights
- Nice upgraded wood garbage cans
- Upgrade side walk and entrance
- More/larger signage for park and close at dusk
- Bathroom and pavilion upgrade
- Dog walk / Trail / Mini bike
- Site Drainage



## **SURVEY RESPONDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE:**

- Better play area and seating;
- New play areas, actual basketball hoops, it needs a giant update
- Better playground;
- New equipment and a splash pad;
- New updated swings and basketball hoops;
- A dog park, better basketball court, better landscaping;
- Updated basketball court, dog play area, a small dock;
- Upgraded equipment, picnic tables and benches;
- Splash pad;
- Better basketball courts, safer playground equipment, no water issues, ability to walk around lake, sidewalk to get to the park from my home;
- Better drainage and pest control;
- Updated basketball area;
- Walking trail;
- Safe playground equipment, splash pad, walking trails, stocked lake, benches, safe basketball court, tennis court, and volleyball courts;
- Bathrooms;
- Updated equipment and splash pad;
- New playground equipment, a safe way to cross over to Mountain lake



City of Scranton - Parks & Recreation Study  
PUBLIC MEETING (05-11-21, 6:00pm)

**Thomas J. McLane Associates**  
Landscape Architects Environmentalists

in partnership with:  
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Peters Design Group (Scranton, PA)  
Colwell-Naegle Associates (Clarks Summit, PA)



# OAKMONT PARK

## **CURRENT PUBLIC SURVEY NOTES**

- Oakmont is in disrepair
- Survey respondents that specifically stated Oakmont has maintenance problems (17)
- Survey respondents that specifically stated they use Oakmont Park the most/their favorites (11)
- Oakmont play equipment is in poor shape
- Oakmont would be a great park for a neighborhood gathering like a fall bon fire
- Oakmont Park is a great space in a great neighborhood and its run down and everything is broke. We would love to see this park fixed up!
- The park is too run down to use
- ADA issue; Oakmont Park would be a great park for ADA, it is easily accessible from the road, flat surface park, basketball court, gazebo. The only thing needed is equipment and some more benches.
- Oakmont needs a lot of attention. The play area climbing structure is closed because it is collapsing.
- Oakmont has broken equipment. Dangerous for anyone to play on
- Oakmont needs the entire park updated, the play area is falling apart
- The playground equipment at Oakmont have been unsafe for a long time. The wood is rotten and the screws do not stay in the wood. We are unable to use the playground because it is so unsafe.
- The basketball court is in terrible shape

## **SURVEY RESPONDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE:**

- Working equipment;
- A functioning playground;
- Better equipment and landscaping;
- Safer play equipment and a splash pad;
- Safe equipment;
- Better equipment

It's time to wish

PLEASE WRITE YOUR  
WISHES ON THE BOARD

## **CONSULTANT ASSESSMENT:**

Assessment --> This park needs a full renovation with new play ground and more green space; Important to get public input on the features to include or remove (is a basketball court still needed?)



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