

RFQ for Parks and Community Cost Recovery Study
Job No. 77-17-PK
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Questions and Answers

Following is the question and provided answer for this project:

1. Are you looking for a survey in this study? Follow-up to that; statistically representative of the community or online/SurveyMonkey format?
No, this study is not requesting a community survey. We are, however, seeking a public input process to generate buy-in on the cost recovery model. That may involve meetings with various stakeholder groups. I would also envision meetings with City Council, as they are the sole authority over financial policy. Having said that, we are interested in looking at the methodology presented in the bids. In case it is of interest, the City has a recent Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, adopted in 2015, that can be shared. It is also located on the City's website. The last cost recovery study was done in 2005. Shortly thereafter, the recession hit and the Parks and Community Services Department was ultimately downsized by approximately 33% over a period of years. It has since grown due to an annexation and a 2012 parks levy. Thus, no element of the 2005 cost recovery study is relevant today and the Department has no "cost recovery policy" or financial model in place.