

Parks After Dark: A Vital Community Program

Since implementation in the summer of 2010, Parks After Dark has provided significant community benefits including increased physical activity, improved social cohesion, and decreased violent crime:

Serious and Violent Crimes

Serious and violent crimes in the communities surrounding the original three parks declined 32% during the summer months between 2009 (the summer before program start) and 2013...

32%

Parks with
PARKS AFTER DARK program

VS

18%

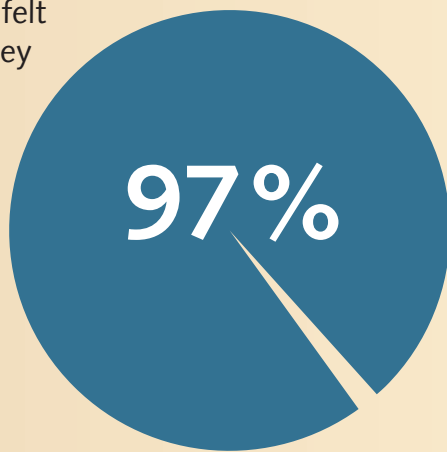
... compared to an 18% increase in serious and violent crime during this same time period in nearby communities with parks that did not have the Parks After Dark program.

Parks without
PARKS AFTER DARK program

Safety

The perception of safety among community members was also very high. 2013 participant survey results showed that 97% of the respondents felt safe while they attended

Parks
After
Dark.



Satisfaction

More than 97% of participants surveyed each year indicated they would participate again in the Parks After Dark program.

Visits

From summer 2010 to summer 2013, during the months of June, July and August, more than 187,000 visits were made to the six participating parks.

187,000



16,000

Physical Activity Participation

In summer 2013, more than 16,000 community residents participated in physical activities, including many people who indicated that they have a sedentary lifestyle or low levels of regular physical activity.