

# PUBLIC CHARETTES

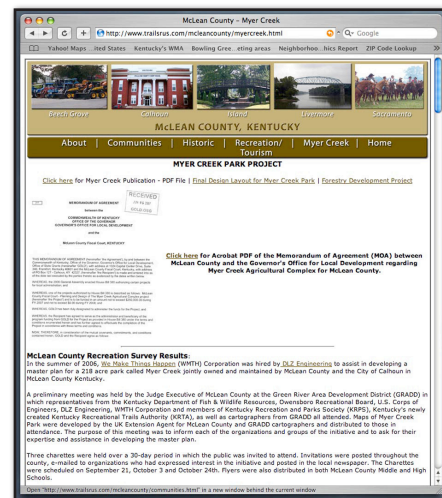
In the Fall of 2006, three charettes were held over a 30-day period in which the public was invited to attend. Invitations were posted throughout the county, e-mailed to organizations who had expressed interest in the initiative, and posted in the local newspaper. Flyers were also distributed in both the McLean County Middle School and High School. The purpose of these meetings was to gather public input.

The first charette, held in the Middle School Library on September 21, 2006, introduced the concept and encouraged people to share with the Team of DLZ and WMTH ideas they had for the 218 acres. A list was compiled by those in attendance. Tennis courts were listed as one of the priority needs yet the point was made that the High School had tennis courts that could meet the needs of the community if funds were made available to resurface them. It was decided that an inventory needed to be conducted of all recreational offerings throughout the county before recommendations for Myer Creek could be made.

Prior to the next charette, WMTH Corporation inventoried the recreational offerings throughout the county and UK Extension assisted in mapping each of these. The information was then posted on a website created by WMTH at <http://trailsrus.com/mcleancounty/recreation.html> and residents were encouraged to visit the site so they would be familiar with all the county currently had to offer. See CHAPTER \_\_\_: *McLEAN COUNTY RECREATIONAL OFFERINGS* for a complete list of offerings.

A second charette was held at the McLean County High School two weeks later on October 3, 2006. Fifteen people were in attendance. At this meeting, an overview of the current offerings throughout the county was shared. Each person was provided a listing of 25 recreational offerings compiled at the previous charette and asked to rank their choices by preference.

Realizing that only a small portion of the population of McLean County was represented, a survey instrument was developed and distributed to other citizens and to McLean County Middle and High School students, See Chapter XX for a copy of the survey instrument used and the findings.



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On October 24, 2006, a third and final charette was held. DLZ and WMTH Corporation presented their findings. A final list of preferred activities was shared with everyone and preliminary maps developed for Myer Creek Park. During the charette, it was noted that the students mentioned an outdoor swimming pool as one of their top choices but the group decided that the community would be better served to try to entice a hotel to the Livermore area and encourage them to include an indoor swimming pool which could then sell memberships to those in the community wishing to swim. A win-win for both the motel owner and the community.

ATV trails and basketball courts were also top choices on the write-in list by students but it was determined there was not adequate space at Myer Creek to develop ATV trails and that there were a number of basketball courts available throughout the county and funds would be better spent to fix those rather than build new ones. Space for both basketball courts and a future skate park would be included in the plans to be built in the future. Below is a map of the final design for Myer Creek. All ten top priority choices were incorporated into the design. A larger map is available in Chapter XX.

