



Alton Parks Master Plan Public Survey

The City of Alton needs your help and your input!

The City is currently involved in creating a Parks Master Plan. This document helps Alton set priorities for parks facilities for the next five to ten years. As a concerned citizen, the City takes your views about parks very seriously. Please take a few minutes to honestly answer this survey about parks in Alton. Encourage your family members and neighbors to complete this important survey as well!



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Demographics

1. Are you male or female?

- Male
- Female

2. What is your approximate age?

- 19 years old or younger
- 20-34 years old
- 35-44 years old
- 45-54 years old
- 55-64 years old
- 65 years old or older

3. Are you a resident of Alton?

- Yes
- No, but live in Hidalgo County
- No, live outside Hidalgo County

4. If no, what zip code do you live in?

5. Which street do you live on? (just street, not house number) Leave blank if you do not live in Alton.

6. How long have you lived in Alton?

- Under 3 years
- 4-7 years
- 8-10 years
- 11-20 years
- More than 20 years
- I do not live in Alton

7. Do you have any children under the age of 19 living in your home? Check all that apply. Leave blank if you do not live in Alton.

- No children
- Children under age 5
- Children ages 5-9
- Children ages 10-14
- Children ages 15-19



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Parks & Recreation

8. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of parks in Alton?

- Very Satisfied
- Satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very Dissatisfied
- No Opinion

9. How would you rate the City in the following categories?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No opinion
The overall appearance of the City	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The amount of accessible natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Having parks conveniently located for people in all areas of the City	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The overall safety of parks	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The maintenance of parks	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The variety of recreational facilities within parks	<input type="checkbox"/>				
The overall quality of City athletic fields	<input type="checkbox"/>				

10. Check the box that best describes how strongly you agree or disagree with the following.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Better parks will help to improve our city image.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel that parks help strengthen our city economically.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I'm willing to pay additional City taxes to see the quality of parks and recreational amenities upgraded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Parks & Recreation (cont.)

11. Using the list below, choose your and your family's favorite recreation activities? Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art/crafts classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing on playgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Running / jogging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BMX biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disc golf / Frisbee golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exercising at a private gym | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball/baseball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming for leisure / fitness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flag / tackle football | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Going to festivals or special events | <input type="checkbox"/> Viewing nature / wildlife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Going to a dog park | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golfing | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking / hiking on trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group exercise / fitness classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking your dog |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Working out / lifting weights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking / canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> I/we do not recreate |

Other (please specify)

12. If you or your family DO NOT use parks or recreational facilities in Alton, why not? Check all that apply.

- No parks located near us
- We use parks/facilities in nearby cities instead
- The Alton parks do not meet our needs or have what we want
- Lack of adequate security/do not feel safe
- We have no time or interest
- City does not offer programs that interest us

Other (please specify)

13. In the past year, how often have you or your family participated in or utilized the following?

	Daily	At least weekly	Few times per month	Few times per year	Very rarely or never
Participated in a youth athletic league	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Participated in an adult athletic league	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Rode a bicycle for fitness or to get somewhere in the City	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Used a non-city fitness center such as a private gym	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Utilized a City facility for a meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Visited a City park pavilion	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Visited a City playground	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Visited the City swimming pool	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Walked for fitness or to get somewhere in the City	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Visited the city senior center	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Visited Elizondo Park	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Visited Fireman's Park	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Visited Josefa Garcia Park	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Visited Sylvia Vela Park	<input type="checkbox"/>				



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14. Do you go outside of Alton to participate in recreational activities, sports, or fitness programs?

Yes

No

15. If yes to question #14, what city do you primarily travel to for those recreational activities?

16. If yes to question #14, what recreational activity or sport do you primarily participate in outside of Alton?

17. Are there recreational programs that the City should offer?



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18. What is your favorite park in Alton?

- Elizondo Park
- Fireman's Park
- Josefa Garcia Park
- Sylvia Vela Park

19. What do you like about the park you chose in question #18?

20. What do you NOT like about the park you chose in question #18?

21. What amenities or recreation features would you add to improve the park you chose in question #18?



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22. Alton needs to know where to direct its efforts as it strives to meet the City's park and recreational needs. Please indicate how important or unimportant you think it is for the following items to be provided or added in Alton's parks.

	Very important	Important	Undecided	Not important	Not important at all
A dog park (off leash areas)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Amphitheater	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Baseball / softball fields	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Basketball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Community gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Disc golf / Frisbee golf	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Exercise stations in parks	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Fishing areas	<input type="checkbox"/>				
General lighting of some parks for evening use	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Large enclosed community building	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More athletic and practice fields	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More landscaping in parks	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More pavilions for group activities / picnics	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More picnic tables	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More preserved open space	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More special events / festivals at parks	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>				

	Very important	Important	Undecided	Not important	Not important at all
More trees / shade	<input type="checkbox"/>				
More youth-size baseball / softball fields	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Multi-purpose recreation fields for field hockey, lacrosse, kickball, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Nature viewing facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Passive game courts (e.g., horseshoes, bocce, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Sand volleyball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Shade structures over existing playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Skate park	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Soccer / football field	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Spray park/splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Walking paths or trails in City parks	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Walking paths or trails connecting neighborhoods to City parks	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Other (please specify)

23. Using the list above, what are the THREE facilities you or your family feel are most needed?

Facility/Activity

Most Needed

2nd Most Needed

3rd Most Needed

Other (please specify)

24. I am willing to pay extra City taxes or fees to add one or more of the City park facilities that I've listed above.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

25. From which of the following sources do you get information about recreation activities in Alton? Check all that apply.

- City website
- City newsletter
- Word of mouth
- Social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.)
- Signs

Other (please specify)



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Thank you!

26. Please provide your email address below if you would like to receive updates regarding the Alton Parks Master Plan.