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## **Your Ideas Wanted in Online Survey About Darien's Needs for Parks & Recreation**

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What should Darien's parks and recreation services look like in the future, and how should they change to better serve the town's residents? Town officials want to know and have set up [this online survey](#) open to all residents to benefit from your ideas and judgment.

The survey is part of a town-government commissioned "Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment" as part of an effort to update the existing parks and recreation master plan.

The online survey for town residents was live online as of Friday, May 5, 2017. A survey is also being mailed to all 3,500 Darien households, so responses don't have to be online.

"Community input is an important part of this process and helps the town to best tailor the plan to reflect the community's desires and needs," the Parks & Recreation Department said in an announcement late Friday afternoon.

"A random sampling of residents has been invited to take a survey, and these responses will provide statistically valid results," according to the announcement. In addition responses from the mailed survey also "will comprise the statistically-valid sample."

The online survey open to the entire town supplements the random sampling and the mailed survey.

The announcement also said:

"The open-link survey will give all residents an opportunity to provide feedback, and their responses will be included in the final report. While open-link results will be kept separate from the statistically valid responses, these responses will none-the-less provide valuable feedback for the Town of Darien."

The effort to gather information from and preferences of town residents is meant to provide "critical information in determining community values, satisfaction levels, needs and priorities, and demographics for the town's long-term planning efforts," according to the announcement.

The master plan project is led by Weston & Sampson and GreenPlay, LLC, with survey and data work done by RRC Associates.