



Take Part in the Recreation and Open Space Survey

The City of Peabody is preparing to update the citywide Recreation and Open Space Plan for the years 2014-2020. As part of this effort, the Peabody Recreation, Parks & Forestry and Community Development Departments developed a questionnaire to enable the public to provide valuable input about their park and open space use and preferences. Public input is an important aspect of the Plan. The City needs this input to update its open space and recreation plan, a document required to qualify for state and federal funding and expansion projects.

In 1998 and 2006, the City updated the plan which drove substantial improvements in city parks, development of new parks, including East End Peabody Veterans Memorial Park, development of the Peabody Independence Greenway, open space acquisitions, and the Leather City Museum. The newly updated Peabody Recreation and Open Space Plan will direct the next phase of open space enhancements and recreation activities for the citizens living in Peabody.

The Recreation and Open Space Plan will look at all public open space, regardless of ownership, including parks, playgrounds, wildlife corridors, bikeways, trails, water resources, and recreational programming. The Plan will also look at City residents to understand demographic and socio-economic trends which impact the use of open space.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE ONLINE!! IT'S EASY AND QUICK.

If you cannot make use of an internet-capable computer, tablet, or mobile device, PAPER copies of the questionnaire are available the week of August 19 at Peabody City Hall, Peabody public libraries, Peabody Municipal Light Plant, and the Council of Aging. Each location will have a drop box to submit the completed survey.

Participants that fill out the survey and supply their contact information will become eligible to win a \$50 gift certificate/credit towards one recreation program offered by the Recreation, Parks & Forestry Department. Feel free to share this information with the interested parties. Your opinion is important. City Staff and officials encourage participation, look forward to better understanding citizen's needs, and want to thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

Peabody Parks and Open Space Make Life Better!