



# 2013-2017 North Dakota State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

## RESEARCH

This is an excerpt from the  
Final Report for the  
North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD)

### **“SCORP Provider Survey”**

conducted in spring 2012.

This survey was completed by  
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as part of the development of the  
*2013-2017 North Dakota  
State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)*.

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## Section

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### THE QUESTIONNAIRE

The following questionnaire was designed with assistance from Dana Schaar of Clearwater Communications and the management team of NDPRD.

The questionnaire in this report was used for all surveys conducted for this study. However, some minor modifications were made so the questionnaire would fit in this section.

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department  
**Outdoor Recreation Inventory for SCORP**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. We would like to have the results compiled by mid April, so **please return your completed survey by March 30<sup>th</sup>**.
2. The person in your organization who has the required information about your parks and/or recreation facilities should complete this questionnaire. *If the person to whom this is addressed is not the appropriate person, please forward this survey to the appropriate person(s) or ask for their input on the items for which you do not have the required information.*
3. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire. Your response is critical to the success of this study; so we are providing four different participation options to accommodate the most convenient method of participation:
  - **Option #1: Return your completed mail questionnaire.** Please complete the questionnaire and return it immediately using the enclosed addressed, postage-paid envelope.
  - **Option #2: Fax your completed questionnaire.** Please contact Mark Winkelman at [MRWinkelman@cablone.net](mailto:MRWinkelman@cablone.net) and an electronic copy of the questionnaire will be emailed to you. Please print and complete the questionnaire, and then fax it immediately to Winkelman Consulting at 701-237-6877.
  - **Option #3: Return a completed electronic questionnaire.** Please contact Mark Winkelman at [MRWinkelman@cablone.net](mailto:MRWinkelman@cablone.net) and an electronic copy will be emailed to you. Please complete the electronic questionnaire, save a copy of the completed electronic questionnaire on your computer, and then email your completed questionnaire as an attachment immediately to Mark Winkelman at [MRWinkelman@cablone.net](mailto:MRWinkelman@cablone.net).
  - **Option #4: We will call you.** If you are unable to respond via the previous three methods of participation **by March 30<sup>th</sup>**, a representative of Winkelman Consulting will call to complete a telephone interview with you.
4. If you have *any* questions about the survey, please contact Mark Winkelman by either email ([MRWinkelman@cablone.net](mailto:MRWinkelman@cablone.net)) or telephone (701-237-2283 or 701-799-0877).
5. Please answer every question to the best of your ability. Please read each question carefully, and then *circle* the response choice or write in the answer that most accurately describes your response (*see the example*). If you feel a question does not apply to you, please *circle* the "Not Sure" response choice or write "Doesn't apply" in the answer box.

**EXAMPLE:**

1. **Have you ever worked for a park or recreation organization?**

- ①... Yes  
 2 ... No  
 3 ... Not sure

3. **How many years have you worked for a park or recreation organization?**

Years:	10
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6. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation. It is greatly appreciated!

**Section 1: Facility Demand, Quantity & Condition**

For each facility listed below, please indicate the demand for, quantity of, and condition of that facility?

		<b>A - Demand:</b> In the area served by your organization, how would you describe the demand ( <i>public interest</i> ) for this type of facility compared to the supply ( <i>quantity currently provided</i> )?						<b>B - Quantity:</b> Specify the quantity of this facility that your organization <b>currently has and directly manages</b> .  <i>Remember:</i> Enter a <u>zero</u> if you do <i>not</i> currently have/manage this type of facility.	<b>C - Condition:</b> If your organization has/manages this type of facility, please <b>estimate</b> the quantity that fall within each condition category?		
		Demand greatly exceeds supply (need many more facilities)	Demand slightly exceeds supply (need some more facilities)	Demand about same as supply (no more facilities are needed)	Supply slightly exceeds demand (some facilities underutilized)	Supply greatly exceeds demand (many facilities underutilized)	Not sure		Good condition, no or little improvement needed	Adequate condition, moderate improvement needed	Poor condition, must improve greatly or replace
<b>Trails</b>	a. Multi-Use (paved)	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ miles	___ miles	___ miles	___ miles
	b. Multi-Use (unpaved)	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ miles	___ miles	___ miles	___ miles
	c. Hiking only (unpaved)	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ miles	___ miles	___ miles	___ miles
	d. Mountain bike only (unpaved)	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ miles	___ miles	___ miles	___ miles
	e. Exercise (with exercise machines and equipment at stations located along the trail)	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ miles	___ miles	___ miles	___ miles
	f. OHV (ATV/dirt bike)	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ miles	___ miles	___ miles	___ miles
	g. Snowmobile	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ miles	___ miles	___ miles	___ miles
	h. Cross-country skiing	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ miles	___ miles	___ miles	___ miles
<b>Trail Support Facilities</b>	a. <u>Primitive</u> trails <u>without</u> either portable bathrooms or permanent restrooms	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ trails	___ trails	___ trails	___ trails
	b. <u>Semi-modern</u> trails <u>with</u> portable bathrooms	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ trails	___ trails	___ trails	___ trails
	c. <u>Modern</u> trails <u>with</u> permanent restrooms and running water	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ trails	___ trails	___ trails	___ trails
<b>Campgrounds</b>	a. <u>Primitive</u> campgrounds <u>without</u> electricity, running water, or restrooms	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ campgrounds	___ campgrounds	___ campgrounds	___ campgrounds
	b. <u>Semi-modern</u> campgrounds <u>with</u> an outhouse, but <u>without</u> electricity or water	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ campgrounds	___ campgrounds	___ campgrounds	___ campgrounds
	c. <u>Modern</u> campgrounds <u>with</u> electricity, running water, and a restroom with showers	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ campgrounds	___ campgrounds	___ campgrounds	___ campgrounds
<b>Camping Sites within Campgrounds</b>	a. Group campsites (where 3 to 6 sites are clustered together for multiple families or a large group of friends)	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ group sites	___ group sites	___ group sites	___ group sites
	b. Tent sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ sites	___ sites	___ sites	___ sites
	c. RV/camper sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ sites	___ sites	___ sites	___ sites
	d. RV dump stations	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ stations	___ stations	___ stations	___ stations
	e. Cabin rental sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ sites	___ sites	___ sites	___ sites

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<b>General Purpose Parks &amp; Recreation Areas</b>	a. <u>Primitive</u> parks, recreation areas, or natural areas <u>without</u> electricity, running water, or restrooms	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ parks or areas	___ parks or areas	___ parks or areas	___ parks or areas
	b. <u>Semi-modern</u> park or natural area with an outhouse but <u>without</u> electricity or running water	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ parks or areas	___ parks or areas	___ parks or areas	___ parks or areas
	c. <u>Modern</u> parks, recreation areas, or natural areas <u>with</u> electricity, running water, and restrooms	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ parks or areas	___ parks or areas	___ parks or areas	___ parks or areas
<b>Activity Areas within General Purpose Parks &amp; Recreation Areas</b>	a. Family picnic sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ sites	___ sites	___ sites	___ sites
	b. Group picnic shelters	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ shelters	___ shelters	___ shelters	___ shelters
	c. Natural areas ( <i>for bird watching, simply enjoying nature, etc.</i> )	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ areas	___ areas	___ areas	___ areas
	d. Multi-purpose open green space or playfields ( <i>for sports, games, Frisbee, relaxing, etc.</i> )	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ areas	___ areas	___ areas	___ areas
	e. Dog parks	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ parks	___ parks	___ parks	___ parks
	f. Pet exercise areas within a park	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ areas	___ areas	___ areas	___ areas
	g. Playgrounds	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ play-grounds	___ play-grounds	___ play-grounds	___ play-grounds
h. Amphitheater for presentations or other purposes	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ theaters	___ theaters	___ theaters	___ theaters	
<b>Swimming</b>	a. Regular outdoor swimming pools	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ pools	___ pools	___ pools	___ pools
	b. Outdoor spray, wave or other specialty pools	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ pools	___ pools	___ pools	___ pools
	c. Swimming beaches on lakes or rivers	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ beaches	___ beaches	___ beaches	___ beaches
	d. Swimming bathhouses	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ bathhouses	___ bath-houses	___ bath-houses	___ bath-houses
<b>Winter Sports</b>	a. Ski and/or snowboard slopes	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ slopes	___ slopes	___ slopes	___ slopes
	b. Ski lifts	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ lifts	___ lifts	___ lifts	___ lifts
	c. Ski jumps	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ jumps	___ jumps	___ jumps	___ jumps
	d. Sledding or tubing hills	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ hills	___ hills	___ hills	___ hills
	e. Outdoor ice skating/hockey rinks	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ rinks	___ rinks	___ rinks	___ rinks

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<b>Golf</b>	a. Regular 18-hole courses	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ courses	___ courses	___ courses	___ courses
	b. Regular 9-hole courses	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ courses	___ courses	___ courses	___ courses
	c. Outdoor driving ranges	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ ranges	___ ranges	___ ranges	___ ranges
	d. Outdoor pitching and/or putting ranges	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ ranges	___ ranges	___ ranges	___ ranges
<b>Canoeing &amp; Kayaking</b>	a. Launch ramps	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ ramps	___ ramps	___ ramps	___ ramps
	b. Docks	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ docks	___ docks	___ docks	___ docks
	c. Paddling trails	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ miles	___ miles	___ miles	___ miles
<b>Shooting Sports</b>	a. Outdoor rifle, pistol, trap or skeet ranges	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ ranges	___ ranges	___ ranges	___ ranges
	b. Outdoor archery ranges	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ ranges	___ ranges	___ ranges	___ ranges
<b>Sports &amp; Playfields</b>	a. Baseball fields	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ fields	___ fields	___ fields	___ fields
	b. Football fields	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ fields	___ fields	___ fields	___ fields
	c. Outdoor tennis courts	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ courts	___ courts	___ courts	___ courts
	d. Outdoor basketball courts	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ courts	___ courts	___ courts	___ courts
	e. Outdoor track facilities	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ facilities	___ facilities	___ facilities	___ facilities
	f. Outdoor skateboard parks	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ parks	___ parks	___ parks	___ parks
	g. Outdoor soccer fields	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ fields	___ fields	___ fields	___ fields
	h. Softball fields	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ fields	___ fields	___ fields	___ fields
	i. Disc or Frisbee golf courses	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ courses	___ courses	___ courses	___ courses
	j. Outdoor volleyball courts (all types)	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ courts	___ courts	___ courts	___ courts
	k. Horseshoe pits	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ pits	___ pits	___ pits	___ pits
<b>Horse Riding</b>	a. Horse riding trails	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ miles	___ miles	___ miles	___ miles
	b. Outdoor arenas (including fenced riding areas) for horse riding	1	2	3	4	5	6	_____ arenas	___ arenas	___ arenas	___ arenas
<b>Other</b>	a. Specify:	1	2	3	4	5	6				
	b. Specify:	1	2	3	4	5	6				
	c. Specify:	1	2	3	4	5	6				

**Section 2: Future Demand and Needs**

A. How important do you feel each of the following would be in enhancing the user experience at the parks, sports complexes, and/or recreation areas that your organization has/manages?

	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not at all important	Not sure, does not apply
a. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>walkways</u> between facilities or activity areas in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas?	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>lighted sports fields</u> that can be used later into the evening?	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>bathrooms or restrooms</u> in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas?	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>bathrooms or restrooms</u> along trails?	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>concession buildings</u> in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas?	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>concession buildings</u> in sports field complexes?	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>parking areas</u> in parks, recreation areas, or natural areas?	1	2	3	4	5	6
h. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>parking areas</u> in sports field complexes?	1	2	3	4	5	6
i. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>parking areas</u> along trails?	1	2	3	4	5	6
j. Improving the <u>condition/maintenance</u> of the grounds and facilities?	1	2	3	4	5	6
k. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>warming houses</u> at skating/hockey rinks?	1	2	3	4	5	6
l. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>warming houses</u> at sledding/tubing hills?	1	2	3	4	5	6
m. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>visitor/information/customer service centers</u> on the grounds or in the facilities?	1	2	3	4	5	6
n. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>RV dump stations</u> in campgrounds?	1	2	3	4	5	6
o. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>electricity/water hookups</u> in campgrounds?	1	2	3	4	5	6
p. Improving, expanding, or adding <u>shower houses</u> in campgrounds?	1	2	3	4	5	6

B. How would you describe the overall demand (*public interest from the population(s) your organization serves*) for facilities and/or activities compared to the overall supply (*quantity currently provided by your organization*)?

- 1 .....Demand greatly exceeds supply (need many more facilities/activities)
- 2 .....Demand slightly exceeds supply (need some more facilities/activities)
- 3 .....Demand about same as supply (no more facilities/activities are needed)
- 4 .....Supply slightly exceeds demand (some facilities/activities underutilized)
- 5 .....Supply greatly exceeds demand (many facilities/activities underutilized)
- 6 .....Choose not to answer

C. What outdoor activities, areas, or facilities do you feel your organization most needs to improve, expand, or add to better meet the needs of the population(s) that your organization serves?

a.
b.
c.

D. Other than funding, what obstacles do you feel are preventing your organization from providing all of the outdoor activities or facilities needed to meet the needs of the population(s) that your organization serves?

a.
b.
c.

E. Given the growing and/or changing needs of the population(s) your organization serves...

a. By what percent do you feel your organization's annual operating expenditures will need to increase each year for the next five years to keep pace with these needs?

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|--|---|
| 1 .....No annual increase needed         | 4 .....7% to 9% increase <u>per</u> year    |
| 2 .....1% to 3% increase <u>per</u> year | 5 .....10% or more increase <u>per</u> year |
| 3 .....4% to 6% increase <u>per</u> year | 6 .....Choose not to answer                 |

b. By what percent do you feel your organization's annual capital expenditures will need to increase each year for the next five years to keep pace with these needs?

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|--|---|
| 1 .....No annual increase needed         | 4 .....7% to 9% increase <u>per</u> year    |
| 2 .....1% to 3% increase <u>per</u> year | 5 .....10% or more increase <u>per</u> year |
| 3 .....4% to 6% increase <u>per</u> year | 6 .....Choose not to answer                 |

c. What is your best estimate of the total additional amount needed for your organization to fulfill its current unmet capital needs in the next five years?

Unmet capital needs in next five years:	\$
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**Section 3: Demographics for Statistical/Classification Purposes ONLY**

A. Which one best describes the population of the geographic area (i.e. city, county, region, etc.) served by your organization?

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 .....Less than 1,000 people | 4 .....10,000 to 34,999 people |
| 2 .....1,000 to 4,999 people  | 5 .....35,000 or more people   |
| 3 .....5,000 to 9,999 people  | 6 .....Choose not to answer    |

B. Which one best describes the number of people your organization served during your 2011 fiscal year (the fiscal year ending on or before 12/31/2011)?

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 .....Less than 1,000 people | 4 .....10,000 to 34,999 people |
| 2 .....1,000 to 4,999 people  | 5 .....35,000 or more people   |
| 3 .....5,000 to 9,999 people  | 6 .....Choose not to answer    |

C. What were your organization's total annual operating expenditures for your 2011 fiscal year?

2011 fiscal year operating expenditures:	\$
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D. What were your organization's total annual capital expenditures for your 2011 fiscal year?

2011 fiscal year capital expenditures:	\$
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E. On 12/31/2011, how many full-time employees (full-benefits, year-round) were employed by your organization?

Total full-time employee on 12/31/2011	
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F. During your 2011 fiscal year, how many non-full-time employees (seasonal, part-time, contract) were employed by your organization?

2011 fiscal year total non-full-time employee:	
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G. During your 2011 fiscal year, what was the total number of parks, facilities, or sites owned and/or managed by your organization?

2011 fiscal year total parks, facilities, or sites:	
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H. During your 2011 fiscal year, what was the total acreage of the parks, facilities, sites, or other property owned and/or managed by your organization?

2011 fiscal year total acreage:	
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Thank you for your time and cooperation. It is greatly appreciated!

At your earliest possible convenience, please return your completed questionnaire to Winkelman Consulting by mail, fax or email.