

NEWS RELEASE

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BREMEN SEEKS INPUT ON THE PARKS MASTER PLAN

Bremen, Indiana – Over the last year, the Bremen Parks and Recreation Department has been working on updating its 5-year park master plan and has prepared a draft and need your input once more! The draft plan provides a framework to guide the Town's Parks Department and Parks Board on the identified priorities to enhance Bremen's parks and recreation amenities for the next five years. Your input is strongly encouraged and is a vital component as this is another opportunity to learn about the plan and share your comments!

The Bremen Parks and Recreation Department kicked off the planning process in May 2021 and has since sought residents' input to ensure the updated plan reflects the needs and aspirations of Bremen's residents. The project steering committee issued two public input surveys during the planning process. The first survey inquired about what residents love about Bremen's parks, what amenities they would like to see included in Bremen, and what opportunities they saw for improvement. Recently, the steering committee issued a second public input survey to hear residents' support of the strategies they would like to see implemented in the next five years. The first public input survey was available online and by paper from June 10, 2021, to July 30, 2021. The Town received input from 274 residents who shared their BIG IDEAS for their ideal park system! The second public input survey was available online and by paper from January 7, 2022, to January 28, 2022. The Town received input from 126 residents who shared the top three strategies they would like to see implemented as well as what they can do to support Bremen's parks and recreation.

"Regularly updating the park master plan is important to help drive the future for our amazing park system," says Brian Main, Bremen Parks and Recreation Department Superintendent. "Community feedback and ownership is important because ultimately our parks exist for our residents and visitors; we want to ensure they're relevant over the next five years and meet our community's needs. In addition to guiding us moving forward, the park master plan will make us eligible for additional grant funding in the future. I couldn't be more excited to see the final plan and continue working on moving our park system forward!" The draft Bremen Park Master Plan is ready for public review!

This plan will not be successful or meaningful unless it reflects the goals and aspirations of the users of Bremen's parks and recreational amenities! Visit Bremen's Parks and Recreation Department's website at <https://www.townofbremen.com/parks-department> or <http://tinyurl.com/BremenParksMasterPlan> to review the draft Plan or hard copies are available at the Bremen Town Hall. You may submit your comments until February 22, 2022, at 4:00 PM using the online form, <http://tiny.cc/Bremen5YrParksPlan>.

If you need assistance filling out the form or other questions related to the park master plan, please contact Donny Ritsema with MACOG at dritsema@macog.com or 574-287-1829, extension 503. We encourage you to follow us on Facebook [@BremenParksandRecreation](https://www.facebook.com/BremenParksandRecreation) to stay informed of future parks and recreation events!

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