

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

PARKS AND RECREATION

Cape Girardeau County - 3 parks, 320 acres, fishing, hiking and picnic shelters are available. (County Park North, County Park South, Klaus Park, Common Pleas Park)

City of Cape Girardeau - 26 parks, 663 acres, golf course, 2 swimming pools, numerous athletic fields (some lighted), tennis and volleyball courts, fishing, hiking, biking, picnic shelters, and facilities for meetings and conventions are available through Parks and Recreation Department. Cape La Croix Trail provides 4.4 miles for walking, biking, etc. and stretches from Osage Park to Shawnee Park. Numerous adult and youth recreational activities are available year round.

City of Jackson - 4 parks, 1 swimming pool, athletic fields and tennis courts, fishing, hiking and picnic shelters are available.

State of MO - 1 state park (Trail of Tears) with 3400 acres, fishing, swimming beach, boating, canoeing, hiking, camping, picnic shelters and a Visitor and Interpretive Center available.

1 historic site (Bollinger Mill) features the renovated Burfordville Bridge open to foot traffic, also has guided tours of the mill, picnic sites and a hiking trail.

Elsewhere in the county - Pocahtonas, Delta and Scott City have city parks.

Other recreation:

4 private golf courses

2 theaters (19 screens)

2 bowling alleys

Show-Me Center Recreation Center

Tennis/Health and Fitness Clubs

Youth baseball, softball, soccer, football, etc. leagues

LIBRARIES

Cape Girardeau Public Library

- ♦ Serves residents of Cape Girardeau Municipal Library District**
- ♦ Non-residents may purchase a library card**

Riverside Regional Library

- ♦ **Main facility in Jackson**
- ♦ **Six branches, one located in Scott City**
- ♦ **Serves residents of Cape, Perry and Scott Counties who are not served by a municipal library.**
- ♦ **Non-residents may purchase a library card.**

Jackson Public Library

- ♦ **Serves Jackson residents and families with children enrolled in the Jackson R-II Schools.**
- ♦ **Non-residents may purchase a library card**

Kent Library - Southeast MO State University

- ♦ **Open to the public as well as university students**
- ♦ **Anyone with a MO driver's license may obtain a library card.**

ARTS

City of Cape Girardeau

Arts Council of Southeast Missouri
Municipal Band - outdoor summer concerts
Historic Glenn House
Cape River Heritage Museum
University Museum
University performances and workshops dedicated to various arts

City of Jackson

Jackson Arts Council
Municipal Band
Historic Oliver House

City of Scott City

Community Arts Center
Historical Society

Area high schools - music and drama performances throughout the school year.

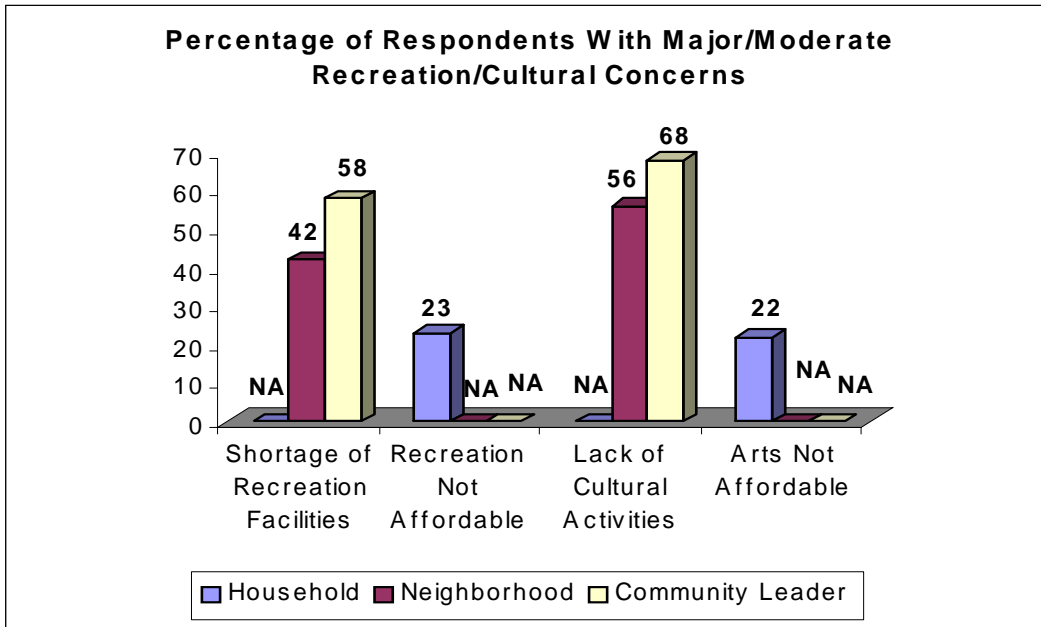
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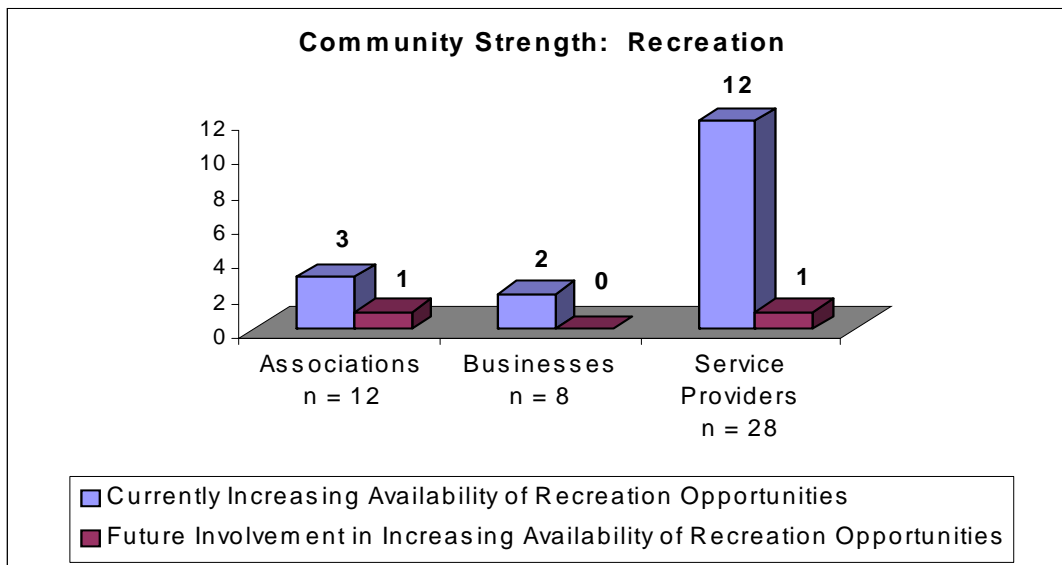
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COMPASS Survey Results

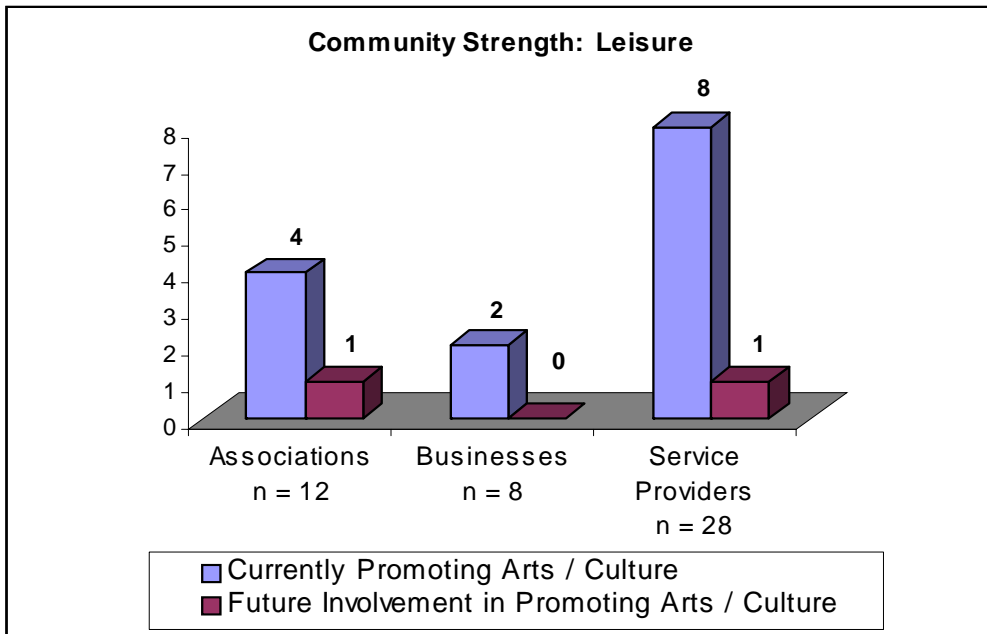
Household Results: Recreation and Leisure



Community Strength: Recreation



Community Strength: Leisure



STRENGTHS

- 1. Abundant recreational and leisure opportunities are available to residents.**
- 2. Many free or low-cost activities are available.**
- 3. Many youth sport opportunities are offered throughout the year.**
- 4. Southeast Missouri State University provides many cultural opportunities for community participation and enjoyment. Construction of the River Campus should increase visibility of the arts.**
- 5. Paul Shock's efforts at the Community Arts Center in Scott City are improving access to the arts for community residents.**

CHALLENGES

- 1. Proximity to neighborhoods**
- 2. Cost of participation - increased fees and cost of equipment, i.e. Church League Basketball fee is now \$65.**
- 3. Access (transportation)**
- 4. Ability of family to sustain commitment to an activity over time**
- 5. Lack of resources in smaller towns to provide recreational and cultural opportunities**
- 6. Lack of awareness of what's going on in the community**
- 7. Lack of organized recreational activities for pre-schoolers**
- 8. Lack of a one-stop community center similar to Perryville's Community Center.**