

TRENDS

Conclusion

Based on the information discussed in this chapter, the Department formed the following conclusions:

- The Department should monitor and work with other City departments on issues concerning economic, technological, societal, and energy-related trends. Future trends such as battery powered/assisted maintenance vehicles will have an impact on the Department.
- The trends identified in this chapter will be included in Chapter 8 - Recommended Capital Improvements. Funding sources need to be identified.
- The Columbia Community Recreation Center should have the flexibility to purchase fitness equipment on an “as needed” basis. During the budget process, the Department recommends a fixed dollar amount be included in the center’s budget that will allow for the purchase of capital fitness equipment.
- The participation patterns of Columbia residents mirror the participation patterns in the National Sporting Goods Association’s research. Adult sports and golf numbers have decreased somewhat, while youth sports continue to thrive. Activities for the family unit are popular, with family aquatic centers leading the way.
- Local use patterns and surveys indicate support for continued emphasis in the areas of trails, greenbelts, and greenways and the preservation of parks and open space.