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RESEARCH

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Section

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

When reviewing the executive summary, the findings and conclusions will be more thoroughly understood if several other sections of the report are also reviewed. First, the questionnaire in Section 4 provides the actual phrasing for each question. A solid understanding of the context in which each question was asked will enable you to more accurately interpret the findings. Second, the contingency tables in Section 5 provide detailed results for many different sample segments. Since the condensed nature of this summary report format does not allow us to address all of these findings, we strongly recommend that you review the contingency tables and use them to facilitate any major decisions you make.

Assess perceived demand for various outdoor recreation facilities

- Numerous facilities had 20% or more of the respondents report that “demand exceeds supply” (“*demand greatly exceeds supply*” or “*demand slightly exceeds supply*”). The facilities for which the highest proportion of respondents said “demand exceeds supply” include:

Statewide (all regions/providers):

- Campgrounds: modern – 37.5%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV/camper sites – 37.0%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: modern – 33.3%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: playgrounds – 31.8%
- Trails: multi-use (paved) – 29.2%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: group picnic shelters – 26.0%
- Trails: multi-use (unpaved) – 25.5%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV dump stations – 24.5%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: family picnic sites – 24.5%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: group campsites – 24.0%
- Trails: OHV (ATV/dirt bike) – 21.4%

Providers within Region 1:

- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV/camper sites – 61.5%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: playgrounds – 53.8%
- Campgrounds: modern – 46.2%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV dump stations – 46.2%
- Campgrounds: semi-modern – 38.5%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: group campsites – 38.5%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: family picnic sites – 38.5%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: group picnic shelters – 38.5%
- Sports & playfields: outdoor skateboard parks – 38.5%
- Trails: multi-use (paved) – 30.8%
- Trails: multi-use (unpaved) – 30.8%
- Trails: mountain bike only (unpaved) – 30.8%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: tent sites – 30.8%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: cabin rental sites – 30.8%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: modern – 30.8%
- Sports & playfields: outdoor volleyball courts – 30.8%
- Sports & playfields: horseshoe pits – 30.8%
- Trails: OHV (ATV/dirt bike) – 23.1%
- Trails: cross-country skiing – 23.1%
- Campgrounds: primitive – 23.1%
- Winter sports: outdoor ice rinks – 23.1%
- Canoeing & Kayaking: launch ramps – 23.1%
- Canoeing & Kayaking: docks – 23.1%
- Shooting sports: outdoor rifle, pistol, trap or skeet ranges – 23.1%
- Shooting sports: archery ranges – 23.1%
- Horse riding: trails – 23.1%

Providers within Region 2:

- Campgrounds: modern – 60.0%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV/camper sites – 52.0%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: modern – 40.0%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV dump stations – 36.0%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: group campsites – 32.0%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: playgrounds – 32.0%
- Campgrounds: semi-modern – 28.0%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: tent sites – 28.0%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: group picnic shelters – 28.0%
- Trails: multi-use (unpaved) – 24.0%
- Trails: OHV (ATV/dirt bike) – 24.0%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: family picnic sites – 24.0%
- Trails: multi-use (paved) – 20.0%
- Trails: snowmobile – 20.0%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: multi-purpose open green space or playfields – 20.0%

Providers within Region 3:

- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV/camper sites – 31.3%
- Trails: multi-use (paved) – 25.0%
- Trails: multi-use (unpaved) – 25.0%
- Campgrounds: modern – 25.0%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: modern – 25.0%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV dump stations – 25.0%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: family picnic sites – 25.0%

Providers within Region 4:

- Trails: multi-use (paved) – 34.8%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV/camper sites – 34.8%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: family picnic sites – 34.8%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: group picnic shelters – 34.8%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: playgrounds – 34.8%
- Winter sports: outdoor ice rinks – 34.8%
- Trails: multi-use (unpaved) – 30.4%
- Campgrounds: modern – 30.4%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV dump stations – 30.4%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: modern – 30.4%
- Trails: hiking only (unpaved) – 26.1%
- Trails: mountain bike only (unpaved) – 26.1%
- Trails: OHV (ATV/dirt bike) – 26.1%
- Trails: cross-country skiing – 26.1%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: group campsites – 26.1%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: tent sites – 26.1%
- Golf: outdoor pitching/putting ranges – 26.1%
- Shooting sports: outdoor rifle, pistol, trap or skeet ranges – 26.1%
- Sports & playfields: outdoor skateboard parks – 26.1%
- Trails: exercise – 21.7%
- Trails: semi-modern – 21.7%
- Trails: modern – 21.7%
- Campgrounds: semi-modern – 21.7%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: cabin rental sites – 21.7%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: natural areas – 21.7%
- Swimming: outdoor swimming pools – 21.7%
- Swimming: swimming bathhouses – 21.7%
- Golf: outdoor driving ranges – 21.7%
- Shooting sports: outdoor rifle, pistol, trap or skeet ranges – 21.7%
- Sports & playfields: outdoor basketball courts – 21.7%
- Sports & playfields: softball fields – 21.7%
- Sports & playfields: disc or Frisbee golf courses – 21.7%
- Sports & playfields: horseshoe pits – 21.7%

Providers within Region 5:

- Trails: multi-use (paved) – 33.3%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV/camper sites – 30.3%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: playgrounds – 30.3%
- Trails: multi-use (unpaved) – 27.3%
- Campgrounds: modern – 27.3%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: modern – 27.3%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: group picnic shelters – 27.3%
- Trail support facilities: semi-modern trails – 24.2%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: group campsites – 24.2%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: natural areas – 21.2%

Providers within Region 6:

- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV/camper sites – 50.0%
- Campgrounds: modern – 42.9%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: modern – 39.3%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: playgrounds – 35.7%
- Trails: multi-use (paved) – 28.6%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: group campsites – 25.0%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV dump stations – 25.0%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: family picnic sites – 25.0%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: group picnic shelters – 25.0%
- Trails: mountain bike only (unpaved) – 21.4%
- Trails: OHV (ATV/dirt bike) – 21.4%
- Trail support facilities: primitive trails – 21.4%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: cabin rental sites – 21.4%
- Golf: regular 18-hole courses – 21.4%

Providers within Region 7:

- Campgrounds: modern – 43.8%
- Trails: multi-use (paved) – 40.6%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: modern – 40.6%
- Trails: multi-use (unpaved) – 31.3%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV/camper sites – 31.3%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: cabin rental sites – 31.3%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: semi-modern – 31.3%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: playgrounds – 28.1%
- Swimming: swimming beaches – 28.1%
- Trails: mountain bike only (unpaved) – 25.0%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: dog parks – 25.0%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: pet exercise areas – 25.0%
- Trails: OHV (ATV/dirt bike) – 21.9%
- Trails: snowmobile – 21.9%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: group campsites – 21.9%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: RV dump stations – 21.9%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: multi-purpose open green space or playfields – 21.9%
- Swimming: outdoor swimming pools – 21.9%
- Winter sports: outdoor ice rinks – 21.9%

Providers within Region 8:

- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: group picnic shelters – 42.9%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: family picnic sites – 35.7%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: playgrounds – 35.7%
- Campgrounds: modern – 21.4%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: modern – 21.4%
- Swimming: outdoor swimming pools – 21.4%

Statewide Providers (facilities within multiple regions):

- Trails: OHV (ATV/dirt bike) – 37.5%
- Trail support facilities: primitive trails – 37.5%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: tent sites – 37.5%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: primitive – 37.5%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: semi-modern – 37.5%
- General purpose parks & recreation areas: modern – 37.5%
- Canoeing & Kayaking: docks – 37.5%
- Trails: multi-use (unpaved) – 25.0%
- Trails: hiking only (unpaved) – 25.0%
- Trails: snowmobile – 25.0%
- Campgrounds: primitive – 25.0%
- Campgrounds: semi-modern – 25.0%
- Campgrounds: modern – 25.0%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: group campsites – 25.0%
- Camping sites within campgrounds: cabin rental sites – 25.0%
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: natural areas – 25.0%
- Swimming: swimming beaches – 25.0%
- Canoeing & Kayaking: launch ramps – 25.0%
- Canoeing & Kayaking: paddling trails – 25.0%
- Horse riding: trails – 25.0%

Inventory the quantity and condition of various outdoor recreation facilities

Providers who offer each type of facility were asked to indicate the condition of those facilities. In most cases, the largest proportion of respondents rated the condition of the facilities as only “adequate” (*moderate improvement needed*) or “poor” (*must improve greatly or replace*). However, facilities for which a higher proportion of all respondents rated the condition as “good” (*no or little improvement needed*) include the following. For regional details, please refer to Sections 3 & 5.

- Trails: exercise – 3 miles good versus 0 miles adequate/poor (100.0%)
- Sports & playfields: outdoor soccer fields – 92 good versus 30 adequate/poor (75.4%)
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: natural areas – 249 good versus 105 adequate/poor (70.3%)
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: dog parks – 10 good versus 5 adequate/poor (66.7%)
- Camping sites within campgrounds: group campsites – 141 good versus 85 adequate/poor (62.4%)
- Trails: multi-use (paved) – 225 miles good versus 137 miles adequate/poor (62.2%)
- Golf: outdoor pitching/putting ranges – 12 good versus 8 adequate/poor (60.0%)
- Trail support facilities: primitive – 136 miles good versus 95 miles adequate/poor (58.9%)
- Campgrounds: modern – 211 good versus 149 adequate/poor (58.6%)
- Swimming: outdoor specialty pools – 8 good versus 6 adequate/poor (57.1%)
- Trails: cross-country skiing – 85 miles good versus 64 miles adequate/poor (57.0%)
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: multi-purpose open green space or playfields – 203 good versus 156 adequate/poor (56.5%)
- Trails: snowmobile – 2,267 miles good versus 1,970 miles adequate/poor (53.5%)
- Activities within general purpose parks & recreation areas: family picnic sites – 390 good versus 339 adequate/poor (53.5%)
- Canoeing & kayaking: docks – 87 good versus 76 adequate/poor (53.4%)

Solicit input related to future demand and needs

- Numerous changes had 25% or more of the respondents report that the change was “at least important” (“*very important*” or “*important*”). The changes that the highest proportion of respondents rated as “at least important” include improving, expanding, or adding:

Statewide (all regions/providers):

- Bathrooms or restrooms in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 56.8%
- Condition/maintenance of the grounds and facilities – 56.8%
- Electricity/water hookups in campgrounds – 39.1%
- Walkways between facilities or activity areas – 36.5%
- Shower houses in campgrounds – 35.4%
- RV dump stations in campgrounds – 28.1%
- Parking areas in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 27.1%

Providers within Region 1:

- Bathrooms or restrooms in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 76.9%
- Condition/maintenance of the grounds and facilities – 61.5%
- RV dump stations in campgrounds – 53.8%
- Walkways between facilities or activity areas – 46.2%
- Electricity/water hookups in campgrounds – 38.5%
- Concession buildings in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 30.8%
- Parking areas in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 30.8%

Providers within Region 2:

- Electricity/water hookups in campgrounds – 48.0%
- Bathrooms or restrooms in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 44.0%
- Condition/maintenance of the grounds and facilities – 44.0%
- Walkways between facilities or activity areas – 36.0%
- RV dump stations in campgrounds – 36.0%
- Shower houses in campgrounds – 32.0%

Providers within Region 3:

- Bathrooms or restrooms in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 62.5%
- Condition/maintenance of the grounds and facilities – 62.5%
- Electricity/water hookups in campgrounds – 43.8%
- Shower houses in campgrounds – 43.8%
- Walkways between facilities or activity areas – 37.5%
- Concession buildings in sports field complexes – 25.0%
- Parking areas in sports field complexes – 25.0%

Providers within Region 4:

- Condition/maintenance of the grounds and facilities – 69.6%
- Bathrooms or restrooms in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 60.9%
- Parking areas in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 43.5%
- Walkways between facilities or activity areas – 34.8%
- Lighted sports fields – 34.8%
- Bathrooms or restrooms along trails – 34.8%
- Parking areas in sports field complexes – 30.4%
- RV dump stations in campgrounds – 30.4%
- Electricity/water hookups in campgrounds – 30.4%
- Concession buildings in sports field complexes – 26.1%

Providers within Region 5:

- Bathrooms or restrooms in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 48.5%
- Condition/maintenance of the grounds and facilities – 45.5%
- Walkways between facilities or activity areas – 30.3%

Providers within Region 6:

- Condition/maintenance of the grounds and facilities – 75.0%
- Bathrooms or restrooms in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 71.4%
- Shower houses in campgrounds – 64.3%
- Electricity/water hookups in campgrounds – 57.1%
- Walkways between facilities or activity areas – 39.3%
- RV dump stations in campgrounds – 35.7%
- Parking areas in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 32.1%
- Lighted sports fields – 28.6%
- Bathrooms or restrooms along trails – 25.0%

Providers within Region 7:

- Bathrooms or restrooms in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 59.4%
- Electricity/water hookups in campgrounds – 53.1%
- Condition/maintenance of the grounds and facilities – 50.0%
- Shower houses in campgrounds – 50.0%
- Walkways between facilities or activity areas – 37.5%
- RV dump stations in campgrounds – 34.4%
- Parking areas in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 25.0%

Providers within Region 8:

- Condition/maintenance of the grounds and facilities – 57.1%
- Bathrooms or restrooms in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 50.0%
- Walkways between facilities or activity areas – 42.9%
- Lighted sports fields – 35.7%
- Parking areas in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 28.6%
- Shower houses in campgrounds – 28.6%

Statewide Providers (facilities within multiple regions):

- Condition/maintenance of the grounds and facilities – 50.0%
 - Parking areas in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 37.5%
 - Parking areas along trails – 37.5%
 - Visitor/information/customer service centers – 37.5%
 - Walkways between facilities or activity areas – 25.0%
 - Bathrooms or restrooms in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas – 25.0%
- Respondents described the overall demand (*public interest from the population(s) their organization serves*) for facilities and/or activities compared to the overall supply (*quantity currently provided by their organization*). The following chart summarizes the proportion of respondents who indicated overall “demand exceeds supply” (“demand greatly exceeds supply” or “demand slightly exceeds supply”).

	Demand exceed supply	Demand greatly exceed supply	Demand slightly exceed supply
Statewide (all regions/providers) (n=192)	56.8%	16.7%	40.1%
Providers within Region 1 (n=13)	76.9%	53.8%	23.1%
Providers within Region 2 (n=25)	60.0%	24.0%	36.0%
Providers within Region 3 (n=16)	62.5%	6.3%	56.3%
Providers within Region 4 (n=23)	60.9%	21.7%	39.1%
Providers within Region 5 (n=33)	48.5%	12.1%	36.4%
Providers within Region 6 (n=28)	53.6%	10.7%	42.9%
Providers within Region 7 (n=32)	56.3%	12.5%	43.8%
Providers within Region 8 (n=14)	57.1%	7.1%	50.0%
Statewide Providers (in multiple regions) (n=8)	37.5%	12.5%	25.0%

- The outdoor activities, areas, or facilities that respondents felt their organization most needs to improve, expand, or add to better meet the needs of the population(s) they serve were combined into categories. Throughout the comments, the common theme seemed to focus on maintaining/improving/expanding existing outdoor activities, areas, or facilities. For more detail, please refer to Section 5 and the accompanying Excel spreadsheet.

Area	Most Frequent Comments (Grouped Categories)	Percent
Statewide (all regions/providers) (n=192)	Parks and green space in general	35.9%
	Camping in general	32.3%
	Outdoor sports in general	27.1%
	Improve existing facilities in general	27.1%
	Trails for non-motorized uses in general	22.9%
Providers within Region 1 (n=13)	Parks and green space in general	38.5%
	Camping in general	38.5%
	Outdoor sports in general	38.5%
	Improve existing facilities in general	30.8%
	Trails for non-motorized uses in general	23.1%
Providers within Region 2 (n=25)	Camping in general	40.0%
	Parks and green space in general	28.0%
	Trails for non-motorized uses in general	28.0%
	Improve existing facilities in general	12.0%
Providers within Region 3 (n=16)	Parks and green space in general	62.5%
	Camping in general	31.3%
	Picnic areas in general	25.0%
	Outdoor sports in general	25.0%
	Improve existing facilities in general	25.0%
Providers within Region 4 (n=23)	Parks and green space in general	52.2%
	Camping in general	30.4%
	Outdoor swimming in general	30.4%
	Outdoor sports in general	26.1%
	Improve existing facilities in general	21.7%
Providers within Region 5 (n=33)	Outdoor sports in general	51.5%
	Parks and green space in general	33.3%
	Trails for non-motorized uses in general	24.2%
	Improve existing facilities in general	24.2%
	Camping in general	21.2%
Providers within Region 6 (n=28)	Camping in general	42.9%
	Outdoor sports in general	35.7%
	Parks and green space in general	32.1%
	Improve existing facilities in general	21.4%
Providers within Region 7 (n=32)	Improve existing facilities in general	40.6%
	Camping in general	31.3%
	Trails for non-motorized uses in general	28.1%
	Parks and green space in general	21.9%
Providers within Region 8 (n=14)	Parks and green space in general	57.1%
	Outdoor sports in general	35.7%
	Trails for non-motorized uses in general	21.4%
	Improve existing facilities in general	21.4%
Statewide Providers (in multiple regions) (n=8)	Improve existing facilities in general	75.0%
	Camping in general	50.0%
	Trails for non-motorized uses in general	37.5%

- The obstacles (other than funding) that respondents felt are preventing their organization from providing all of the outdoor activities or facilities needed to meet the needs of the population(s) they serve were combined into categories. While there are differences between regions, several common themes seemed to surface in most regions. For more detail, please refer to Section 5 and the accompanying Excel spreadsheet.

Area	Most Frequent Comments (Grouped Categories)	Percent
Statewide (all regions/providers) (n=192)	Staff, time, hard to get/keep staff	19.8%
	Land, space	12.5%
	Planning, organization, marketing	7.8%
	Need more volunteers, volunteer time	7.8%
Providers within Region 1 (n=13)	Staff, time, hard to get/keep staff	30.8%
	Land, space	15.4%
	Planning, organization, marketing	15.4%
Providers within Region 2 (n=25)	Staff, time, hard to get/keep staff	20.0%
	Flood damage, weather issues	12.0%
	Upkeep, repairs, vandalism	12.0%
	Need more volunteers, volunteer time	12.0%
Providers within Region 3 (n=16)	Land, space	25.0%
	ADA rules, limitations	12.5%
Providers within Region 4 (n=23)	Land, space	21.7%
	Staff, time, hard to get/keep staff	17.4%
	Planning, organization, marketing	13.0%
Providers within Region 5 (n=33)	Staff, time, hard to get/keep staff	15.2%
	Need more volunteers, volunteer time	12.1%
	Land, space	9.1%
Providers within Region 6 (n=28)	Staff, time, hard to get/keep staff	21.4%
	Planning, organization, marketing	10.7%
	Upkeep, repairs, vandalism	10.7%
Providers within Region 7 (n=32)	Agreement on need, working with partners	18.8%
	Staff, time, hard to get/keep staff	18.8%
	Flood damage, weather issues	9.4%
	Land, space	9.4%
	Planning, organization, marketing	9.4%
Providers within Region 8 (n=14)	Staff, time, hard to get/keep staff	42.9%
Statewide Providers (in multiple regions) (n=8)	Land, space	25.0%
	Staff, time, hard to get/keep staff	25.0%

- Respondents estimated the percent they feel their organization's annual operating expenditures and annual capital expenditures will need to increase each year for the next five years to keep pace with these needs. The next chart shows that the majority of respondents reported a minimum of a 4% annual increase in operating and capital expenditures is needed for the next five years to keep pace with anticipated needs. In Region 1, the heart of the current oil boom, more than six of every ten respondents indicated an annual increase of 10% or more is needed in operating and capital expenditures.

Area	Response Choices	Operating	Capital
Statewide (all regions/providers)	No annual increase needed	3.6%	5.2%
	1% to 3% increase per year	13.5%	13.0%
	4% to 6% increase per year	28.1%	20.3%
	7% to 9% increase per year	12.0%	10.4%
	10% or more increase per year	27.1%	31.3%
Providers within Region 1	No annual increase needed	0.0%	0.0%
	1% to 3% increase per year	7.7%	0.0%
	4% to 6% increase per year	15.4%	23.1%
	7% to 9% increase per year	7.7%	7.7%
	10% or more increase per year	61.5%	69.2%
Providers within Region 2	No annual increase needed	8.0%	8.0%
	1% to 3% increase per year	4.0%	8.0%
	4% to 6% increase per year	40.0%	24.0%
	7% to 9% increase per year	16.0%	4.0%
	10% or more increase per year	8.0%	24.0%
Providers within Region 3	No annual increase needed	6.3%	6.3%
	1% to 3% increase per year	12.5%	18.8%
	4% to 6% increase per year	31.3%	6.3%
	7% to 9% increase per year	6.3%	6.3%
	10% or more increase per year	25.0%	43.8%
Providers within Region 4	No annual increase needed	0.0%	0.0%
	1% to 3% increase per year	17.4%	17.4%
	4% to 6% increase per year	21.7%	13.0%
	7% to 9% increase per year	0.0%	13.0%
	10% or more increase per year	56.5%	43.5%
Providers within Region 5	No annual increase needed	9.1%	15.2%
	1% to 3% increase per year	30.3%	24.2%
	4% to 6% increase per year	24.2%	18.2%
	7% to 9% increase per year	6.1%	6.1%
	10% or more increase per year	18.2%	21.2%
Providers within Region 6	No annual increase needed	0.0%	0.0%
	1% to 3% increase per year	10.7%	7.1%
	4% to 6% increase per year	21.4%	21.4%
	7% to 9% increase per year	21.4%	21.4%
	10% or more increase per year	28.6%	28.6%
Providers within Region 7	No annual increase needed	3.1%	6.3%
	1% to 3% increase per year	9.4%	12.5%
	4% to 6% increase per year	34.4%	18.8%
	7% to 9% increase per year	25.0%	15.6%
	10% or more increase per year	12.5%	25.0%
Providers within Region 8	No annual increase needed	0.0%	0.0%
	1% to 3% increase per year	14.3%	14.3%
	4% to 6% increase per year	28.6%	28.6%
	7% to 9% increase per year	7.1%	7.1%
	10% or more increase per year	28.6%	21.4%
Statewide Providers (facilities within multiple regions)	No annual increase needed	0.0%	0.0%
	1% to 3% increase per year	0.0%	0.0%
	4% to 6% increase per year	37.5%	50.0%
	7% to 9% increase per year	0.0%	0.0%
	10% or more increase per year	37.5%	25.0%

- Respondents estimated the total additional amount needed for their organization to fulfill its current unmet capital needs in the next five years. The next chart shows that, despite the fact that many respondents did not answer the question, the unmet capital needs are still significant.

Area	Responses	Sum	Mean	Median	Mode
All regions	123	\$101,756,519	\$827,289	\$75,000	\$50,000
Region 1	11	\$8,880,800	\$807,345	\$100,000	\$50,000
Region 2	16	\$11,572,000	\$723,250	\$22,500	\$0
Region 3	10	\$5,501,750	\$550,175	\$55,625	\$50,000
Region 4	14	\$16,574,500	\$1,183,893	\$121,250	\$50,000
Region 5	22	\$23,286,000	\$1,058,455	\$30,000	\$10,000
Region 6	18	\$2,762,000	\$153,444	\$87,500	\$100,000
Region 7	22	\$21,447,500	\$974,886	\$200,000	\$0
Region 8	6	\$5,731,969	\$955,328	\$200,000	\$0
Multiple regions	4	\$6,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$375,000	\$250,000

Identify various provider characteristics

- Respondents indicated the population of the geographic area served by their organization and the number of people their organization served during their 2011 fiscal year. The next chart confirms that most providers are located in towns with and/or serve fewer than 5,000 people.

Area	Response Choices	Population	Number Served
Statewide (all regions/providers)	Less than 1,000 people	41.1%	44.3%
	1,000 to 4,999 people	21.4%	20.3%
	5,000 to 9,999 people	7.3%	5.7%
	10,000 to 34,999 people	6.8%	8.3%
	35,000 or more people	18.2%	14.6%
Providers within Region 1	Less than 1,000 people	38.5%	23.1%
	1,000 to 4,999 people	15.4%	38.5%
	5,000 to 9,999 people	0.0%	0.0%
	10,000 to 34,999 people	15.4%	23.1%
	35,000 or more people	30.8%	15.4%
Providers within Region 2	Less than 1,000 people	52.0%	52.0%
	1,000 to 4,999 people	16.0%	20.0%
	5,000 to 9,999 people	4.0%	4.0%
	10,000 to 34,999 people	0.0%	4.0%
	35,000 or more people	16.0%	8.0%
Providers within Region 3	Less than 1,000 people	37.5%	50.0%
	1,000 to 4,999 people	37.5%	25.0%
	5,000 to 9,999 people	18.8%	12.5%
	10,000 to 34,999 people	0.0%	6.3%
	35,000 or more people	6.3%	6.3%
Providers within Region 4	Less than 1,000 people	39.1%	43.5%
	1,000 to 4,999 people	39.1%	21.7%
	5,000 to 9,999 people	4.3%	4.3%
	10,000 to 34,999 people	4.3%	17.4%
	35,000 or more people	13.0%	13.0%
Providers within Region 5	Less than 1,000 people	63.6%	69.7%
	1,000 to 4,999 people	12.1%	12.1%
	5,000 to 9,999 people	3.0%	6.1%
	10,000 to 34,999 people	6.1%	0.0%
	35,000 or more people	15.2%	6.1%
Providers within Region 6	Less than 1,000 people	32.1%	32.1%
	1,000 to 4,999 people	25.0%	21.4%
	5,000 to 9,999 people	14.3%	10.7%
	10,000 to 34,999 people	17.9%	10.7%
	35,000 or more people	0.0%	10.7%
Providers within Region 7	Less than 1,000 people	34.4%	43.8%
	1,000 to 4,999 people	18.8%	15.6%
	5,000 to 9,999 people	9.4%	3.1%
	10,000 to 34,999 people	6.3%	12.5%
	35,000 or more people	28.1%	21.9%
Providers within Region 8	Less than 1,000 people	35.7%	35.7%
	1,000 to 4,999 people	21.4%	28.6%
	5,000 to 9,999 people	7.1%	7.1%
	10,000 to 34,999 people	7.1%	0.0%
	35,000 or more people	14.3%	14.3%
Statewide Providers (facilities within multiple regions)	Less than 1,000 people	0.0%	0.0%
	1,000 to 4,999 people	0.0%	12.5%
	5,000 to 9,999 people	0.0%	0.0%
	10,000 to 34,999 people	0.0%	0.0%
	35,000 or more people	87.5%	75.0%

- Respondents reported their organization's total annual operating expenditures for their 2011 fiscal year. The next chart shows that operating expenditures vary greatly between regions.

Area	Responses	Sum	Mean	Median	Mode
All regions	152	\$102,433,528	\$673,905	\$56,524	\$100,000
Region 1	12	\$4,340,386	\$361,699	\$106,078	\$2,330
Region 2	19	\$10,873,087	\$572,268	\$25,077	\$1,000
Region 3	14	\$2,204,762	\$157,483	\$42,500	\$562
Region 4	20	\$10,538,151	\$526,908	\$42,508	\$1,036
Region 5	29	\$12,864,796	\$443,614	\$22,391	\$4,000
Region 6	17	\$2,778,572	\$163,445	\$51,600	\$2,000
Region 7	28	\$16,221,840	\$579,351	\$103,525	\$200,000
Region 8	7	\$4,669,991	\$667,142	\$268,004	\$3,163
Multiple regions	6	\$37,941,942	\$6,323,657	\$491,500	\$100,000

- Respondents also reported their organization's total annual capital expenditures for their 2011 fiscal year. The next chart shows that sum (total) and mean (average) capital expenditures are much higher in Region 7 than in other regions – even though the median (midpoint) is not significantly higher.

Area	Responses	Sum	Mean	Median	Mode
All regions	133	\$48,890,117	\$367,595	\$10,000	\$0
Region 1	13	\$564,812	\$43,447	\$20,000	\$0
Region 2	14	\$1,182,247	\$84,446	\$5,750	\$0
Region 3	14	\$624,887	\$44,635	\$2,501	\$0
Region 4	17	\$1,952,772	\$114,869	\$20,000	\$0
Region 5	25	\$3,114,773	\$124,591	\$8,000	\$0
Region 6	16	\$419,669	\$26,229	\$5,250	\$0
Region 7	24	\$33,799,056	\$1,408,294	\$14,198	\$0
Region 8	4	\$290,375	\$72,594	\$45,187	\$0
Multiple regions	6	\$6,941,525	\$1,156,921	\$127,500	\$10,000

- Respondents reported how many full-time employees were employed by their organization on 12/31/2011. The next chart emphasizes the staff and volunteer issues address previously – with every "individual" region having a median (midpoint) of one or fewer full-time employees.

Area	Responses	Sum	Mean	Median	Mode
All regions	178	805	5	0	0
Region 1	13	29	2	1	0
Region 2	21	52	2	0	0
Region 3	16	9	1	0	0
Region 4	22	62	3	1	0
Region 5	32	122	4	0	0
Region 6	24	28	1	0	0
Region 7	31	120	4	1	0
Region 8	12	18	2	1	0
Multiple regions	7	365	52	45	1

- Respondents also reported how many non-full-time employees were employed by their organization during their 2011 fiscal year. The next chart shows that, compared to the number of full-time employees, the average provider relies heavily on non-full-time staff.

Area	Responses	Sum	Mean	Median	Mode
All regions	179	5,636	31	4	1
Region 1	13	215	17	6	3
Region 2	22	223	10	2	1
Region 3	16	176	11	4	1
Region 4	22	1,149	52	3	1
Region 5	33	1,608	49	3	1
Region 6	24	397	17	5	1
Region 7	31	1,501	48	7	2
Region 8	12	121	10	9	0
Multiple regions	6	246	41	35	3

- Respondents reported the total number of parks, facilities, or sites owned and/or managed by their organization during their 2011 fiscal year. The next chart shows that some consistency in the mean (average) and median (midpoint) number of facilities across most "individual" regions.

Area	Responses	Sum	Mean	Median	Mode
All regions	174	1,204	7	3	1
Region 1	13	70	5	4	1
Region 2	22	173	8	3	1
Region 3	16	44	3	2	1
Region 4	21	104	5	2	1
Region 5	32	206	6	2	1
Region 6	21	126	6	3	1
Region 7	32	247	8	3	1
Region 8	11	67	6	7	2
Multiple regions	6	167	28	17	6

- Respondents then reported the total acreage of the parks, facilities, sites, or other property owned and/or managed by their organization during their 2011 fiscal year. Despite the consistency in the mean (average) and median (midpoint) number of facilities across most "individual" regions, the next chart shows that acreage managed by providers varies more significantly between regions.

Area	Responses	Sum	Mean	Median	Mode
All regions	148	1,941,692	13,120	24	10
Region 1	12	503,101	41,925	69	10
Region 2	16	17,711	1,107	18	1
Region 3	13	1,301	100	10	10
Region 4	20	4,387	219	10	2
Region 5	26	76,116	2,928	11	10
Region 6	22	14,992	681	25	3
Region 7	26	29,778	1,145	80	50
Region 8	9	1,204,965	133,885	57	1
Multiple regions	4	89,342	22,336	12,000	1,157