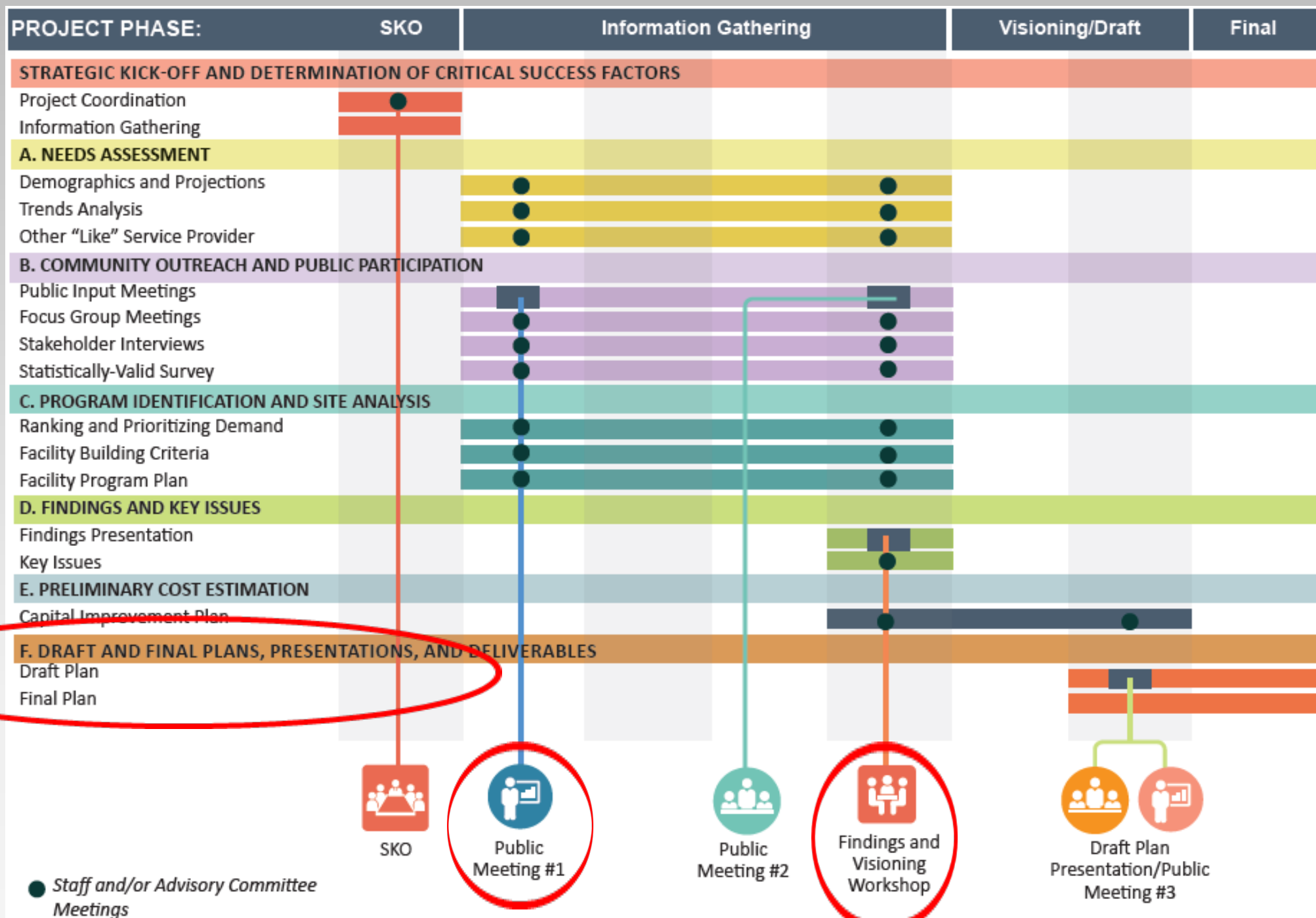




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Facilities Master Plan
Final Presentation
June 13, 2019





We want your input

Information Gathering

- 6 Focus Groups, 125+ Participants
- Staff Focus Groups, 58 Participants
- Stakeholder Meetings, 19 Participants
- Site and Facility Tours
- Meetings with Bismarck Parks and Recreation staff and District Board members

Information Gathering Reoccurring Themes

In no particular order

- Take care of/enhance what we have
- Gymnasium/multi purpose building
- Indoor Artificial Turf Fields/Multi-Use Field
- Indoor Tennis and Pickleball
- More Ice
- Aquatics (indoor/outdoor)
- Trails and connectivity
- River access

Information Gathering Key Issues and Values

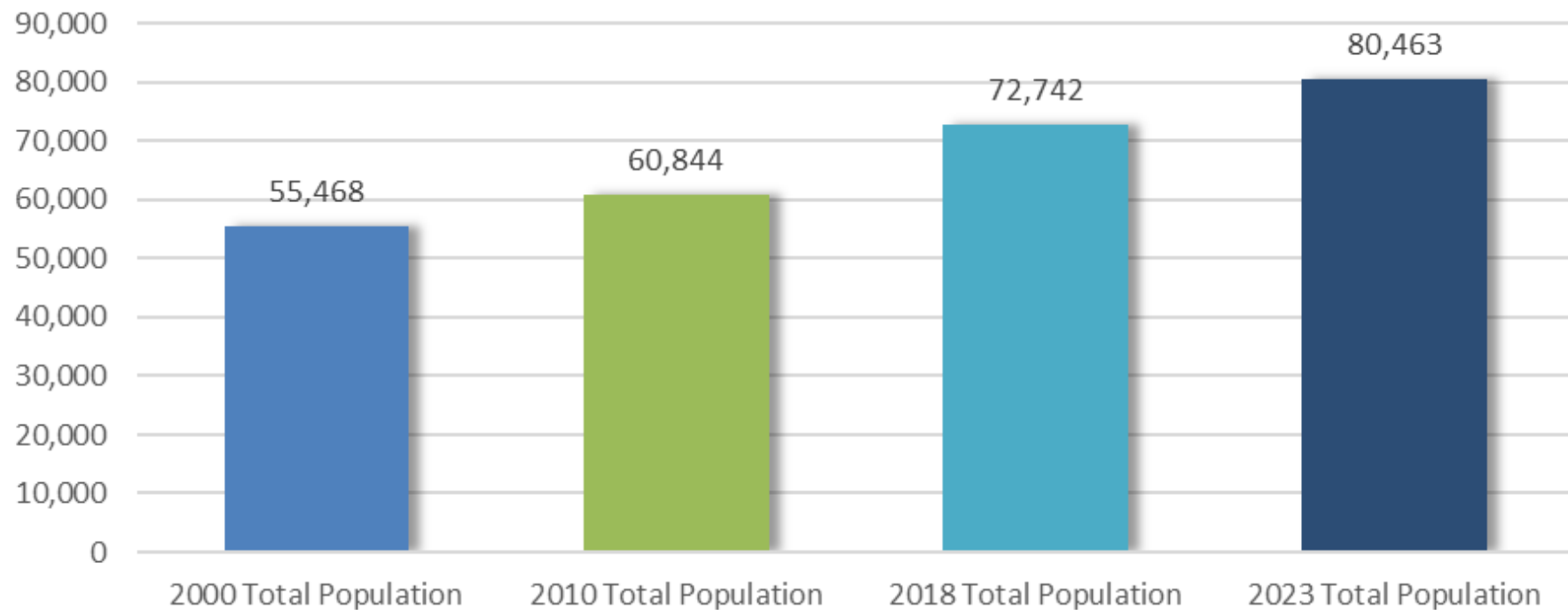
- Accessibility
- Affordability
- Inclusivity
- Workforce shortage
- Build beyond capacity for growth and future
- Look to build for tourism needs
- Safety, cleanliness and keeping facilities updated
- Keeping up the trends and keeping people in Bismarck

Information Gathering Key Issues and Values

- Don't lose sight of neighborhood parks, access to trails, social activities
- We are changing culturally
- Community has a positive outlook on BPRD and don't be afraid to leverage that. Keep up the "yes we can" attitude
- Sense of family at current facilities
- The river is a key value
- Family
- Opportunity for older and people with disabilities
- Information/education on programming

Demographics

The population of Bismarck is projected to grow at an annual rate of 2.04 percent between 2018 and 2023, increasing to an estimated 80,463 people in 2023



Demographics

The median age in Bismarck was 39.2 in 2018 and is expected to increase to 40.1 years old in 2023

Bismarck

2010
38



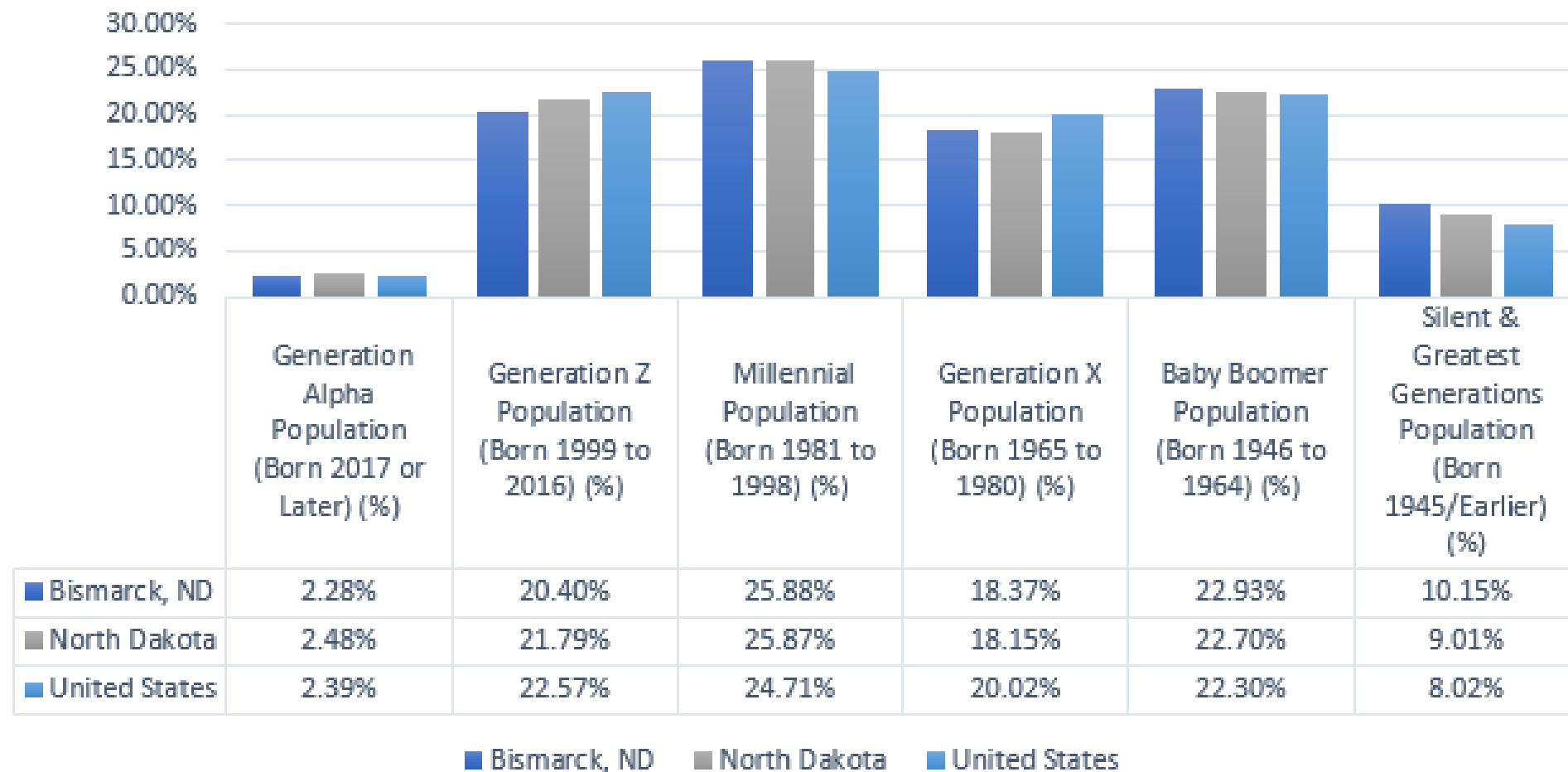
2018
39.2



2023
40.1

Demographics

Roughly 33 percent of the population was born before 1964. Millennials in Bismarck by themselves make up the greatest percentage of the population, at 26 percent.



Needs Assessment Survey

The purpose of this study was to gather community feedback on Bismarck Parks and Recreation District facilities, amenities, future planning, communication, and more.

This survey research effort and subsequent analysis were designed to assist Bismarck Parks and Recreation District in developing a plan to reflect the community's needs and desires.

Mailed
Survey
(Invitation
survey)

Sent to
randomly
selected
residents of
Bismarck

Online
Invitation
Survey

Accessed
through a
password-
protected
website for
residents who
received the
mail survey

Open-
Link
Online
Survey

Open to
members of
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306 statistically valid invitation surveys completed 1,411 open-link surveys completed, 2,196 partially completed open-link surveys (all data has been analyzed)

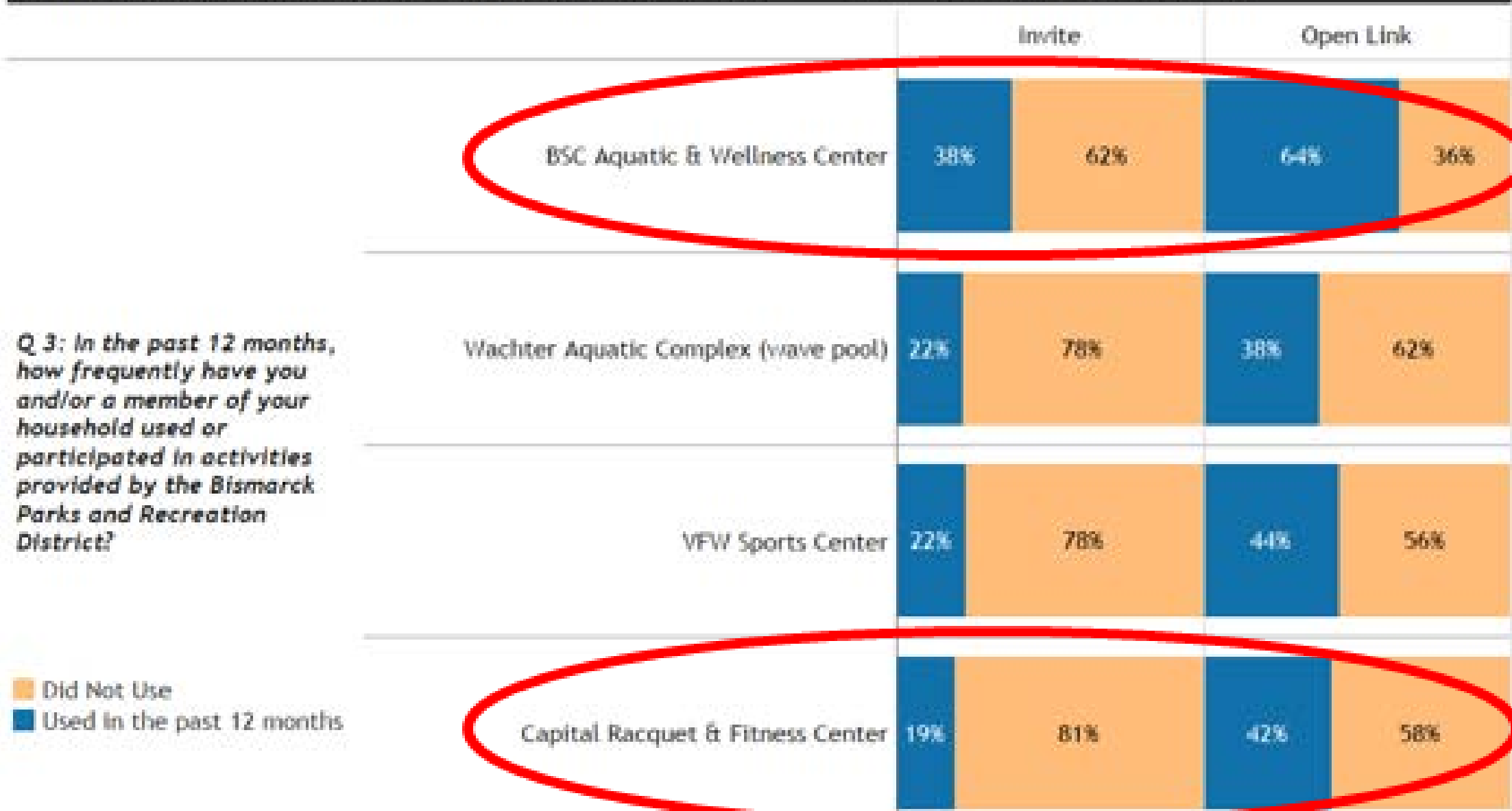
Top Facility Related Survey Responses

- Residents familiar with facilities offered by BPRD
- Preferred communication methods – BPRD website and brochures
- Among 4 identified facilities - The BSC Aquatic & Wellness Center and VFW Sports Center are used the most
- Indoor aquatic facilities are seen as highly important and serving the community well
- Highest priority is to upgrade/improve existing facilities
- Highest priority is to upgrade/improve the VFW Sports Center and the Capital Racquet & Fitness Center
- Majority of community supports improving existing facilities and investing in a new indoor multi-use community recreation complex
- Walking/running track most desired amenities
- Other top amenities aquatics area, fitness equipment, playground and athletic court

Facility Usage

Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Survey

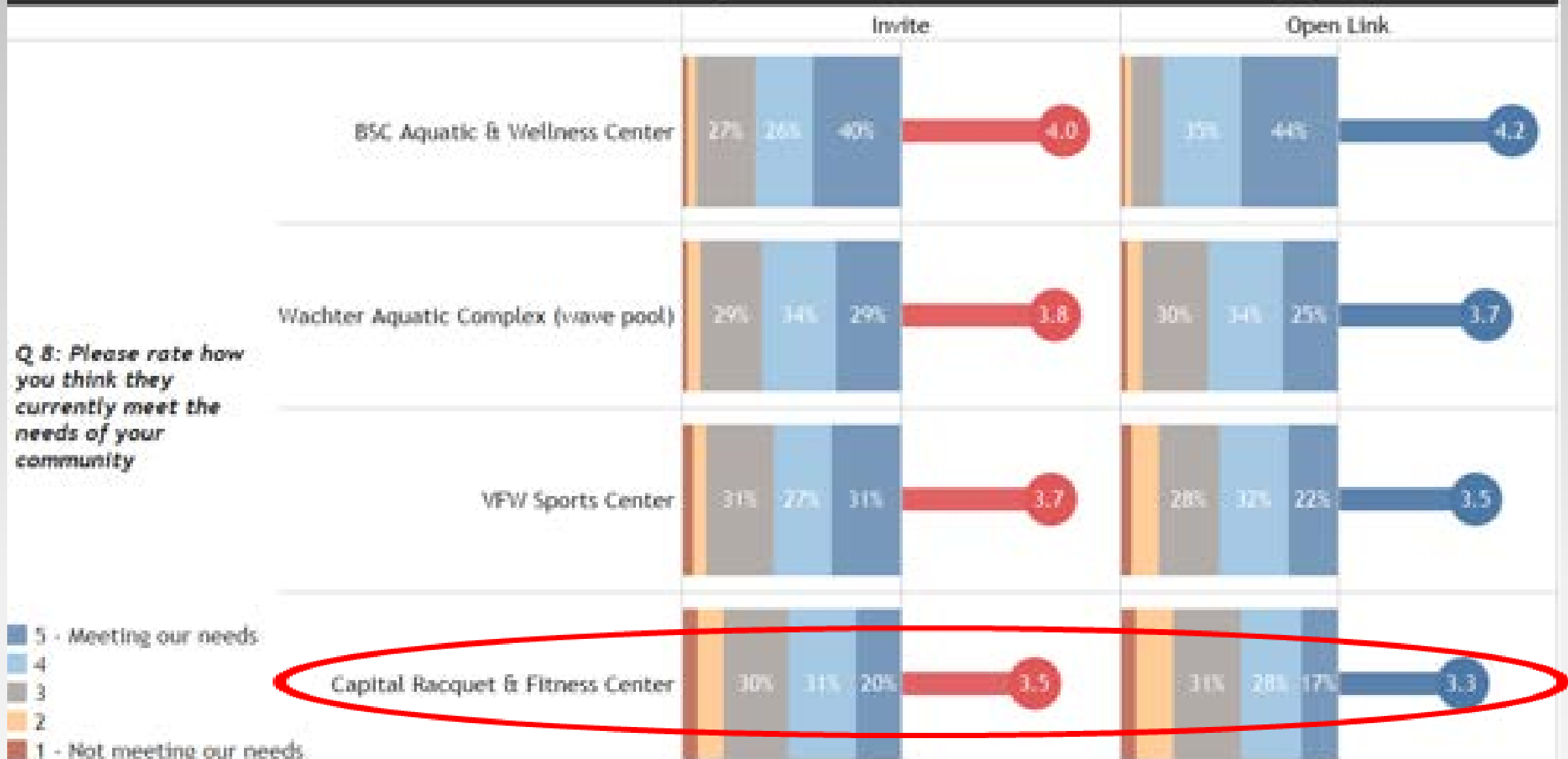
Current Participation



Needs Met of Specific Facilities

Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Survey

Needs Met



Future Facility Needs Specific Facilities

Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Survey

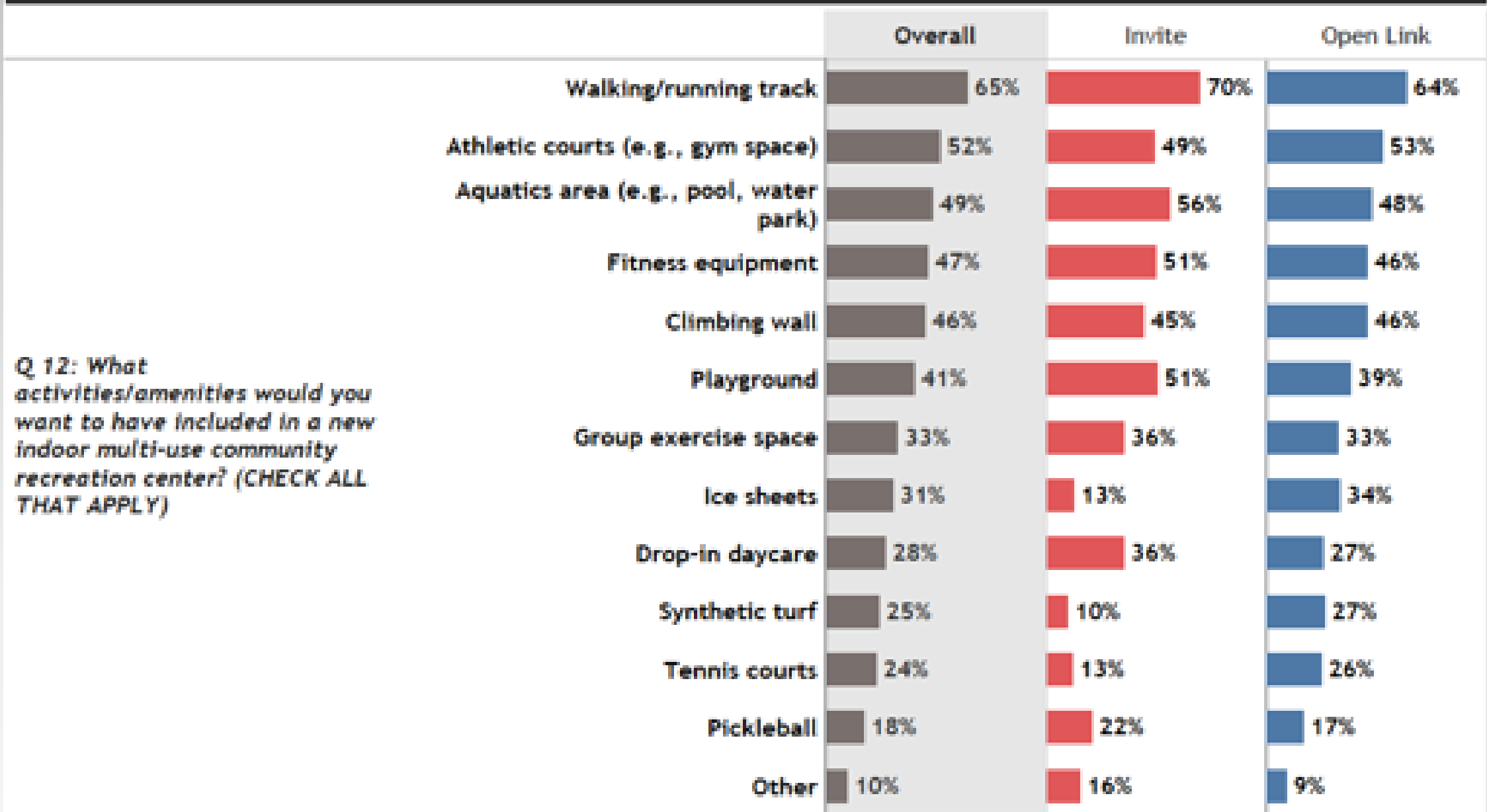
Needs Met



Desired Activities/Amenities at New Indoor Multi-Use Center

Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Survey

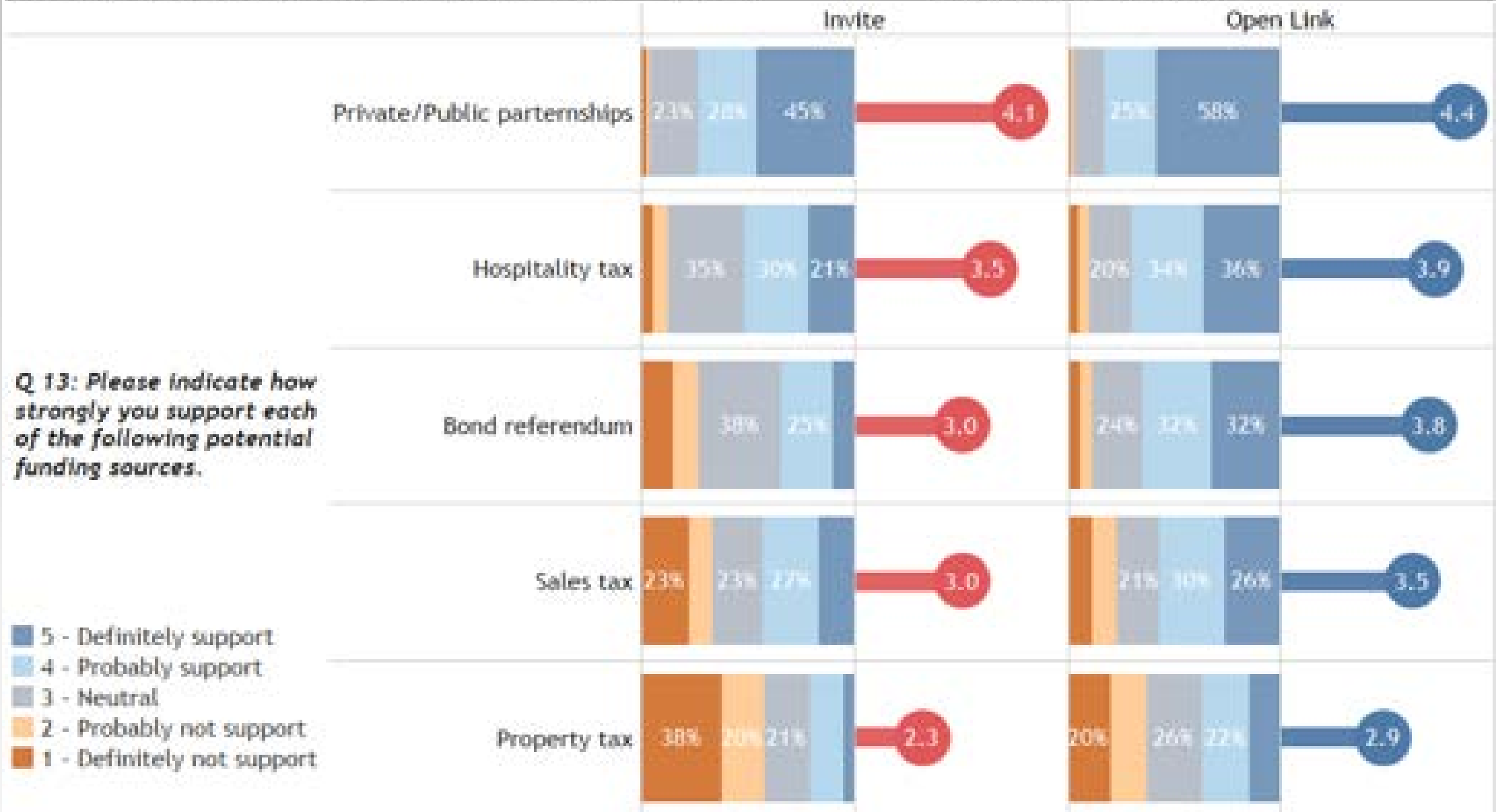
Future Activities/Amenities Needs



Funding

Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Survey

Funding Mechanisms



Findings Capital Racquet & Fitness Center

- lack of space tennis and pickleball
- lack of gymnastic space
- facility is outdated
- lack of fitness equipment space and accessibility
- lack of parking
- roof leaks
- building structure old outdated
- lack of office space
- lack of storage space
- walking/running track only two lanes also used as viewing, has 90 degree turns
- accessibility issues throughout the entire building
- Child care facility not adequate
- lack of central HVAC
- land locked lack of space for additions
- lack of gym space, lack of adequate gymnastic space
- lobby area too small
- ventilation in locker rooms poor
- lack of social space
- lack of viewing area for tennis
- lack of maintenance space

Findings BSC Aquatic & Wellness Center

- insufficient pool space for the number of user groups
- lack of dry locker rooms
- lack of viewing area for aquatics
- more recreational "fun" space
- lack of programming space/gymnasiums
- lack of walking track
- lack of group exercise space
- lack of storage space
- improve landscaping
- lack of space for child care
- lack of classroom

Findings Wachter Aquatic Complex

- outdated equipment, wave making equipment
- great location
- lack of party rooms
- pool filter system outdated
- bath house outdated
- lack of public restrooms
- pool basin beginning to leak
- lack of fun amenities - concessions, spraypads
- is a wave pool still the thing - should other amenities be included
- possible unused green space on west side

Findings VFW Sports Center

- lack of sufficient locker rooms for both rinks
- lack of indoor cart storage
- storage space for maintenance
- lack of sports equipment storage
- lack of lobby, community gathering space, vestibule
- public bathrooms, too small, not enough
- lack of parking
- roof leaks, ground water leaks into facility
- rink 2 infrastructure aged, need boards and glass
- concessions space not large enough for golf and rink 2
- lack of meeting space
- lack of dry off ice training space
- curling facilities lack locker rooms, kitchen area, club room small
- lack of outside deck space, gathering for golf - tournaments

Recommendation

Objective 1.1: Consider developing a new indoor community recreation complex.			
Actions	Capital Cost Estimate	Operational Budget Impact	Timeframe to Complete
1.1.a Conduct a Feasibility/Conceptual Plan study to determine the best path forward related to the development of a new indoor community recreation complex	\$35,000		Short-Term

Recommendation

Consider developing a new indoor Community Recreation Complex.

The complex could include:

Walking track

Athletic Courts

Fitness Equipment

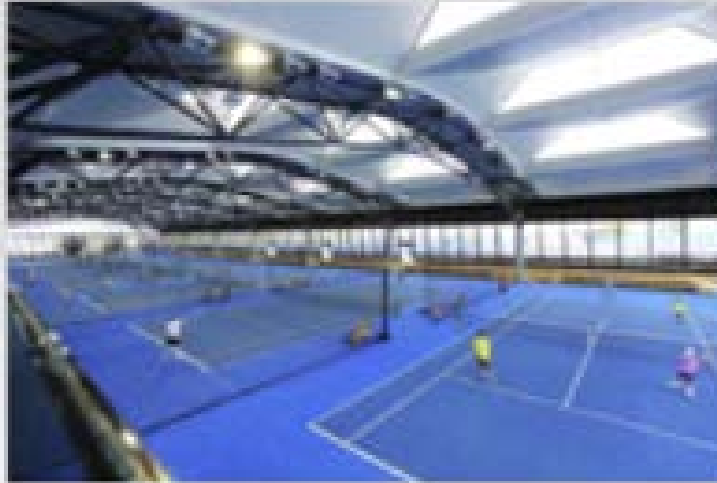
Group Exercise

Ice sheets

Indoor Turf

Tennis Courts

Playground



Recommendation

The findings for the Capital Racquet & Fitness Center are intrinsically tied to the potential creation of a new indoor community recreation complex.

Given the recommendation to pursue a facility focused feasibility study no conceptual program has been developed for this report.

It is the intention, that if a new community recreation complex is created, that all or part of programmed space currently in the Capital Racquet & Fitness Center may be relocated to the new complex.

The size and configuration of the new space should be verified with the affected user groups during the feasibility study.

Recommendation

Objective 1.2: Consider making improvements and upgrades to the VFW Sports Center.

Actions	Capital Cost Estimate	Operational Budget Impact	Timeframe to Complete
1.2.a Explore improving player experiences through improved player amenities	Will vary based on amenities added	TBD	Long-Term
1.2.b Explore improving spectator experiences through improved spectator amenities	Will vary based on amenities added	TBD	Long-Term
1.2.c Explore improving operations through improved operational renovations	Will vary based on amenities added	TBD	Long-Term

Recommendation

Consider making improvements and upgrades to the VFW Sports Center. This could include:

Rink 1 - Improved food service for golf course and arenas

Rink 1 – 2 additional locker rooms

Rink 1 – Improvements to offices for arena operations

Rink 2 - curling facilities add locker rooms, kitchen area

Rink 2 – 4 new locker rooms

Rink 2 – upgraded/added spectator seating

Rink 2 – facility maintenance storage



Recommendation

Objective 1.3 Consider adding additional space at the BSC Aquatic & Wellness Center to enhance programing.

Actions	Capital Cost Estimate	Operational Budget Impact	Timeframe to Complete
1.3.a Explore adding additional athletic court space.	\$5,327,000	TBD	Long-Term
1.3.b Explore adding additional fitness classrooms.	Will vary based on amenities added	TBD	Long-Term
1.3.c Explore adding a walking track.	Will vary based on amenities added	TBD	Long-Term
1.3.d Explore adding additional aquatic facilities.	Will vary based on amenities added	TBD	Long-Term

- Estimates based on possible square footage added or remodeled.
- Scale of magnitude.
- Compete the new center feasibility study and then see how the other projects are affected and or may fall into place.

Recommendation

Consider adding additional space at the BSC Aquatic & Wellness Center to enhance programing.

This could include:

More athletic court space

More fitness classrooms

Walking track

Aquatics



Recommendation

Objective 1.4: Consider making improvements and upgrades at the Wachter Aquatic Complex to enhance aquatics opportunities for the community.

Actions	Capital Cost Estimate	Operational Budget Impact	Timeframe to Complete
1.4.a Explore participant experiences through improved participant amenities.	\$250,000	TBD	Short-Term
1.4.b Explore adding new water features and amenities.	\$2,700,000	TBD	Short-Term
1.4.c Explore improving operations through improved operational renovations.	Will vary based on amenities added	TBD	Short-Term

- Estimates based on possible square footage added or remodeled.
- Scale of magnitude.
- Complete the new center feasibility study and then see how the other projects are affected and or may fall into place.

Recommendation

Consider making improvements and upgrades at the Wachter Aquatic Complex to enhance aquatics opportunities for the community

This could include:

Improved user experiences

New water features and amenities

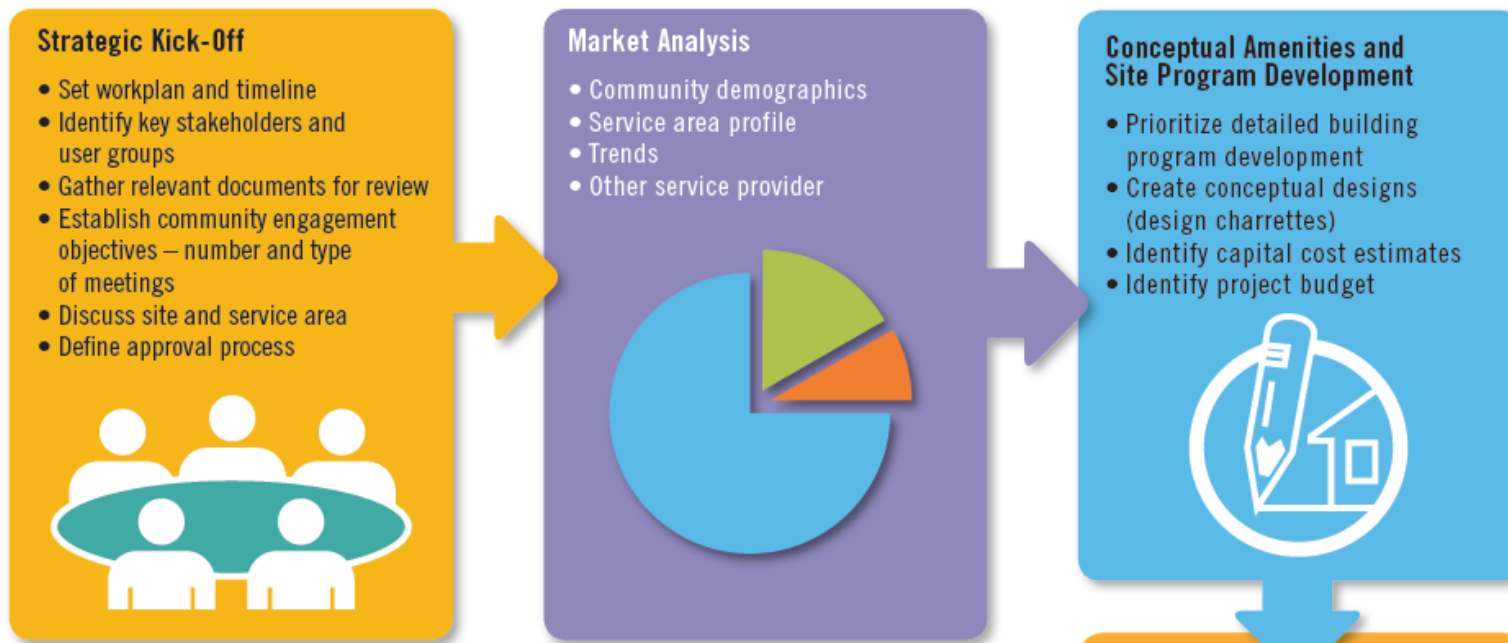


Next Steps

Using the 2019 Facilities Master Plan as a guiding document a feasibility study for a new Indoor Community Recreation Complex is recommended.

The purpose of the study would be to determine the appropriate mix of programs and amenities at a new Indoor Community Recreation Complex, to determine the costs associated with building the complex, to determine the potential cost recovery of the new complex, and to determine the costs of operating the complex.

The study would assist the District in determining the necessary building elements needed in the new complex to meet the program needs identified in the 2019 Facilities Master Plan. A Task Force will be formed to work with the project team.



Modified Feasibility Study Process



Timeline

Bismarck Parks and Recreation District New Indoor Community Recreation Complex Feasibility Study					
Month	1	2	3	4	5
Strategic Kick-Off and Determination of Critical Success Factors	X				
Program Identification and Site Analysis		X		X	
Detailed Program Elements, Business Plan, and Conceptual Planning		X		X	
Draft Plan Presentation		X		X	
Final Plans, Presentations, and Deliverables		X			X

Other comments,
suggestions, feedback?

Thank You For Your Time & Consideration!



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