

Hamilton County Conservation

Tuesday, March 5, 2024



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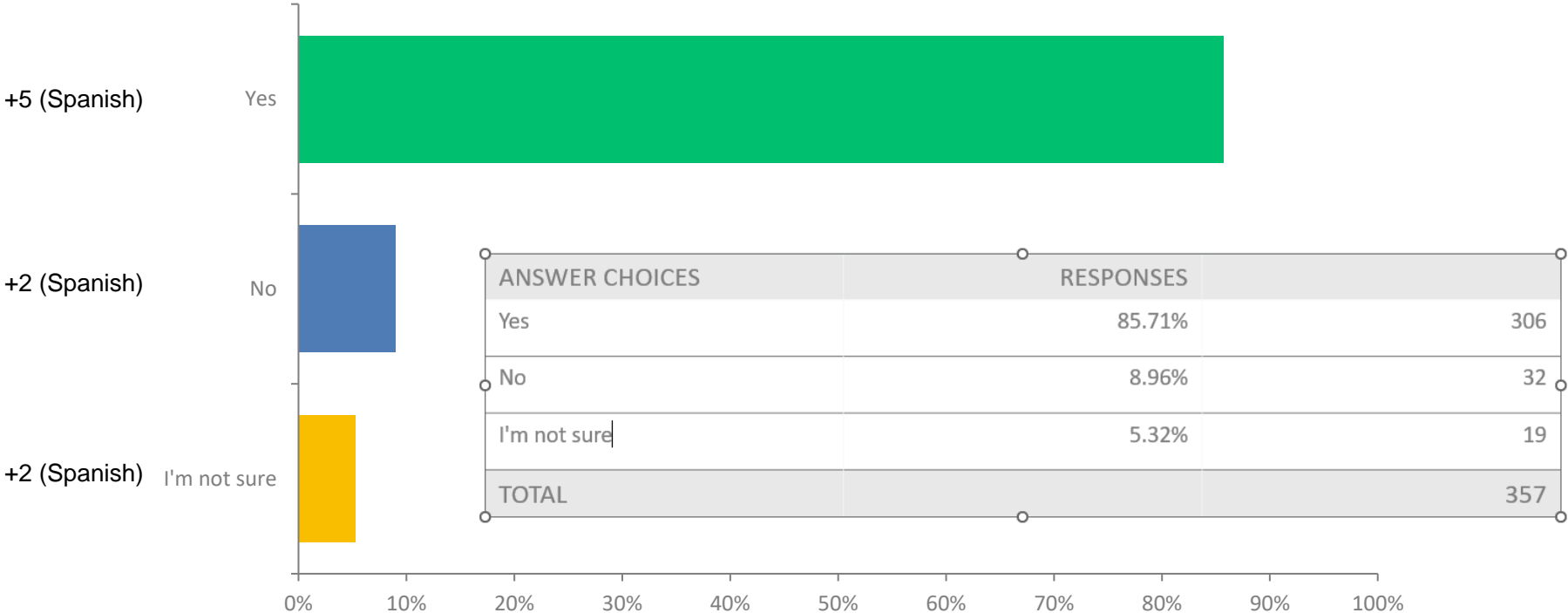
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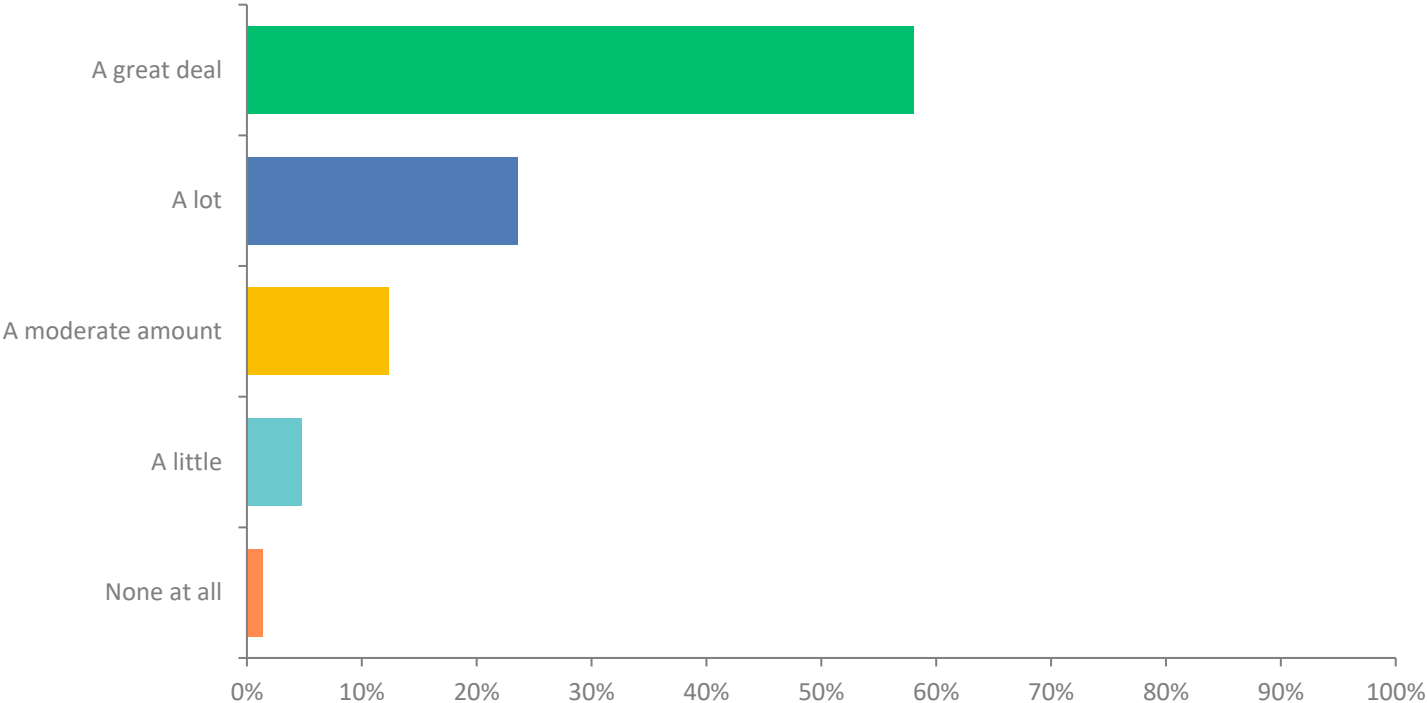
Q1: Are you familiar with Hamilton County Conservation?

Answered: 357 Skipped: 1



Q2: Are parks and green space essential to your quality-of-life experience in and around Hamilton County?

Answered: 357 Skipped: 1



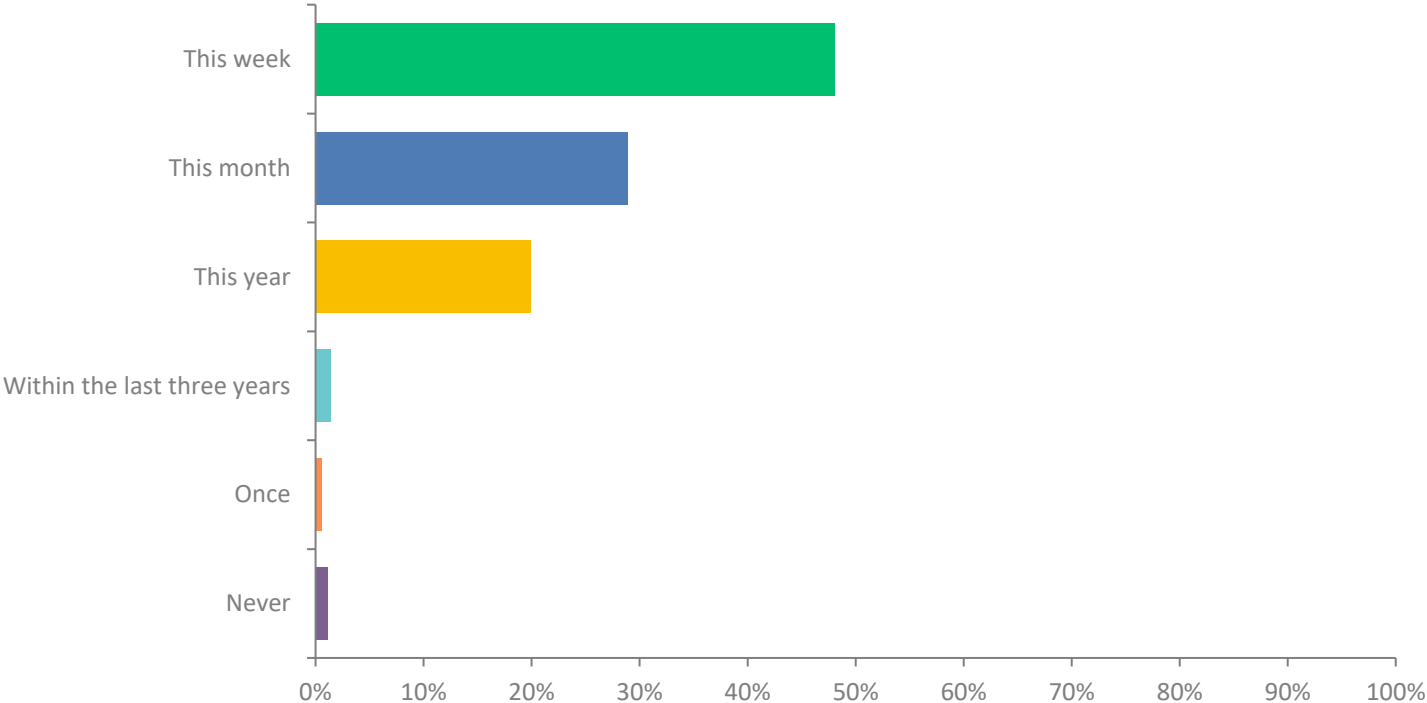
Q2: Are parks and green space essential to your quality-of-life experience in and around Hamilton County?

Answered: 357 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A great deal	57.98%	207 +8 (Spanish)
A lot	23.53%	84 +1 (Spanish)
A moderate amount	12.32%	44
A little	4.76%	17
None at all	1.40%	5
TOTAL		357

Q3: When was the last time you visited a Hamilton County Park/Area?

Answered: 356 Skipped: 2



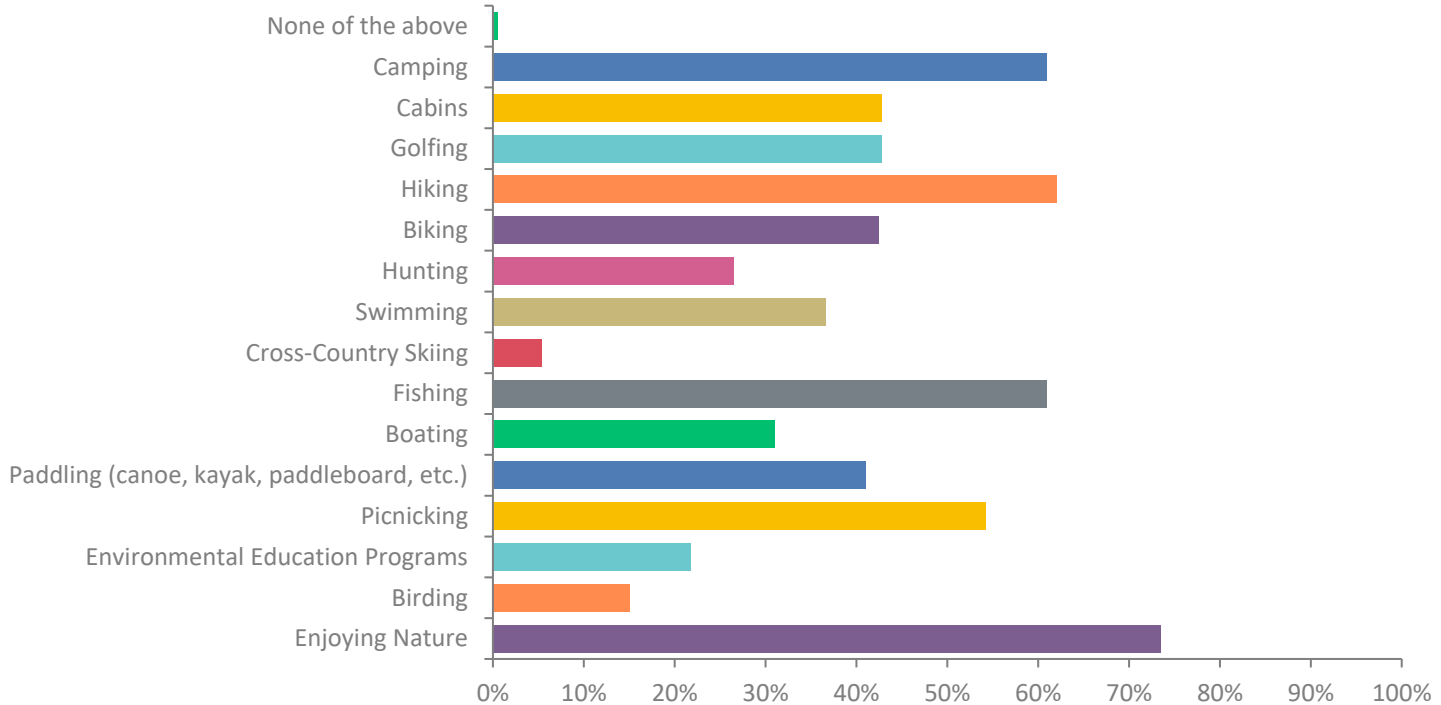
Q3: When was the last time you visited a Hamilton County Park/Area?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
This week	48.03%	171
This month	28.93%	103 +6 (Spanish)
This year	19.94%	71 +2 (Spanish)
Within the last three years	1.40%	5
Once	0.56%	2 +1 (Spanish)
Never	1.12%	4
TOTAL		356

Q4: Below are activities/amenities available with Hamilton County Conservation Areas. Check all that you have participated in.

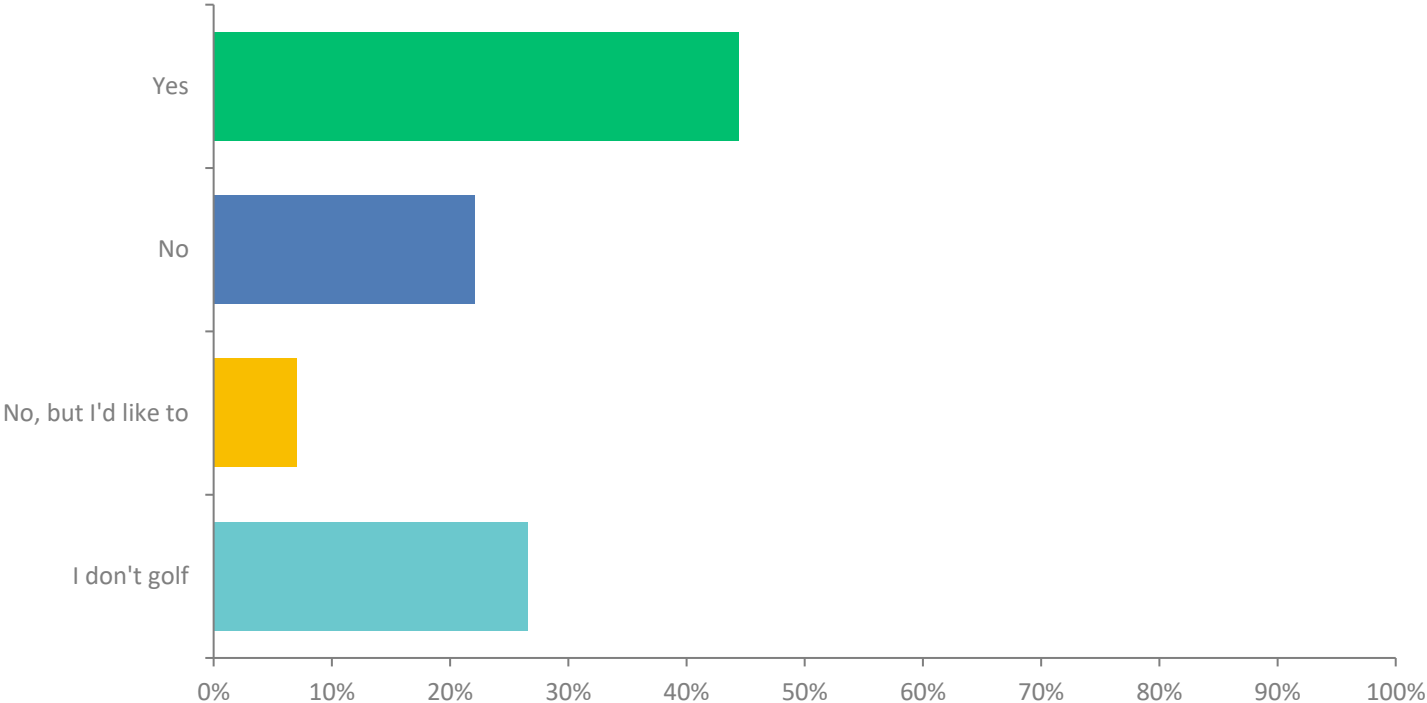
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	ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
	None of the above	0.56%	2
+1 (Spanish) ★	Camping	60.89%	218
	Cabins	42.74%	153
	Golfing	42.74%	153
+5 (Spanish) ★	Hiking	62.01%	222
+4 (Spanish)	Biking	42.46%	152
	Hunting	26.54%	95
+4 (Spanish)	Swimming	36.59%	131
	Cross-Country Skiing	5.31%	19
+3 (Spanish) ★	Fishing	60.89%	218
+1 (Spanish)	Boating	31.01%	111
	Paddling (canoe, kayak, paddleboard, etc.)	41.06%	147
+3 (Spanish) ★	Picnicking	54.19%	194
	Environmental Education Programs	21.79%	78
+1 (Spanish)	Birding	15.08%	54
+6 (Spanish) ★	Enjoying Nature	73.46%	263
	TOTAL		2210

Q5: Have you golfed at Briggs Woods Golf Course?

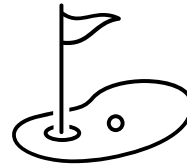
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Q5: Have you golfed at Briggs Woods Golf Course?

Answered: 358 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.41%	159
No	22.07%	79 +4 (Spanish)
No, but I'd like to	6.98%	25 +2 (Spanish)
I don't golf	26.54%	95 +3 (Spanish)
TOTAL		358

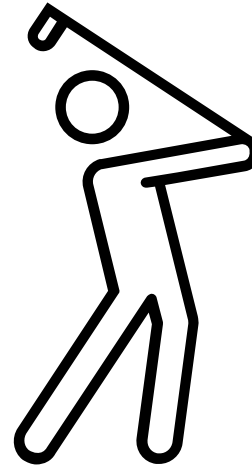


184 = Golf

174 = Not into Golf

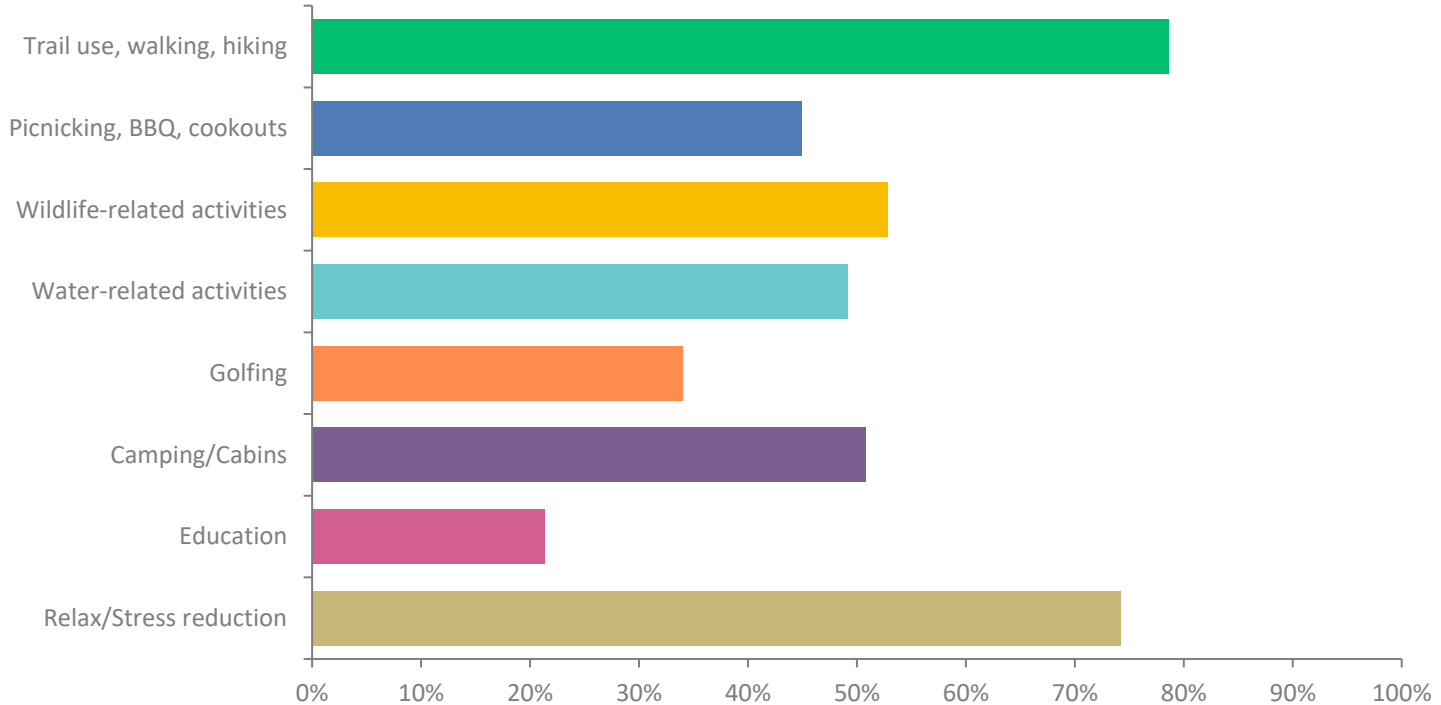
If you have golfed at Briggs Woods Course, what did you like about it?

- **Nice course**
- Convenient
- 18 holes
 - Enjoy the layout
- Challenging course (in a good way)
 - Particularly the back nine
- **Good/reasonable price**
- Fun to Play
- Well kept, plenty of available carts, courteous staff
- Beautiful course and scenery, atmosphere
 - Trees
- **Well run** (events)
 - Staff, hospitality
- **Well maintained**, clean
 - Nicely kept greens
- Range area (*some confusion, is there one now?*)
- New club house/conference center
- Important tourist attraction



Q7: What do you like to do outside by yourself (check all that apply)?

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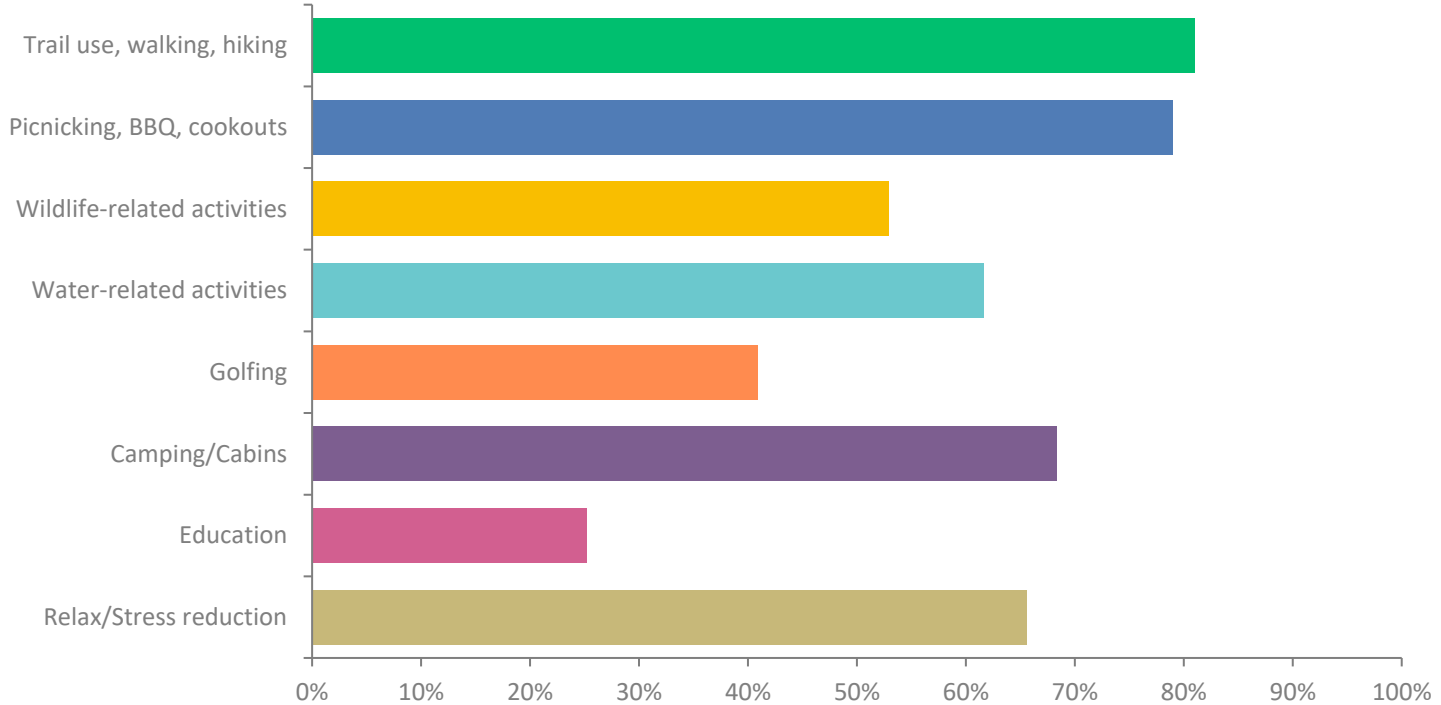
Q7: What do you like to do outside by yourself (check all that apply)?

Answered: 356 Skipped: 2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES		
Trail use, walking, hiking	78.65%	280	+5 (Spanish)
Picnicking, BBQ, cookouts	44.94%	160	+7 (Spanish)
Wildlife-related activities	52.81%	188	+4 (Spanish)
Water-related activities	49.16%	175	+5 (Spanish)
Golfing	33.99%	121	
Camping/Cabins	50.84%	181	+3 (Spanish)
Education	21.35%	76	+2 (Spanish)
Relax/Stress reduction	74.16%	264	+7 (Spanish)
TOTAL		1445	

Q8: What do you like to do outside with family/friends (check all that apply)?

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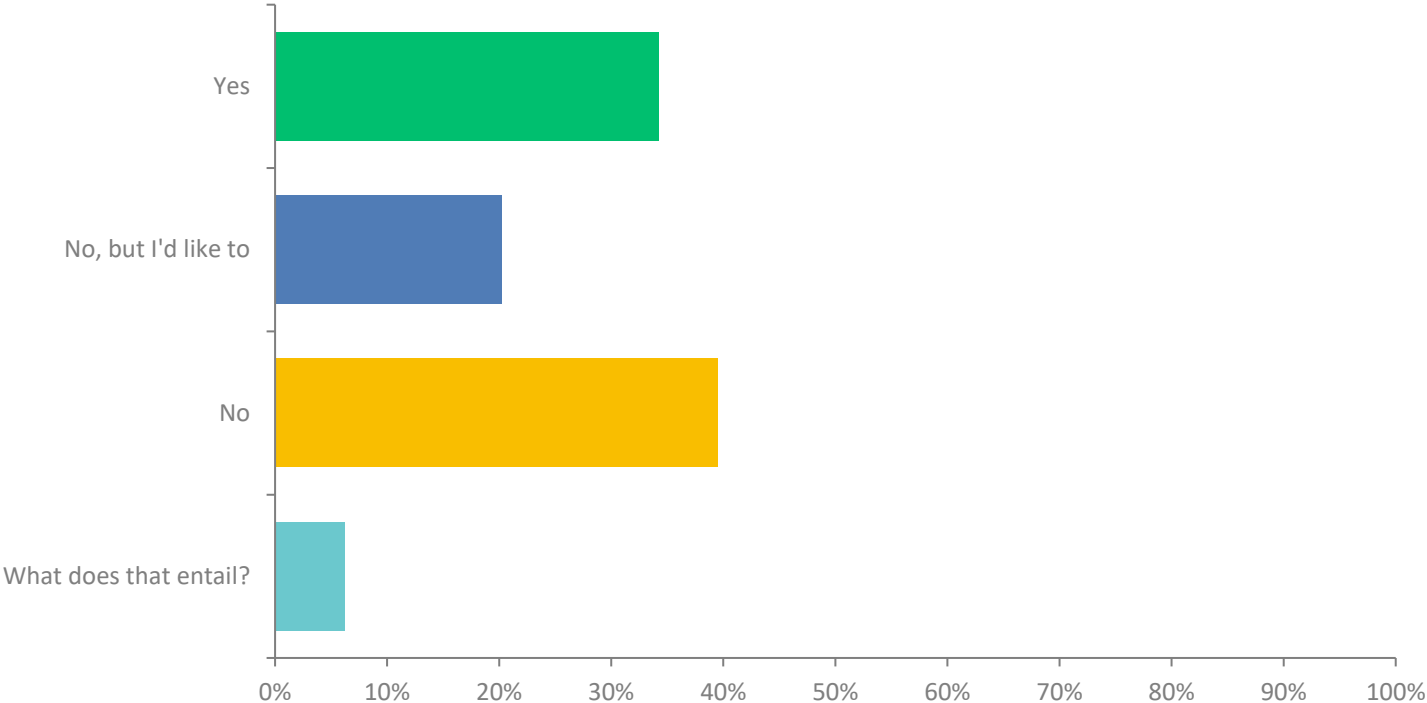
Q8: What do you like to do outside with family/friends (check all that apply)?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES		
Trail use, walking, hiking	80.95%	289	+7 (Spanish)
Picnicking, BBQ, cookouts	78.99%	282	+7 (Spanish)
Wildlife-related activities	52.94%	189	+2 (Spanish)
Water-related activities	61.62%	220	+5 (Spanish)
Golfing	40.90%	146	
Camping/Cabins	68.35%	244	+2 (Spanish)
Education	25.21%	90	+3 (Spanish)
Relax/Stress reduction	65.55%	234	+7 (Spanish)
TOTAL		1694	

Q10: Have you, or members of your family, attended any environmental education programs put on by Hamilton County Conservation?

Answered: 357 Skipped: 1



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Answered: 357 Skipped: 1

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.17%	122
No, but I'd like to	20.17%	72 +4 (Spanish)
No	39.50%	141 +5 (Spanish)
What does that entail?	6.16%	22
TOTAL		357

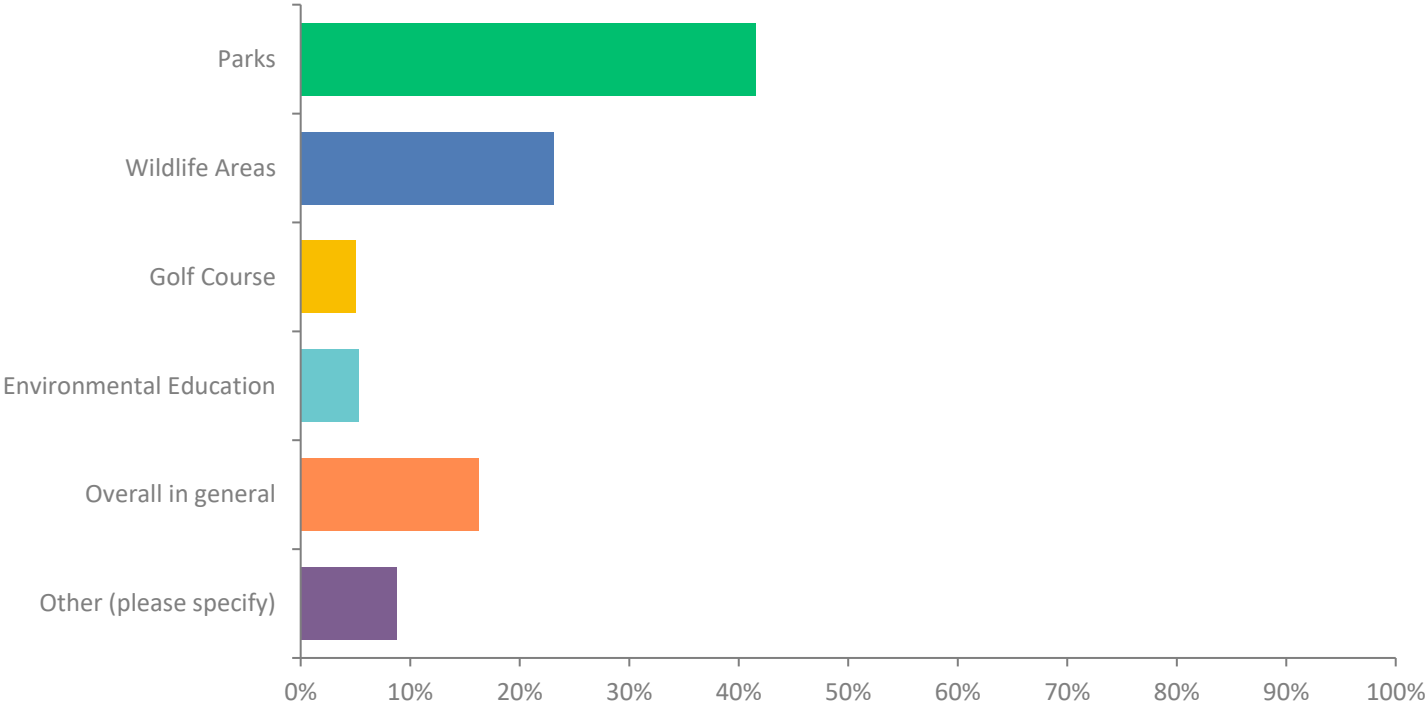


198 = EE

168 = Not into/aware of EE

Q11: Where would you most like to see new amenities or improvements from your County Conservation Board?

Answered: 320 Skipped: 38



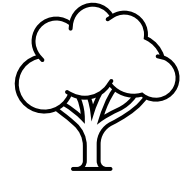
Q11: Where would you most like to see new amenities or improvements from your County Conservation Board?

Answered: 320 Skipped: 38

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parks	41.56%	133 +4 (Spanish)
Wildlife Areas	23.12%	74
Golf Course	5.00%	16
Environmental Education	5.31%	17 +1 (Spanish)
Overall, in general	16.25%	52 +2 (Spanish)
Other (please specify)	8.75%	28
TOTAL		320

Where would you most like to see new amenities - specifics

- Boat ramps and docks
 - Replace boathouse
- Updates to Red Barn
- Improvements overall
- Brushy Creek (*DNR-run*)
- **Extended/Expanded/Developed (bike) trails**
 - To Boone River
 - Bike/walking/multi-use
- Beach area
- Archery course
- Fishing
- Better wi-fi
- Campground upkeep and improvements
- More (long-term) camping spaces
 - Open spots that don't need reservations
- Little Wall Lake
 - Cleaner Lake, shoreline improvements

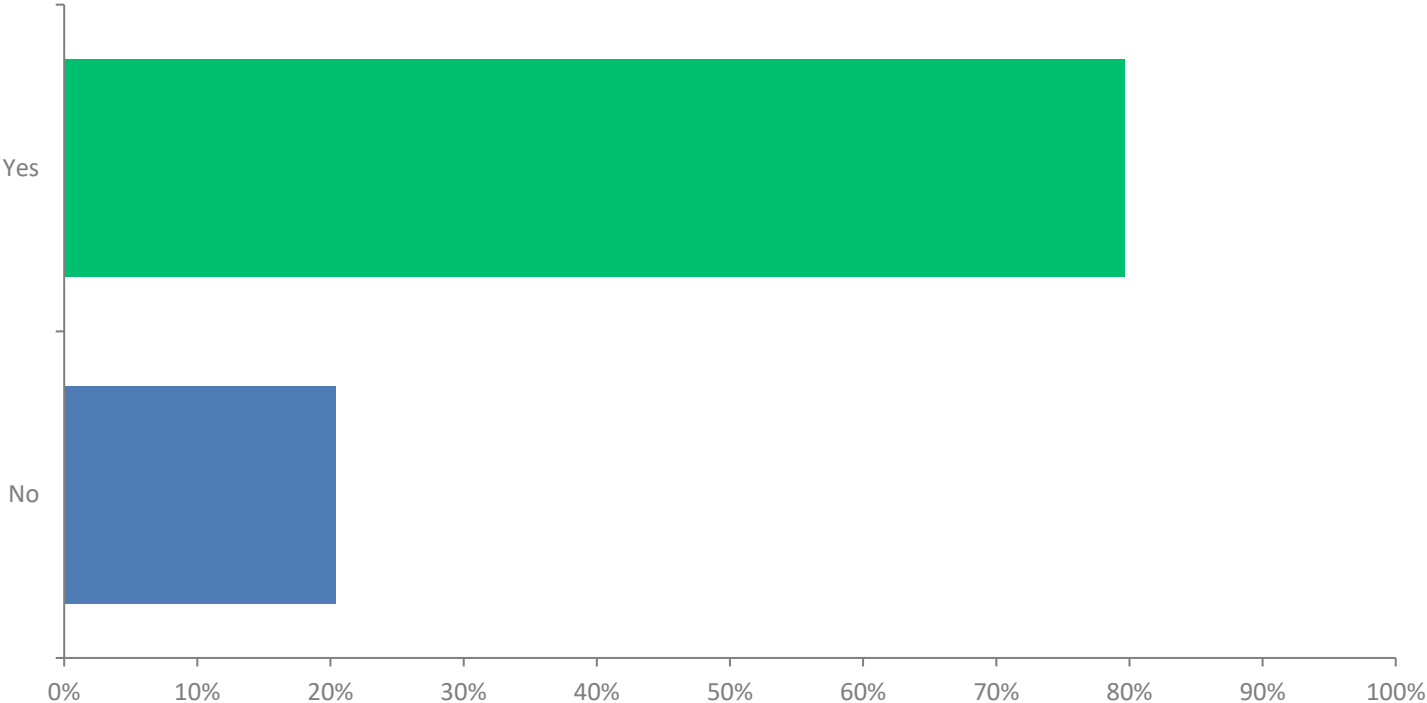


What would you MOST like to see from HCCB?

- **Boat ramps/docks (improved)**
- Lake improvement
- Better fishing
- **More campsites**
 - With full hookups
- (Bring back) Fireworks
- **Bike/walking trails**
 - Connections
- More for young families/Family-friendly
 - Better playgrounds
 - Splash pads
 - Park events
- Updates to red barn
- Improve camping and fishing
- **Management to promote better wildlife habitat/areas**
 - More timber/forest
 - Pollinator habitat
- **More (public) hunting opportunities**
- Different EE programs
 - Interpretive signage
- Improvements to Briggs Woods
- Would like to see the Boone River used more
- More rental space options, less restrictions
- More shelter/picnic areas
- Shooting/archery range
- Better bird watching
- Pickleball
- Bring back cross-country skiing
- Nature Center

Q13: Are you a resident of Hamilton County?

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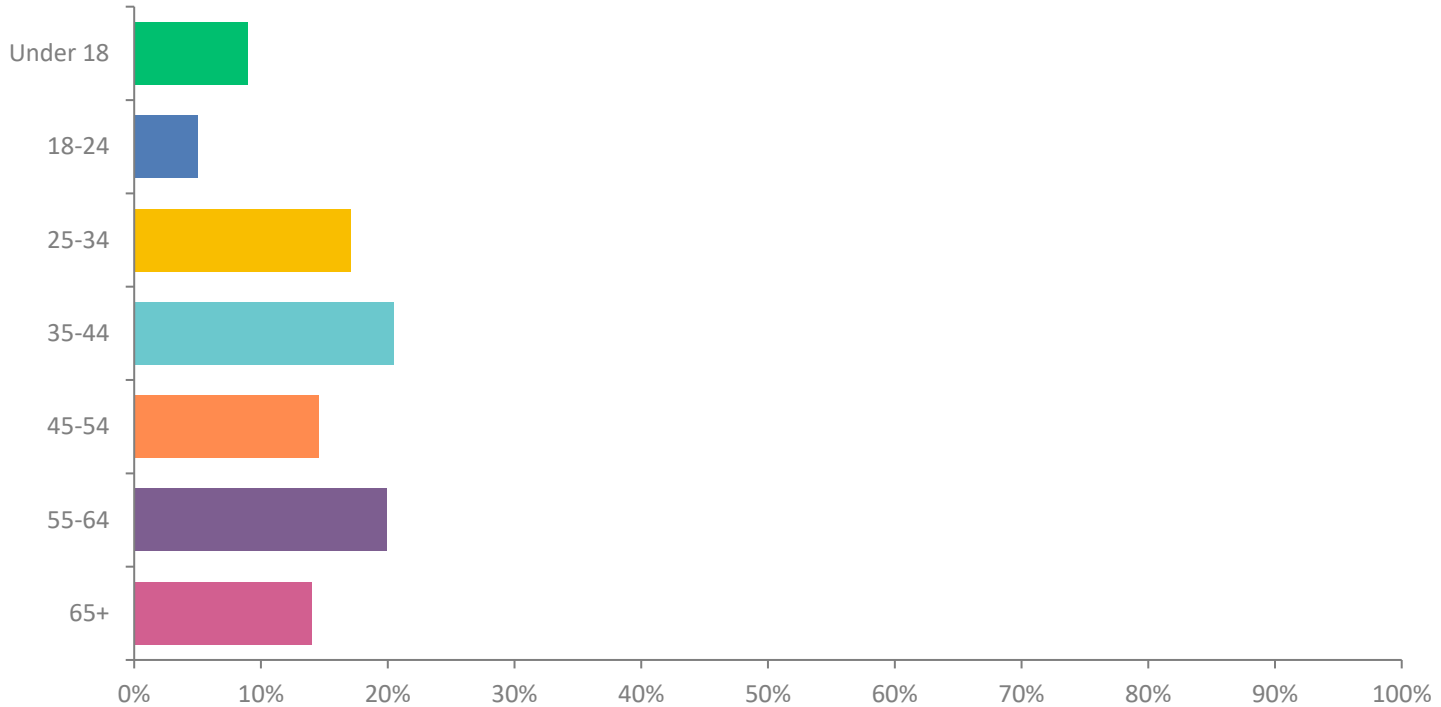
Q13: Are you a resident of Hamilton County?

Answered: 358 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.61%	285 +7 (Spanish)
No	20.39%	73 +1 (Spanish)
TOTAL		358

Q14: What is your age range?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	8.96%	32
18-24	5.04%	18 +2 (Spanish)
25-34	17.09%	61 +4 (Spanish)
35-44	20.45%	73 +3 (Spanish)
45-54	14.57%	52
55-64	19.89%	71
65+	14.01%	50
TOTAL		357

Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

Statewide trends that support county data

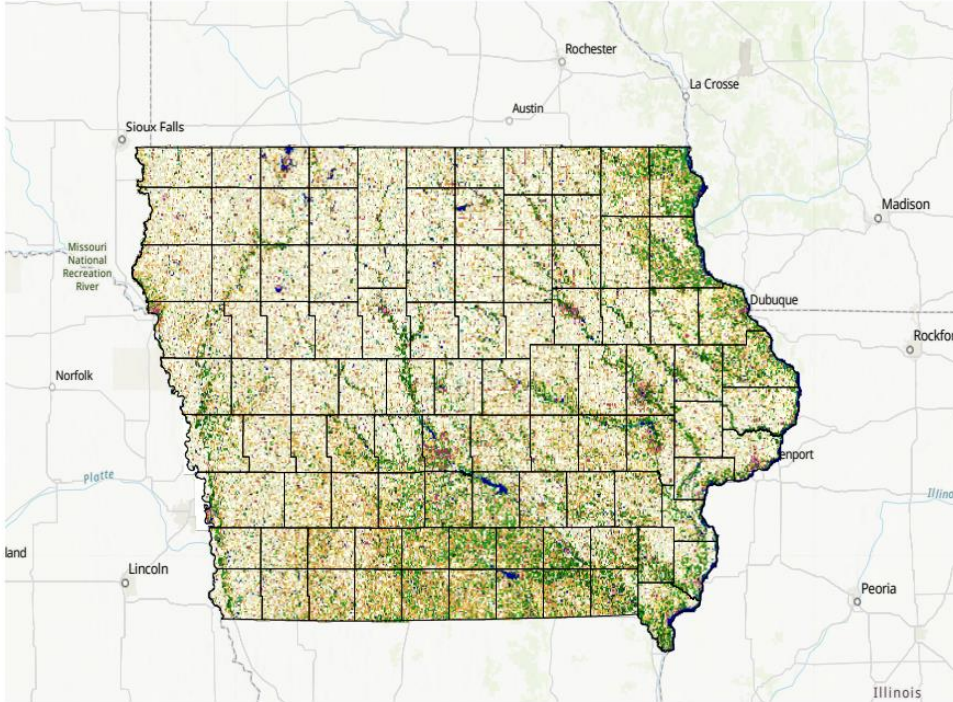


Outdoor Recreation In Iowa SCORP Plan

2023-2028

- Environmental Benefits
- Physical Benefits
- Emotional Benefits
- Social Benefits
- Economic Benefits

The Resource



Ecosystems that need to be preserved/maintained/protected/prioritized:

- Forest (**8%**)
- Grasslands (**21%**)
- Wetlands (**1%**)
- Rivers (**19,176 miles**)
- Lakes (**199** natural and created)
- Trails (**1,163 miles** and **14** designated Water Trails)
- Public Land (**3%**)

Iowans view outdoor recreation as providing the following personal benefits:

(95%) A sense of peace, relaxation or stress relief

(93%) Health and Fitness

(92%) Positive family activities

(92%) Mental or emotional health

(86%) Healthy childhood development

(85%) The healing power of the outdoors

(75%) Adventure or challenging activities



On average, participants prefer to travel 10 miles or less to participate in outdoor recreation, especially those participants that consider themselves casual users.

Recommendations

- **Embrace diversity, equity and inclusion** to improve access at all levels of need to enhance connection to the outdoors.
- **Increase availability and access** to outdoor recreation opportunities and amenities for lowans and future lowans.
- **Invest in growing our communication systems** to be credible, accurate and practical and make it convenient for lowans and future lowans to find and plan for outdoor recreation experiences.
- Increase lowan's level of physical activity through outdoor recreation activities to improve Iowa's goals for public health and wellness and **provide the education and resources necessary for their participation.**
 - Hamilton County ranks #55 out of 99 in the County Health Rankings for Iowa
- **Develop partnerships** with businesses, industry and recreation-affiliated user groups to stay relevant in the changing dynamics of outdoor recreation.

Thank you.