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The city of Streator again announces that they will be releasing a survey to citizens of the city regarding current and future uses of parks and open spaces. An invitation to participate in the survey will be mailed to every third utility customer—selected at random.

The survey invitation will be printed on a postcard, and will include a code and instructions of how to log on to the survey using Survey Monkey using the unique code assigned to each card. Most people should be able to complete the survey in about 5 minutes.

Persons receiving survey invitations who do not have access to a computer, can bring the invitation card into City Hall where they can complete and submit the survey manually.

The city of Streator is fortunate to have a large amount of park and open space acreage (nearly twice the national recommended average of park/open space acreage per capita). These open spaces include parks for passive recreation, land for ballfields used in organized recreation programs, City Park and other neighborhood parks, a municipal golf course, trails along the Vermilion River and more. But the city acknowledges that the park and open space needs of the community have changed over the years, and that citizens probably have different expectations of how they want to use public parks and open spaces than past citizens. As the City Council makes planning and resource decisions for the future, it is important that they gather as much information as possible about how these needs and expectations are changing.

The City Council recently created a new Parks & Open Spaces Board to advise them on matters related to open space planning, and to bring more community stakeholders into the decision-making process. Both the Park Board and the City Council believe that more survey data from Streator citizens is essential to producing good planning documents for the future. Good survey data will also help the city make informed decisions about when and where to seek park and open space grant funding. In short, the city needs the considered input of its citizens to be even better stewards of its current and future parks and open spaces.

So when the survey invitation cards start arriving in the mail at the end of next week, please do not pitch them into the trash with other junk mail. Please take the time to complete the survey; the city values your input.

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