Chapter 3 summarizes the results of an Internet-based community survey related to trail topics and issues that was conducted in Summer 2006. This appendix provides a compilation of the responses to several survey questions which invited written input or allowed respondents to elaborate on their rankings and preferences. The responses compiled here were taken directly from the survey website and have not been edited for content (except where potentially offensive language was used), grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, etc.

**Question 1**

Are trails (hike and bike, equestrian, motorized) important to you as a means of recreation, exercise and/or transportation?

- I live on Mary’s Creek close to Independent Park and use the trails everyday. In addition, I think that Pearland needs to develop more natural surroundings for trails (trees, waterways, etc.) Pearland home development and the city should stop clear cutting all the trees that provide natural shade and habitat for birds and small animals. The creeks in Pearland are normal stopping areas for migratory birds and water fowl. I think it would be great for Pearland to be known for preserving its natural surroundings rather than clearing and concreting everything. We have a lot of potential for having a beautiful city. Lastly, many children including my own use the walkways in the neighborhood to and from school everyday. It provides a great opportunity for the children to develop community relationships for both kids and adults by getting out and meeting face to face.
- wish we had more trees; miss the ones they took away
- I used to live in Kingwood and LIVED on the greenbelts. If my job weren't here, I'd move back just for the greenbelts. I have long lamented the fact that there aren't trails similar to those in Kingwood. PLEASE install these! They add to the quality of life, are inexpensive access to exercise, and fun! In Kingwood, they also added to property values when they were close to a street. They are only really useful, though, if they are surrounded by trees. I could go out on the greenbelts in the heat of the day in summer and still found it tolerable because the trees provided so much good coverage. I've used the trail in Memorial Park and along Allen Pkwy. These are okay, but the greenbelts in Kingwood were more fun because they were extensive enough to make them seem like an “adventure.” LOVE THIS IDEA!!
- I HAVE 3 BOYS 4,6,9
- I would like to the the creek areas and pipeline corridors as trails.
- hike and bike
- Texas is the fourth state I have lived in and the houston area is the worst city for being bike friendly.
They are EXTREMELY important to me, since we do not have a significant amount of safe, soft places to exercise in Pearland. We have to drive to Houston just to exercise, which is unfortunate.

would be a welcome addition to a growing community

I’m a runner and I run 4 miles every morning around my neighborhood. I want to start bicycling to work but, because of lack of shoulders and sidewalks outside my subdivision, bicycling would be unsafe at this time.

Existing sidewalks are hard on the knees for running. Therefore, highest priority for me would be a jogging trail but bicycle trails would be very nice.

A cushioned surfaced on these trails would be most helpful for the older citizens of Pearland to ease joint pain.

I use roads to run & bike because the trails in Pearland are insufficient. Concrete sidewalks are NOT a trail.

Yes this is very important to my family. We place a high importance on fitness outdoor activities and protecting the environment when we can.

I would like a park similar distance as Memorial park without having to drive to that side of town.

Specifically hike and bike trails that can be utilized during early morning hours.

most important for improving health and keeping the family active.

Connection of all trails is necessary, you have to be able to go somewhere without driving for trails to be an effective means of transportation.

Trails should only be in parks, not other areas.

Our family uses the independence park trail along Marys Creek for jogging, biking and walking. We would like to see some asphalt trails to extend along the creek to the west ie. Sherwood forest/Ymca and further than that. Roller blading is a great form of excercising for kids and adults alike. Thanks for your interest.

Even if I don’t use them, it helps keep people from using the streets who don’t have any other place to run.

absolutely. investing in trails (hike/bike) is the best thing the city can do.

VERY important to my family and my two extended families that live in Pearland.

very much interested in hike and bike trails

I would love a safe bike route across pearland.

Off road bike trail along clear creek or other bayous/sloughs should be pursued. Sidewalks between elementary schools and neighborhoods are generally insufficient.

Lived in Pinellas County Fl. Used the Pinellas trail as well as the park trails all the time.

Please hurry and build them!!!

Would love safe places to bike and walk as older citizen.

Houston DESPERATELY NEEDS MORE non-motorized means of transport. It is a horrible place to get around if you do not have an automobile or would like to ride a bicycle instead.

birding trials
I enjoy running. Pearland needs good running tracks other than concrete or asphalt.

There is currently no safe spot for kids to ride bikes in Pearland. We need a bike trail!

Hike and bike. Especially those designed so that they are safe to take my small kids on or that they can navigate themselves safely in coming years when they are older.

recreation and exercise

They are very important to me as a mother. I am trying to have an active lifestyle with my children so they can be healthy. We need places as a family where we can walk and bicycle together. The easements around the mandatory flood control retention systems provide large amounts of greenspace that should be able to translate well into paths. Paths don’t need to be paved, and in fact it is better for runners and joggers if they aren’t. Hardpacked earth combined with gravel holds up well and is relatively inexpensive to build out.

Yes, as long as they are adequately constructed and maintained. The trails would need to provide lights, resting benches, trash cans, and possibly drinking fountains. It would be important to have rules posted on signs and for the rules to be enforced. As of now, Pearland still needs to construct sidewalks along major roadways such as along Fite Rd between Old Chocolate Bayou and Mc Clean (there is a tremendous increase of foot traffic since the addition of the apartments and school). The Dad’s Club and Carleston Elementary are also along this route. We have lots of sidewalk sections that lead to no where. An example is on E Plum between Schleider and Old Alvin. These and others should be filled in before beginning new projects!

Especially if the trails can be used to safely travel from park to park or to the library. Also, if the trail go through neighborhoods so that less people have to drive their bikes to a trail.

I live on Marys creek ct, my home backs up to the "nature trail". The city touted the building of the trail as a nature trail. All of the "nature was removed when a housing division was built on the opposite side of the creek as most of the trees were cut down. Homeowners were told that the creek bed would remain natural with the building of the new sub-division, not true. The trail is a source of noise and lack of privacy for those that live on adjoining lots. ATV's are regularly driving through, very noisy. People persist in wandering off the trail to climb the dirt berm ond peer into the back yards adjacent to the trail. With exception to the motor vehicle riders and lookey-lou’s I rarely see the trail being used at all.

I think it is important for kids and adults to have a way of traveling and seeing/experiencing things away from roadways in a more natural setting.

It would be wonderful to establish new trails in Pearland and connect them to the existing El Franco Lee trail at Hall road.

hike and bike trails are an important part of our family recreation time.

How about a place to go Kayaking here in Pearland? I have two Kayaks and have to drive to Galveston area.

the hike and bike trails should be limited to no-motorized traffic only.

That is one of the reasons I moved to that area!
Pearland is lacking in safe bike routes and is in need of better walking & bike trails

I now have to drive to Houston to Memorial Park to run on a soft surface

Running and bike trails would be very, very valuable! They are particularly needed on the west side of town.

Please make sure they are aesthetically sound with plants and greenery.

The availability of trails increases the likelihood that exercise will take place. Exercise is important for the health of Pearland residents.

YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Would use 3 times per week

Bike trails would be great!

Absolutely critical. Excellent for of exercise, outdoor entertainment, and transportation.

As long as they do not interfere with traffic, such as a bike lane

Trails would be a wonderful avenue for all of the above and would be a draw for newcomers to Pearland.

I like many other runners in the area have to drive a long distance to find an area where I can run with out so much damage to my knees. It would be so much nicer to have a well paved and maintained trail in Pearland with a sufficiently long enough distance.

It is also nice to have a shaded area with trees and such because you get hot too fast if there isn’t.

It would be great if Pearland had some hike & bike trails near Old Alvin Rd leading to the park. It seems that so many people are focusing on the Silver Lake area.

Primarily for running/jogging.

I’ve known 3 people seriously injured while riding bicycles on Pearland area streets, so a safer place to ride is very important to me and my 2 year old son.

We use trails extensively for both for exercise and recreation.

There was recently a local bike rider killed in Pearland, demonstrating the need for places for bicycles beyond the city streets.

Houston has nice weather year round, so it’s nice to be able to get outside to exercise.

In order to become a destination community like the Woodlands or Kingwood, exercise and transportation trails are a key feature that distinguishes communities from mere subdivisions and typical houston sprawl. Bike / hike trails pay back many times over in other places I have lived. The proposed linking of parks is a first step.

yes

development of trails for motorized use will result in dangerous, noisy trails that will not be useful for pedestrians.

With gas prices so high if we had more bike’s trails we could go by bike instead to get the car to do near distances. This would improve the community’s exercise level.
Can’t live without them--huge asset to the community
I bike and run. This is my means of exercise.
Would like a long trail along Clear Creek. I’m willing to volunteer time to help Pearland plan/implement it.
It's just a shame that there are no MATURE trees near the trails in pearland.
Hike and bike trails should have prioritoty over motorized trails - we already have lots of streets
Our kids need a safe place to ride their bikes, our nieghborhood does not have sidewalks on all streets.
Me and my wife alk all the time, it's fun.
Not Transportation
We are lucky thay in our subdivision we have some of this!
I walk 3 days a week in the park.
Mile markers are important too! water stations would be a bonus.
Absolutely
Not near me. We need a walking path @ Country Place.
Please put gravel trails in Silverlake & Greater Pearland
I have ben walking 30-40 minutes since retirement - I'm in the Pearland Walkers
3M Walking Loop
Very Necessary.
Love to run/walk/bike
Very Important, especially soft walking trails.
Exercise
Very!
Pearland is severely lacking in a city-wide system of safe hike & bike paths.Sidewalks in our area (Banbury Cross, 518/Pearland Parkway) are inadequate for all age groups. We can't even go to Kroger, IHIP or Lowe's on a complete sidewalk.
will use daily
we need a better jogging trail like memorial park better for your knees i hate running on concrete.
The trails are a great way for the whole family to hike/bike together. I am there quite often with my two boys and they love riding their bikes because we don’t have to worry about traffic.
I love cycling to the park with my kids. We would like longer and safer routes to ride away from traffic.
THEY NEED TO HAVE BETTER SECURITY AND FRIENDLY LIGHTING THAT DOESN'T DESTROY EVENING WALKS...LIKE FOOT PATHWAY LIGHTING
I would appreciate a focus on jogging trails. The ideal surface should be the same as what is found in the small loop at Independence Park and Memorial Park.
Pearland needs more in waterway and subdivision areas.
Trails should enable people to get around the city.
depends on location and price

I have been a member of Pearland Fit, since it's inception. A nice hike and bike for our walks/runs would be great!

Yes very important.

I run and go on bike rides with my kids

Specifically including areas where students walk/bike to schools on busy roads.

very important as it is difficult to run on the streets here without being nearly run over by a car.

Need running trails with a soft surface

I am a senior citizen and use the hike and bike near Weber school in S. Houston. I would definitely use a trail daily.

They are extremely important to me as a citizen of Pearland.

Yes, Being an avid biker with younger children, biking on city streets is dangerous where the children are concerned. A safe loop to do biking or running or hiking would be great.

It is dangerous to ride a bike or jog on many of the farm roads in Pearland. I enjoy both of these activities, but feel very limited about where I do them.

I enjoy trails for both recreation and transportation.

My suggestions include 1. Consider a trail along the American Canal system and Cullen Rd. that could connect Pearland neighborhoods with the big county parks (Tom Bass, etc) at Cullen and Beltway 8. The canal is pretty in places and long sections remain undeveloped. Sidewalks exist along McChard that could connect to a canal trail at McChard and Mykaway that could lead to Tom Bass Park. There are very few trails in north central Pearland where I live and roads are narrow and lined with ditches. 2. Consider a circular trail system in the city designed (eventually to connect all parks. Construct this away from roads when possible like has been developed in Minneapolis and is heavily used. Some thought should be given to providing ways for school children to be able to walk or bike to school safely.

I would like to see more trails around the southern part of Pearland

Question 4

Please specify other walking/trail paths in Pearland you currently utilize (and how often).

Southdown Park

YMCA trails

Neighborhood streets

I walk the streets of WoodCreek, Pine Shadows and Sleepy Hollow.

I don't have any trails that are convenient to me in any way.

southdown park tombass park

Typically go to Memorial to use their trails
I walk 1-2 miles daily at the Presner Stadium (across street from PJHE & St. Helen’s.
I currently use the parks in Friendswood because they are closer to where I live. Every once in a while I go to Independence Park
I use roads to run & bike because the trails in Pearland are insufficient. Concrete sidewalks are NOT a trail.
use bike path on 518 between Barry Rose and Mykawa
Park off on Cullen and Beltway 8
school track
Dog park off of 288 (near Country Place), and another park which name escapes me but it’s off of 288/Beltway 8.
Use recreations centers periodically.
The basic problem with most of the trails is that you need to drive to get to them. This limits their utility for younger children.
Sidewalks are VERY IMPORTANT to us, we are a biking family.
streets
Blackhawk 6 mile running/walking trail
Tom Bass Park
Westside
Cobblestone subdivision
Ride in the neighborhood on the streets with the kids
Tom Bass Regional park
Southdown park, west Pearland.
have to walk in the street or grass in several areas
I take my girls up to Houston to use their trails because there is so little here.
The existing walking trails in our neighborhood are exposed and don’t offer much shade.
Why is there no sidewalk in front of the library?
I drive to Tom Bass Park regularly to be able to walk on that park’s trails.
Outside of city limits but closer to Green Tee. El Franco Lee Trail? on Scarsdale.
We love the trails at Frankie Carter Park!
Roadways for biking
Tom Bass Park
I wasn’t aware Pearland had much in the way of running trails
Trails promote exercise and good health -- they are particularly needed on the west side of town.
I didn’t know there were walking trails. Now that I know we will start using them. They are a little far from us way over on the western edge of town.
I use Tom Bass park
Tom Bass Park
The running trail off of Beamer & Scarsdale.
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- I would prefer to use a running trail, but none are available on the west side of Pearland.
- I would like to see the sidewalk next to Barry Rose connected to the sidewalk facing Pearland Parkway in front of Creekside. Then this sidewalk should connect to the one along McHard road. For some reason along Pearland Parkway in front of the LAKES OF HIGHLAND GLEN doesn't connect on the south side of the parkway.
- Trails at Memorial Park
- Local school tracks
- Tom Bass park
- Bike lanes on road
- Unmaintained dirt trails on Clear Creek banks
- I ride my mountain bike in the dirt trails on the east side on Pearland Parkway. I ride down to Dixie Farm Road.
- YMCA walking/jogging trail and neighborhood sidewalks, Broadway sidewalk, natural path along Mary’s Creek between the "Y" and Independence Park.
- Please stop chopping down all of Pearland’s trees. A sidewalk is not pretty. We need some "NATURE" on our nature trails.
- Informal trails along Mary’s Creek
- There are no sidewalks in my neighborhood; I don’t want to drive to a park.
- The city needs a sports facility, bike lanes, more trails that connect for long 10 mile runs. There is not nice lake with paddle boats, nice scenery, fitness path along with biking and jogging trail. A nice 1-2 mile trail with lake in the middle for recreation and shops would be an awesome addition to the city. Also added to the park a nice wave pool or lagoon. Click on the attached link to see the community we lived in, it was fantastic and a great place for families of all ages.
  http://www.cityofrsm.org/rsm_website/default.asp
- Tom Bass Park (Harris County) is a very nice resource used somewhat frequently by me.
- Road for Bikes
- Sam Bass Park
- Other area parks - Friendswood and Memorial Park.
- Hyde Park
- Scarsdale - Walking Trail is close to us. Trails, walking paths are too far from my house in G-Tee for daily walk.
- Westside Event Center at Southdown Park
- YMCA *I miss Memorial Park & Rice University.
- I have to travel to Scarsdale for longer trail.
- (Nearby, but not Pearland - Tom Bass Park - Harris Co.)
- Too far away from my home.
- Rarley - We use Harris Co. Pks mostly!!!
- We end up walking on the grass between Westminster and Pearland Parkway with our 2 yr. old in a stroller because sidewalks are inadequate.
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- we don't have sidewalks near us
- Why build a park so close to 288? I worry about children abductions...and safety issues
- OUR TRAILS NEED BETTER NATURAL LANDSCAPING TO ATTRACT BUTTERFLIES AND HUMMINGBIRDS
- I ride a little bit around the retention ponds in the area.
- I use Independence & Centennial Parks occasionally.

Question 9

Are there any partner organizations who could help build or fund trails?

- Just build them. Taxes pay for it.
- Pine Hollow HOA -- We have been wanting to partner with the City to put Hike and Bike Trails in our subdivision
- TP&W
- Not sure, but I'd be happy to participate in a fundraiser/drive to raise some money. What about the schools having a contest with one another to see who can raise the most money? What about a "penny drive?" It doesn't sound like much to raise pennies, but we have raised thousands of dollars at my school by doing these kinds of drives.
- fund raiser selling 'donation bricks'
- Pearland Area Runners Club, Area Fitness Centers, Pearland Cycling Club
- houston area road runners association(HARRA)
- parc
- PARC
- MUD has funding that can be used. Perhaps, Pearland Area Runners Club and/or Pearland Fit can help with fundraisers.
- Don't know.
- Don't know
- unknown
- YMCA FITNESS CENTERS LIKE >>FITNESS SOLUTIONS >>24 HR FITNESS >>
- Pearland Area Runners' Club, Pearland Cycling Club
- HOA's?
- Tails and/or sidewalks in Southdown w/ Southdown homeowners association.
- Rails-to-trails
- Come up with a detailed plan break it into some enough segments to get organizations, groups, clubs, businesses to fund a segment. Be creative.
- Federal and state grant monies, as well as local businesses
- Kroger Share card
- How about the RR and any abandoned tracks we could convert through town?
- MUDs
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- Rails to Trails
- Municipal Utility Districts
- TxDOT STEP program
- ?
- the MUDs. its part of their responsibility to the areas that they serve.
- Westside MUDs-be sure to talk to MUD 6!
- HOAs and MUDs
- Rails To Trails
- PARC
- Pearland Area Running Club
- The Nature Conservancy, Arbor Day Foundation, United Way
- Not sure, but worth soliciting businesses.
- running, bike clubs?
- not sure
- Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
- running or biking clubs
- Pearland Fit, Pearland area running group, Home Depot, Lowes, etc.
- Municipal Utility Districts who have the extra money right now in Silverlake.
- David Weekly Homes, Tuscan Builders, or any other company that builds homes or shopping centers within the pearland city limits.
- VFW
- PearlandFit Houston Area Road Runners Houston Trail Runners Extreme
- none known at this time
- yes, bikes for houston, federal dollars, rails to trails, etc
- International Mountain Biking Association
- Pearland Fit, Pearland Cyclling Club
- KPB, HOAs, PISD, Drainage District, businesses, and industries
- Keep Pearland Beautiful Parks Dept
- private donations, TxDOT, TPWD, foundation grants
- KPB, DD4
- Pearland Area Running Club
- I don't know
- Don't know.
- I don't know of any.
- YMCA
- Fitness Solutions, KPB, Houston Happy Hiker?? On the Run??
- YMCA, Churches, Bike Clubs, Rumer’s Clubs, Homeowners Association
- YMCA, Homeowners Assso., Churches, Runners Club, Businesses
- Home Depot - Mulch Public Works - Recycle
- Wallmark could build pathways to most neighborhoods.
Question 10

Would you support a bond referendum for a city-wide trail system?

- You'll have to put more on my paycheck.
- It adds so much to the quality of life, but I would like it to be in conjunction with fundraising activities. However, I don't know that it would be fair to assess more for the citizens at-large for this kind of "optional" project.
- only if tax rates remain unchanged
- this is very important to me
- the northwest corner of Pearland (288 mchard, beltway) has a lot of open space, bayous, creeks and new housing developments. Area should generate significant tax revenues (southdown, country place mud 5), I personally would benefit from longer distance runs, park to park runs, bayou trails, or creek trails. Houston has a lot of hike and bike trails along ROW's like Braes Bayou, White Oak Bayou. Clear Creek and Bayou north of Country Place could be good starting points for cheap jogging trails that follow existing ROW's for bayous or creeks.
- My spouse and I would be willing to pay extra in taxes for more sidewalks, bike lanes and paths.
- esp to help young people cross 35 during school year
- Depends on the tax rate increase
- yes and no bond referendum detail would make my decision
- Much needed! Particularly from the Shadow Creek Ranch area!
- If it made sense. Sidewalks should be put in along ALL major traffic roads to keep people and bikes off the streets as much as possible.
The key to successful trails is that you should not have to drive from where you live to access the trail. The trails should be accessible from every subdivision, by a short walk or ride along sidewalks.

Would definitely be interested in it.

Would definitely actively help.

Would both support & invest.

Only if plan were very clearly outlined and accessible to West side. Should be little to no wiggle room for plan to change after passing (ie 2001 mobility bond)

i’d also help campaign for it.

Only if the bond covered completion of all existing sidewalks first!

Please extend the trail systems throughout Pearland, including the neighborhoods that will officially become part of Pearland in future years.

If it is clearly thought out.

But not for too much. Better to have an inexpensive trail system that is easy to maintain that an overwrought expensive system that does more than it needs to.

the city should fund the trail system with a 5 year bond.

Pearland has many runners, bikers, and walkers. The city needs a trail system to promote and encourage these activities and physical fitness.

Great Idea...

If nothing else it keeps the neighborhoods family oriented, you might come up with an idea like the toll roads.. the people who use it pay for it.. but it is a benefit either way to everyone

Unsure.

I believe my neighbors would, too.

Not 100% sure but lean more towards yes.

It is extremely important to have clean & safe restrooms at regular intervals within the trail system.

As long as it includes all of Pearland, not just the affluent like Silverlake and Green Tee.

I would also volunteer to build and/or maintain local trails.

IT would be nice.

As long as the west side of town in incorporated.

instead of a bond referendum, developers, like commercial home builders or shopping center developers should help build trails or at least contribute some money to help the cause.

If you also built a dirt bike trail system.

heck yes

At least I know that the money is being spent on something that is needed.

We will be moving out of Pearland this summer.

That’s why I pay taxes.

and a Rec. center :)

Maybe
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- Only if close to old Pearland, not Silverlake.
- Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes.
- Yes, if the surface and distance was adequate (see above comments for surface, distance 3-5 miles)
- Very much so!
- THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PRIORITY 10 YRS AGO WHEN I WAS ON THE PARKS BOARD!
- More trails and playgrounds the better.
- If it is easily accessible to people in all parts of the city.
- I can’t even walk outside of my subdivision w/a stroller. Autumn/Silverlake Shopping areas. How about starting w/ connecting sidewalks so that they’re useable - ridiculous zoning, sidewalks either don’t connect or don’t exist - lots of dangerous biking, pedestrian walking etc. even at night. Lots of children/yound families in Pearland - must accomodate strollers.

**Question 15**

*Please offer all other comments.*

- I am a teacher. I work inside all day. On the weekends I would love to walk or take a bike ride on different trails here in Pearland. Trails are how people get to meet each other and get to know the people who live in their town.
- No more clear cutting the trees, promote nature and natural surroundings, provide more community opportunities to contribute to preserving natural surroundings, trails, projects.
- "That's all folks."
- am excited to see the trail built by mary’s creek. being that they killed the area by stripping away all the trees, at least we can get a path.
- Extensive, safe bike trails would be such a feather in Pearland’s cap! More exercise, less gasoline consumption. Who doesn’t need that these days?
- Thank you for working toward a better trail system!!
- Go see Kingwood, and ask realtors how important greenbelts are to their communities and real estate!
- connecting neighborhoods to shopping and dining areas allows my wife and I to bike or walk and decreases automobile traffic congestion
- With all the construction in Pearland being able to live, work and shop within the city limits it would be nice if you could safely get on your bike and go to work, shop or just get some exercise if their were bike lanes or trails. As it is now it’s very dangerous to ride along the roads given they are so narrow which doesn’t allow much room for both cars and bikes especially if a car is also coming in the
other direction. I believe more people would take to their bikes, especially with the price of gas going up, if they just wanted to go to the local wal-mart, convenience store, the movies, wherever, if it were safer.

- I think Pearland is at a great stage in its growth for local gov to be asking for input. Still plenty of space to add trails from community to schools or community to community, park to park or bayou or creek runs. I love living in pearland and love its country appeal, nature, horses, cows, outdoors, any trails or new parks or joggin trails will be greatly appreciated by residents of pearland and my subdivision southdown we have plenty of parent baby stroller joggers, walkers, and longer distance runners(myself 2-6miles a shot) but right now most people run neighborhood loops on street or side walks where available, for shorter jogs the loop at southdown park is nice. I am personally excited pearland is being proactive and asking residents for input. I would love to have trail on clear creek or bayou north of southdown.

- I live a mile from a couple of nice restaurants. I want to be able to walk to them without being run over by a vehicle.

- 4-10 miles for walking; 10+ miles for biking.

- Park areas are needed in East Pearland along with sidewalks on Dixie Farm Rd. and the roads leading to Rustic Oak Elementary.

- Need bike lanes in Pearland ALL OVER. Need at least one good LONG run path, NOT concrete!!!

- sidewalks and/or bike paths should be provided between schools and the neighborhoods that feed them. hwy 35 should have attended or crosswalk before and after school.

- thanks for asking

- A safe running trail will be a great benefit to everyone’s health (as long as they use it).

- We in West Pearland have NO trails—the sidewalks end and are unsafe for children—please help us out!!!!!!

- Thank You for asking the community their opinion!

- Please keep more and improved dog parks in mind, they don’t take up much room, but are a great way for neighbors to meet each other and for dogs to be able to run freely. Maintenance, and maybe small water pools for the dog parks would be appreciated as well. Please keep the dog park at 288 near Country Place. I know that area is under development, but it’s one of the few dog parks we have...

- Sidewalks and trails, linking various parts and functions of the city, could provide a closer feeling of belonging to one community. I believe that many, if not most of my fellow residents who live in the subdivisions along 288 still feel part of the "boonies" and not so closely tied to the city of Pearland. Trails into the city might help break some of that up.

- Isolated trails dont make any sense. For real impact, trails need to be treated as a parallel transportation network, like roads. We always know we can drive anywhere we want to go. If we could have a trail going anywhere we want to go, we would be in great shape! Look at a city in Georgia called Peachtree City. It is a master-planned city, south of Atlanta. The entire city has two transportation systems: the roads, and trails. People can bike, walk, roller-blade, or golf-cart.
along the trails. There are many people that live and work in Peachtree city, which is a 20 mile x 20 mile city, and many of them don’t drive on a routine basis because they can do it all—shop, go to work, the library, everything, by bike. My sister-in-law lives there, and I have to say it's a beautiful place!

- My family and many families I know are big in to Bicycling. I know that if we had better roads or sidewalks we could organize rides in Pearland more often.

- Canopies in the parks, especially above play areas, would be a significant benefit to the parks. This would ensure that play areas would be used year round. In the hot, hot Texas summers, the shade provided by canopies keep the equipment cool, and the shade provides protection from the sun while keeping the people cooler as well without the direct sun beating down. El Frankie Lee park off of Hall road has these if you need an example of what I am referring to. Canopies would ensure that Pearland's wonderful parks are used year round and throughout the day.

- It is just too dangerous to ride a bike in Pearland without bike lanes. My main interest is in a long distance trail or loop of at least 3-4 miles for running/walking. Well lit with access to water and restrooms.

- I used to live on the west side of Houston and I believe that Terry Hershey park that runs from HWY 6 to Kirkwood is a good model for how a multipurpose trail should look. It was highly utilized by families and individuals who participated in all of the activities listed on your survey.

- Does a skateboard park qualify as a trail-type (like Seabrook has)? If not, it should be considered.

- The Pinellas Trail in Florida is a great model to look at and hopefully adopt to our location and needs.

- Would love to see Pearland take the lead in communities offering after-work and retirement biking and walking trails. I am a new home owner and my big tax bill along with others in the Lakes of Highland Glen would be great spent on beautification and walking/biking trails.

- Need to have as much width, marking, and unobstructed distance as possible. Separate bike/pedestrian lanes, and utility corridors as well as drainage corridors are the perfect area.

- Can not wait

- Different length trails... I used to live in Plano and enjoyed having trails all over the city... as a non-driving teenager it was important to me to get to friends houses and to the mall via the bike trails!

- Please connect to Silverlake!!!

- Thank you for the self-honesty in this questionnaire. It proves to me you are aware of the areas where Pearland needs improvement and are truly concerned with trying to find ways to resolve those issues. It makes me glad I picked this town as the place where I will be raising my family.

- Bike trails...healthier for all of us, good for the environment and hopefully it will decrease our dependence on foreign oil. Go for it, please!

- I would love to see recreation trails built once our sidewalks needs are met. Thank you for the opportunity to voice an opinion.
I like the idea of giving access to water ways too via canoes or similar. I had not thought of that until taking the survey. Thanks!

Lighting the trails would encourage after dark traffic. In addition it would shine into adjacent homes. Industrial lighting is very bright, unlike lights designed to light up yards and homes. I am fairly certain that those homes adjacent to public trails would prefer people not walk those trails after dark for the safety of the walkers and the privacy of the homeowners.

Ready access to hiking and biking trails (for non-motorized sports) has been associated with improved cardiovascular fitness among residents of an area, and of course with decreased incidents of obesity. Our youth and adult populations need safe areas for distance exercise that is away from the roads and automobile traffic. For transportation via bicycle, we also need bike lanes near our roadways, preferably with protection from the auto traffic by a curb.

I believe the numbers on question 12 are reversed. This is a good idea so long as it incorporates all of Pearland, including the ETJ's.

A bike trail network would be terrific for Pearland, and would make the quality of life better.

I'm very pleased to see that this survey is in place and that such serious consideration is being given to the issue. Good trails are good for Pearland. Given the increasing problem of obesity in the US, this is one way for us to help our community be more healthy.

We need to do something about the Trains constantly holding up traffic in the Pearland area.

Don't forget the East Side of Pearland.

Appreciate you looking at this issue!

A 10 mile soft trail would be fabulous!

It would be good to cooperate with Manvel and other surrounding cities to have an excellent trail system!

The concept which the survey addresses is a great idea. I hope it gets implemented.

I am so excited that this survey is being done. I moved to Pearland 3 years ago and this is the one problem that bothers me. I am happy to see there is interest in solving this problem.

It would be great to have a trail all the way across the city, from Shadow Creek Ranch to the Harris County Clear Creek trails near the far east side of Pearland. Thanks for working on trails!

Growing up we used bike trails as a family that went all over the city quite often.

NEED MORE SIDEWALKS FOR CHILDREN TO GET TO AND FROM SCHOOL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES SAFETY. NEED TRAILS FOR CHILDREN TO BICYCLE SAFELY.

The west side needs something. If you build a trail system in Silver Lake (along the bayou/drainage system), please consider creating some method of connecting Southdown, Autumn lakes, Crystal lake, or West side events center, to the trail system or provide a guest parking area within Silver Lake.

We do not need to increase taxes for this, just reallocate the existing funds.
for question #14, 1-3 miles is good for jogging, 4-10+ for biking. I like both.

This is a great idea. We needed these trails yesterday. We need to acquire the land necessary before all of it is developed for other useless things like another shopping strip.

I think that when you have a trail that is over 3 miles long, you should have smaller exits on the sides so if someone needed to stop, they would be able to.

Hang a sign over 518 announcing this survey so others will respond. I found out by accident.

I thought there was an idea to connect centennial and independence parks with a trail. I would like to see that done. Also, there are several areas East of Barry Rose, on FM 518 where there are sidewalks, and then there isn’t a sidewalk. It would be nice if there was a continuous place to walk from Westminster/FM518 to the library/city hall area, instead of a few hundred feet of sidewalk, and then hundred feet of uneven ground next to the street.

THANKS FOR ASKING

Although necessary, there is no sidewalk along narrow Fite Rd for access to Carlestone Elementary. It is extremely dangerous to walk yet is necessary to do at times!

To further answer question 14, many travels of various lengths would be optimal. I have young children, so I would primarily like a path which we could take to access local amenities, however, I think there is a real need for longer paths for recreational athletes to run and bike on. I strongly support the formation of some paths in Pearland. I believe they would greatly impact the quality of life and image of our city!

I will volunteer to be involved. [email address submitted]

It is too dangerous for a bike path along the roadways here in Pearland. The Hike and bike trail away from roadways along Marys Creek would be nice.

open access to ‘motorized’ trail use is already a problem along clear creek and brings in a lot of people from outside of the community who litter and produce a danger to pedestrians.

Mountain bike trails next to Clear Creek or other areas would be very scenic and nice to the area; sidewalks are difficult to allow people to walk/jog on in neighborhoods when people block them with their cars in the driveways; very few places for preschoolers to ride their bikes.

Offering trails through out Pearland and say interconnecting to Friendswood will make Pearland far above all other local cities. Even Houston is not connect and you have to take to the streets with out bike lanes. FYI from SouthDown to Memorial Park and back on a bike the distance is 44 miles. I hope that Pearland sees the value. I have consistnetly for three years drive back from the med center then up to Memorial Park to run. I have been doing this 4-5 days a week. I would much rather exercise here. Spend my money in this city. You lose a lot of my money (tax revenue) to Houston. Have a blessed and great day.

We need to cover Pearland with a variety of types of trails, to be able to get anywhere on foot or bicycle, to get exercise and fresh air, and to learn about our natural environment.
Again, I'd like to volunteer to help plan/implement a Clear Creek trail system. [email address submitted]

- Lots of trees!
- Trees! Pearland is stripping all areas of TREES!! i.e. new McHard corridor. That would've been a great spot for trails instead of shopping centers!!!
- Trails should be at least 8' wide; preferably 10', smooth concrete with minimal expansion joints.
- Questions 3 & 5: I don't use existing trails because they aren't easily accesable for me. I think you should state the multiple choices with this option.
- The parks Independence and Centennial has no access from Cabot Cove!!! and other newer neighboorhoods that are on the corridor of Mc Lean and Veterans...???
- A major sportplex with state of the art tennis facilities with pool, gym etc....is greatly needed. Something similar to what they have in Sweetwater, Sugarland would be a starting point.
- Terry Hershey Park (west Houston) has a variety of trails that are a good example of something Pearland can benefit from. It offers most of the options you mention above.
- High schools already offer jogging and walking opprotunities.
- This will be a great addition w/ a huge impact. Thank you :)
- I live at Country Place. We will soon be annex to Pearland. We need a walking path - at least a mile. We have located the area. We are top voters. Please consider giving us funds for a walking path. We also have birds, squirrels, butterflies, ducks etc. that many care for. I raise butterflies and release them. Dee Jackson 713-436-410
- Southwyck side walk ends comming out of neighborhood and then picks up again at FM865 would be nice to connect the 2.
- Any track similar to Memorial Park/3M Loop in Houston would be a drawing card for Pearland.
- Pearland could be an ideal city to walk/bike across town. Why not a walkway to major shopping area's.
- Training for the marathon gets monotonous running short circles for long distances. Would be great to have something like on Scarsdale in Pearland (Would save me travel time)
- If someone in a wheelchair or children tried to get somewhere, whey couldn't except in the road. This situation is a lawsuit just waiting to happen. It is ridiculous the way sidewalks start and stop in this town. Sidewalks are vital to the physical & economic health of Pearlandians.
- Do not use the trails, walking paths or sidewalks because they are not available close to westside Pearland. Would love to see trails in West Pearland area!!!
- We really need shaded soft surface trails on the northwest side of Pearland in the Shawdow Creek Ranch area.
- Parents flooded 5 times nothing was ever done. I tried to help my parents get a buy out duing Allison and everyone in the block did but them. I can't believe he's even paying taxes.
I would use trails mainly for daily exercise (walking), and I would like to be able to walk to them from my home.

More trails are very important to me and my family - I would pay extra taxes for more trails.

I live in Pine Hollow Sub. and am unable to leave the neighborhood on my bike. We also need soccer fields.

Will this be like all other city projects--- all surveys, maybe, plans, talk, and money spent on the above with nothing done!!!

We would love to have a trail system. We like how stores access to Houston home, home rice etc. are so good in Pearland but have been saying for many years that we need a trail system here. Our family enjoys biking, walking, nature, etc. We would definitely use the trails for recreation exercise, & transportation. Even now we often walk to the grocery store and before we had a child we would even walk from Banbury Cross to the Library. A bike lane next to road is too dangerous. We have known 2 bikers who have been killed riding in bike lanes in the past 5 years.

I grew up in Reston, VA, a town connected by "black paths". It was a wonderful thing!! People exercised daily, everyone used them - young and old. The city was connected by 4ft wide black asphalt paths that wound through neighborhoods, to parks and shopping...you could get anywhere by "black paths". Reston allowed bikes and horses on the paths. Look into this city's plan. It was great. I lived there in the late 70's.

I hope that the trail at Independence Park continues to be. We really enjoy the trail. I would like to see distance markers for those of us utilizing this trail for exercise.

THERE NEEDS TO BE NATURAL CURES FOR MESQUITO PROBLEMS ON THESE TRAILS LIKE MARTIN HOUSES, ETC. THERE NEEDS TO BE EMERGENCY CONNECTIONS TO EMS AND POLICE AVAILABLE EVERYWHERE. THANKS LISA DIESE 713-962-0539

I am a new resident of Pearland and have not had the opportunity in the past to use any parks and recreational services due to health reasons and constraints of my job. As these have decreased (my health is now good), I am excited to see that Pearland puts such an important value on these resources. Since I don't have small children, many of the questions don't apply to me at this time. This does not mean that I feel they are any less important. Pearland is growing rapidly in many different ways. My dream for this community would be to have park systems like Fredrick Law Olmstead designed up north in Cleveland, Buffalo, New York City, etc. They literally interconnect. God Bless you in your work and especially for making community recreation and health an important part of the city.

Concerning surfaces. Concrete is the worst because it is so hard. That is why I do not use Centennial. Basically any other material is fine.

Build it and they will come.

It would be nice to put in a cheap asphalt trail system going east to west along canals, retention ponds etc. with shade trees and markers.

Please see above. Thank you for considering my comments.
Community Survey Details

Pearland Trail Master Plan

• 1) Construction tears down too many trees and new facilities should be required to plant larger and more trees. 2) Park playground, shade shelters are needed by ClearCreek 1900-2000 block of Sleepy Hollow Dr. 3) Businesses should be required to install sidewalks (Continuous walkway A to B)

• I'm glad to see Pealand thinking about hike and bike trails.

• We have an opportunity to truly make Pearland a gem of a city. Running, biking & nature trails would ensure this.

• Convenience and safety are first, then comfort like shade, etc.

• Exercise stations along the paths