

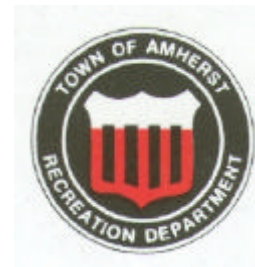
# **APPENDIX A**

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**HOUSEHOLD SURVEY**



# PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE



Dear Resident:

Have you ever wanted to tell the Town of Amherst what you think of the recreational opportunities which are available to your household? Have you wondered what the Town will be able to offer to your household in the future? Have you ever thought about where the money comes from to finance facilities and programs or what priority the Town Board gives to the allocation of tax dollars? **This is your opportunity to get involved!**

**Your household has been randomly selected to assist the Town in determining what parks, recreational facilities and programs are needed in Amherst.** This questionnaire is not just for young families with children – we need to know the issues and concerns of all age groups and for all types of activities. Remember, your household’s recreational needs will be difficult to address if you do not let us know what they are.

Please complete the questionnaire and return it in the enclosed prepaid envelope by:

**Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002**

The questionnaires will be tabulated and reproduced in summary form only. All personal information will remain strictly **confidential**.

Your input into this Study is important and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Schiferle, Director of Recreation, Town of Amherst at (716) 631-7132.

## RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, PARKS AND FACILITIES

1. In the past year, have you or anyone in your household participated in any of the following activities? If YES, please indicate the number of people in your household that have participated.

	<b>Yes</b> (Number Participating)	<b>No</b>
a) Hardball	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Softball	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Football	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Badminton	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Gymnastics	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Figure Skating	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
m) Recreational Skating	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
n) Aerobics, Fitness or Weights	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
o) Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
p) Walking for leisure	<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

- q) Running or Jogging  \_\_\_\_\_
  - r) Cycling  \_\_\_\_\_
  - s) BMX riding / Off-Road Biking  \_\_\_\_\_
  - t) Golf  \_\_\_\_\_
  - u) Frisbee / Disc Golf  \_\_\_\_\_
  - v) Skateboarding  \_\_\_\_\_
  - w) In-line Skating  \_\_\_\_\_
  - x) Sledding/Tobogganing  \_\_\_\_\_
  - y) Pre-School Program  \_\_\_\_\_
  - z) Youth Program  \_\_\_\_\_
  - aa) Seniors Program  \_\_\_\_\_
  - bb) Other (please specify)  \_\_\_\_\_
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2. Where do members of your household participate in the majority of their recreational activities? (check only one)

- Town facilities
- State facilities
- School/College/University facilities
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial/Private facilities
- Non-profit facilities
- Out-of-town facilities

3a. Overall, do you feel that you and other members of your household are able to participate in recreational activities as often as you would like?

- Yes
- No

3b. If **NO** to question 3a:

Is it for any of the following reasons? (check all that apply)

- No time
- Unaware of opportunities
- Too expensive
- No transportation
- No facility nearby
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Desired program is not offered
- Program not offered at convenient time
- No motivation
- Need instruction
- Health problems / Disability

4a. Are you satisfied with the recreation programs offered by the Town of Amherst Recreation Department?

- Yes
- No

4b. If **YES** to question 4a:

What new programs or improvements to existing programs does your household require?

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5. Overall, how would you rate the recreational opportunities in Amherst for the following groups?

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>
a) Pre-school (0-5 years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Children (6-12 years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Youth/Teens (13-18 years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Adults (19-64 years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Seniors (65+ years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) People with Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. How do you usually learn about the recreational programs offered in Amherst? (check only one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Amherst Program Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin Board / Signs / Posters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Through own participation        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Not aware of them                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friends / Relatives           | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know                       |

7. If new parks or recreation facilities are needed in Amherst, do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree that the following approaches should be used to pay for them?

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>
a) Increased municipal taxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) User fees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Corporate Sponsorships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. With regard to the following recreation facilities, please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the need to expand or develop additional facilities in the Town of Amherst:

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>
a) Baseball diamonds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Soccer fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Football fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Basketball courts (outdoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Outdoor Swimming Pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Outdoor Wading Pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Indoor Swimming Pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Golf Courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Arenas / Ice Rinks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Community Halls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m) Gymnasiums	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n) Paved Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o) Nature Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- p) Skateboarding facilities
- q) Parkland / Open Space
- r) Disc/Frisbee Golf facilities
- s) BMX (off-road biking) facilities
- t) Other (specify)

9a. Should property taxes be increased to pay for the development and/or operation of new facilities?

- Yes  No

9b. Should user fees (pay per use) be charged to pay for the development and/or operation of new facilities?

- Yes  No

10. If new recreation facilities were built in Amherst, where should they be located? (be specific)

11. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Agree</b>	<b>Somewhat Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No Opinion</b>
a) Recreation is very important to me and members of my household.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) There are sufficient parks and open space areas in my neighborhood.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Town parks and recreation facilities are well maintained.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Public access to school facilities is good.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Children's programs should have priority over adult programs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) The Town should build a new public golf course.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

12. Are you:

- Male  Female

13. Please indicate the number of persons within your household by age group, including yourself:

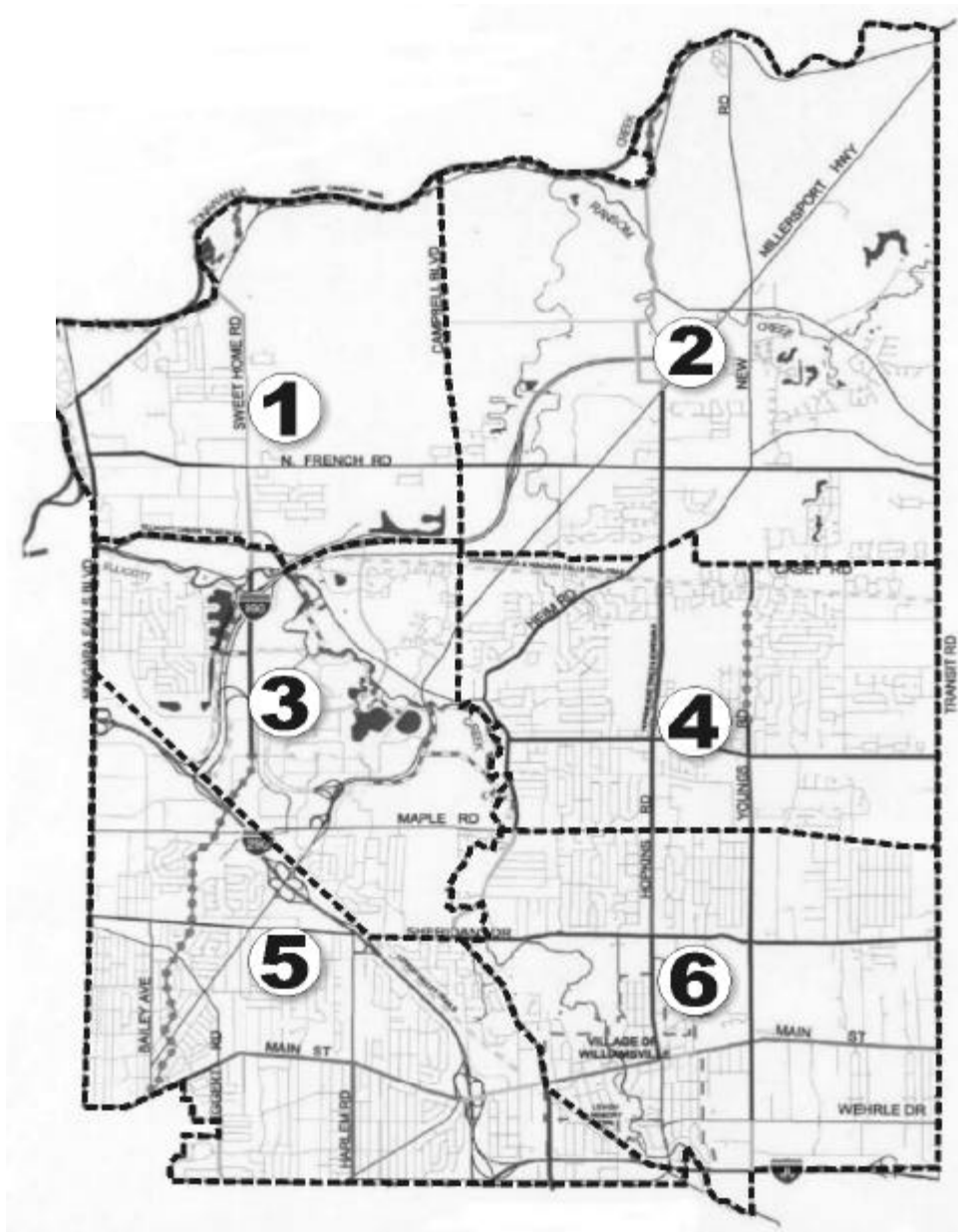
- a) under 5 years \_\_\_\_\_
- b) 5-9 years \_\_\_\_\_
- c) 10-14 years \_\_\_\_\_
- d) 15-19 years \_\_\_\_\_
- e) 20-34 years \_\_\_\_\_
- f) 35-49 years \_\_\_\_\_
- g) 50-64 years \_\_\_\_\_
- h) 65 years & over \_\_\_\_\_

14. In what year were you born? 19\_\_\_\_\_

15. Approximately how many years have you lived in Amherst? \_\_\_\_\_ years

16. Please indicate the area on the map in which you live.

- Area 1
- Area 2
- Area 3
- Area 4
- Area 5
- Area 6



Thank you for your cooperation in this most important study. If you have any further comments, please write them in the space below:

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**DON'T FORGET TO MAIL YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE  
IN THE POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE BY FRIDAY March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002.**

## **APPENDIX B**

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### **HOUSEHOLD SURVEY RESULTS**

1. In the past year, have you or anyone in your household participated in any of the following activities? If YES, please indicate the number of people in your household that have participated.

	Yes		No		No Response		Total		Participants	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Hardball	51	9%	417	73%	102	18%	570	100%	85	5.9%
Softball	81	14%	391	69%	98	17%	570	100%	112	7.8%
Swimming	233	41%	263	46%	74	13%	570	100%	559	39.1%
Football	33	6%	432	76%	105	18%	570	100%	44	3.1%
Soccer	87	15%	384	67%	99	17%	570	100%	131	9.2%
Basketball	83	15%	386	68%	101	18%	570	100%	130	9.1%
Volleyball	50	9%	416	73%	104	18%	570	100%	77	5.4%
Badminton	21	4%	439	77%	110	19%	570	100%	45	3.1%
Gymnastics	43	8%	417	73%	110	19%	570	100%	52	3.6%
Lacrosse	33	6%	429	75%	108	19%	570	100%	41	2.9%
Hockey	66	12%	402	71%	102	18%	570	100%	104	7.3%
Figure Skating	43	8%	420	74%	107	19%	570	100%	67	4.7%
Recreational Skating	154	27%	324	57%	92	16%	570	100%	356	24.9%
Aerobics, Fitness, Weights	196	34%	291	51%	83	15%	570	100%	326	22.8%
Tennis	131	23%	352	62%	87	15%	570	100%	254	17.7%
Walking for Leisure	416	73%	115	20%	39	7%	570	100%	813	56.8%
Running or Jogging	165	29%	319	56%	86	15%	570	100%	269	18.8%
Cycling	253	44%	251	44%	66	12%	570	100%	597	41.7%
BMX riding / Off-road Biking	49	9%	419	74%	102	18%	570	100%	72	5.0%
Golf	225	39%	275	48%	70	12%	570	100%	373	26.1%
Frisbee/Disc Golf	41	7%	422	74%	107	19%	570	100%	95	6.6%
Skateboarding	63	11%	405	71%	102	18%	570	100%	91	6.4%
In-line skating	151	26%	329	58%	90	16%	570	100%	302	21.1%
Sledding/ Tobogganing	149	26%	327	57%	94	16%	570	100%	406	28.4%
Pre-school program	55	10%	406	71%	109	19%	570	100%	61	4.3%
Youth Program	73	13%	389	68%	108	19%	570	100%	113	7.9%
Seniors Program	66	12%	408	72%	96	17%	570	100%	77	5.4%

If other, specify:	Households	Participants
Skiing	8	9
Fishing	6	8
Dancing	2	--
Bird Watching	2	1
Canoeing	2	2
Cheerleading	2	2
Karate	2	1
Horseback Riding	2	1
Racquetball	2	2
Boxing	1	2
Skootering	1	2
Rugby	1	1
At Home	1	--
Radio Controlled Plane	1	2
Floor Hockey	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>

2. Where do members of your household participate in the majority of their recreational activities?

	#	%
Town Facilities	292	51%
State Facilities	17	3%
School/ College/ University facilities	71	12%
Commercial/ Private Facilities	102	18%
Non-profit Facilities	15	3%
Out-of-Town Facilities	11	2%
Other	13	2%
No response	49	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>

→ If other, specify:  
 Do not use (6 = 1%)  
 On our own (6 = 1%)



3(a). Overall, do you feel that you and other members of your household are able to participate in recreational activities as often as you would like?

	#	%
Yes	302	53%
No	257	45%
No response	11	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>



3(b). If NO to question 3(a): Is it for any of the following reasons?

	#	%
No time	123	25%
Unaware of opportunities	78	16%
Too expensive	54	11%
No transportation	11	2%
No facility nearby	62	13%
Desired program is not offered	50	10%
Program not offered at convenient time	46	9%
No motivation	15	3%
Need instruction	14	3%
Health problems/disability	37	8%
No response	1	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>100%</b>

4(a). Are you satisfied with the recreation programs offered by the Town of Amherst Recreation Department?

	#	%
Yes	394	69%
No	126	22%
No response	50	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>



4(b). If NO to question 4a: What new programs or improvements to existing programs does your household require? (open-ended)

#	#
More Activities/Programs	Basketball
17	2
Bike trails	Soccer in Winter
12	2
Golf Course	Improved Facilities for Disabled
10	2
Indoor Pool	Bocci Courts
8	1
Multi-Purpose Facilities	Shouldn't have removed pool from Pepsi-Center
7	1
Aerobics	Rollerblading
6	1
Walking Trails	Skateboard Park
6	1
Outdoor Pool	Provide more Activities in Clearfield Area
5	1
More Green Space	Adult Soccer League
5	1
Better Tennis	Lower Costs
4	1
Swimming Laps	Bassett Park for Skiing
4	1
Skating	Radio Controlled Airfield
4	1
Gyms	Golf Dome
4	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>

5. Overall, how would you rate the recreational opportunities in Amherst for the following groups?

	Pre-school		Children		Youth/Teens		Adults		Seniors		People with Disabilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Excellent	60	11%	98	17%	69	12%	63	11%	60	11%	23	4%
Good	123	22%	154	27%	120	21%	183	32%	112	20%	44	8%
Fair	34	6%	36	6%	57	10%	82	14%	44	8%	38	7%
Poor	13	2%	10	2%	17	3%	31	5%	20	4%	28	5%
No opinion	245	43%	187	33%	211	37%	141	25%	258	45%	330	58%
No response	95	17%	85	15%	96	17%	70	12%	76	13%	107	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>2.00</b>		<b>1.86</b>		<b>2.08</b>		<b>2.23</b>		<b>2.10</b>		<b>2.53</b>	

6. How do you usually learn about the recreational programs offered in Amherst?

	#	%
Town Program Guide	188	33%
Newspaper	99	17%
Television	3	1%
Radio	4	1%
Friends / Relatives	83	15%
Bulletin Board / Signs / Posters	23	4%
Through own participation	31	5%
Not aware of them	77	14%
Other	3	1%
Don't know	39	7%
No response	20	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>

→ If other, specify:  
Internet (3 = 1%)

7. If new parks or recreation facilities are needed in Amherst, do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree that the following approaches should be used to pay for them?

	Increased Taxes		User Fees		Corporate Sponsorships		Fund-Raising	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Strongly Agree (1)	23	4%	187	33%	250	44%	190	33%
Somewhat Agree (2)	85	15%	219	38%	199	35%	189	33%
No Opinion (0)	36	6%	19	3%	36	6%	60	11%
Somewhat Disagree (3)	86	15%	65	11%	15	3%	37	6%
Strongly Disagree (4)	282	49%	52	9%	19	3%	47	8%
No response	58	10%	28	5%	51	9%	47	8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>3.32</b>		<b>1.97</b>		<b>1.59</b>		<b>1.87</b>	

8. With regard to the following recreation facilities, please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the need to expand or develop additional facilities in the Town of Amherst.

	Baseball Diamonds		Soccer Fields		Football Fields		Playgrounds		Tennis Courts		Basketball Courts (outdoor)	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Strongly Agree (1)	33	6%	37	6%	17	3%	96	17%	61	11%	54	9%
Somewhat Agree (2)	85	15%	80	14%	60	11%	130	23%	108	19%	95	17%
No Opinion (0)	231	41%	242	42%	269	47%	173	30%	206	36%	224	39%
Somewhat Disagree (3)	73	13%	59	10%	68	12%	56	10%	63	11%	58	10%
Strongly Disagree (4)	76	13%	77	14%	76	13%	52	9%	64	11%	62	11%
No response	72	13%	75	13%	80	14%	63	11%	68	12%	77	14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>2.72</b>		<b>2.70</b>		<b>2.92</b>		<b>2.19</b>		<b>2.44</b>		<b>2.48</b>	

	Swimming Pool (Indoor)		(Outdoor)		Wading Pools (outdoor)		Golf Courses		Arenas / Ice Rinks		Community Halls	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Strongly Agree (1)</b>	92	16%	65	11%	117	21%	80	14%	44	8%	48	8%
<b>Somewhat Agree (2)</b>	109	19%	91	16%	103	18%	92	16%	74	13%	89	16%
<b>No Opinion (0)</b>	167	29%	197	35%	164	29%	165	29%	164	29%	211	37%
<b>Somewhat Disagree (3)</b>	69	12%	68	12%	54	9%	67	12%	88	15%	76	13%
<b>Strongly Disagree (4)</b>	65	11%	68	12%	65	11%	102	18%	125	22%	66	12%
<b>No response</b>	68	12%	81	14%	67	12%	64	11%	75	13%	80	14%
<b>Total</b>	570	100%	570	100%	570	100%	570	100%	570	100%	570	100%
<b>Average</b>	2.32		2.48		2.20		2.56		2.89		2.57	

	Gymnasiums		Trails (paved)		(nature)		Skateboarding Facilities		Parkland / Open Space		Disc/Frisbee Golf Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Strongly Agree (1)</b>	56	10%	169	30%	176	31%	50	9%	197	35%	21	4%
<b>Somewhat Agree (2)</b>	95	17%	128	22%	134	24%	62	11%	101	18%	54	9%
<b>No Opinion (0)</b>	209	37%	123	22%	123	22%	219	38%	134	24%	238	42%
<b>Somewhat Disagree (3)</b>	64	11%	51	9%	44	8%	68	12%	37	6%	66	12%
<b>Strongly Disagree (4)</b>	73	13%	39	7%	34	6%	95	17%	34	6%	111	19%
<b>No response</b>	73	13%	60	11%	59	10%	76	13%	67	12%	80	14%
<b>Total</b>	570	100%	570	100%	570	100%	570	100%	570	100%	570	100%
<b>Average</b>	2.53		1.90		1.84		2.76		1.75		3.06	

	BMX (off-road biking) facilities	
	#	%
<b>Strongly Agree (1)</b>	36	6%
<b>Somewhat Agree (2)</b>	60	11%
<b>No Opinion (0)</b>	235	41%
<b>Somewhat Disagree (3)</b>	54	9%
<b>Strongly Disagree (4)</b>	108	19%
<b>No response</b>	77	14%
<b>Total</b>	570	100%
<b>Average</b>	2.91	

If other, specify:  
Dog Park (1 = 0%)

9(a). Should property taxes be increased to pay for the development and/or operation of new facilities?

	#	%
<b>Yes</b>	81	14%
<b>No</b>	477	84%
<b>No response</b>	12	2%
<b>Total</b>	570	100%

9(b). Should user fees (pay per use) be charged to pay for the development and/or operation of new facilities?

	#	%
Yes	439	77%
No	109	19%
No response	22	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>

10. If new recreation facilities were built in Amherst, where should they be located? (open-ended)

	#	%		#	%
East Amherst	7	12%	Audubon	1	2%
Egbertsville	7	12%	Bassett Park	1	2%
Snyder Area	5	8%	Bocci Courts @ Sr. Center	1	2%
Millersport & Dodge Rds	4	7%	Bueyrus Heights Area	1	2%
Clearfield Area	3	5%	Chestnut Ridge Road	1	2%
Sweet Home Area	3	5%	Klien Area	1	2%
Centrally Located	2	3%	MacArthur Drive	1	2%
South Amherst	2	3%	Nature View Park	1	2%
University Area	2	3%	Crosspoint Development	1	2%
North Amherst	2	3%	Tonawanda & Ellicott Creek	1	2%
Older Neighborhoods	2	3%	Smith Road Area	1	2%
Open Space Areas	2	3%	Stripmall Plazas	1	2%
Paradise & Casey Roads	2	3%	Sunridge Road Area	1	2%
Pepsi-Center	2	3%	Easy Access to Facilities	1	2%
<b>Total</b>				<b>59</b>	<b>0%</b>

11. Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

11(a). Recreation is very important to me and members of my household.

	#	%
Strongly Agree (1)	259	45%
Somewhat Agree (2)	206	36%
No Opinion (0)	34	6%
Somewhat Disagree (3)	37	6%
Strongly Disagree (4)	22	4%
No response	12	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>1.66</b>	

11(b). There are sufficient parks and open space areas in my neighbourhood.

	#	%
Strongly Agree (1)	100	18%
Somewhat Agree (2)	211	37%
No Opinion (0)	34	6%
Somewhat Disagree (3)	117	21%
Strongly Disagree (4)	99	17%
No response	9	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>2.41</b>	

11(c). Town parks and recreation facilities are well maintained.

	#	%
Strongly Agree (1)	168	29%
Somewhat Agree (2)	273	48%
No Opinion (0)	59	10%
Somewhat Disagree (3)	54	9%
Strongly Disagree (4)	10	2%
No response	6	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>1.81</b>	

11(d). Public access to school facilities is good.

	#	%
Strongly Agree (1)	147	26%
Somewhat Agree (2)	237	42%
No Opinion (0)	81	14%
Somewhat Disagree (3)	63	11%
Strongly Disagree (4)	20	4%
No response	22	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>
Average	1.91	

11(e). Children's programs should have priority over Adult programs.

	#	%
Strongly Agree (1)	91	16%
Somewhat Agree (2)	173	30%
No Opinion (0)	79	14%
Somewhat Disagree (3)	138	24%
Strongly Disagree (4)	62	11%
No response	27	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>
Average	2.37	

11(f). The Town should build a new public golf course.

	#	%
Strongly Agree (1)	97	17%
Somewhat Agree (2)	70	12%
No Opinion (0)	100	18%
Somewhat Disagree (3)	64	11%
Strongly Disagree (4)	216	38%
No response	23	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>
Average	2.89	

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

12. Are you:

	#	%
Male	230	40%
Female	321	56%
No response	19	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>

13. Please indicate the number of persons within your household by age group, including yourself.

	Total Persons			Household Size	
	#	%		#	%
Under 5 years	85	6%	1	125	22%
5 to 9 years	102	7%	2	182	32%
10 to 14 years	116	8%	3	63	11%
15 to 19 years	101	7%	4	119	21%
20 to 34 years	187	13%	5	36	6%
35 to 49 years	341	24%	6	15	3%
50 to 64 years	290	20%	7+	1	0%
65 and over	209	15%	No response	29	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1431</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>
No Response	29		Avg.	2.65	

14. In what year were you born?

	#	%
1929 or earlier	72	13%
1930 to 1939	78	14%
1940 to 1949	102	18%
1950 to 1959	140	25%
1960 to 1969	101	18%
1970 or later	36	6%
No response	41	7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>1949</b>	

15. Approximately how many years have you lived in Amherst.

	#	%
less than 5 years	60	11%
5 to 9 years	56	10%
10 to 19 years	135	24%
20 years or more	308	54%
No response	11	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>23</b>	

16. Please indicate the area on the map in which you live.

	#	%
Area 1	42	7%
Area 2	72	13%
Area 3	75	13%
Area 4	125	22%
Area 5	159	28%
Area 6	90	16%
No response	7	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 16. Additional comments.

<b>Comment</b>	<b>#</b>
More Greenspace and Natural Parks	24
No more land for Commercial Development	5
More Bike Trails	5
Recreation user fees a must	5
Do not develop anymore Golf Courses	3
Do not need any more Recreational Facilities	3
Indoor Pool & Fitness Center to be attached to Sr. Center	3
More Golf Courses	3
Dog Park	2
Preserve Greenspace	2
Need more playground equipment	2
Keep Taxes under control	2
Need more activities for Teens	2
Need more transportation for Seniors	2
Need better access to State Park	1
Add picnic benches to Bassett Park	1
Better training for Coaches	1
Broaden variety of Pre-School programs	1
Clean up Clearfield Pool & Washrooms	1
Develop existing Greenspace	1
Do not change Amherst Figure Skating Club	1
Golf & Tennis should support themselves	1
Improve Clearfield Library	1
Insufficient Ice time for Seniors	1
Leave Bassett Park as is	1
Longer indoor pool hours	1
More facilities for neighborhoods	1
Need a Driving Range	1
Upgrade both Audubon & Oakwood Golf courses	1
Need an Adult Hockey League	1
Need more places for children to play	1
Need more programs & games at Pepsi-Center	1
Need a Pool	1
Need an Indoor Pool	1
Need a swimming facility in West Amherst	1
Need more activities in Winter months	1
Need more recreational facilities	1
Need Multi-Purpose facility	1
Need Picnic Areas in Amherst Park	1
Need to bring small towns together instead of causing fragmentation	1
Close Maple Road Golf course & plant Trees instead	1
Recreation fees should be a combination of user fees & slight Tax increase	1
Recreation facilities should be within Walking/Biking Distance	1
Recreational facilities should be free for local residents	1
Redevelopment over mass development	1
Build a Seniors Facility in Eggertsville	1
Use empty stores for recreational uses	1
Too focused on Hockey	1
Use combination of User fees & Donations (not taxes)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>

# **APPENDIX C**

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## **COMMUNITY GROUP SURVEY**



**GROUP INFORMATION**

1. Group/Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name and Position of Group Representative \_\_\_\_\_
3. Daytime Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
4. Describe the purpose/activities of your group.  
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5. What age group(s) do you cater to? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What are the enrollment trends for your group (members/registrants)?  
*(Note: a separate page showing enrolment by age group or program detail is preferred)*  
 1997 \_\_\_\_\_ 1998 \_\_\_\_\_ 1999 \_\_\_\_\_ 2000 \_\_\_\_\_ 2001 \_\_\_\_\_
7. Over the next 5 to 10 years, do you anticipate participants to: (please check)  
 " Increase            " Decrease            " Remain Stable            " Don't Know

**FACILITY INFORMATION**

8. Which parks and recreation facilities do your organization use, how often do you use them, and are they adequate for your needs? (including facilities outside of Amherst)

Name of Facility used & Component that is used	Frequency of Use	Adequacy	Problems
	___ times/week; or ___ times/month; or ___ times/year	" Adequate " Inadequate " Unsure	
	___ times/week; or ___ times/month; or ___ times/year	" Adequate " Inadequate " Unsure	
	___ times/week; or ___ times/month; or ___ times/year	" Adequate " Inadequate " Unsure	

Additional deficiencies / suggested improvements / concerns regarding the quality of facilities in Amherst:

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**CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS**

9. Overall, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree that **“The Town’s parks and recreation facilities are meeting the current needs of your group”**? (please check one)

” Strongly Agree      ” Agree      ” Disagree      ” Strongly Disagree      ” Don’t Know

10. Are any additional parks or recreation facilities required to meet the current needs of your group? (please check one)

” Yes                              ” No                              ” Don’t Know

If YES, what additional facilities are needed to meet your group’s current needs? (please be specific!)

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11. Aside from current needs, will any additional parks or facilities be required to meet the needs of your group in 5 to 10 years time? (please check one)

” Yes                              ” No                              ” Don’t Know

If YES, what additional facilities are needed to meet your group’s future needs? (please be specific!)

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12. In general, what is the most important issue or pressure currently facing your group?

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13. On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent), how would you rate the overall quality of the parks in the Town of Amherst? (please circle one)

Poor  
1
2
Average  
3
4
Excellent  
5
Don't Know

On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent), how would you rate the overall quality of the recreation centers/facilities in the Town of Amherst? (please circle one)

Poor  
1
2
Average  
3
4
Excellent  
5
Don't Know

14. Aside from the parks and facilities required by your group, as a resident of Amherst, do you feel that there is a need for any other new parks or recreation facilities? (please check one)

" Yes
" No
" Don't Know

If YES, what other parks or facilities are required?

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15. If new parks and/or recreation facilities are developed in the Town, where should they be located?

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16. On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent), how would you rate the appropriateness of the following financing methods if new parks and/or recreation facilities are developed in the Town?

	<u>Poor</u>	2	<u>Average</u>	4	<u>Excellent</u>	Don't Know
a) increased municipal taxes	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
b) user fees	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
c) corporate sponsorship	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
d) fundraising	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
e) other (specify)	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know

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**DELIVERY SYSTEM / COORDINATION**

17. Do you feel there is a need for better communication between your group and the Town Board or staff? (please check one)

" Yes
" No
" Don't Know

18. What suggestions do you have to improve the relationship/communication between your group and the Town?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. Do you believe the Town should play a more active role relative to your organization? (please check one)

" Yes                      " No                      " Don't Know

If YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

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**We appreciate your participation in this survey and thank you for your time.**

Please feel free to prepare a written submission outlining any additional ideas, needs or concerns your group may have. The completed survey and additional information must be submitted by **Friday, March 22, 2002.**

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**OR**

Drop of at:

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Pepsi Center  
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Amherst, New York  
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Fax: 626-0987

## **APPENDIX D**

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**COUNCILLOR / COMMITTEE SURVEY**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Name and Position of Representative \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Daytime Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS

- 4. Overall, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree that **“The Town’s parks and recreation facilities are meeting the current needs of residents”**? (please check)

" Strongly Agree      " Agree      " Disagree      " Strongly Disagree      " Don't Know

- 5. Are any additional parks or recreation facilities required to meet the current needs of the Town? (please check)

" Yes                      " No                      " Don't Know

If YES, what additional facilities are needed to meet the Town’s current needs? (please be specific!)

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- 6. Aside from current needs, do you think any additional parks or facilities will be required to meet the needs of the Town in 5 to 10 years time?

" Yes                      " No                      " Don't Know

If YES, what additional facilities are needed to meet the Town’s future needs? (please be specific!)

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7. Are there any recreation activities or programs that are not currently offered in the Town that should be?

" Yes

" No

" Don't Know

If YES, what additional activities or programs are needed to meet the needs of Amherst residents?

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8. a) On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent), how would you rate the overall quality of the parks in the Town of Amherst? (please circle)

Poor

Average

Excellent

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Don't Know

b) What, if any, improvements to the parks are necessary?

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9. a) On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent), how would you rate the overall quality of the recreation centers/facilities in the Town of Amherst? (please circle)

Poor

Average

Excellent

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Don't Know

b) What, if any, improvements to the recreation centers/facilities are necessary?

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10. If new parks and/or recreation facilities are developed in the Town, where should they be located?

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11. On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent), how would you rate the appropriateness of the following financing methods if new parks and/or recreation facilities are developed in the Town?

	<u>Poor</u>		<u>Average</u>		<u>Excellent</u>	
a) increased municipal taxes	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
b) user fees	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
c) corporate sponsorship	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
d) fundraising	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know
e) other (specify)	1	2	3	4	5	Don't Know

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12. In general, what is the most important recreation-related issue or pressure currently facing the Town?

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13. What suggestions, if any, do you have to improve the relationship/communication between your Committee and the Town Board, Staff and/or the public?

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14. Do you feel that any changes are necessary to the structure, staffing levels or responsibilities of the Town's Recreation Department or Parks Division of the Highway Department?

" Yes                      " No                      " Don't Know

If YES: What changes are necessary?

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

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