

## Luther Burbank Docks Open House survey report

The Luther Burbank Docks Open House ran from September 2 to October 7, 2020. The purpose of the “event” was to inform the public about the need to rebuild and repair the docks and to collect public input on the conceptual design of new docks and related facilities at the Luther Burbank Park waterfront. The event occurred during the 2020 COVID pandemic. The event was designed to comply with emergency orders enacted by the State of Washington. Poor air quality from west coast wildfires lasted for ten days during the second and third weeks of September. In response, the open house was extended one week from its original September 30 end date.

Six 3’x 4’ posters were displayed at the waterfront (see Figure 1). Two of the posters gave background on the project. Three posters presented three “concept alternatives” to illustrate options for the docks, shoreline access, and plaza improvements. One poster gave instructions on how to complete an online survey set up on a surveymonkey.com website. The instructions and paper copies of the survey were also available in flyer boxes attached to the posters.



Figure 1: Open House poster display

At several locations on the site, the project manager posted “prompts” to demonstrate some of the choices presented in the alternatives. See Figure 2.

Two weeks into the open house a table comparing the alternatives was added to the survey instructions. All of the materials mentioned above were simultaneously available on the project webpage <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/lbdock>. People were encouraged to come to the park to view the posters to be able to visualize the proposed improvements. However, promotions also encouraged those not able to make it to the park to use the available online materials to participate.



Figure 2: example of "prompt" poster at the beach location

The event was promoted on social media, such as Facebook, Nextdoor, and the Mercer Island Weekly. It was covered in the Mercer Island Reporter twice. It was featured in the City Manager's report to Mercer Island City Council twice. An email interest list of organizations and individuals was contacted twice, once on the start date and again after two weeks. The project manager met virtually or on-site with representatives of several organizations to promote engagement on the topic.

The survey had four "open ended" questions to encourage free expression of ideas and opinions that might not be captured in the multiple-choice questions. Typically this type of input would have been captured in face-to-face conversations at a large open house event. With emergency restrictions limiting gatherings to groups of five, this alternative was offered instead.

The survey received 131 responses. Eighty-one percent of the respondents identified as Mercer Island residents. Fifty-nine percent of respondents consider themselves boaters. Forty-one percent identified as 55 years old or older. Sixty-two percent of the households reported no children under the age of 18.

Generally, more support was shown for the more elaborate "Alternative 3" options than for the other two. A strong majority (76%) thought that the breakwater was "important" or "very important." Plaza features most preferred included seating, viewing options, and landscaping. Charts of the responses can be found in Appendix 1.

The "open-ended" question responses provide a rich representation of the ideas and opinions held by the survey respondents. They are presented in raw form in Appendix 1. In order to understand their meaning better, the project manager sorted them. New ideas not shown in the alternatives were put into a list. Other ideas and opinions were aggregated into categories of opinion. These are shown below. It should be noted that the number associated with an opinion or idea does not measure how many people hold that opinion, but rather how many people felt strongly enough about that opinion to write something about it. This characterization is meant to supplement but not reduce the value and complexity expressed in the full written responses.

**OPEN ENDED RESPONSES, CHARACTERIZED**

<b>General</b>	<b># of responses</b>
no more paving	2
keep the park natural	5
concern about noise/power boat traffic	10
lower cost preferred	9
need information on costs	3
more investment preferred	5
design with flexibility for future change	3
parking is an issue	1
accessibility from parking lot is important	2
allow swimming	3
preserve trees	3
get dogs under control	1
<b>Docks</b>	
provide good moorage for boats	7
separation of power and paddlecraft	3
focus on non-power craft	6
provide for fishing and sunbathing	5
yes finger piers	3
no finger piers	3
improve aquatic habitat	1
limit additional maintenance	3
charge for moorage	3
have power at the docks	2
<b>Beach</b>	
bigger beach needed	5
use swim beach for water access	2
<b>Plaza</b>	
the plaza is important	5
Have a snack concession	16
food truck	5
restaurant	4
no snack concession	3
upgrade restrooms	2
more plants	3
limit lighting	4

don't like steps	1
like steps	3
have benches	6
have picnic tables	8
include video surveillance	2
offer small boat rentals	7
offer sailing school	2

## **NEW IDEAS**

### **General**

- Picnic tables on the hillside below the flagpole
- Increase depth of water in front of the bulkhead
- Repair south shoreline
- Insure cell phone access for user safety
- Rowing and sailing facility
- Storage space for community members' boats
- Concerts by the waterfront

### **Docks**

- Electricity for charging electric boats in the future
- Fish cleaning station
- Overnight moorage
- Move finger docks south to provide more room to maneuver around the breakwater

### **Beach**

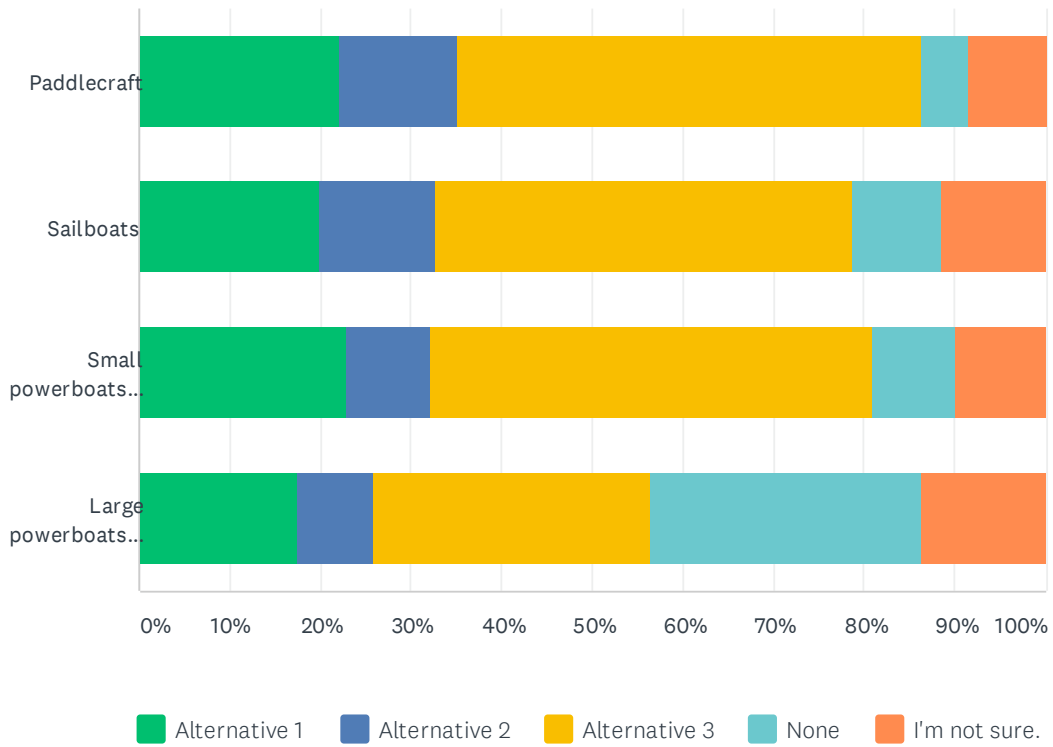
- Posts or rail on north beach to tie off kayaks to keep them from floating away
- Concern that ramp into the water will be slippery

### **Plaza**

- security cameras
- BBQ grills
- Sailing school
- Shade
- Bike rack
- Food truck space
- Sell boating needs (ice, etc)
- Outdoor shower to rinse off
- Restaurant

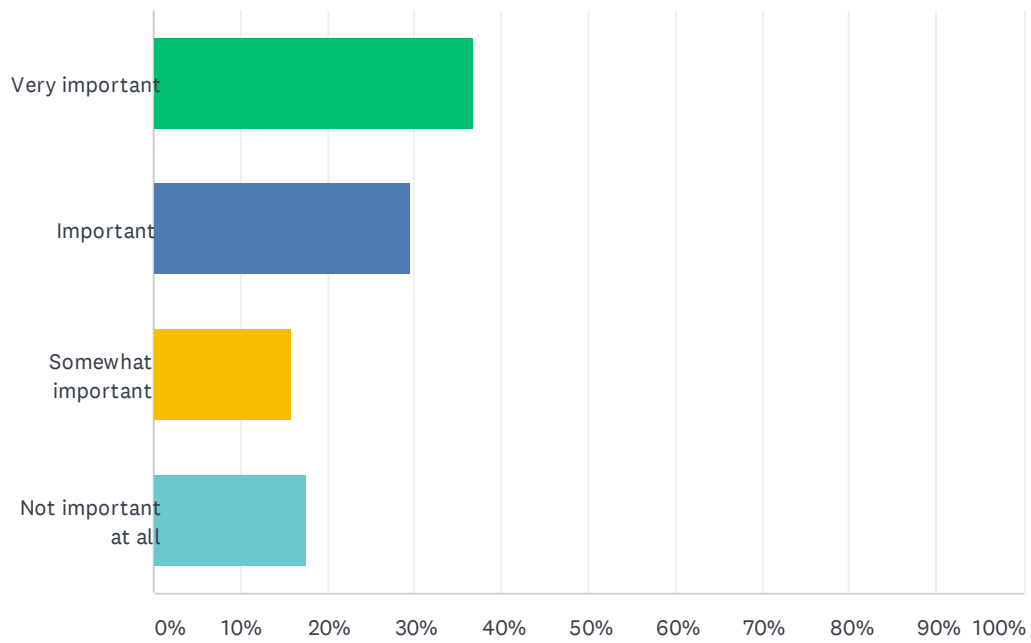
# Q1 For each type of watercraft listed below, please indicate which alternative for dock design you prefer.

Answered: 131 Skipped: 0



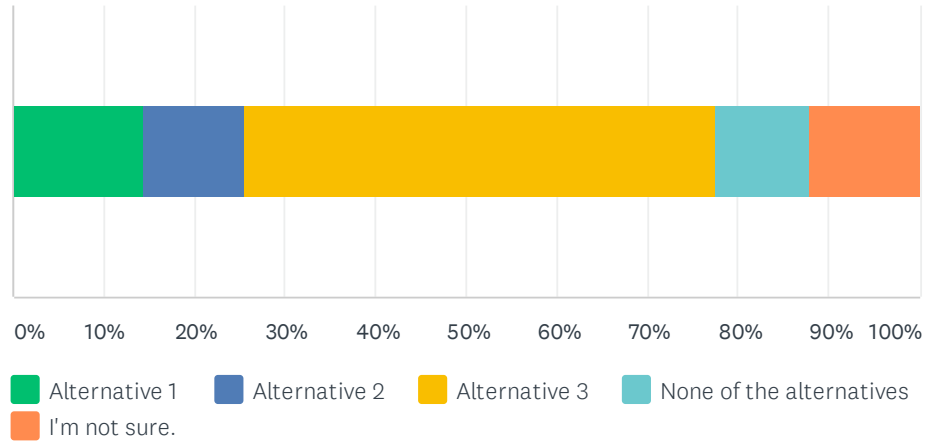
## Q2 A breakwater would reduce wave movement of the new floating docks. How important is this feature for the way that you use the docks?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 6



### Q3 The Concept Alternatives present three approaches for building the breakwater. Which alternative do you prefer?

Answered: 125 Skipped: 6



Q4 In the space provided below, please share additional ideas or comments for the design of the docks and/or breakwater.

Answered: 61 Skipped: 70



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1	Lots of people relax, fish & use the dock as an extension of recreation. So keeping them stable would continue some recreational traditions of actually being on the docks. Really prefer the quiet/peace/tranquility w/o having larger (louder, noiser) motor boats, such as @ the Shoreclub or the MI Beach Club allow. Best possible breakwater within the framework of existing funds (w/o adding additional levies)	10/7/2020 7:59 PM
2	The breakwater is needed due to wave action here. Need for separation of motor boats and human powered boats a priority.	10/7/2020 7:49 PM
3	Wish the was done 30 years ago when I had my boat	10/7/2020 2:08 PM
4	The least expensive option is preferred. If a breakwater or accomodating larger/more boats is included, then it should be funded through moorage fees and NOT an increase in taxes. Breakwaters can have an effect on shoreline erosion and the long-term effects must be completely understood before committing funding and building. Also boats with motorized engines add pollution to the lake. Will having a dock that accommodates yachts and other engine-powered boats create an increase in traffic and an increase in oil contamination? Will having more moorage increase noise?	10/7/2020 1:49 PM
5	N/A	10/7/2020 8:13 AM
6	These matters are too technical for me to provide input.	10/6/2020 9:38 PM
7	Incorporating the breakwater as part of a floating dock seems to me to be the most efficient use dock space.	10/6/2020 8:35 PM
8	I have moored our 20' skiboat at Luther many times. The current fixed docks are difficult due to wind & wave and poor fenderage and cleat placement. I have also moored a 65' tugboat a the north dock several times. Poor fenderage, poor cleat placement and winds/waves from the north made this a difficult moorage. Lack of cleats on the south side of the north pier is another big problem. Install a large number of solid cleats on the new pier, or better yet, a pipe rail like Bell St. Pier moorage.	10/6/2020 11:39 AM
9	Not option 2. Would like to see more breakwater/stability incorporated in the powerboat floating dock.	10/6/2020 11:33 AM
10	The 3 alternatives look similar, #3 being more elaborate, #1 being more skeletal, so for me it is about money. So #2? Would be great to sit at the docks drinking ice coffee.	10/6/2020 11:25 AM
11	No. 3 allows for more types of boats. Wish there were a few more picnic tables	10/6/2020 7:42 AM
12	The docks design is pretty good as long as the North docks stay in place and aren't removed. They need to be upgraded to accommodate larger boats. The docks have been around since the early 70's and don't need a breakwater.	10/5/2020 3:30 PM
13	Make it easy for human powered boats to use and difficult or impossible for powered boats	10/4/2020 5:27 PM
14	I honestly haven't seen these docks in peak season before. I'm wondering if the finger docks for the non-powered watercraft are a bit excessive. If it's needed for sailboats to dock, that's more understandable.	10/3/2020 11:33 AM
15	Swimming from dicks should be maximized! Also lots of small docks for folks to fish, swim and hang! No boats! Just small ppl powered boats for swimmer safety!!!!!!!!!!	10/2/2020 5:33 PM
16	The breakwater is important, but it is not clear to me what Alternative 2 provides that Alternative 1 or 3 does not provide. The docks need to serve the public by providing a place for kayaks and small sailboats where youth and families can recreate. I would not encourage large boats to come for two reasons: 1) the creation of dangerous situations with small boats and 2) increase the shoreline erosion.	10/1/2020 9:42 PM
17	I really enjoy the shape of the alternatives and would hope that the leftmost dock isn't changed outside of potential repairs.	10/1/2020 5:15 PM
18	Finger docks really maximize the effectiveness of the breakwater also the beach option is great for kayak and PWC day use	9/28/2020 6:19 PM
19	Xx	9/27/2020 5:37 PM

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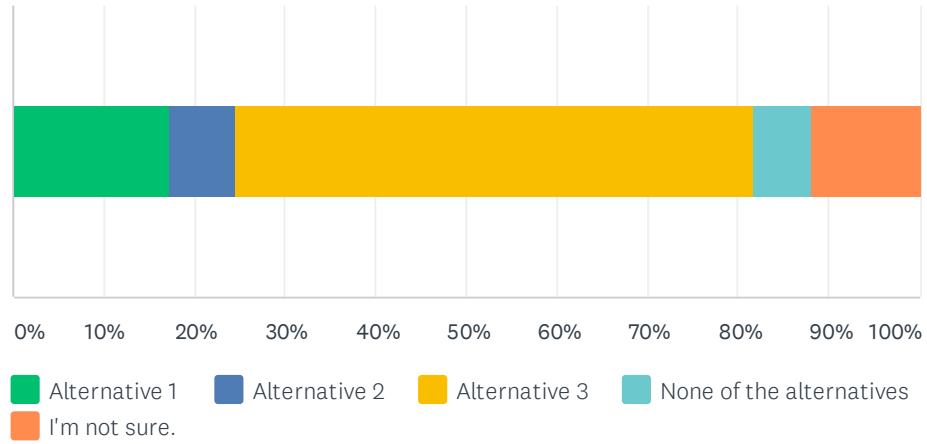
20	The main issue is the funding. Alternative 2 looks good, but I have no idea what the cost would be or how likely it is that funds could be secured.	9/26/2020 3:08 PM
21	Design 3 seems to be most comprehensive and will provide for access for all kinds of boats year round	9/24/2020 8:56 AM
22	Keeping costs to a minimum should be the guiding principle.	9/23/2020 6:11 PM
23	I do not see the need for actual slips unless you expect people to stay a long time. I prefer option 1 but it seems to limit the use. why not separate the ADA to the south beach and they can come to the north dock area. It seems to me it would reduce the cost of the north dock project.	9/23/2020 2:26 PM
24	I would use the dock area as a lunch stop during a kayak trip. Though my preference for launching and landing is the beach, my second preference would be the finger docks. I like having several of them, as whichever number our group uses would be occupied the entire duration of our lunch stop.	9/23/2020 12:33 PM
25	The current dock area is perfect for the vast majority of users who are NOT boat owners. The character of the current park is what makes it appealing - the quiet and lack of noise and combustion odors. To increase the moorage to allow too many larger and power boats will increase noise pollution and air pollution, endanger swimmers at the nearby beach south of docks, and make the park a boaters parking lot with accompanying boat parties, noise and littering!	9/23/2020 12:31 PM
26	.	9/21/2020 5:57 PM
27	We should leave the park as natural as possible to preserve the wildlife that lives in it	9/20/2020 11:42 AM
28	I like it how it is. No changes necessary.	9/20/2020 11:36 AM
29	You need docks low enough to launch small craft. You should create space for, or open up the existing boathouse, for community members to rent space to store kayaks, rowing shells, and other small boats.	9/20/2020 9:52 AM
30	Add power, water and charge for overnight moorage	9/19/2020 8:20 AM
31	LBP does not need a breakwater. This is an expensive design that only promotes long term moorage.	9/19/2020 8:16 AM
32	Go with the cheapest option and closest to what there is currently. Nothing fancy.	9/18/2020 10:13 PM
33	Provide power option(paid by boater) to plan for future electric powered boats	9/17/2020 7:24 AM
34	prefer guardrails	9/10/2020 12:43 PM
35	I'd prefer that there would be no large boats/yachts	9/8/2020 3:49 PM
36	Public spigot and fish cleaning station. docks are used for fishing a lot	9/8/2020 2:43 PM
37	Design 3 looks to do the most but I'm assuming its the most expensive. If it can last close to 50 years like the current one then its money very well spent.	9/8/2020 10:51 AM
38	Staying within budget seems important	9/7/2020 6:24 PM
39	Alternative #3 provides most functional use	9/7/2020 10:58 AM
40	There are very few dock options for water ski boats any more on lake Washington where you can dock and use a restroom. This is the most important feature to maintain for me.	9/7/2020 10:52 AM
41	Do not build it. Too much maintenance	9/7/2020 10:42 AM
42	voting no on any levy that includes Mercer island taxpayers footing any of the bill.	9/7/2020 8:24 AM
43	Why do we need docks? We do not want more people in our neighborhood	9/6/2020 8:30 PM
44	Make sure people can still swim on the docks. Add a ladder to get out of the water.	9/6/2020 3:37 PM
45	I don't think we should be designing things for large boats. Those boats can anchor out, if they choose and the whole area is safer with out them.	9/6/2020 11:09 AM
46	No finger docks	9/5/2020 9:50 PM

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47	Height should be so kayaker can mount and dismount safely	9/5/2020 1:23 PM
48	Alternative 2 is a poor design for two reasons: 1) puts the non-powered too far off shore and 2) creates a bottle neck with only 1 narrow gangway serving both docks. Strong preference for alternative 3. Adding additional finger docks will help to accommodate more boats for both powered and non powered boaters. Suggest moving the finger docks farther south to provide more room to maneuver by the breakwater landing float.	9/3/2020 6:35 PM
49	Having the motorized dock extend beyond the length of the non-powered dock is understandable based on demand for usage, but creates a dangerous situation for non-powered craft to dock. Additionally, having non-powered craft dock "inside" of the powered dock (closer to shore) makes sailboat docking almost impossible unless you are approaching from the south.	9/3/2020 4:47 PM
50	I worry the breakwater will be too large and ugly. If money is no object I prefer alternative three due to more moorage, although I would probably segregate what to do with the docks from shore improvements. Commercial or vending activities at Luther Burbank have been controversial in the past.	9/3/2020 2:13 PM
51	If large(er) boats are on the outside of the floating breakwater, it will be more effective. I support a large outer dock where big boats can dock. Option #1 does this.	9/3/2020 12:59 PM
52	PLEASE get food trucks on the waterfront!!!!	9/3/2020 10:46 AM
53	I think these concepts are great! I'd just like to be sure that there are cleats and that the decking is non-slip.	9/3/2020 8:42 AM
54	* Have permanent bumpers/fenders on the docks to protect boats * Have plenty of cleats to tie up boats * I like the perpendicular mini-docks in design 3 (if parallel to the dock, not enough room for several boats) * Nice that powered vs. non-powered boats are separated * Have a time limit (and enforce it periodically): maybe 3 hours max so people can watch Shakespeare in the Park or eat in town. * Boat docks to float *Would love to have a structure to house large community boat(s). E.g. shells or dragon boats for community row club(s).	9/2/2020 10:21 PM
55	Love the picnic tables and added benches.	9/2/2020 10:13 PM
56	Make sure the structure is quality built to last and utilize all the space available.	9/2/2020 6:30 PM
57	The existing area in question needs as many upgrades as possible - it is woefully underused, derelict and underdeveloped. It also presents a great opportunity to create a public amenity that the City could be proud of.	9/2/2020 5:44 PM
58	Meydenbauer did a nice job of shaping their new dock with a curve which I think adds a VERY nice/luxurious feel to the build - take all you can from their design!	9/2/2020 4:42 PM
59	Please do not include power boats. I live near Luther Burbank and the power boats drive close to the waterfront destroying it and the noise is hard to have a peaceful life!	9/2/2020 4:42 PM
60	minimize cost	9/2/2020 11:24 AM
61	The breakwater is for boats, 99% of current usage is fishing swimming and sunbathing, design should be built around current usage not boats that never come	9/1/2020 5:18 PM

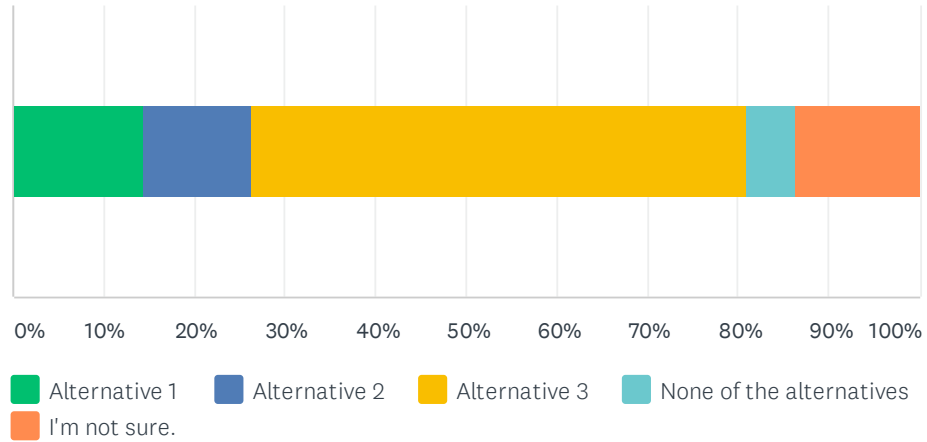
### Q5 The Concept Alternatives present three approaches for providing beach access at the waterfront. Which alternative do you prefer?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 21



### Q6 The Concept Alternatives also include different approaches for launching paddlecraft at the waterfront. Which alternative do you prefer for this use?

Answered: 110 Skipped: 21



Q7 In the space provided below, please share additional ideas or comments related to access/accessibility at the waterfront.

Answered: 42 Skipped: 89

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1	prefer no more paving than is absolutely necessary. Area should be kept as porous as possible. A park should be a green space not a place with a lot of pavement. I believe the current paths on Luther Burbank are adequate for ADA accessibility.	10/9/2020 11:53 AM
2	Not sure how power boats would add to the ambience. If there were enough tables or an outdoor/indoor store/cafe - it could become a destination point for food, coffee, even kayak rentals. Not sure how much this requires.	10/7/2020 8:01 PM
3	Access for elderly can be difficult. The ADA design for the boiler building if less expensive than to existing design would be beneficial.	10/7/2020 7:50 PM
4	How about a foodtruck access?	10/7/2020 2:09 PM
5	It is very important that the plans must be reviewed with regard to the current minimal park's support that the City is providing (i.e. the City is NOT maintaining the parks and not picking up/removing trash). How well do each of the designs conform to the current level of maintenance? Although we hope that park maintenance will go back to how it was in 2019 by the time the renovations of LB are done--it is entirely possible that something could happen that could cause the maintenance situation to be as it is in September of 2020. Therefore please review the plans in that light. Will the increase in moorage/facilities result in MORE usage that might increase the maintenance burden?	10/7/2020 1:56 PM
6	N/A	10/7/2020 8:14 AM
7	I don't see a place to launch paddle craft in any of the alternatives.	10/6/2020 9:49 PM
8	This is tough because the trails to the waterfront are either long or too steep. Accessibility to the plaza and docks is critical. Accessibility to the water would be better served at the swim beach area.	10/6/2020 8:40 PM
9	Instead of placing picnic tables on the waterfront plaza, I strongly recommend installing 3 or 4 on the hillside below the flagpole. Great views, sunny, easy to access and I guarantee that they will be well-used and appreciated by seniors and folks who cannot make the hike down to the dock.	10/6/2020 11:41 AM
10	would like to see an expanded sand beach area.	10/6/2020 11:33 AM
11	not sure beach access is a priority. Both Alternative 2 and 3 look great. I don't have a boat - only paddle craft. Don't want to attract large boats coming for coffee and leaving.	10/6/2020 11:27 AM
12	Please don't cut down anymore trees. Luther is already very ADA accessible. Even the docks are accessible.	10/5/2020 3:32 PM
13	Decrease the number of powered boats approaching the park or the cove.	10/4/2020 5:28 PM
14	It would be great to have the flexibility to also launch paddle craft easily from the waterfront to avoid conflicts with larger boats and the potential for a large amount of boat traffic going in and out of the dock access points.	10/2/2020 11:40 AM
15	Access to the docks is made primarily by coming down a steep, paved hill. I don't believe changing the grade of the hill is in scope and that will be the main barrier at this location. The northernmost part of the park is the easiest place for someone to dip their toes in the water because the path is relatively shallow.	10/1/2020 9:46 PM
16	Please build more access for paddleboards, canoes, kayaks. I would love to see the city offer some amenities, even if its just ice cream and popsicles, something for the family to do, kids to do when they paddle board over, and a revenue generator for the city	10/1/2020 8:16 PM
17	N/A	10/1/2020 5:15 PM
18	Xx	9/27/2020 5:37 PM
19	If you must build an ADA access path to the beach, *please* expand the beach (alternative 3) because otherwise the entire beach will be taken up by the new path.	9/26/2020 10:01 PM
20	Please consider accessibility from the parking lots to the docks/beaches/waterfront. This is equally important.	9/24/2020 2:56 PM
21	Low freeboard floating docks for launching crew/racing shells	9/24/2020 8:58 AM

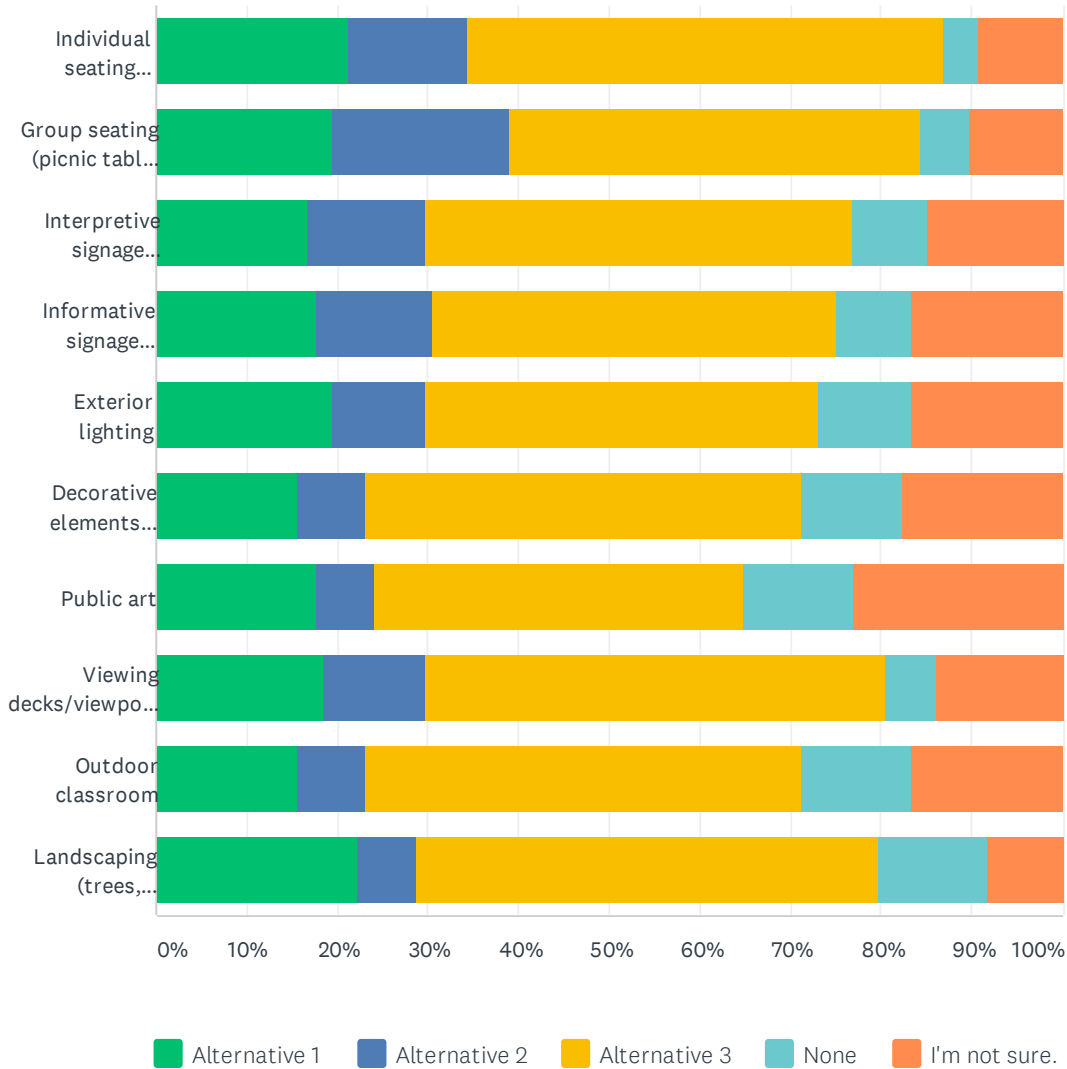
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22	I think the south beach should be used for ADA accessibility. flat The slopes and path at the north beach make ADA more expensive	9/23/2020 2:29 PM
23	My preferred way to launch and land my kayak is on the beach, so I like the extended beach in Alt. 3. But how does our group keep our kayaks secure (i.e. from being washed away by waves) while we are sitting at the picnic tables on the patio having lunch? I suggest one or more posts or rails near the north end of the beach to which we can tie our kayaks.	9/23/2020 12:44 PM
24	.	9/21/2020 5:58 PM
25	N/A	9/20/2020 11:36 AM
26	Please do not add another path, it is not needed.	9/18/2020 10:13 PM
27	Love the idea of outdoor classroom, concession stand, and improved beauty of the waterfront	9/17/2020 7:25 AM
28	prefer easy access and guardrail	9/10/2020 12:44 PM
29	I think its very important to do some plaza improvements to maximize the use of that space.	9/8/2020 10:53 AM
30	There should be ramps from the docks to the restrooms to the beach. Not sure how important it would be for paddle boats.	9/7/2020 10:54 AM
31	Limit Boat access to canoe paddleboards kayaks etc. piers and docks are expensive to build and maintain. Also they will be used by a limited and More affluent few.	9/7/2020 10:46 AM
32	We want to keep this park natural, and peaceful, not to make it easy for drunks and noise people	9/6/2020 8:32 PM
33	Concerned about the North beach ADA ramp into the water. Seems like this will become very slippery in a short time and will present more of a hazard to people trying to use it - slip and fall.	9/3/2020 6:39 PM
34	If there is not sufficient shoreline area provided for paddlecraft launching, users will create pathways to the water through vegetation.	9/3/2020 4:49 PM
35	The guiding principle for the new parks commission is no new net impervious surfaces in the parks. I don't think this ADA access is mandated by law and really does not benefit disabled individuals. Since funding for any of the alternatives will like include renewing the parks levy I would be careful about proposing spending a lot of money on concrete paths in the park. Many citizens I know would vote no on any alternative, and renewing the parks, levy on this alone. There is a STRONG sentiment on the Island to do NOTHING with parks. Citizens have learned if they don't fund it it won't get built. Just like the ADMP these large paved "access" roads or paths are not popular among most park users and lovers. If one includes gravel paths as impervious, any new paths for accessibility need to be net neutral on impervious surfaces in my opinion. Our parks dept. has a reputation for being in love with concrete.	9/3/2020 2:18 PM
36	It would be great to have a place to pop by boat in and get grab and go food.	9/3/2020 10:47 AM
37	I love concept 3's steps into the water! Also like the walkway landing & expanded beach in #3 design.	9/2/2020 10:24 PM
38	Make sure you build with quality and sound foundation and as well as use as much space that is available.	9/2/2020 6:31 PM
39	The more options for access and accessibility the better.	9/2/2020 5:45 PM
40	Just please be sure things are organized and 'make sense' to the lay person when it comes to using the space(s). I hate when rental activity gets 'in the way' of the parks everyday users, and vice versa.	9/2/2020 4:44 PM
41	Too much noise and destruction of the waterfronts	9/2/2020 4:43 PM
42	minimize cost	9/2/2020 11:26 AM



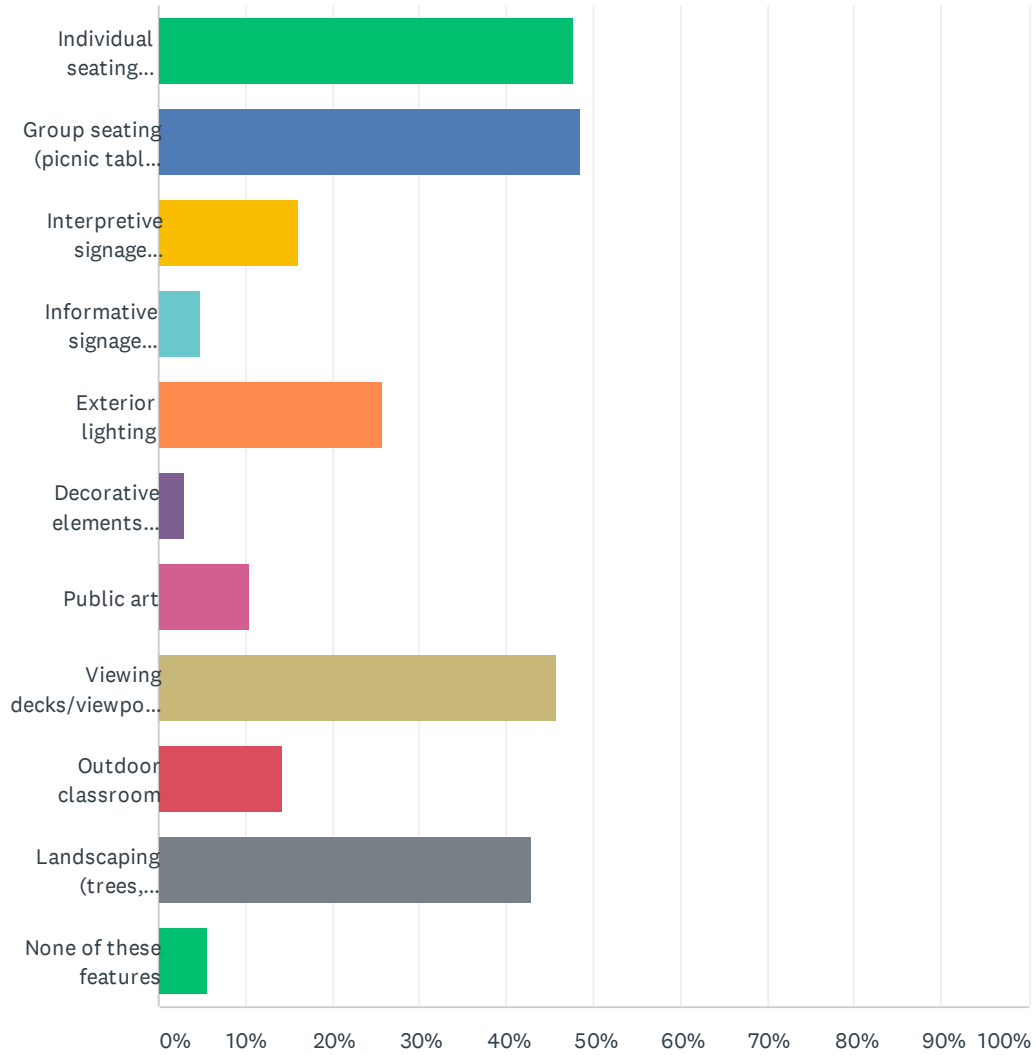
Q8 The Concept Alternatives present many ideas for plaza design and activation. For each plaza element listed below, indicate which alternative you prefer.

Answered: 108 Skipped: 23



### Q9 Which plaza features do you prefer the most? (Select up to three.)

Answered: 105 Skipped: 26



**Q10** In the space provided below, please share additional ideas or comments for plaza design and activation.

Answered: 52 Skipped: 79

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1	Something more walkable. Redesigned restrooms, please. Doesn't need to be colorful. Could be tasteful & more natural in appearance. Existing landscape seems great. altho would love to add fall foliage at this area.	10/7/2020 8:03 PM
2	Focus on human powered and sail boat rentals; no concessions or snack bars; if lighting, cuts out at dusk when park closes; security cameras - wifi - safety elements required.	10/7/2020 7:53 PM
3	I would be a nice place to have a lunch on the water.	10/7/2020 2:12 PM
4	Keeping current trees is important. The existing viewing areas are good. Minimizing light pollution is important. We do NOT need more information kiosks or ugly bulletin boards. We currently have grass (not steps)--I assume that is easier to keep clean than steps (people can always put out a blanket or folding chairs). Steps are nice, but the ones at Clarke Beach are a magnet for goose droppings--so do what is cheapest to install/maintain and most environmentally friendly (reducing run-off/cleaning chemicals into the lake).	10/7/2020 2:05 PM
5	I like a few places to sit, like benches. Maybe a few picnic tables. The alternatives presented seem to have not enough or too much.	10/6/2020 9:50 PM
6	I like the idea of steps to the water. It encourages people to connect to the lake and creates and provides an easy point of access to the water.	10/6/2020 8:44 PM
7	An important factor will be to remove and clean up the cement pieces and abandoned pipes in the water right below the "Handsome Bollards" guardrail. Remove all the man-made debris and dump a load of 1-3" round stone to cover and protect the lake bottom near the seawall.	10/6/2020 11:44 AM
8	BBQ grills? What about food and beverage at the concession stand?	10/6/2020 11:34 AM
9	#3 is wonderful but needs to balance with money. Shrubbery is OK, but least important to have.	10/6/2020 11:31 AM
10	A consistent vendor for the docks should be selected for kayaks, sailboats and food.	10/5/2020 3:34 PM
11	Sailing school	10/5/2020 9:06 AM
12	Please also think about safety - specifically ensure outdoor video surveillance is part of the plan. Also, it is valuable if every portion of the park is covered by cell phone access so that in an emergency a park user can call 911.	10/4/2020 5:31 PM
13	I enjoyed the amount of picnic tables in design 2. I also enjoy the benches, stair amphitheater seating to the water, interpretative signage and existing landscaping of design 3. Perhaps there could be a happy medium of both. Please keep the trees and provide more greenery since it currently looks like a concrete jungle!	10/3/2020 11:37 AM
14	Being able to be have the most flexibility for uses within the plaza will allow the city to adapt to evolving community needs.	10/2/2020 11:46 AM
15	Lets create an attractive, relaxing, beautiful waterfront space that increases utilization of the park space and builds community by creating opportunities for people to gather. I love what Tacoma did in their waterfront park - music, awesome splash pad that looks like a beautiful piece of art, food carts...community wants to gather there!	10/1/2020 8:22 PM
16	I think this area should be focused more on communal aspects rather than the accommodation of boats, so I think seating and plaza appearance are two very important factors.	10/1/2020 5:15 PM
17	Shade is important for families. Also bike racks / parking. Food truck area with utility hook ups would add lots of potential for holidays and special events	9/28/2020 6:26 PM
18	Xx	9/27/2020 5:39 PM
19	I like the idea of some individual seating, some more plantings, and a few picnic tables.	9/26/2020 10:03 PM
20	I favor the least possible development of our docks--simply the minimum for safety. The more they are developed, the more traffic there will be, and the more expense to our City for maintenance and monitoring.	9/26/2020 6:37 PM
21	Should make dedicated space and adequate facilities for a couple of food trucks to set up during summer season in addition to concession stand. Also, consider concession selling common boating needs like ICE, canned (to go) beverages, including beer and wine.	9/24/2020 9:00 AM

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22	Variety and options should be provided. Individual and group. Picnic tables, viewing, quiet contemplation and reading	9/23/2020 7:28 PM
23	The park is closed after dark. Why are lighting options even considered?	9/23/2020 6:16 PM
24	If you make more accessible for the general public there will be no space for the boating people.	9/23/2020 2:35 PM
25	.	9/21/2020 6:05 PM
26	Washrooms nearby.	9/20/2020 2:32 PM
27	We should try to keep this as low impact on the natural wildlife in the park. Adding all of these extra features is going to attract more people causing harm to the wild life	9/20/2020 11:43 AM
28	No changes necessary. Too many people come to this park from out of town anyways.	9/20/2020 11:38 AM
29	Suggest a cafe and restaurant. Rent it to increase revenue to pay for park as well as a private paddle/kayak center. Think of carillon pt, Coulan Park	9/19/2020 8:24 AM
30	Stop! LBP is beautiful the way it is. These are expensive modifications being falsely driven my "the master plan."	9/19/2020 8:19 AM
31	I have no problem with your repairing the pavers, but that is all what is needed and erosion control. We do not want concession stands or the area enlarged or changed. I like it the way it is.	9/18/2020 10:17 PM
32	The space should be easy to use for everyone. Those that want a peaceful view, those that want to sit/stay a while, and those that want to exercise/access the water. Lets renovate this outdoor space to increase access and enjoyment and high activity.	9/17/2020 5:45 PM
33	prefer easy water access and guardrail	9/10/2020 12:46 PM
34	fishing info and spigot as above	9/8/2020 2:45 PM
35	NA	9/7/2020 6:26 PM
36	Keep it simple. Keep it sustainable and accessible for all people.	9/7/2020 10:59 AM
37	Encourage sunbathers to use plaza and beach, not the docks	9/7/2020 10:56 AM
38	A large area for public events that can be flexibly configured is my preference. In addition to public events, we as a city could also earn offsetting revenue by renting out for weddings, events, maybe an outdoor seating area for a restaurant & bar leasing nearby pottery building. On-lake dining is limited, and this could attract foot traffic and lake traffic providing lease revenue and sales tax to the city.	9/7/2020 10:45 AM
39	Need to invest in More conservation, reforestation, not on concrete and pollution. I want to see the environmental assessment	9/6/2020 8:34 PM
40	Some seating areas would be nice and some lighting. Planters are hard to keep up.	9/6/2020 5:29 PM
41	Using the rooftop of the concession stand is a great idea. Not sure about the "classroom" designation, seems more suited to seating, viewing area and picnic tables. What is the plan for food and beverage at the concession stand? Grill?	9/3/2020 6:46 PM
42	Traffic flow should be a main consideration. There will be many people on nice days going to and from these docks	9/3/2020 4:54 PM
43	Although I support this project all three alternatives are going to be controversial when it comes to the plaza. In essence our park dept. loves development in parks, whereas the citizens love parks (the green part). Lighting, public art, classrooms, flags, and signage are not why people come to Luther Burbank Park. They come to this part of the park to swim, hang out on the docks, or boat, and for the green respite from development. Lighting, public art, "decorative elements", signage are in many ways are clutter. Some citizens like me have lived here for over 50 years. We know the park. We want less man made parts and more God like parts. Every time we redo a park or develop a master plan the park becomes more like a town center development and less like a park. The citizens are going to be focused on the costs, and of course that includes renewing the parks levy. They want to see each dime of this project used wisely, and for park related items. Docks, small boat moorage, an attractive and	9/3/2020 2:34 PM

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reasonable breakwater, swimming areas, bathrooms, a small boat center, these will all be popular because they are water and lake related. But anything that resembles commercial development will not. Focus on the docks and breakwater, and for the plaza boat related projects.

44	Make it interactive w water	9/3/2020 10:49 AM
45	It would be even more fabulous if we could consider having concerts by the waterfront. In that case, we might need more seating or a hillside access for viewing. But combos on the dock could be incredible. I also like the food cafe option.	9/3/2020 8:44 AM
46	Cost must factored in on the three alternative designs. My responses ignore this fact.	9/3/2020 7:23 AM
47	* Hands down, #3 is best. Not too few or too many benches & tables. * Lighting is important even though I didn't note it above: will be much safer with good lighting. * Flags nice, but the one on the north end in the middle (near interpretive sign) blocks the view & pole could be annoying to whoever sits on that bench. * Glad you'd keep the artful "hands" rail. * Love green on the main plaza (in #3), but reconsider trees. They are messy. If they die, it's really obvious when you're left with a hole in the concrete. They may get too big and roots damage plaza. CONSIDER large planter box with easy to maintain flowers or smaller shrubs. Maybe community groups can be in charge of one of the 3 or 4 boxes (e.g. senior group, scouts, ...). * LOVE rental/concession idea!! Coffee & ice-cream :-). Maybe team with REI to provide rentals.	9/2/2020 10:39 PM
48	Use colors to make design appealing and attractive for families to gather.	9/2/2020 6:32 PM
49	All of the items in Question 9 above should be incorporated	9/2/2020 5:47 PM
50	Just make it welcoming and impressive - this is really the only MAJOR waterfront park that MI has. When I take friends/family there to SEE MI's waterfront, I'd like it to be something others envy and are impressed by. Frankly that (and waterfront/view restaurants are things that MI is REALLY missing!	9/2/2020 4:47 PM
51	minimize cost	9/2/2020 11:27 AM
52	Concession should be for food and snacks	9/1/2020 5:20 PM

**Q11 We recognize that we may have missed some topics with this brief survey. Please share any other ideas, concerns, or other information we should consider during the process to repair and redesign the Luther Burbank docks.**

Answered: 57 Skipped: 74

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We're so used to the existing docks - thank you for an updated design & the vision of what it could be. (not flashy, garish, "commercial" but more organic to the space. More fall foliage please - thank you.	10/7/2020 8:04 PM
2	General safety and noise issues involved with dock and plaza upgrades. This area is not easily monitored from 84th. Summer of 2020 increased traffic demonstrates limited parking availability. This park should focus on its natural beauty and peaceful environment.	10/7/2020 7:55 PM
3	Go for it.	10/7/2020 2:13 PM
4	As you are far along in the process it is good to complete these plans, but please consider holding off on construction if our City does not have money. We currently are being taxed with a Park's Levy that should be funding our parks and yet we have no money to maintain what we have. Parks have been closed and trash has not been picked up. Why build more when we cannot take care of our current facilities?	10/7/2020 2:08 PM
5	Please not too much lighting. We should avoid putting a lot of bells and whistles. Keep it simple so that what we notice is the water, the docks, and the natural areas. No need to try to become more of a regional park. Keep it for the birds and some people. Human or small wind powered boats, with just as much power boat access as they require. Small boat rental would be good.	10/6/2020 9:53 PM
6	In addition to a dock configuration that is useful to all types of boaters, creating a pleasant and welcoming plaza area should be a long term goal.	10/6/2020 8:45 PM
7	Open a space for a coffee place and/or bar w/snack, finger food.	10/6/2020 12:01 PM
8	The docks- It is important to get these right. The prevailing winds and swell come down the channel from the north so the north/south axis of the new main dock is good. Pay close attention to dock fendering and provide numerous sturdy cleats on Both sides of all docks. For the Breakwater Dock, consider a sturdy pipe-rail mooring cleat system similar to that at Bell St Pier moorage. Thank you for asking for these comments. This project is long overdue and will benefit the community for decades.	10/6/2020 11:47 AM
9	What are the plans for the north pier? Increase the water depth in front of the plaza, dredge/remove rocks so boats can use finger pier.	10/6/2020 11:35 AM
10	What is the expected "intensity of use" between the 3 alternatives as well as an estimate of the annual maintenance and repair cost for each alternative.	10/6/2020 9:01 AM
11	Get the dogs under control. They are everywhere including at the docks. I think the shores from the docks south to the beach need to be repaired.	10/5/2020 3:35 PM
12	Safety is important. We don't want too many powered boats. No eating concession please - it just causes a mess.	10/4/2020 5:31 PM
13	I'm sure it's been taken into account with building a breakwater—as we sit at the docks right now, the waves are coming in parallel with all the proposed docks. As long as there's a sturdy dock on the outside, hopefully that will prevent the rocking of the floating interior docks. Excited to come back some day and see the final project! Thank you for involving public input.	10/3/2020 11:39 AM
14	I love that we are creating more docks space for boat, dingys, kayaks, paddle boards, etc. however, we do not offer much to compel people to come park there. Too far from town to walk, no food or snacks, etc. I'd love to see more offerings to compel people to come. it would be great for teenagers and kids to paddle board down and hang out in our beautiful Luther Burbank park! we do not need as many picnic tables - more individual seatings and bench. build it to look like it belongs in a park - beautiful, natural, and blending with its surroundings.	10/1/2020 8:27 PM
15	N/A	10/1/2020 5:16 PM
16	There are very few public docks on Mercer Island, and even fewer that support powered boating. So I would prioritize the docks and mooring capacity in the design. I like alternative 3 because it maximize mooring capacity and accommodates a wide range of powered and unpowered boat types	9/28/2020 2:38 PM
17	Xx	9/27/2020 5:39 PM
18	Alternative 1 is the only one that doesn't require additional funding. Given the sorry state of	9/27/2020 1:57 PM



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city's finances, we should do the minimum.

19	Just to clarify, when this survey has 1, 2, and 3 as choices, I'm assuming those correlated with Alternative 1, 2 and 3. If not, the survey isn't clearly stating what the options are. If 1, 2 and 3 meant most to least favored, then I answered the questions incorrectly.	9/26/2020 10:05 PM
20	I wish that there had been questions about budget. Asking the public to participate without weighing the costs is like entering a store with no limit on spending--sometimes tough choices have to be made, and by not clarifying how much each each of these elements costs, I don't see how the public input has any context. Sometimes choices have to be made--and I favor the LEAST development possible which I think will provide the MOST protection for our parkland. Also, I am concerned that attracting more people to the Island parks may overload our parks with off-Island users who do not have as their TOP priority caring for them and protecting them.	9/26/2020 6:40 PM
21	I think it is important to make the park much more accessible to boaters.	9/26/2020 9:09 AM
22	Would love to have a boat house that would accommodate Parks & Rec equipment (kayaks, sailboats, AND rowing(CREW) shells). It's time to stand up and build MI Rowing & Sailing Club, public / private partnership.	9/24/2020 9:02 AM
23	Concessions like coffee, ice cream or lunch make LB a destination. Also lessons in sailing and guided kayak tours	9/23/2020 7:31 PM
24	In all the times that I have been boating I have never considered any interest in stopping at the docks at Luther Burbank. It seems like anything other than minimum expenditures will be a waste of the city budget.	9/23/2020 6:25 PM
25	Do we really have the money to pursue this this project in the near future. I still think using the south beach will reduce the cost of improving the north area.	9/23/2020 2:36 PM
26	In responding to the questions, I wasn't sure what the difference was between "none" and "not sure." For example, in expressing an opinion about sailboats in Q 1, I simply have no opinion about sailboats. Since the systems required an answer, I answered "none."	9/23/2020 12:48 PM
27	A smaller dock configuration is perfectly aligned for the vast majority of users who go there for the quiet, trails, and clean water. Increasing motorized boat access boat is the very thing that destroys the very features that make this park so popular and is a move to bend over for the few rich and influential to the detriment of the majority of park users!	9/23/2020 12:39 PM
28	Costs of the three alternatives are missing from what I was able to read and view. This is a critical step in the analysis and should not have been left out or, if I missed it, should have been featured prominently. Please provide this data as I am sure it is available now.	9/21/2020 6:07 PM
29	Parking should be nearby and convenient to accommodate all kinds of users.	9/20/2020 2:32 PM
30	By developing the park further we're going to lose our natural wildlife that makes the park so great. Mercer Island will turn into a recreational facility for people who do not even live here	9/20/2020 11:44 AM
31	No changes necessary. Too many people come to this park from out of town. Its hard to find parking during the summer so why would we want to attract more people?	9/20/2020 11:39 AM
32	Where is the discussion of cost. Sure plate everything in gold if it's free!	9/19/2020 8:19 AM
33	Please do not ask us to pass a levy. You need to live within your means. It is like the Aubrey Davis Trail, we want you to keep it the way it is, just repair and stop the erosion. Thanks.	9/18/2020 10:18 PM
34	I hope the redesign is done with from the viewpoint of high activity/usage across all users of the space, including small boats, kayaks, folks who want to exercise, and enough/nice seating to simply find a space to sit and enjoy views and open space. Let's make renovating this space a big deal/set the standard for the future of mercer island outdoor shared spaces.	9/17/2020 5:47 PM
35	easy boat and personal craft access and prefer guardrail	9/10/2020 12:48 PM
36	I really like the idea of having some commercial activity at this location.	9/8/2020 10:17 PM
37	dogs are destructive to natural setting and wildlife. limit dog activity.	9/8/2020 2:46 PM
38	So, happy this is happening. This face lift is long overdue!	9/8/2020 10:56 AM
39	The 1974 concept was clearly impractical and limiting for the general public. Develop this	9/7/2020 11:02 AM

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space humbly and gradually. People in nature is what is important. Elaborate or expansive facilities are unnecessary and wasteful.

40	It is likely a huge stretch, but it would be so nice if there were places to eat in LB.	9/7/2020 11:00 AM
41	Please maximize for boaters, similar to Coulon. Bring a taco place for the consession, allow them to put up awning and patio heaters for year round use	9/7/2020 10:57 AM
42	I live on MI and am a kayaker. I have plenty of places to launch and don't need a big dock. I think that would serve off-island people the most. I think having a flexible dock system for whatever is popular would be best. And I like the idea of repurposing that little used pottery building into a commercial lease for restaurant & bar. City could increase use of the park, and also receive lease and sales tax revenue. Take a look at what the city of Renton does down at Coulon Park - Ivar's & Kidd Valley. There are not many places to bring a boat to on Lake Washington. It is far away from MI houses so that it would not be a loud bother, but again could increase city revenue. I'd love it. And I think we should make the docks usable for everyone, not just motors, and not just sail/human powered. City of Seattle has a pwc dock on Lake Union that is kind of a big rectangle, and is never very busy. I have seen 10 people launch from it. And this could be just one part of design #2. My suggestion is for flexibility as we don't know trends in the future.	9/7/2020 10:49 AM
43	Include other ptojects how to invest this money, instead of the docks. We do mot want docks	9/6/2020 8:42 PM
44	Most of the use of the docks is for sunbathing and swimming. I would like to see a design that allows for this	9/5/2020 9:53 PM
45	More beach please!!	9/5/2020 4:07 PM
46	Would like additional details on the breakwater and floating dock design / type of construction.	9/3/2020 6:48 PM
47	There need to be adequate trash receptacles to avoid spill over into the lake. Perhaps charging for moorage should be entertained as this will be a huge draw for people from off island.	9/3/2020 4:55 PM
48	I wish the parks commission had been involved in the initial scoping of these alternatives, all of which have some questionable parts. I prefer the more expensive alternative 3 when it comes to the docks, but prefer the least expensive alternative 1 when it comes to the plaza unless the activities are water and boat related, and not just clutter or special interest stuff like "public art". Who comes to this part of Luther Burbank for more bad public art? Or worse flags? Or the never ending signage. Think like a naturalist. The docks are designed to get users closer to the water, and everything shoreside should reflect the rest of the park, which is greenery although it seems we are developing our parks to death with impervious surfaces and clutter. Remember this project is about replacing the docks, and money. Period.	9/3/2020 2:38 PM
49	I strongly oppose finger piers on the boating floats. Navigating into slips is difficult, especially for new boaters. When you have long piers without fingers, given enough width between piers, it makes it easier to dock. The current marina is hard to dock in and I believe the designs should follow the "Canada" style -- long floats without fingers.	9/3/2020 1:02 PM
50	Great concepts. Biggest issue now is that they are too high and have too few tie-ups.	9/3/2020 8:44 AM
51	Option #3 is FAR superior than #1 or #2. I would use the docks for visits to the park or to commute to town center for a meal. I'd use a kayak, canoe or motor boat. I'd consider renting a SUP or sailboat if offered.	9/2/2020 10:42 PM
52	During summer time, it would be great to have an outdoor shower to rinse off and changing area.	9/2/2020 6:33 PM
53	This area is in dire need of redevelopment - this Project (Alternative #3) should be approved in its totality	9/2/2020 5:49 PM
54	Don't skimp or do this halfway - look at Meydenbauer and what they did. VERY impressive! I would love to be able to take a skiff to the park to play with my kids, make sure that is do-able. I would love for my friends and family to love seeing MI step up their waterfront game in a meaningful way. This park is a gold mine and for now the dogs/dog owners are the only ones that really get to enjoy it as it now stands.	9/2/2020 4:49 PM
55	The noise level and destruction of all waterfront along the north end would be jeopardized	9/2/2020 4:45 PM
56	minimize cost	9/2/2020 11:27 AM

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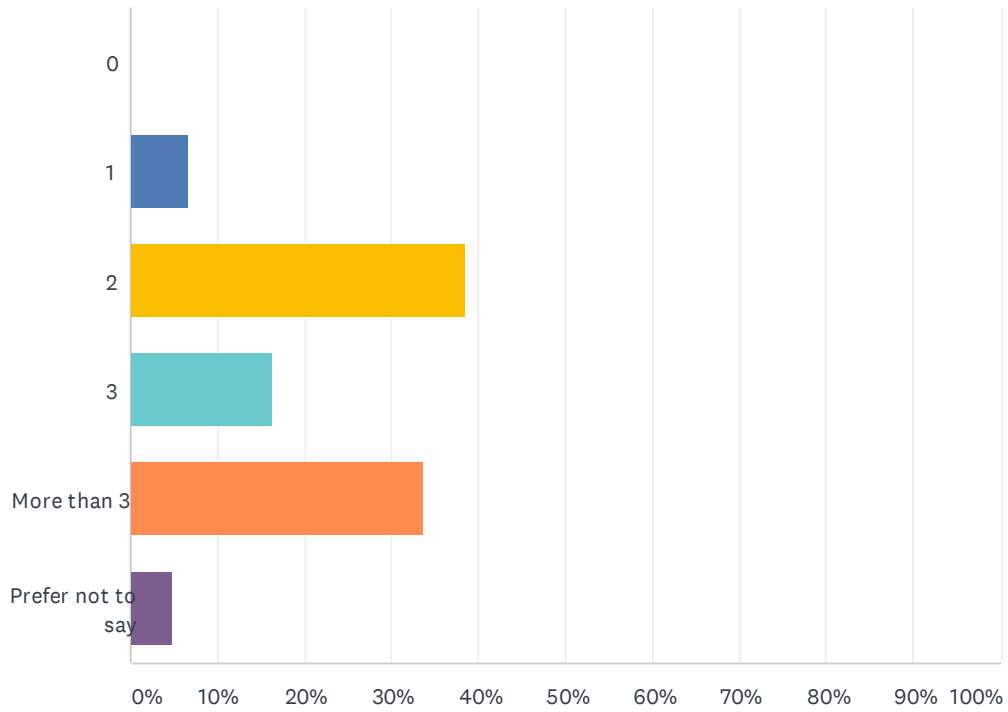
57 Commission a study to evaluate actual current use, boats and boaters never use this facility, this facility should be designed around swimming and sunbathing and fishing activities, dock should be in tree configuration with multiple Spurs to facilitate this. The beach is for kiddie, adults swim off these docks. Smart planners would recognize this

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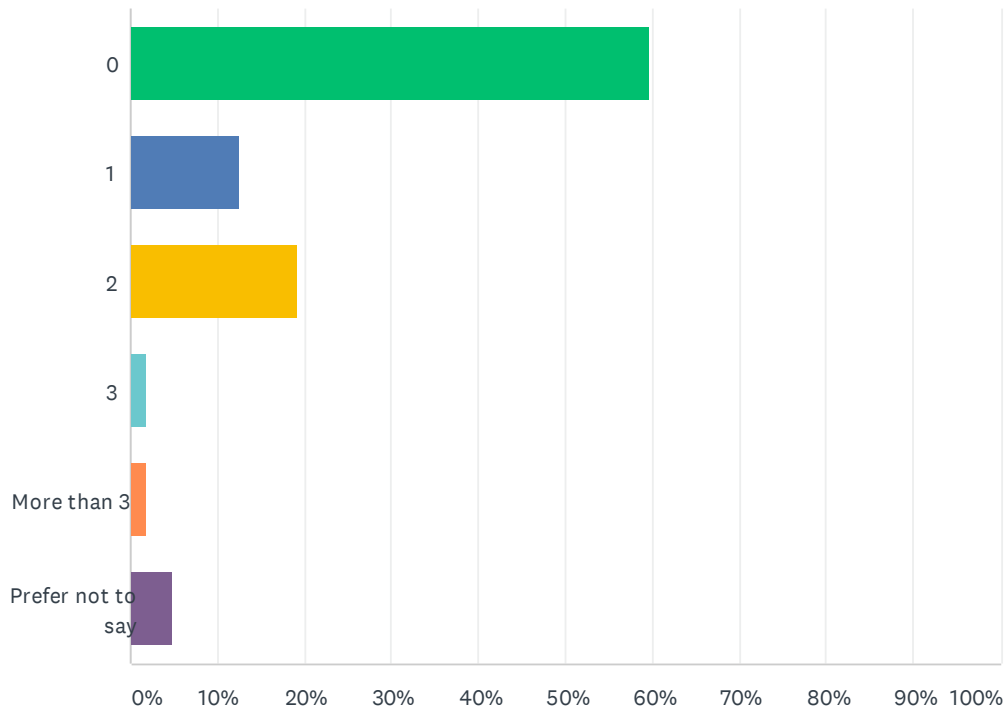
## Q12 How many people live in your household?

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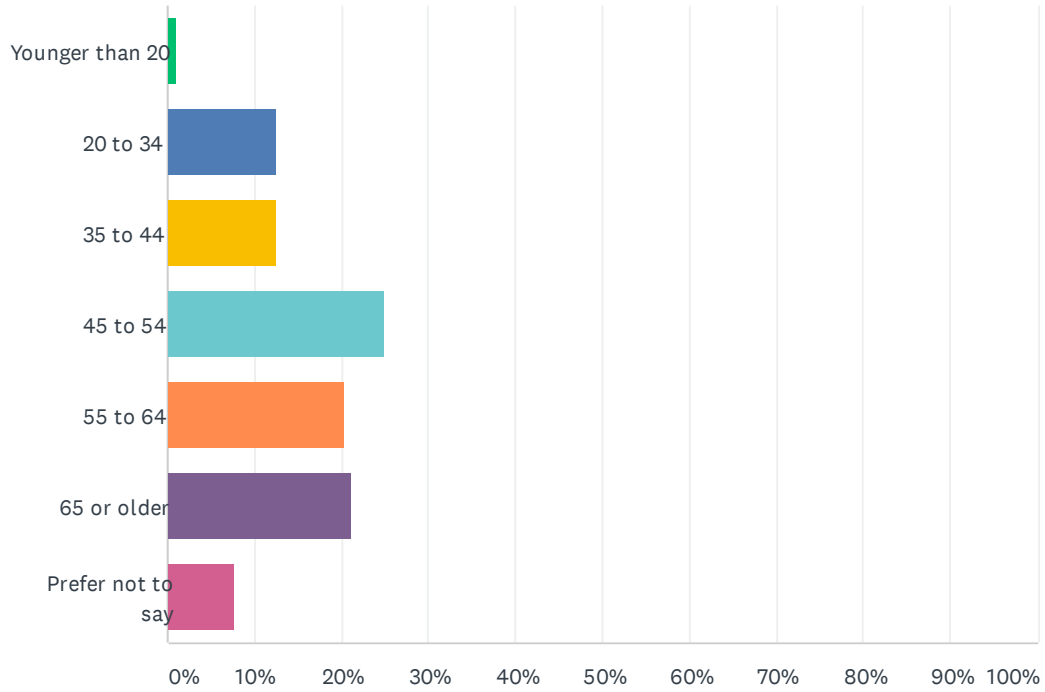
### Q13 How many people children under the age of 18 live in your household?

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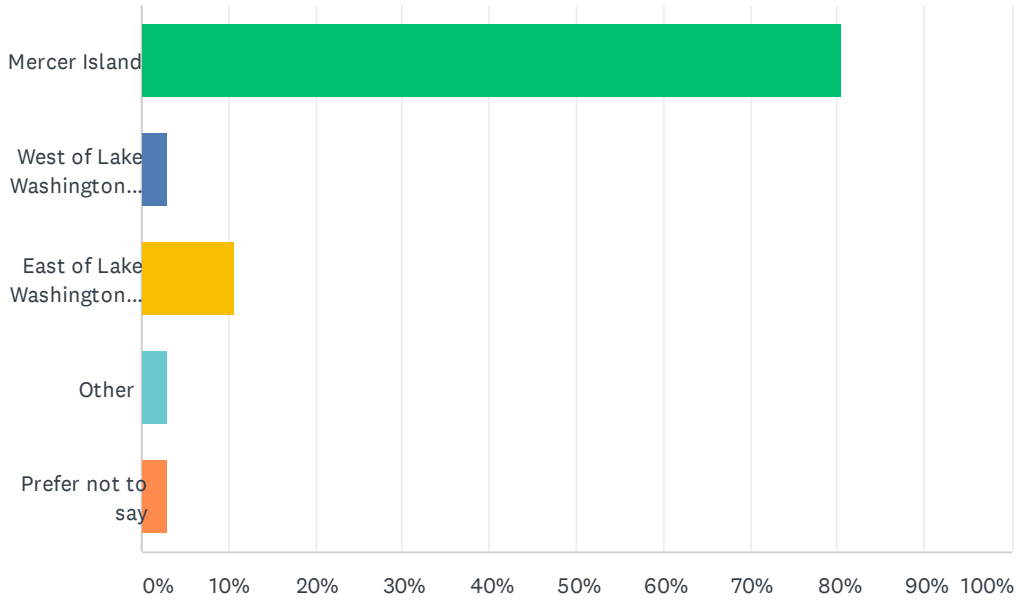
## Q14 What is your age?

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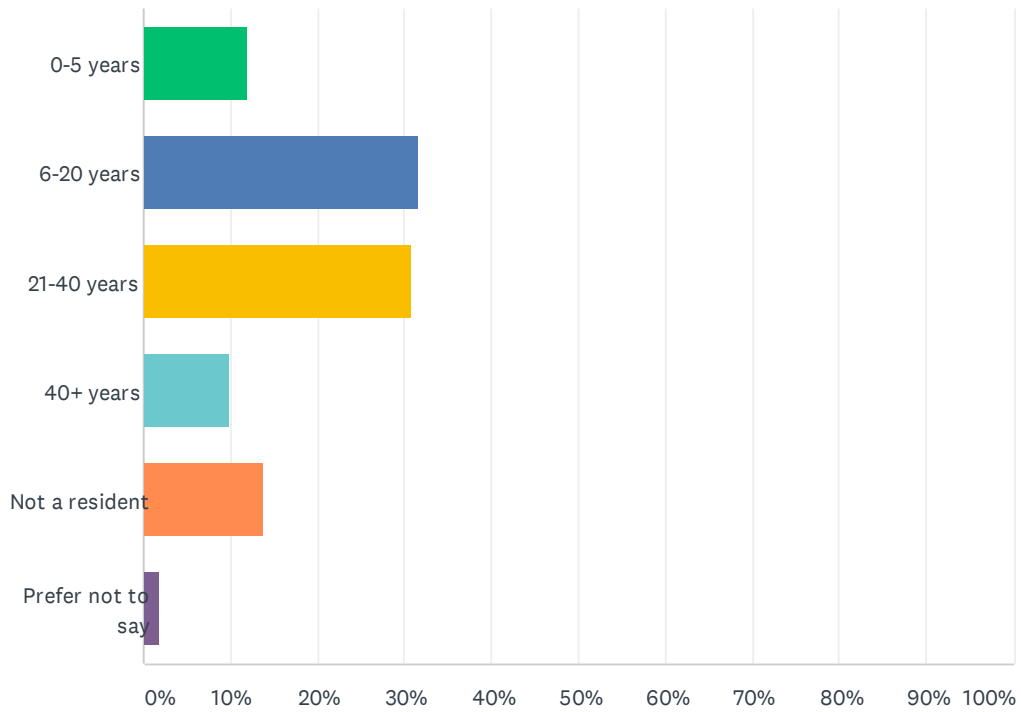
### Q15 Where do you live?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 28



# Q16 If you are a Mercer Island resident, how long have you lived on the Island?

Answered: 101 Skipped: 30





## Q17 Do you consider yourself a boater?

Answered: 99 Skipped: 32

