



Appendix A

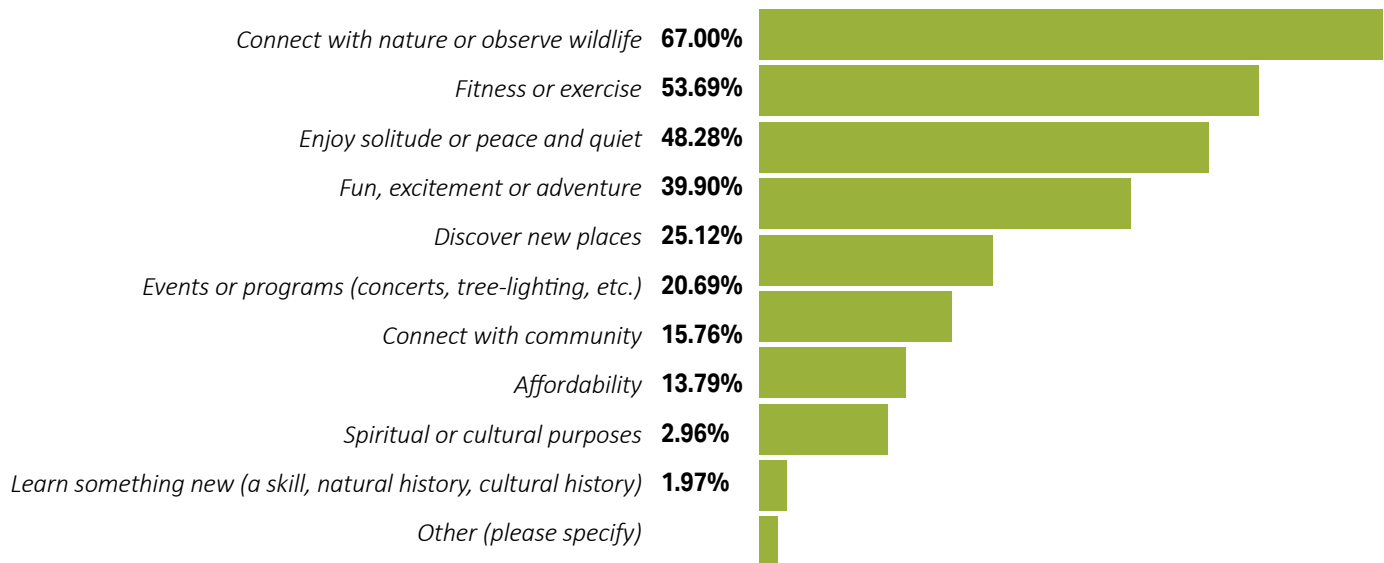
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QUESTION 1 - 203 Responses

What are the three most important reasons why you spend time outdoors?

ANSWERS:	ANSWER CHOICES
Hunting/fishing	Connect w/ nature
Pickleball	Fitness/exercise
My son loves playing outdoors	Fun
Pickleball	Fitness/exercise
work in my yard/garden	both connect w/ nature & solitude
To get away from people, don't ruin it here by bringing in more people	Solitude
Because the outdoors is my favorite place! :)	Fun
My toddler loves being outside as well	Fun
Entertaining my children	Fun
Walk my dogs	Fitness/exercise
Teen events	Events or programs
exercise the dog	Fitness/exercise
Dog park	Fitness/exercise
Be away from people	Solitude

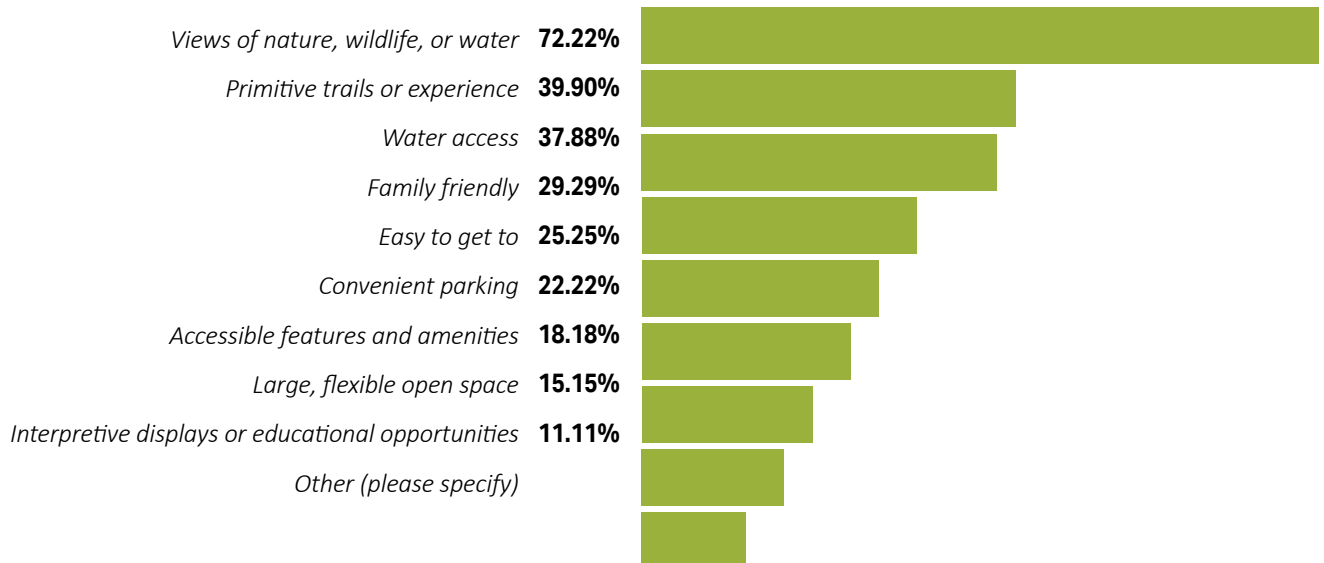


QUESTION 1 - 198 Responses

What do you look for in local facilities or recreation areas when choosing a place to spend time outdoors? Choose up to three.

ANSWERS:

Safe for walking and biking	Dog friendly
Somewhere not overrun by people	Dog friendly for off leash play
Less crowded.	Bikeable
no people	Wherever the least amount of people are
Pickleball would be great!	Dog/family friendly, respect for native wildlife and plants
Pickleball at least six courts	Covered recreational area for bikes, skateboards, etc
Whether it seems inviting, not a lot of pavement/concrete roads, walkways, and buildings; not near highways and noise	Dog park
Quit bringing people here	Events open to all abilities
Hiking	Free
safety	Dog friendly
Ones that have not been advertised as portlands playground and are not being ruined by people from out of town	Outdoor sculptures that you come across on walks.
safe parking sadly so many hiking areas in the gorge I won't go any more fear to come back to broken windows	No people, their spare change tourism isn't worth their presence.
Solitude	Trout fishing
Highly walkable	

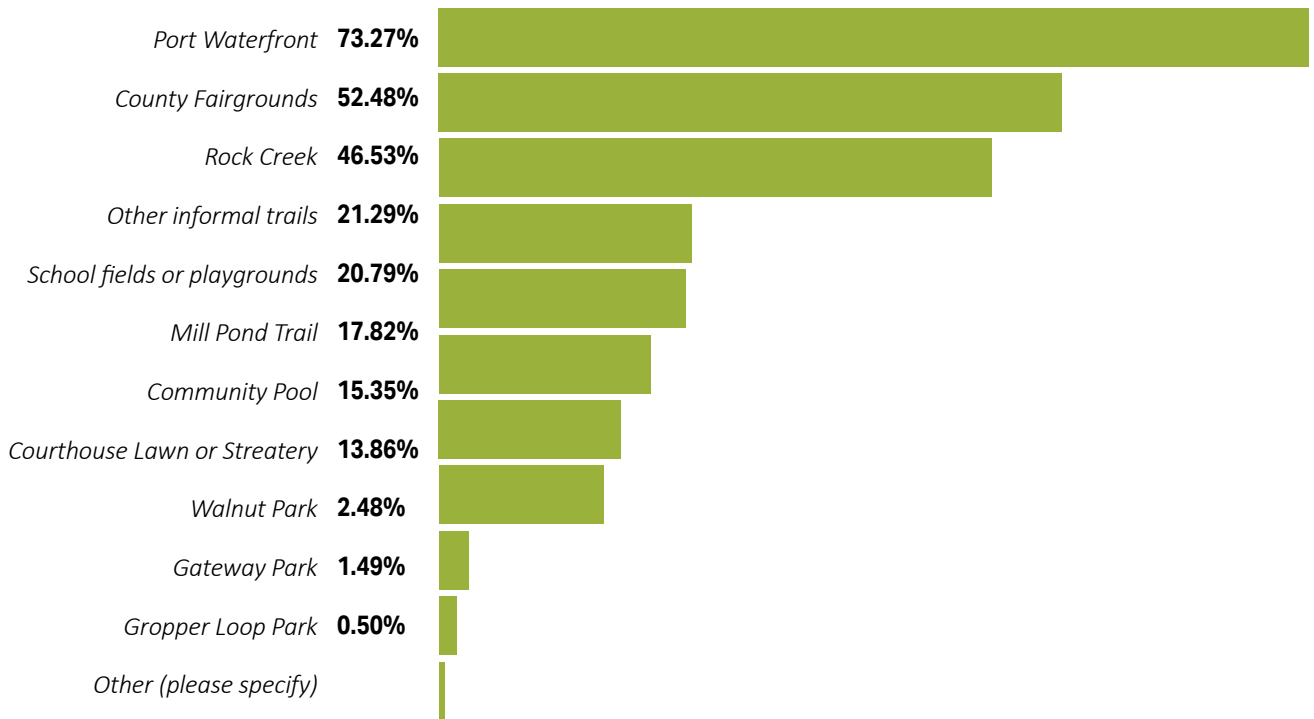


QUESTION 3 - 202 Responses

Which local recreational areas do you visit the most? Choose up to three.

ANSWERS:

Ash lake road
Bobs Beach
Museum
Trails around the lodge, trail to 40 foot falls, trail from the boat launch heading east to the bluffs along the railroad and Columbia river. trail behind the cemetery
Tennis courts and the fairgrounds pickleball area
Rock Cove
Pickleball Courts at Stevenson High School
Skamania Lodge trails since they are unpaved
Skamania lodge trails
strawberry island
PCT trailheads and Hamilton Island rec area
Beacon Rock State Park and Strawberry Island
More walkable trails!
Forest roads
Kite beach
North Bonneville trails
North Bonneville bike trails



QUESTION 4 - 176 Responses

What do you usually do when you visit the areas you selected in Question 3?

ANSWERS:

Eat a meal, kill time when waiting for an appointment. County Fair.	Hike with my dogs
exercise or watersports	Hiking, Walking, Sporting events, Swimming at the pool. Concerts, Water play
Hike/walk	Run, walk, launch canoes or kayaks
Enjoy what the area has to offer	Walk
Access playground equipment for my son, take pictures with mountains/water backdrop, look at birds & parasailing	Walk dogs. Swim.
walk around	Walk the dog, swim at times, walk with family/friends that are visiting
County fair, sport events	Paddle
Go on walks, attend the fair and other events, and look at nature.	hiking, bike riding, entertainment & events
Run, socialize, concerts.	Spend time with family and friends
Watch sports/school events, spend time with family	Generally looking for water access.
Hike/walk	Walk
Swim, breathe, paddle board, relax	Walk
Fair and blue festival	Walk/hike/run, observe and enjoy nature, spend time with others who feel the same
Walk	Walk, enjoy the sights, and participate in community events.
Paddle boarding jogging	Attend events
Hang out with friends and family	Play pickleball! We could use more real courts. The people in Stevenson deserve and need some indoor dedicated courts. So good for your health!
Join a event,...enjoying a peaceful moment at waterfront...socializing/eating at eatery	Play on the play structure, walk around the Rock Creek trail, walk around the water front trail
Walk the dog, and exercise	Hike, fish, explore
Walk the dog and get exercise myself	Enjoy concerts, music, good food. Take my sisters, and soon my own children to play in safe outdoor places
Swim, walk	Walk, picnic, watch action on river
Photos	Walk, ride bike, explore with friends.
Walk	Walk around, take photos, read educational plaques, go to the fair
Walk	Play Pickleball
Walk/run and let my kids play in the water and at the playground d	Walk/jog, listen to live music
Walk either alone or with the dog, visit with others out and about.	Let kids play and walk. I haven't heard of the other 3 parks and have lived in Skamania county all my life.
Would like to sit and look at the water we like to go for a walk	Walk, attend events like the county fair and classes at the Hedgewald, swim at the pool.
Exercise or picnic	Walk, walk my dog, enjoy a local meal or ice cream (streatery), enjoy local musicians, meet other dogs/people.
Play with kiddos	
Hike and hangout	
Hike, observe wildlife	
community events, bike ride, walk	

QUESTION 4 - 176 Responses

What do you usually do when you visit the areas you selected in Question 3?

ANSWERS:

Hike, explore
Walk
walk, run, dog walk
Visit events at the county fair and the farmer's market
Swim, run, walk my dogs
Either eat a lunch I brought with or just sit and relax and enjoy the beauty ... it's just so peaceful
Let my toddler run around outdoors
Walk the dog, enjoy the views, play in the water.
Walk
Walk, watch birds and other animals
Walk, enjoy the views, people-watch, play bagpipes
Exercise either run, hike, or cycling.
Relax and gather thoughts my happy place
I walk the paved pathway around Rock Creek that connects to the sidewalks
Wall trails, play at playground, eat our food. Relax and enjoy the outdoors
Paddle outrigger canoe
Special occasions
Photography
Sporting/school events. Holiday events
Bike with family or run with dogs.
walk with dog
Walk my dog or show to visitors
Hike, exercise, meet with friends
Bitch about other people being there and tourists being stupid
Casual stroll, Walk the dog & concerts
Go on Walks with my family
Walk, let kids play in water or on playground
Walk, picnic, watch water sports participants
Walk
Walk
Walk, sit and relax, visit friends
Walk
Walk
Mostly walking
Walk

Eat
Paddle on the river and hike with my dog
At the Streatery, I chill out and eat food/have coffee, admire the art! Waterfront, I watch all the cool activities & gaze at the waters. At the pool, I work on my swimming skills!!! The pool is super important!
Walk, talk, and eat (and obviously exercise)
walk alone or with dog(s)
Usually attending a function or simply enjoying "being".
Farmers Market, walk, bike, swim, use playground
paddleboard, play music, look at the scenery
"Waterfront- walk the trail, visit downtown shops, restaurants on the waterfront
Courthouse lawn for events like the Pride Parade, and the County Fair parade"
Lounge, hike, paddle
Talk with family/friends
Play with my son
"Regular hikes in areas I love and have done for decades.
Hunting and gathering mushrooms, huckleberries,
I do mill pond with my grandson and daughter for quick easy walk "
Play (kids), walk, attend events
Walk or ride my bike
Walk around, look for wildlife, enjoy an event, use the playground, sit and relax (I miss the old Carson Christmas tree lighting)
Run. Walk dog
Walk the dog. Swim.
walk dogs, take children to walk play, enjoy the walk fresh air
Walk, picnic enjoy outside
Fishing
Surfski and swim
Walk, listen to music
Play at the playgrounds
Paddle, swim, events
Walk, attend events

QUESTION 4 - 176 Responses

What do you usually do when you visit the areas you selected above?

ANSWERS:

Walk and enjoy the area
Bike ride, river kayak, hike/walk
Walk
I like taking my young son out to burn energy. Whether at a park or on a walk.
Jog, walk
Walk or kayak
I like taking my dog on walks or when we go to upper falls creek falls we go swimming.
Walk or hang out with people
Run, dog walk
Walk, view nature, play with my dog and kids
Spiritual stuff
walk dog or kids
Boating, Fishing
Farmers Market, Streatery, concerts, swim/SUP
Hike, playground
Take kids or family to view easy access spaces with beautiful scenery, bonus points for kid activities.
Hike with my dog, bird watch
Walk my dog, hike, bike ride
Hike, exercise, relax and enjoy the quiet
Walk and look at the scenery
observe event
Walk my dogs
"Walk with our dog and grandchildren
Swim at least 3x per week in pool- also take grandchildren there as much as possible"
Swim, bike, play
Let children play
Meet friends
Exercise and look for wildlife
Feed the geese/ducks appropriate food. It would be nice to have signs showing food that is safe for them to keep people from feeding them bread.
Kayaking Community events
Walk w dog, observe nature, community event, kids on play ground
Swim, walk, play the instruments and ride the slides

Bring my 2 children and often dogs, walk, play, explore.
Walk and talk
The port is extremely relaxing.
Walk dogs, play in the river, swim
Walk, run, skate
Let my kids play
Events
Swim, play with my dogs, walk
Swimming, sailing, drinking with friends
Swim, paddle , ride bikes
walk the dog, visit the farmers market
hike, bike, kayak
Walk, ride a bike, find pretty rocks, swimming in the summer
Creek hike and/or water play. Play at park with family. Attend events at fairgrounds.
Be in nature and away from people
Water aerobics, walking, hiking
hike with my dog, swim in the creeks
Play.
Walk or swim. Talk to people coming off the ships
Walk, read a book, kayak, observe nature
Walk,run,explore with dogs.
walk, eat, I can't wait until the Saturday Market is bigger with local growers participating. Hopefully I can get involved with the Saturday market one day, work is currently an issue.
Complain about the tourist and be upset that I thought I could run to town to get something with having to deal with all of the tourist.
Take in the scenery, enjoy some peace and quiet
Walk
relax and observe nature

QUESTION 5 - 166 Responses

What features do you like about the areas you selected?

ANSWERS:

The waterfront and fairgrounds has lots of parking available. The courthouse lawn usually doesn't have a lot of people on it. It's peaceful, but loud because of the highway noise.	Usually going for a specific reason: attending fair and music events; meeting friends
convenience, facilities and scenery	Access
Paved or dirt trails are nice. To feel safe and cleanliness.	attractive grounds, views of nature
Convince of attending those areas as I please.	I like to be able to walk around my neighborhood from my front door, in loops, far enough to get at least 5 miles of exercise before I return home. I like open natural spaces to let my dogs run around and to enjoy the beautiful surroundings. I like to visit all of the natural water features to enjoy the local waterfalls and areas to swim.
Playground equipment for children, nature/beauty scenery and convenience	Easy parking and water access
Fun	Quiet, not a lot of people
They are in beautiful locations and have lots of nature.	The pool is great. Rock creek area is pretty. The whole area and fairgrounds should be improved.
Paved trail is nice for running and biking. They are close in to the community and my house.	Clean, areas blend in with nature, trash cans available, restrooms nearby, dog friendly
Open areas, events.	Accessibility and family friendly
They're usually clean, safe, and there isn't a ton of people.	the access
Water	Music, events, food, shopping.
Large space, more parking and family oriented	They are utilized by Skamania County/Stevenson residents and benefit our community. Oftentimes Stevenson is solely interested in serving tourism.
They feel safe and have a beautiful view	Non paved areas. Wildlife
Access to water views	Quite
Ease of access, balance of sun and shade	Beauty, health of the ecosystem, maintenance without overbuilding
Easy accessible... friendly atmosphere...connecting with my community	Love the views of the river traffic and activities,
Easy access from home, nice paths, nice views	Nature
Circular trails. The fairgrounds/ Mill pond needs trash receptacles.	Everything. The view the weather and the people
Water access	Able to get off grid for exploring away from the crowds .
Scenic	Covered areas in Rock Creek Park, open spaces, views of the gorge, play structures
Flat, paved walking area	Water views
Quiet and beautiful	No traffic, safe, convenient parking.
Finally new bark at the playground happened. I enjoy the paved path for stroller/wagon.	Beautiful, easy to access, close to restaurants/bars
Good walking trail at Hagewald and down along river front. Watch people in water kite boarding etc go swimming.	Good parking
Open area lots of parking	No pavement on trails at Skamania Lodge (pavement/ concrete not good for walking and jogging on--bad for knees, etc.); live music available; viewing wildlife and water sport activities...
Easy parking. Clean	

QUESTION 5 - 166 Responses

What features do you like about the areas you selected?

ANSWERS:

Fun for kids but would love more for adults and children together	Views, water
Convenient, not crowded, inexpensive.	safe convenient
Ease of access and proximity, seeing neighbors, listening to great music at Clark & Lewie's	Open, easy use year round
The views	Close to home and downtown Stevenson. Paved trail on waterfront
Water and views	Parking, dogs are welcomed, lots of room to run
I like away from others, cars. solitude, watching the river activities ie: kite boarders, barges.	The view
Vendors at both the county fair and farmer's market	Beautiful scenery with mountains and water
Pools provide health, safety, and rec opportunities. Stevenson is a beautiful place to run and be with my dogs	Being outdoors and seeing the wildlife
The natural beauty... Easy access	Food and drink
the interactive toys throughout the water front and rock creek park	The pool is something we are so so lucky to have! I am a swimmer and am very happy we have this amenity available to us. The streatory and the courthouse lawn (and future chill zone) is also THE BEST!!! It's a great place to meet friends and just take in the vibe of the town and smile at everyone! :) The waterfront is also an absolute GEM and should be built out even more with more trails to admire the water from! What a wonderful resource we have.
Easy access is key! The pond loop is perfect for a quick change of scenery.	I LOVE our water access on the waterfront!
Access	Natural beauty and movement
Views of the water and the gorge, peaceful, activities going on, easy to access.	Waterfront
Water, grass	natural beauty and peacefulness
They are local areas to use.	Events and taking in the surrounding beauty. We have so much to sit back, relax and enjoy!
I like that it's scenic with water and Mountain View's, and it's paved.	Kids able to play near nature, easy parking and access, kids enjoy.
Nature and convenience and the amenities	the waterfront trail and instruments are neat. Easy to get to. Convenient restrooms
natural environments	interactive music displays on the waterfront, active watersports, connection to launch sites
The events	Lots of space
Wildlife	"Swimming pool Play structures
Community. Family.	I like how some of them are easy and safe for a toddler
Easy parking, beautiful views, paved trails, trash cans for dog bags.	Family friendly areas
safe for dog to be off leash	Easy to get to and Nice paths to ride my bike on.
Open space for my dog to run around. Good views.	Benches, public bathrooms, playground, walking paths, protected but naturally observable wildlife and plant life
Nature and quite	Off-road path that has views of river and Gorge, and connects to other places
The beach that was created at the port is soooooo stupid!	
The views	
Clean and better up keep when it's not summer. And a new park and skate area at the fairgrounds	

QUESTION 5 - 166 Responses

What features do you like about the areas you selected?

ANSWERS:

Not crowded. Trails.
people need to leash their dogs so I can feel comfortable taking my dog
quiet, less people than others
outdoors"
Open, not crowded
Bob's has easy access, changing rooms, bathroom and green space for visiting with friends
Peaceful, good views, easy parking
Kids can run around and explore
Close by, accessible
The scenery, walking trails, events
Open and user friendly
Peaceful. Walking distance.
I don't have to worry too much about watching for traffic and parking is easy.
Nature views
Easily accessible, clean, affordable
I easily run into people I know and usually our parks are well kept and if there is trash we either pick it up or someone else does.
Walkability and conducive to public gatherings and community
Safe, away from traffic, natural beauty
Family friendly
Water, access
The thing I do not like about Rock Creek is stepping in goose poop and dog even picking up on her feet. Safety and openness is important, cleanliness-
Non crowded boat launch
Views of Gorge mountains, gathering with community
Accessibility, views
Steatery- people watching, plenty of seating
Waterfront- view, farmers market, Clark & Lewies
Fairgrounds- planned activities
Views and variety of trails and looping trails.
I like that they are accessible, I can let my dog run, and that they are beautiful.
Natural scenery and a sense of calm

Beautiful scenery and quiet
open space
Safe, interesting, lots going on, socializing
Kid friendly, safe, still have a wild feeling, not overly groomed, peaceful
Play equipment and bathrooms
Beautiful places to gather
Cheap and or free and the peacefulness
Quiet, less tourism
Solitude Ease of access Multiple access points Spaces are open
Level trail, view, play equipment, rest room, dog post, farms market, concerts, community events
Slides and instruments on the waterfront are cool
Easy access, safe for kids, wildlife, happy places for kids and dogs
Not crowded, but diversity in interacting or just watching activities
I like that the pool has so many community members using it. Love to see locals all having fun.
Dog and family friendly with bathroom facilities. Can see wildlife. Love having an indoor pool.
Family friendly
Access, parking, maintained
The new dock
Access to water- and paved trail- but a dirt track , pump track or covered skate /bike park would be better
Accessibility, scenery, dog friendly
some short dirt trails at the waterfront, easy water access at port and rock creek
The footbridge over Rock Creek, the views, the wilderness feeling of the creek canyon upstream of the bridge.
Rock creek is diverse in many ways, including depth for swimming or wading.
Large. Able to be outdoors but not too busy
The pool has decent hours and good classes. Waterfront is nice for picnics.
private, not populated, beautiful, close

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QUESTION 5 - 166 Responses

What features do you like about the areas you selected?

ANSWERS:

Water, added slide, activities for our kids
Wildlife Clean n safe
Convenient, free, I have space to my own thing, and getting some exercise is always a plus
Nice view, good paths/trails for more causal walks.
I love the wild life , the water, the fresh air, the trains, the boardwalk , the view.
The rain, it keeps most of the tourist away.
(Mostly) accessible, beautiful views
Nice lighted path. Right down by the river.
water access and views



QUESTION 6 - 192 Responses

Which local recreational areas do you NOT visit often? Choose all that apply.

ANSWERS:

Busy doing other things

I can't visit the transfer site often enough due to work. ;)

Hegewald park

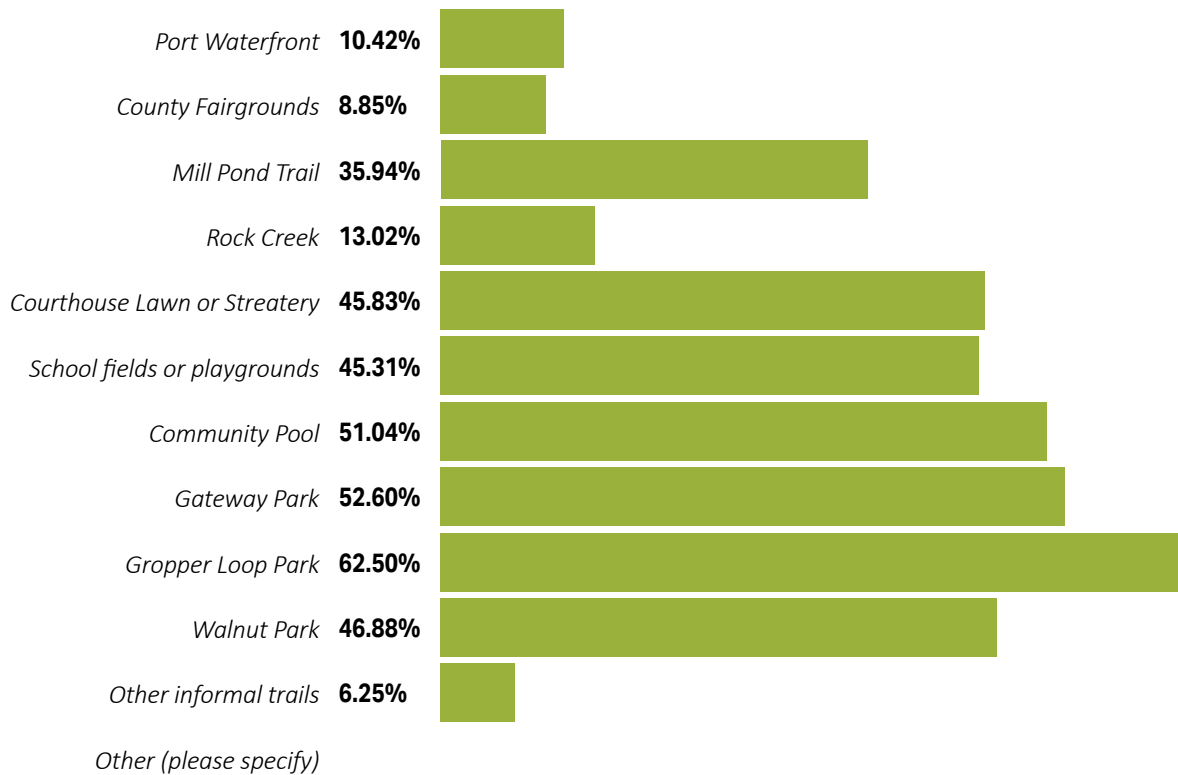
There are numerous parks listed that I don't even know of

Lived here my entire life and have literally never heard of gateway park or gropper loop park...

Pool is too cold! Otherwise we'd go regularly. Also- courthouse lawn/streatery needs a PLAYGROUND with a waist high fence so kids can safely play while parents eat

Nothing to do for kids

Obviously can't use cute Walnut Park since it was given to a private party



QUESTION 7 - 157 Responses

Why do you tend not to visit the areas you check off in the previous question?

ANSWERS:

I didn't even know Gropper Loop park was a thing until I just looked at the map. Gateway park is the green area in front of Main Street store where the mentally ill folks hang out when they aren't in the bus shelter. It's not a park. It's a piece of grass in the middle of two busy roads by a major intersection. My kids have aged out of the pool.	No reason. Go where mood strikes.
Too much traffic at courthouse, pool never seems to be open, I think Gropper loop is the one that feels like someone's front yard (uninviting/no signage), and i don't know where the other trail/parks are	Too small and close to residences
Because limited hours. I like to head out the door and at my leisure.	Not stroller friendly
Didn't know they existed	do not know where they are
I don't know	They are not spacious with room to walk or view the lovely scenery
To many people	Nothing there to do, No amenities.....
I was unaware there was a Gropper Loop Park and have lived on Gropper Rd for 8 years. I don't go to the pool because I don't go swimming and I Walnut Park is kind of hidden, but not really inviting.	Too peopley.
Rock Creek is hard to get to or to understand whether I'm trespassing or not.	I didn't even know they were parks.
Nothing that interests me about these or I didn't know they existed.	No children
I'm not sure.	I have no reason to go to the school or playgrounds, and there is to much chlorine & chemicals in the community pool
Nothing to do for older kids and the pool is to stuff and over chlorinated	Difficult parking and I have no idea what these trails/parks are.
I didn't know about the two parks and I prefer our natural bodies of water.	Courthouse lawn is not convenient. It's a hill. Streatery is a hazard with traffic. Have never heard of the other parks listed.
Kids aged out, like yo move outdoors	Too many people
No the activities I'm looking for	Because I do not even know where these parks are...
I don't hike.	Work and business hours. ;)
Not a swimmer, gateway is small, didn't know gropper was public	Not familiar with these areas. New residents. Would like to have additional information posted on website to familiarize ourselves with offerings.
They are so small and there is nothing to do but pass by. Most of them look nice though	Too many out of people
I don't know where they are	Nothing there interests me I suppose. No real reason
Not on my walking loop	Don't know where they're at
No interest in these areas	To many people
Too many people	Besides the courthouse lawn, and the community pool, I don't know where many of those locations are. Don't visit the pool often because I'm unsure of hours or if they're open
Nothing to do for kids	I don't know where Gateway Park is, if Gropper Loop Park is what I think it is, it doesn't seem very interesting, and I don't love swimming, so I don't go to the pool much, although I'm very glad we have a pool and were able to keep it open.
	High traffic area or out of the way. Also too small
	New in town, no kids
	Don't know about them. Nothing to do there.

QUESTION 7 - 157 Responses

Why do you tend not to visit the areas you check off in the previous question?

ANSWERS:

The Streatery is really cool but I'm not fond of hanging out next to cars continually driving by/a highway. I didn't know there was a park on Gropper.	Don't have kids, not applicable
Either too close to traffic/ crowds or unheard of to me	Not much parking and Main Street is usually busy and hectic when nice out.
Don't have kids and not sure where Walnut or Gropper Loop parks are.	Not good for walking or playing
Not easily accessible or available; the county fairgrounds outdoor areas are an absolute waste of potential. Could easily be a year-round, interactive space for all ages if redesigned and repurposed.	Used to go to the pool when the County managed it but only once since then (shortly after the school reopened it). Why would I go to some place along 14 when the river is so close? Guess I go to Walnut park to eat at BRG but don't know the other listed parks. I also go to the school fields to watch sporting events but mostly in Carson.
I have never heard of them and lived her 22 years	No interest
Lack of familiarity	Never heard of them
Unfamiliarity	I'm happy with the ones I do frequent. Not that interested in discovering new ones.
Accessibility and parking	Too many people, not enough parking
Some I have never heard of or have ever been to. I like to know what to expect out of an outing	No interest
I've lived here my whole life and have never heard the formal names for those parks.	Have not made a priority
"Allergic to chlorine	I have no occasion to visit them or I didn't know about them
Playground equipment too small for adults"	I'm too old and hungry
Do not have kids.	I have my favorite places and these are not on my list, I guess.
Never heard of most of them, no interest in visiting the schools	I am not a lil kid, thus I do not go to playgrounds or school fields, LOL.
The courthouse lawn is too underdeveloped. Walnut park is not accessible during good weather because it's leased out to a restaurant. I have no idea where Gateway park is. Is Gropper Park connected to the pool???	Not much to do there
To many tourists	lack of familiarity and not as close to my home
water sports	Gateway and Gropper are not developed. Gropper would be a great place for High School students to eat lunches, commune with nature and simply hang out, outside with friends. Maybe with a few fruit trees for snacks and chess/checkers tables. ? Mill Pond Trail: I simply have never been.
Don't swim	Don't know what they are. Hard to access/primitive. Not kid friendly (Rock Creek).
Too many people resulting in lack of wildlife.	some I didn't know about. Others I just haven't made it a point
Not an outdoorsy person.	not even sure where those parks are...
Rock Creek area is not as accessible and safe for a single woman compared to waterfront and Mill Pond trails. Need to make time to lap swim at community pool. Didn't know about Gropper Loop Park or Walnut Park.	Not sure
idk some of them	Just a big plot of grass in the middle of town
My child is older	Not family oriented
Who wants to hang at the courthouse and the pool wasn't wanted which was obvious via voters	

QUESTION 7 - 157 Responses

Why do you tend not to visit the areas you check off in the previous question?

ANSWERS:

Because I don't wanna walk up the hill. I'd rather walk down the hill to the river.	Unkept, undesirable people, or I've never even heard of it.
Not very accessible/ usable. The courthouse lawn is a huge slope next to a road and the school grounds are being used fairly often for school events and my kids are very young	Length of trails or not trail. They are not long enough.
I value having the pool, but don't use it personally. And I would need to look up where Gropper Loop and Walnut Parks are located, but I suspect they are either small or undeveloped areas that I may have seen, but never spend time at.	I didn't know about them.
I tend to not visit areas where dogs must be on leash unless were specifically training leash skills.	I did not know they were freely open to residents of the community
traffic on the hwy noisy, goose poop and garbage at rock creek	Too many people.
No real reason	don't hike
I don't have the time or information	Never heard of them.
Too many people	Dusty and or muddy, not well maintained
We like to play at playgrounds with the toddlers	I don't like mixing cars and kids. It would be so cool if Stevenson had a little car-free plaza area with food trucks . Would also love dedicated bike trails especially connecting towns
Nothing to do. Do not like indoor pools, chlorine smell.	Lack of features, seating, and bathrooms
No particular reason	I don't think about them
New to the area. Still learning where I enjoy recreating here	Because they are not aesthetically pleasing to me
Not a swimmer.	I don't have kids and the pool feels more child driven
Right on the main road. Concerned about my kiddo taking off. And it's not always weather friendly to go there. And when it is it seems crowded.	"Court house- area too busy, parking etc
Broken equipment, drugs/paraphernalia, messy	School- thought they are for school.
I don't have kids so there's no reason to go to those places.	Not aware of Mill, Gateway or Gropper."
It's for kids	Where are they?
Some parks I don't know of where they are, I don't enjoy swimming, schools feel unwelcoming, especially if my canine exercise companion is along	Where are these places??
Never heard of them	I don't know about them
Just have not made it there yet	Didn't know about them. Would like to know about trails in the city.
sorry listed above- dirty, unsafe and prefer not using swimpool	I don't know where they are.
Don't have children, not sure of the location of some of them	Access
Never heard of a few of them	Don't know where they are. Pool too hot and not much fun
	Gropper Park Loop is not very appealing. It does not appear to be a park for the public. I would like to see this changed if the idea is to make it an actual park.
	Children, not interesting, chlorine
	Besides the courthouse lawn , I have no idea where these other parks are and /or what they have to offer
	Unaware of Gateway (Is Gateway really a park?) and Gropper, others are not dog friendly

QUESTION 8 - 200 Responses

Which of these programs/events have you attended? Choose all that apply.

ANSWERS:

The Fair

Columbia Gorge running club events

Music at walnut, teo and Clark Lew lawn

Blue grass festival. Pride Parade!!

How do high school events tie into this?

National Night Out, Autumn Social

County Fair

Trunk or Treat

Shabby chic/ garage sales

live music at Walking Man and waterfront

Organized group runs and foot races count as organized sports, right?

Trunk or treat

All the seasonal parades, the county fair, car shows and the old Carson tree lighting. I would like to see more things geared toward young kids and teens because most of our events in the county are based around drinking and adult activity. I understand that the parents/adults have the money, but the kids need thing to do and be excited for. We have huge problems with bored kids doing stupid things and young people hate it here. We need to engage the local kids to get them excited about their home and keep them busy

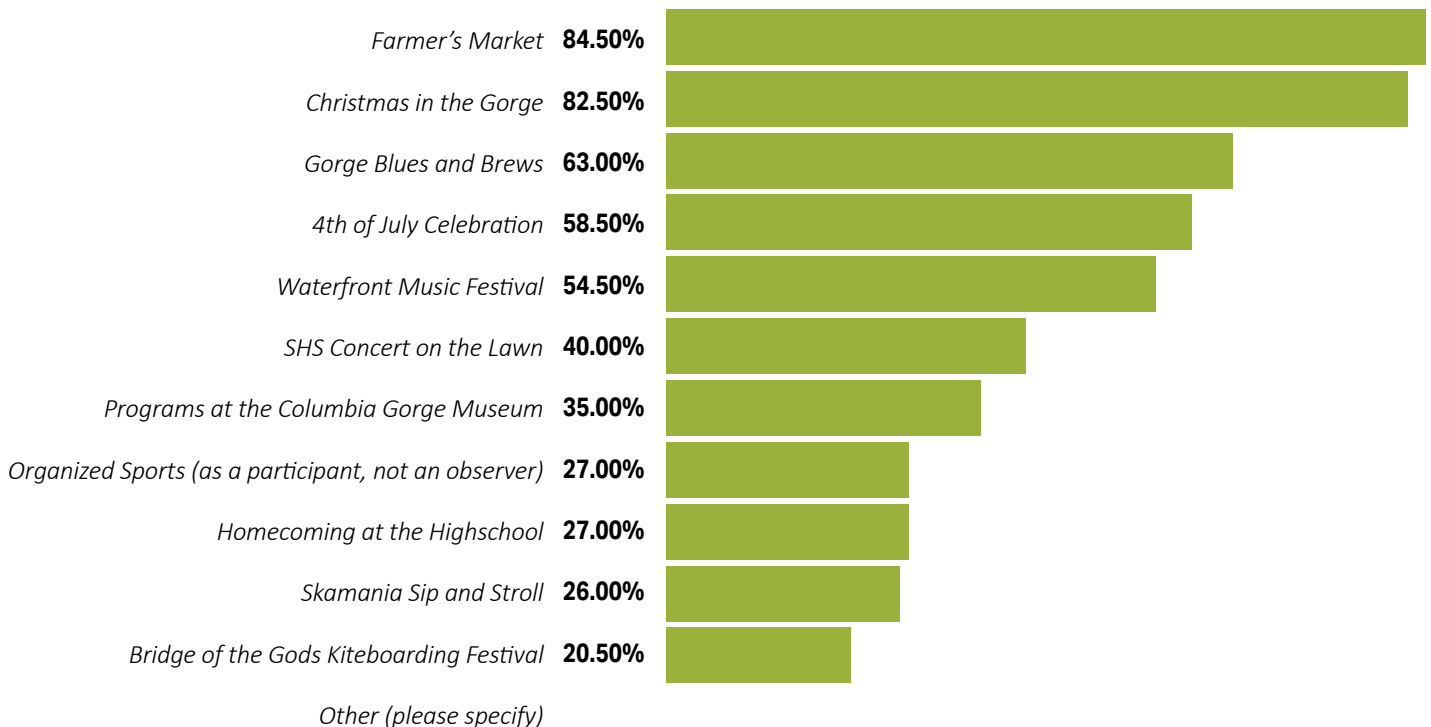
only school events for family not for personal recreation

Assuming organized sports includes running club trail runs.

Will do more when I have time

Christmas parade, trunk or treat

I avoid those things, the money brought in to a few people that sell convenience to tourist isn't worth the headache and damage they bring.

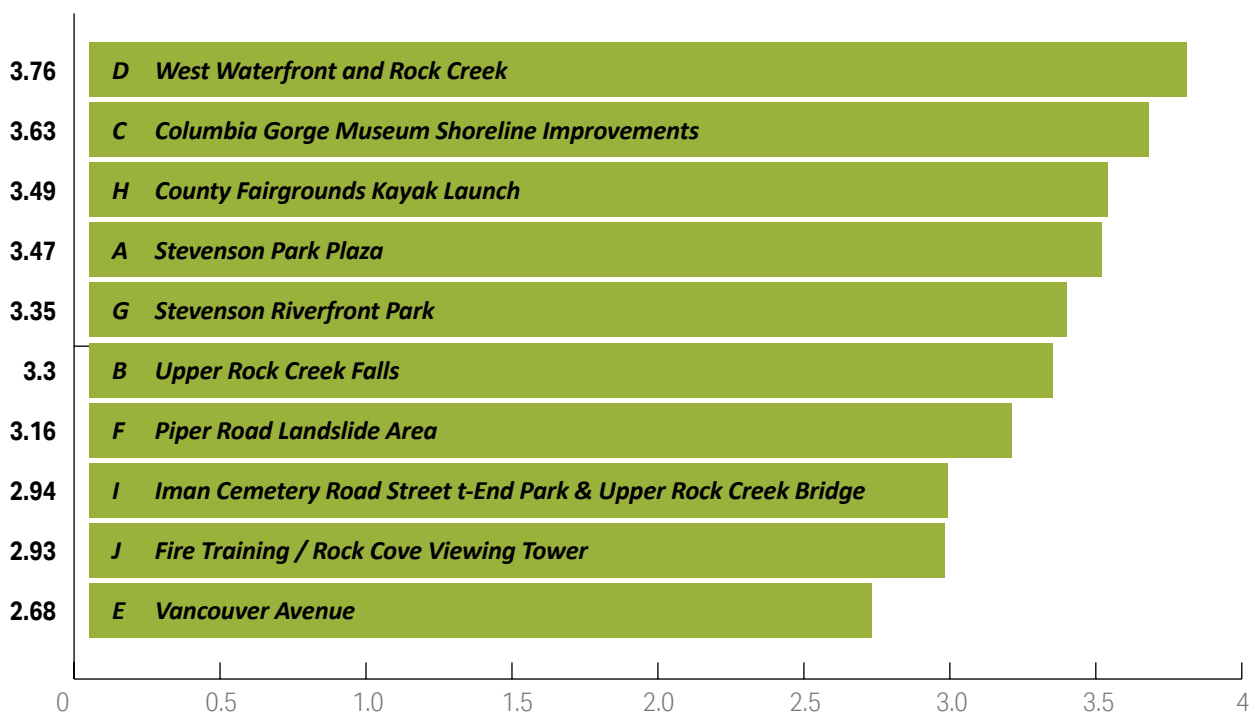


QUESTION 9 - 196 Responses

In recent years, public project ideas have come up based on public input and design consultations. Using a scale of 1 to 5 (where 5 indicates the best fit) please indicate how strongly each of these projects align with your needs and desires for local parks and recreation areas.

PROJECT IDEAS:

D	West Waterfront and Rock Creek - Expand the waterfront trail along the west end of the waterfront and create a water access point for public use.
C	Columbia Gorge Museum Shoreline Improvements - Enhance the museum shoreline by adding a trail with educational signage, restoring the landscape, and adding water access to Rock Cove with a small dock/hand-carry boat launch.
H	County Fairgrounds Kayak Launch - Install a public access hand-carry boat launch along the Rock Cove shoreline at the county fairgrounds. Future potential to add boat wash station.
A	Stevenson Park Plaza - Build a plaza at the Courthouse with community gathering places, performance space, a water feature, and outdoor seating.
G	Stevenson Riverfront Park - Develop a new public park along the Columbia River that provides an open, flat, multi-purpose green space and parking to be used as an alternative venue for festivals or events.
B	Upper Rock Creek Falls - Install limited parking area and accessible trail access to a viewing area for Upper Rock Creek Falls. Future potential to expand access to the creek.
F	Piper Road Landslide Area - Create a trail through the Piper landslide area with views to Rock Creek and the Lower falls within an easement that connects existing street ends.
I	Iman Cemetery Road Street-End Park & Upper Rock Creek Bridge - Develop a pocket park at the end of NW Iman Cemetery Road to provide public views of Rock Creek. Future potential to install a pedestrian bridge over the creek.
J	Fire Training / Rock Cove Viewing Tower - Construct a training tower for the fire department that can also be used by the public to gain views over Rock Cove and the Columbia River. Location to be determined.
E	Vancouver Avenue - Create a pocket park with a natural landscape, 2 parking spaces, a picnic table and a gently sloping beach on Rock Creek.



QUESTION 10 - 134 Responses

What new facilities or amenities do you think should be added to local parks and recreational areas (i.e., tennis courts, exercise equipment)?

ANSWERS:

I think a kayak launch at Rock Creek Pond is a good idea, but there isn't enough parking to support locals and people from out of town there. yes, there is parking, but not enough. There are tennis courts at the high school. No more is needed. I would recommend cleaning up eye sores like the garbage dumpster at Manor Apartments. Demand that the landlord do it. Fine him/her every time garbage goes flying out of that space. I'm not a jet ski person but why there is no company that rents out jet ski's that I know of. That would be huge for a local to start up. The tourists would love it. Locals too. I definitely think amenities should be private business, not tax payer dollars being used.	Interpretive signage
Something to ensure that these "parks" aren't overran with homeless people.	Water fountains/benches to enjoy the ambiance
The biggest problem is getting to the parks without driving. few roads outside of the downtown have sidewalks or even safe space to walk or run. We need more space for people so we don't have to drive everywhere. I think signage at the existing park areas is low hanging fruit, since it can help people find them and not encroach on private land. kayak launch at rock cove is huge, to reduce competition with power boats at the current boat launch.	Dog park. Other than that, nothing specific, but need to be sure there's budget for maintenance. For example, bathroom cleaning
Pickle ball court, frisbee golf, child safe rock wall, toddler friendly play structures	Garbage cans and doggy poop bags. Maps of area.
Dog park, upgraded playground equipment, viewing deck	We need a better/ updated play structure at the fairgrounds. A skatepark would also be great. An outside volleyball and badminton area would be amazing- maybe sand volleyball at the waterfront?
Some sort of turf area that stays watered throughout the summer where a variety of pickup sports can be played.	Better playground equipment
Motocross track	More Year round public restrooms
Pedestrian tunnels under the highway and the railroad. More shade.	A splash pad for younger kids would be amazing. A nice beach space/park along the river.
Continued improvement of the fairgrounds, rock creek playground and rehabilitation of the Mill Pond trail.	Exercise areas along paths. Benches for people to sit and rest.
A multi-sport complex would be awesome. An ice skating rink would be amazing! I don't know of one anywhere nearby. It might draw people in during those slow winter months :-)	Covered basketball court
Skate park, picnic area, green space	Picnic pavilion for undercover concerts
Picnic shelter and bathrooms that aren't gross	More picnic areas I
	An outdoor pool, a climbing gym, a dance studio, workout gym
	Upkeep of current tennis courts at the high school or new ones (with night lights), Improve covered shelter by rock creek
	Tennis courts, walking paths, boat launch restrooms
	Half of the courthouse lawn needs to be metered parking. Entrance and exit off Russell and the proposed park redesigned smaller for the other side.
	First off, figure out how to appropriate your funds to maintain what we currently have. Your local "parks" are underutilized because of your inability to keep the homeless and associated drug paraphernalia out of the path of our children. Utilize our money where it can be productive to our community. Again, it appears as though you are looking to serve tourism.
	Public restrooms
	I think a skate park
	Basketball courts Pickleball courts
	More play structures, that are actually bigger and more fun

QUESTION 10 - 134 Responses

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ANSWERS:

Pickleball courts with permanent nets	Pickleball courts Bathrooms
Get home valley ball fields in mint condition	Soccer fields, dog parks, food carts
New play structure at Rock creek, update public bathrooms	Restrooms
A modern playground or a nature adventure playground. A swim beach	None
Bathrooms	More benches and seating areas
Concrete ping pong table would be fun.	The courthouse plaza is the most important!! It's a huge space that will be great for the whole community! I can't wait until it's done and we can all hang out there. Other facilities and amenities- a covered or indoor all-purpose exercise space would be wonderful! We could have community yoga classes, an adult basketball league, and other movement modalities for kiddos, for the elderly, at a low or no-cost for community members. Local parks- lots of seating, some covered for rainy days please! Lots of trees and nooks and crannies for sitting & chatting, lots of native plantings to help the pollinators and look beautiful for the people who visit. Overall: More trails!!! Would love to see us have a trail along the entire riverfront to mirror what they have on the Oregon side!!
A botanical garden (and fountain?), a beach area for spending time at Rock Cove, a roller skate park or indoor roller rink, additional art museums, an indoor performing center, a slide park, and a PROPER thrift store	Tennis and/or pickleball courts
Picklball Courts. At least six courts are needed for a destination venue. Currently I travel to other cities to play.	Covered basketball court (with nice surface and hoops...not a lot of places to play basketball) More hiking trails around town
Definitely should rebuild the picnic shelter at the Fairgrounds, repairing the beautiful historic fireplace. It is a great location for small gatherings, especially for music jams, etc. Or build something similar.	Bike pump park, skate park
I like the outdoor exercise machines I've seen and used at different parks. Built in and permanent. Makes outdoor activities better. We have tennis courts but I think especially visitors aren't aware	Non invasive sports spots, like redoing the concrete at the fair grounds where they have basketball hoops, or cleaning up the tennis courts we already have at the high school.
Kayak launching points and trails along the river	Gropper Park turned into a space for Teens, as is next door to the high school. Would be a great place to hang and eat lunch on nice days or to simply be outside with peers, hanging out.
Exercise equipment route	pickleball?
Not sure	New pool
More paved walking trails.	Making sure what we have is kept up would be better than adding anything new
Volleyball court	Play equipment under covered area.
Bodyweight fitness equipment for adults	
Bike paths?	
Bathrooms at all parks Garbage cans at all parks Picnic tables No exercise equipment, waste of money!!!! We hike, bike, walk & play on the water.	
Basketball court	
Safe water access for recreational boat launching	
Skate park bmx track	
I am happy with the facilities available.	
Parking & simply enjoy the use of outdoor space	
Skate park	

QUESTION 10 - 134 Responses

What new facilities or amenities do you think should be added to local parks and recreational areas (i.e., tennis courts, exercise equipment)?

ANSWERS:

I like the idea of the existing volley ball court at Rock Creek Park, so more small and not invasive spring areas, like repairing the pavement and basketball hoops in the fair grounds parking lot. And advertising the sporting areas to the schools	Circuit exercise equipment through the town at different locations
Lighting	Boat launches for Rock Cove
I appreciate that there are places for people to stop and rest along the existing trails- benches, picnic tables. I suspect there may be additional opportunities to find places where people might want to stop and enjoy the views and/or spend time eating with friends and family	restrooms, public art, picnic tables, walkable connection to downtown, wayfinding
Dog park.	Updated playgrounds.
Picnic tables, garbage cans with service, green grassy areas	Parking, seating, restrooms
A small boat house and gym for the Gorge Canoe Club and other kayak/ canoe activities	A dog park
Basketball court, public restrooms, water fountains	Pickle ball courts (outdoors) and mountain bike trails. It would be nice to have a long paved trail for road biking.
Outside splash pad, smaller play areas for toddlers, skate park	Tennis courts would be great
More picnic tables	Trash and recycling cans
Bicycle Pump Track Mountain bike trails	none
Climbing walls.	Pickleball courts
I would love a more toddler friendly park, maybe even a covered one. And more parking for 2nd street in some way.	Again- courthouse plaza plan needs to include a PLAYGROUND (ideally with a half fence so kids are safe but parents can see- benches around the edge both inside & out. I've seen this work beautifully all across Europe! Especially when combined with easy food access. These 3 ingredients (food + plaza + playground) can make a town. And again- dedicated bike paths!
Public restrooms	More benches and seating.
Better play equipment for kids, ADA Compliance	Exercise or sports facilities
A beach volleyball court would be amazing with the new additions. I do think upper rock creek falls really needs new stairs! That should be on the to do list this year because someone is going to get hurt trying to get down there.	public beach access for swimming (not board sports)
Fully connected trails (to make the entire city as walkable as possible- but more trails the better generally)	There are a handful of tennis courts already, but nowhere for people who want to rollerskate or rollerblade. The texture of a tennis court is perfect.
Working, clean bathrooms Garbage cans that don't blow away or disperse contents during wind events	Water Trails, access points for kayaks. Swimming area rock cove, boat launch Portable bathrooms
Fenced dog park and play area	Level trails. Pickle ball is becoming popular to play inside. Out house?
"keep as natural as possible	Update restroom facilities at Rock Creek, add play are for under 5 year olds at Rock Creek, skate park, fitness trail along Rock Creek and/or Waterfront trail.
picnic tables, garbage cans and service"	Exercise equipment
	Skate park
	Would like an offleash dog area. Grass and shade with picnic tables, water fountains and bathrooms.
	Pickleball courts
	Gym with sports and weight equipment

QUESTION 10 - 134 Responses

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ANSWERS:

Exercise equipment, water sport equipment rentals, age appropriate play equipment for older kids.
Teen rec areas
Tennis courts, food truck areas, parking
Covered areas for bikes and skateboards- pump tracks ,box dirt track , skateparks
Off leash dog park with a small shelter for picnic tables
more dirt trails for hiking/biking
Restrooms open year-round, more covered picnic areas/gazebos for cold weather use
Tennis and other outdoor sports.
Canoe/kayak rentals, skatepark, ice skating rink, greenways to connect the parks
pickleball
Our stevenson park needs upgraded and monitored better, my kids love that park but after news of a child stepping on a needle I didn't feel safe taking my kids there as much. A splash pad would also be fun.
Public restrooms
keeping grass and natural areas as comfortable for wildlife as possible and allowing public use of school tennis courts, outdoor basketball, etc that already exist. Reading benches are nice to have and places to lay down a blanket in the grass.
More trash cans. Some areas have a decent amount of trash cans, others do not. Also some are not emptied often and overflow. Also more public restrooms are always a plus.
Please leave Stevenson natural. We have such a beautiful area, this sounds like we are trying to build something like Vancouver. Make walkways dotted with trees, and bump outs with full views. Please don't just try to make it a tax revenue generator. We pay taxes to live in this beautiful place, please don't destroy that.
Jobs so that people don't have to commute 2 hours a day, work on the mill, or take crap from service / retail "customers".
More public restrooms
Skate park, pump track.

QUESTION 11 - 105 Responses

What new programs or events do you think should exist in local parks and recreational areas?

ANSWERS:

The Kite Festival is nice because its something that doesn't have to do with music & alcohol. We seem to have a lot of events that are music and booze. The city and port are crazy for not taking MORE advantage of the wind here. The kite boarding and wind surfing could be huge incomes. These folks don't have many places to stay in Stevenson is also the problem. The lodge is too expensive and places like the new hotel across from Manor Apartments has no place to park trailers with the long boats.	Maintain what we currently have, then build on that.
Park clean up days would be great if we want to add all these new areas.	Salmon festival. Much like the clam chowder festival that Olympia used to have. Local restaurants set up booths with samples for purchase using their favorite salmon recipes
Free swimming lessons for youth at the pool if they live in the area that supports it with taxes. Too much water here for people to not be safe in the water	Skate park, martial arts, dance, yoga
Outdoor activities for kids & seniors	Something for kids of all ages
Animal adoptions, discount vet resources	Pickleball courts with permanent nets. Possibly covered
Motocross track	After getting home valley ball fields in mint condition, expand the possibilities of of sports for all.
Summer concert series. Second run movie theater at the Columbia Gorge Museum.	Guided walks
Expanded community events like 4th of July and the fair.	Outdoor performances, such as a partnership with Big Britches , a larger area for the farmers market, or a botanical garden
See above	I'd like to see more paved walking/biking paths like North Bonneville has. The section of Loop Rd that's closed off to cars would be an easy route to dedicate to pedestrians & cyclists.
Tree lighting, Halloween jack o lantern wall, bubbles in the park, green space	Pickleball Venue and Tournaments. Draw visitors to Stevenson. Give visitors other activities to keep them here longer.
Adult recreational sports	Guided mini water tours (kayaks, etc.); indoor racquet ball courts or additional pickleball courts. Exercise classes like aerobics--may need a new facility with wood floors.
Exercise options	Farmer's market
NA	Food, beverage, art festivals
Mixed bag festival like we had in the past. Reservable covered picnic areas with bbqs	Not sure
Covered picnic areas with grills and charcoal disposal areas. (Birthday parties, reunions, etc). Seasonal bathrooms?	Volleyball
Bring back summer camps for kids at the pool	Small music performances, theater in the park.
Zumba classes	Sorry, nothing comes to mind
Outdoor concerts other than at clark and lewies	Halloween Festival once Park Plaza is completed
Movie nights indoor or outdoor	skate park for kids
Acoustic music	More programs for older kids skateboard competitions bmx etc
Sunfish sailing classes	Outdoor art placed sporadically for interest
a skate park & bmx bike park	Expand Gorge Canoe Club or develop a Stevenson specific canoe/surfski club.
More kid friendly exercise (yoga, dance, etc), painting/art, festivals, and carnivals.	Outdoor concerts
	Any thing for teens, dances, cooking classes, financial classes.

QUESTION 11 - 105 Responses

What new programs or events do you think should exist in local parks and recreational areas?

ANSWERS:

None
Seems like many are all ready underway
Yoga! Basketball! Movement classes (strength, cardio, mobility, other sports). Learning programs for adults and for the elderly (not just for the kiddos)! Volunteer opportunities for community members!
Senior activities
Youth center. summer camps or activities throughout the summer for different age groups. From little kids to young adults.
Would love to see open air plays and more live music, etc.
more activities for children
Promote the area for more events
Water sport activities for free or reduced for tweens and teens. Things that are fun for young kids to keep them out of trouble Hiking club
I'm all for any community programs/events
Things that are kid friendly and promote wildlife education or physical activity/ sports
I like the current blend of music festivals, paddling and wind sport events. We could do more of those, which even if I don't participate, are fun to have people come enjoy our city and support local businesses.
More concerts with better sound engineering.
More activities for teens
A country western music event
Folk music festival Rock Creek white water festival
Music.
Movies in the park
Safe skate park
I think there should be off leash places for dogs to run.
More runs (like official 5k type things) perhaps? Even more gatherings or concerts?
None that I'm aware of
Concerts or movies in the park
School kids learning about outdoors, don't make a big come to the gorge and bring more people from the outside...we have over used areas already
Camp
None

Art, theater, music, markets
Kayak rentals
More community building events for young people!
More live music from more contemporary and diverse genres
none
I'd love to see more music and theater happen here.
Movies in the park. Concerts/families in the park events like Hood River does.
Water sports
The point of being in Stevenson is to get away from places that are overly developed and geared towards tourists. Locals do just fine getting in and out of the water with kayaks, SUPs, etc and additional docks etc just feels like its more for our Portland visitors that don't want to use the area naturally
Swimming area in rock cove for youth. Alternate site for wingers than the boat launch. They already have swimmers thinking it's a swim beach. Get county to fix up home valley. Weed maintenance..including blackberries
Information talks? Farming talks?
Affordable group rental space
Adult recreational sports
Local plant identification
Water the park in Stevenson and make it look inviting. Improve what you have before you add more.
Outdoor recreational classes for kids, teens and adults, gardening/foraging classes for kids and adults.
Dances for kids and adults, themed get togethers, movie nights in summer
Summer camps for kids that are physically active outdoors- biking , skating , paddling
kid adventure programs, more live music events
More sports options for our kids!
Native history programs, foraging programs, invasive species identification and eradication programs, wild mushroom festival (I think this would attract a lot of visitors), programs for low-income youth to try/learn kiteboarding and windsurfing, which could possibly be funded by charging other people for lessons.

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QUESTION 11 - 105 Responses

What new programs or events do you think should exist in local parks and recreational areas?

ANSWERS:

music festivals
All inclusive programs! As a parent with two children on the autism spectrum and the number of children with disabilities growing nationwide we need more inclusion in skamania county. Sensory sensitive activities, for example miracle leagues are a option in Washougal and vancouver but we have to drive there.
Let people use as they please. Encourage chess or checkers or similar where more active play isn't as good of a fit.
N/A
Dog parks. Community garden for youth who maybe under the poverty line to grow food. Work program for youth to earn money toward sports equipment or instruments.
Local only events that build community, instead of tourist leaving trash while a small group of people benefit.
I would love to see more events on the weekends where people are playing instruments!
None
adult recreational sports leagues, more local concerts



QUESTION 12 - 98 Responses

Do you have any additional suggestions for how to improve local parks and recreational areas?

ANSWERS:

A solid plan on how these sites and any new sites will be maintained. This means physically and who is going to police them in regard to making sure they do not turn into places for the houseless to set up camp (think inside and outside city limits). The Rock Creek park play structures is are in disrepair and needs help.

Any new sites along Rock Creek (the creek its self) will become like the west end of the county on hot days. Drunks. Fights. Water rescues. The internet ruins everything. Once the word gets out it will not be a place for locals any longer. Look what happened to the Oregon side. Now they are permitting use. You have to schedule seeing the waterfall.

Connecting both sides of town with a bridge over Hwy 14 is interesting but I can see problems with a bridge. Signs, graffiti, protests, kids dropping stuff from it. Directing the path into town where speeds are lower and people can use a crosswalk is better and less expensive.

As a Stevenson resident I do think the speed limit in Stevenson needs to be dropped to 20mph. The city of white salmon did it. We can too.

I believe that the walking bridge would be such an eyesore for the community.

Don't feel like parking needs to be big or expensive. Think trailhead for the parks outside of the downtown. No need to pave or install curbs, etc. Keep it natural please

Just make them clean and safe.

Pick up all the drug needles

Better links between the existing pathways are a must. Downtown waterfront to the Mill Pond Trail. Downtown waterfront to the east side of Stevenson. Milk Pond Trail around the County Property, behind the old folks home and museum. Connection to the Bridge of the Gods. A mini-Snoqualmie Falls-type trail in upper Rock Creek would be amazing.

Focus on completing the highest identified priority and updating what already exists vs numerous poorly done projects/falling apart existing infrastructure.

When can we purchase the old co-ply property and do something amazing there?

Green space! ♥

Coordinate with county for more robust programs like in the 80s and 90s

More landscape maintenance

Water fountain/benches to enjoy the ambience

Garbage cans, dog disposal.

Volunteer host program to maintain the parks. Post work 20 hours per week for free RV hookup and internet. Responsible for groundskeeping and trash collection. This is done at all of the Oregon State. Hatcheries.

Please don't mess with the upper Rock Creek Falls access- there are already too many Portlanders going there

No

Spruce up landscaping

Interpretive and educational signage

"YES!!! I have sooo many ideas and would love to join on the planning process/committee.

MOST important is to create access to the water features, waterfalls, swimming areas, beaches and trails that connect and extend throughout the county so people can get out, connect, share and enjoy view all the precious and valuable resources that Skamania county has to offer. "

Please DO NOT build anything on Iman Cemetary road. There are lots of folks and animals that love the natural area there. We don't need our residential area to be a tourist attraction! PRESERVE NATURE!

"Minimal bright colors on equipment installed...I think the boat launch area has bright colors on musical features that do not blend in with the setting

Maybe offer water fill stations"

no overnite camping unless in a designated camping area that you have to pay for in the parks

Parking and pedestrian safety are a huge need before any of these attractions are completed. Russel and second street needs a stop light or pedestrian light or parking completely off at least one side of the street.

See all comments above.

Maintenance. Maintenance. Maintenance.

Keep homeless and drug use maintained

QUESTION 12 - 98 Responses

Do you have any additional suggestions for how to improve local parks and recreational areas?

ANSWERS:

Check with all close proximity local residents before construction that will allow more foot traffic near their homes. Part of the beauty of this community is the opportunity to maintain one's own solitude in their home.	Improve bathrooms and signage
Get the boardheads an kayakers off the boat ramp at the port.	I love what's being done. More trails and options are always great. It would be nice to have trails that are not right at the waterfront and more up in the neighborhoods.
We need more FUN things for children of all ages. We have too many bars and breweries, we need facilities with fun zones for children, like an arcade, skating, movies	More groomed trails
Speed the process up! The courthouse lawn improvements should have been done already. You want to embrace tourism, facilitate it.	Quit letting Judith try to play dictator over Russell ave by the courthouse... you know what I'm talking about so don't pretend you don't.
Parking access	Like some of lower rated ideas like tower but don't think it should be public access
Tacoma's Pointe Defiance Park, Chambers Bay, and Golden Gate Park in San Fran all have some really great ideas.	Get rid of the railroad....
I'd love to see all of the projects in this survey happen!	LitTer patrol daily
Indoor Pickleball Facility is needed to draw visitors to Stevenson during off season and retain existing residents. Otherwise everyone leaves for Arizona as soon as the rain starts.	No
Install pervious pavement when constructing any new parking or re-finishing any old parking. Put in grass pavers as much as possible--they are so beautiful and they let the rainwater go back into the ground, reducing the need for more stormwater infrastructure. They've been used in Europe for a long time and I've seen them even in some new neighborhoods in west Vancouver. I'd even tear out all the newly paved areas of Bob's Beach and put in pervious surfaces, especially grass pavers.	More trails, more community shared spaces, more programs for learning and helping our fellow community members.
Clean up trails, more benches, restrooms, and eating areas	Trails so people can enjoy walking around town
Invest in the pool	Indoor place for young people to go and hangout during the day/afternoons
Not at this time but I certainly am glad that it will be improving	There are not two "alike" people, so our parks should reflect diversity of enjoyment, not a one size fits all. I personally like to hike, however, I would be much more apt to enjoy spaces with activities/entertainment.
free parking. If you charge to park or use, I will likely not visit	This survey didn't have costs associated with any of the parks proposals- would like to see that info also, thanks!
Since we have to pay a new Parks tax, please provide Garbage cans at Rock Creek along the paved pathways.	No
Green grass	Don't over pave. You don't need to create more parking when there is lots of parking not being used. You need to address the issue of publicity for these public spaces, not build on top of our county's natural beauty. Give the people affordable things to do, and give people more accessible information about these areas.
	Finding ways to connect and enhance the paths and trails we have should be a priority
	be sure safe, free garbage, free goose poop on trails
	We need more things for teenagers. When I was in high school, everybody hung out at the skate park. Now they have no place to go except for the basketball courts at the middle school. Which is inconvenient if you don't have a ride to Carson.

QUESTION 12 - 98 Responses

Do you have any additional suggestions for how to improve local parks and recreational areas?

ANSWERS:

More interesting interpretive displays. Maybe add some non traditional displays that aren't just historic or that describe natural features.	Keep it natural
Skating areas	Water access. Access for Community Members. Clean up water weeds
Dog friendly places would be ideal.	Impressed by ideas
A focus on ... -Trails -The walkability of the city -The quality of the the public gathering spots	Create a splash pool /water park for summer use on the cement pad outside the pool.
Leash law enforcement, manage homeless encampments	Volunteer days to help sand/paint picnic tables, create murals, childcare for events so parents can participate
More parking, more dog friendly, more bike paths for families	Take advantage of water front. Splash pad?
keep them clean	Fix the skate park.
None	Keep the homeless population out of them
Just having a plan is a great first step!	Kids focus on our local kids
Public indoor space for kids. Indoor play area or skating rink.	More parking
Pave the gravel road next to ash road for road biking through the town. Add mountain bike trails to washout areas. Mountain bike trails are severely lacking in this area of the gorge. Create more waking pathways through and around town.	Every summer people form a makeshift trail from Rock Creek Drive to the excellent swimming hole at the lower falls. In some spots it's very unsafe, with large boulders and active landslides falling down the cliffs. Establishing a safe trail to access the pool below the falls should be a priority.
Improve messaging about what parks and recreational areas are available to members of the community, as well as exactly how to find these areas	Less parking and events, more natural spaces and celebrations of local culture and nature
leave all as is. Rock Creek is not stable, does flood at times. Courthouse Lawn is beautiful as is and provides lawn to sit on to view concerts, Easter egg hunt, temporary signage space. Already in place is extended sidewalk for dining or Christmas in Gorge activities.	I believe our kids would benefit from a splash pad for the summer, revamp our stevenson children's park (take a look at hood river) also again all-inclusive example swings for children in wheelchairs. Since being a mom of special needs children its sad that I have to say our county has no options for my kids to be included and we have to travel for out of county opportunities.
I would love to see the planned plaza, in front of the Skamania County Courthouse, come to life... it is really the heart of the community and has so much potential.	Less emphasis on public drinking, beer festivals. Way less..
Rewilding and tree planting so there are shady places to enjoy the summer from. Big trees feel good to be around.	Signs letting people know the space is open to use would be more welcoming
More seating and better upkept play equipment for kids.	N/A
N/A	I love our parks, if you put too many activity in our scenic areas, we will loose the beauty. Please keep in in the same vein as it is now. Nature as our focal point, little views buildings and activities.
I would love to see the West Waterfront/Rock Creek trail system completed. I walk the riverfront daily and wish I had more scenic trail to walk further across town	Keep them small and keep quiet about them.
	More restrooms and trash cans, I constantly see empty alcohol containers around the main street.
	We need more walk ability

QUESTION 14 - 141 Responses

Where do you live or work?

ANSWER CHOICES:

I live or work within Stevenson City Limits **72.34%**

I live or work in the Urban Growth Area **9.22%**

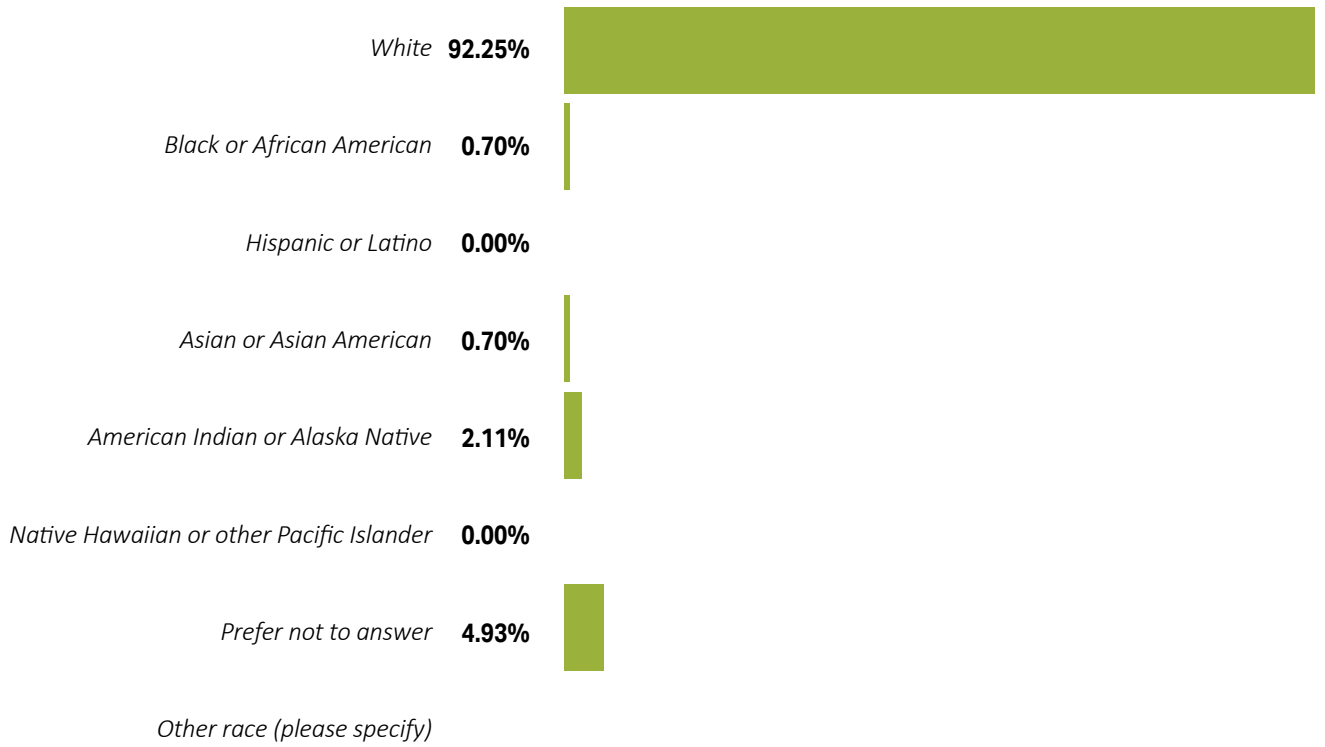
*I live or work outside of both the City and
the Urban Growth Area* **18.44%**



QUESTION 15 - 142 Responses

What is your race or ethnicity? Check all that apply

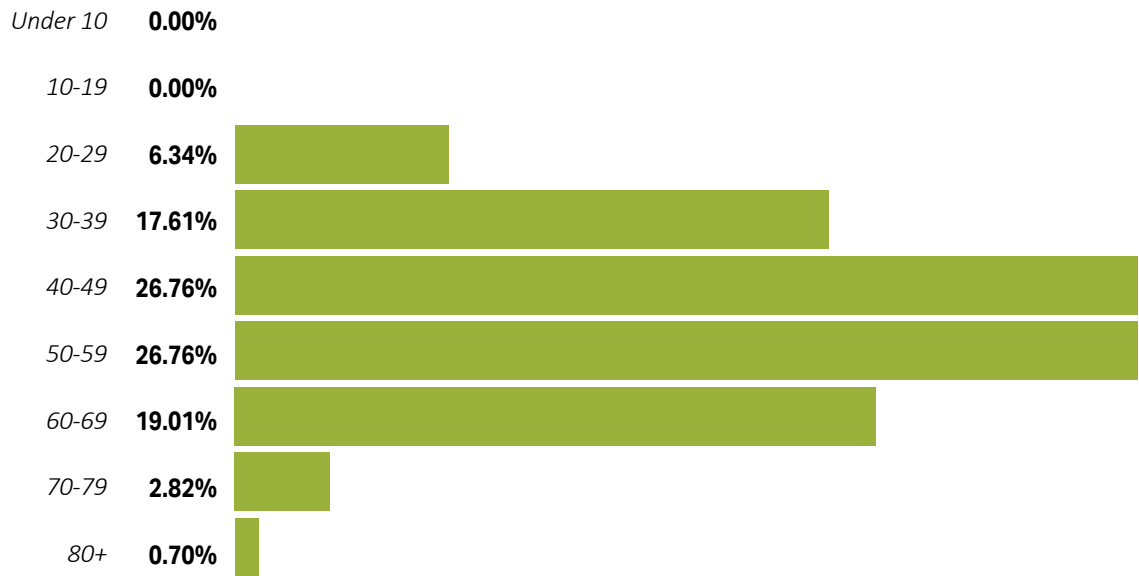
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QUESTION 16 - 142 Responses

What is your age?

ANSWER CHOICES:



QUESTION 17 - 142 Responses

How many people live in your household?

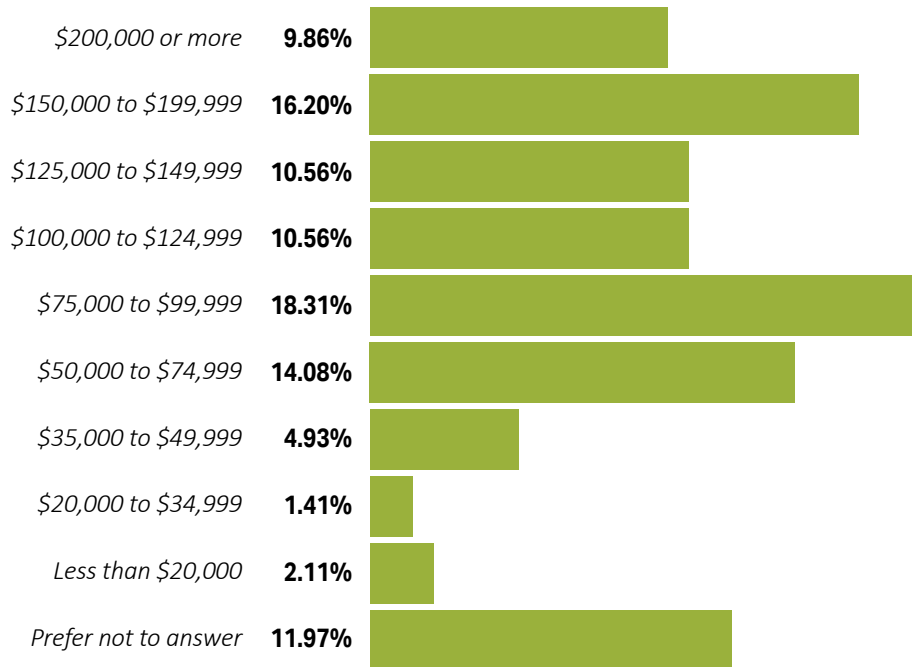
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QUESTION 18 - 142 Responses

What is your household income?

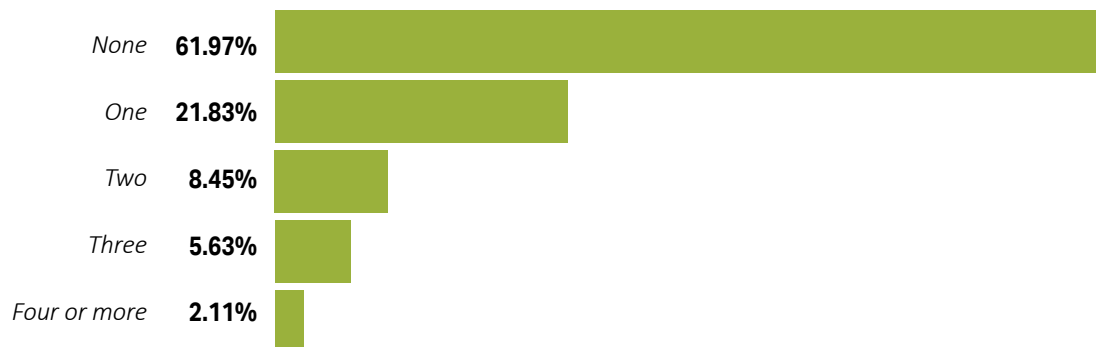
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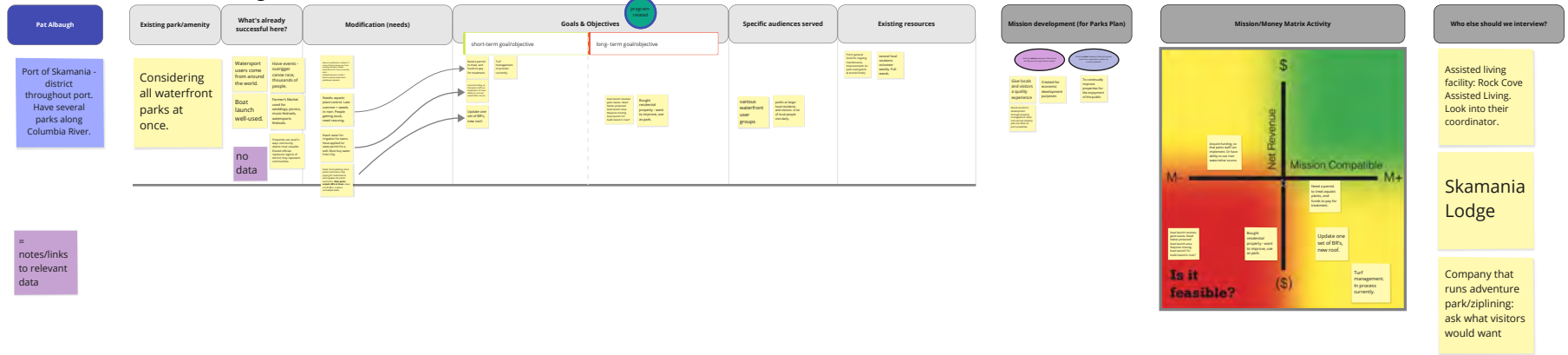
How many children age 18 or younger live in your household?

ANSWER CHOICES:

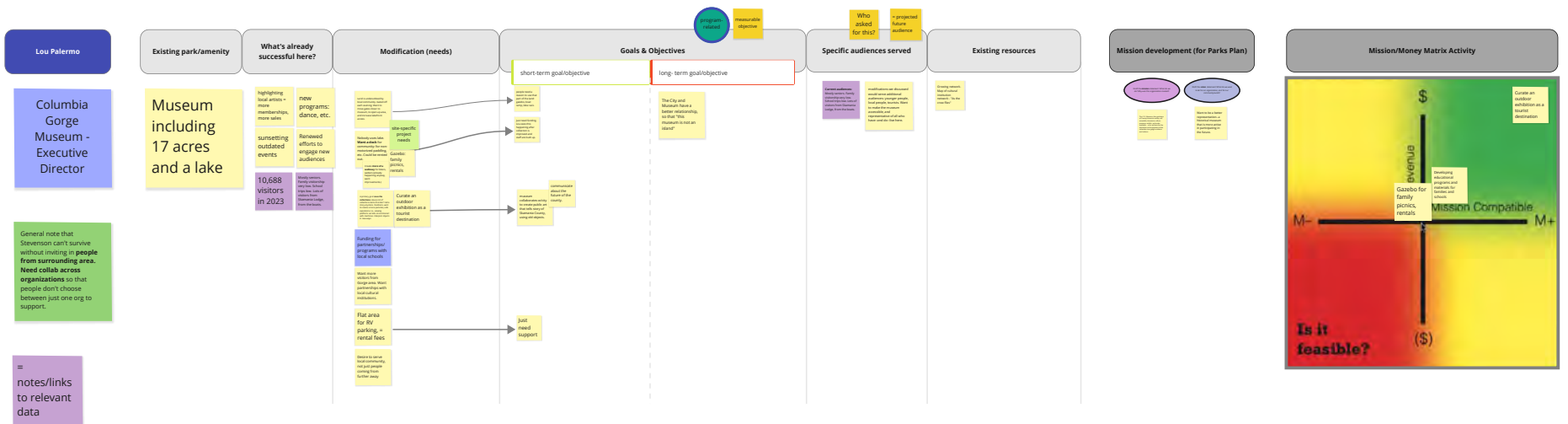


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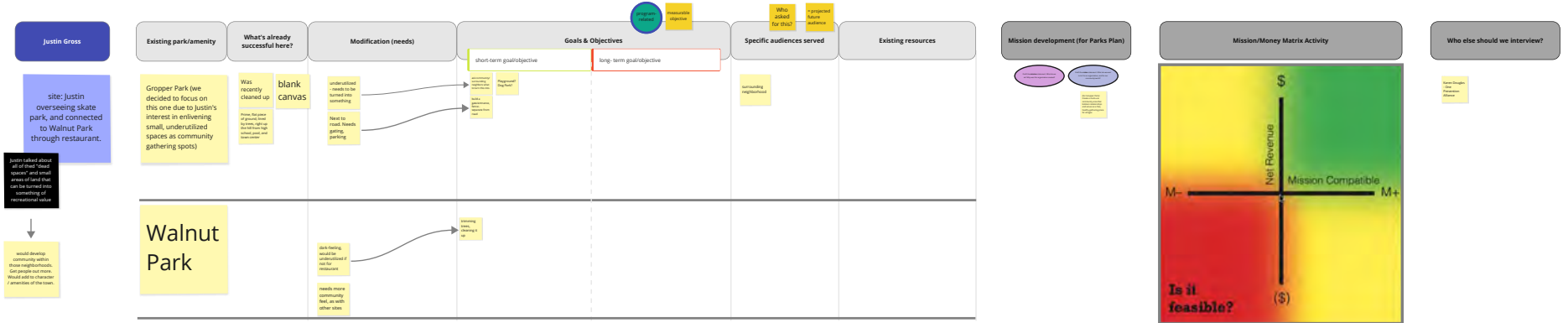


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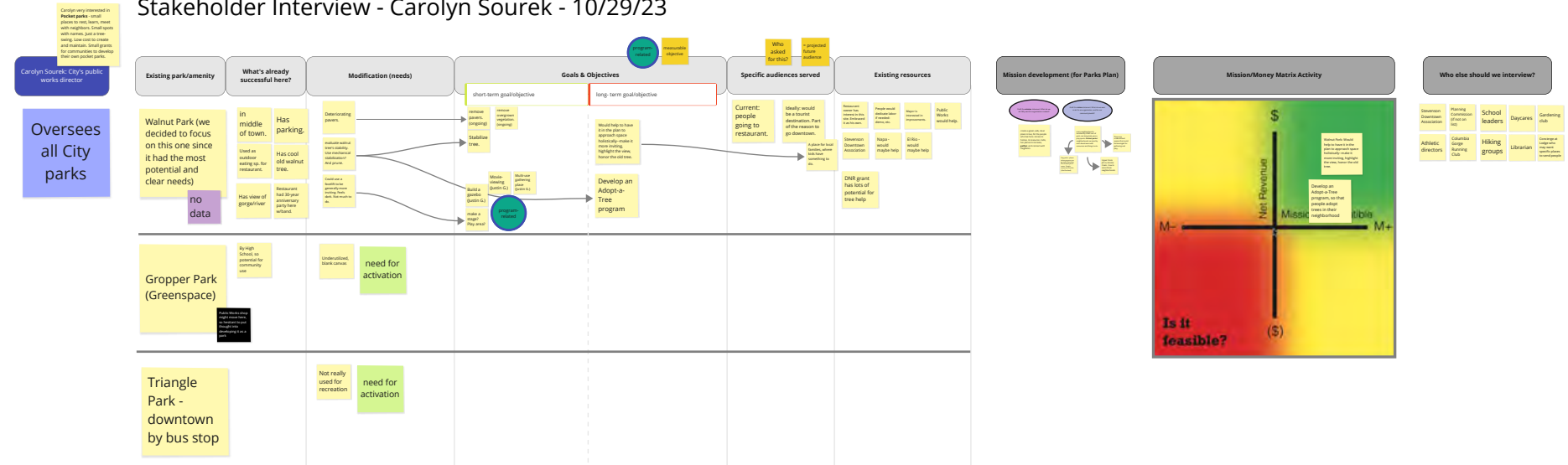


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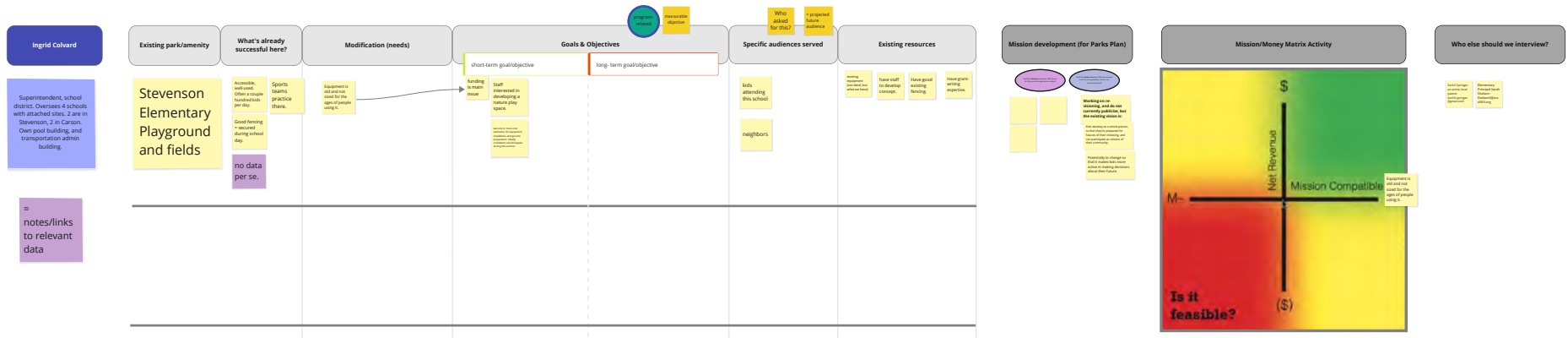


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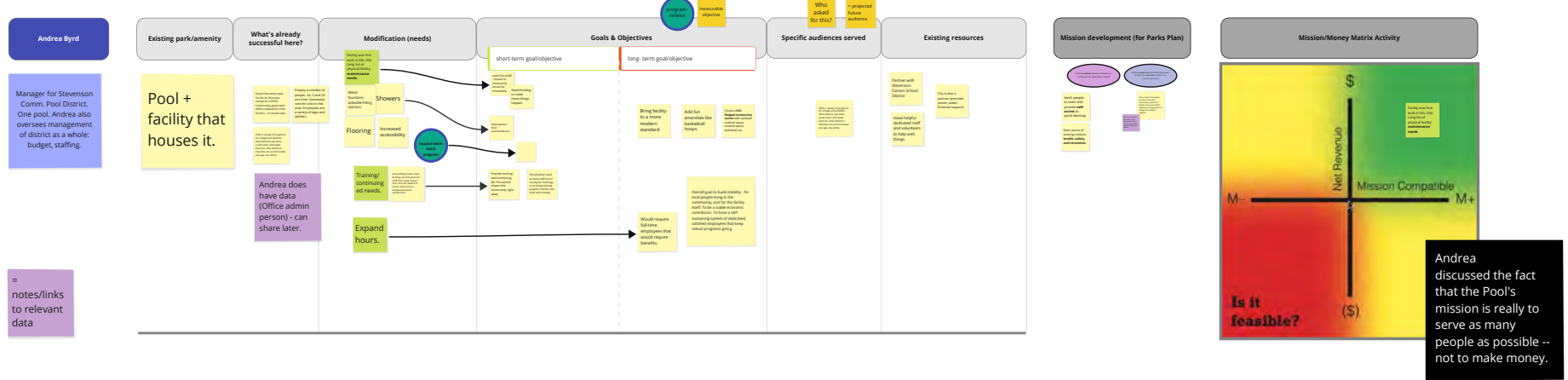


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Stakeholder Interview - Ingrid Colvard - 10/24/23

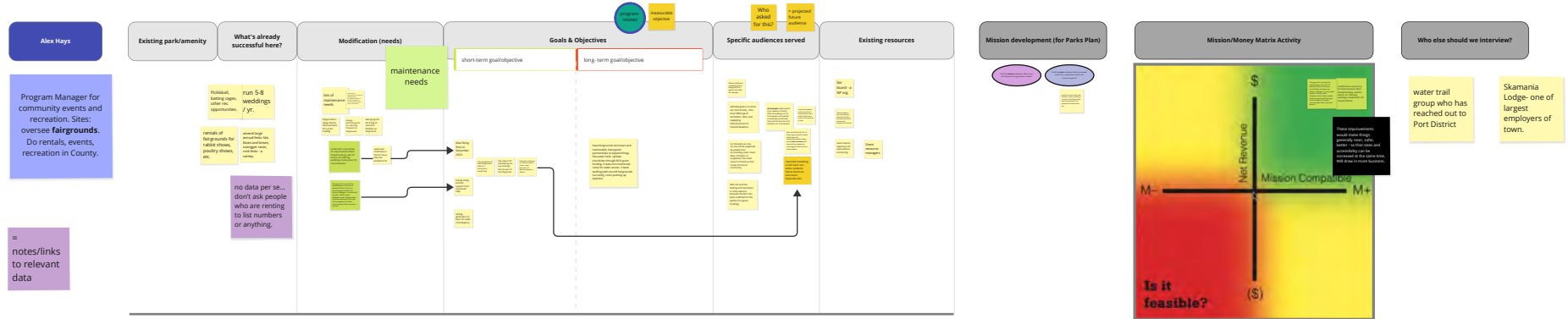


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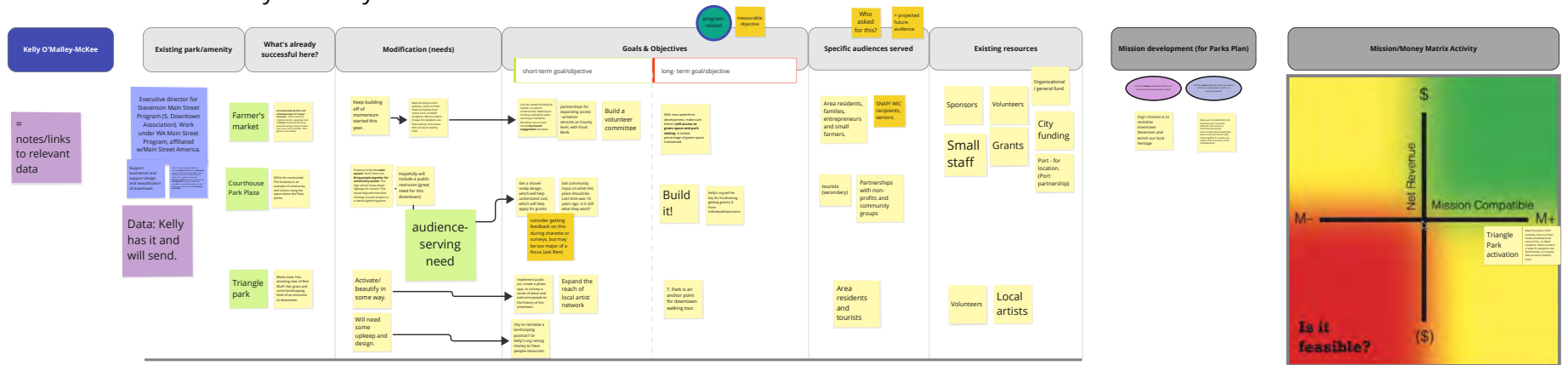


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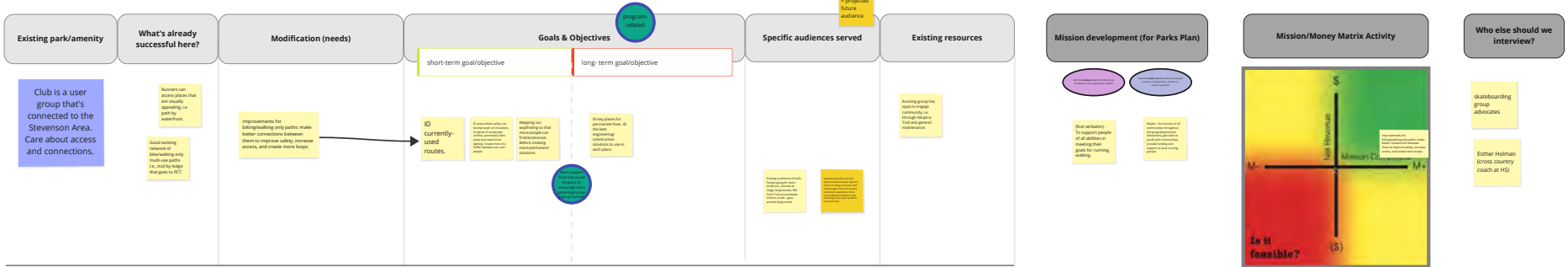


Stakeholder Interview - Kelly O'Malley-McKee - 10/26/23

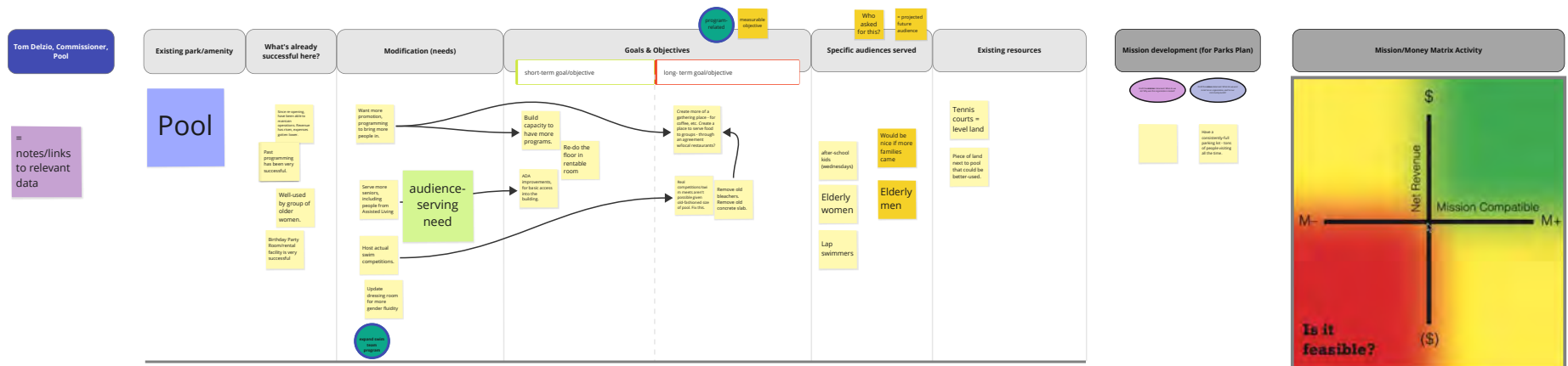


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Stakeholder Interview - Torrey Lindbo (President of Columbia Gorge Running Club) - 11/6/23

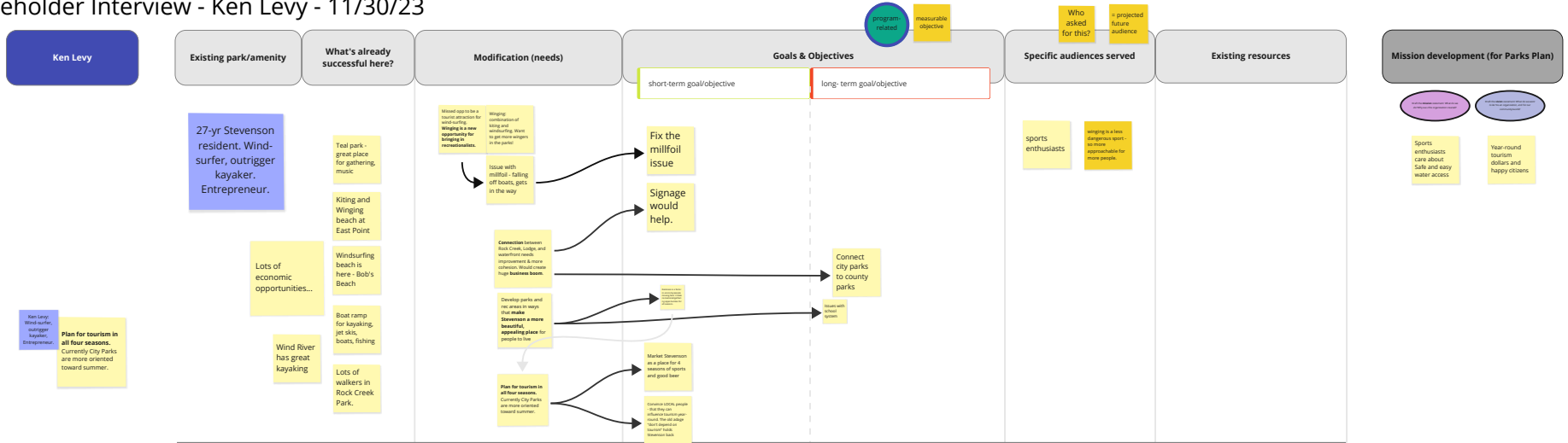


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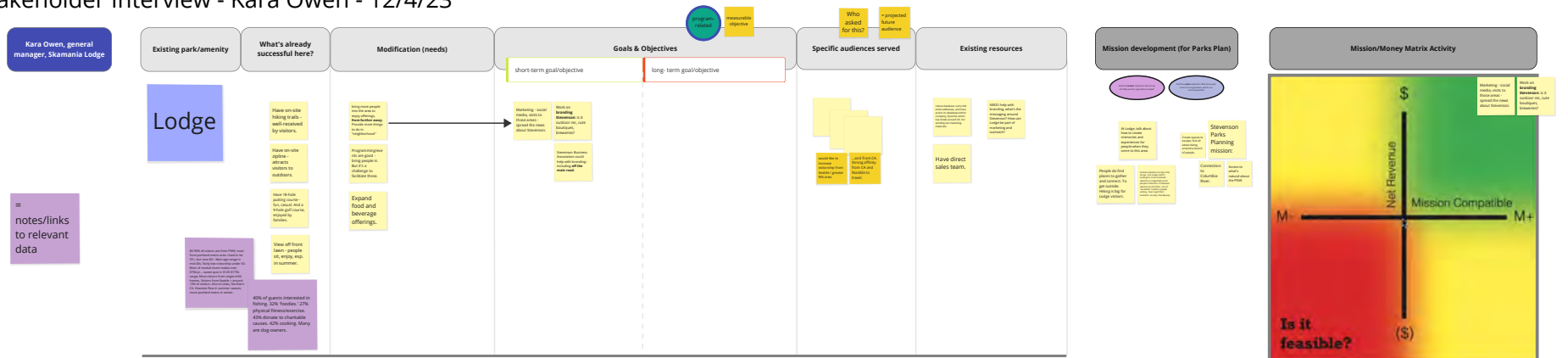


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Stakeholder Interview - Ken Levy - 11/30/23



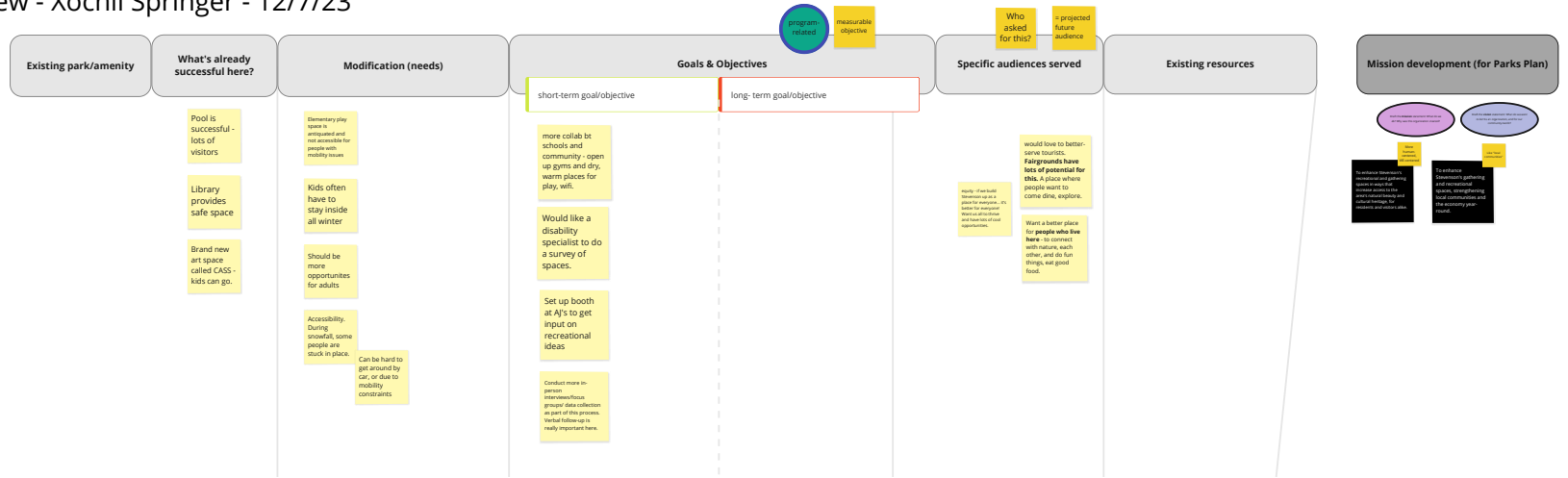
Stakeholder Interview - Kara Owen - 12/4/23



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Stakeholder Interview - Xochil Springer - 12/7/23

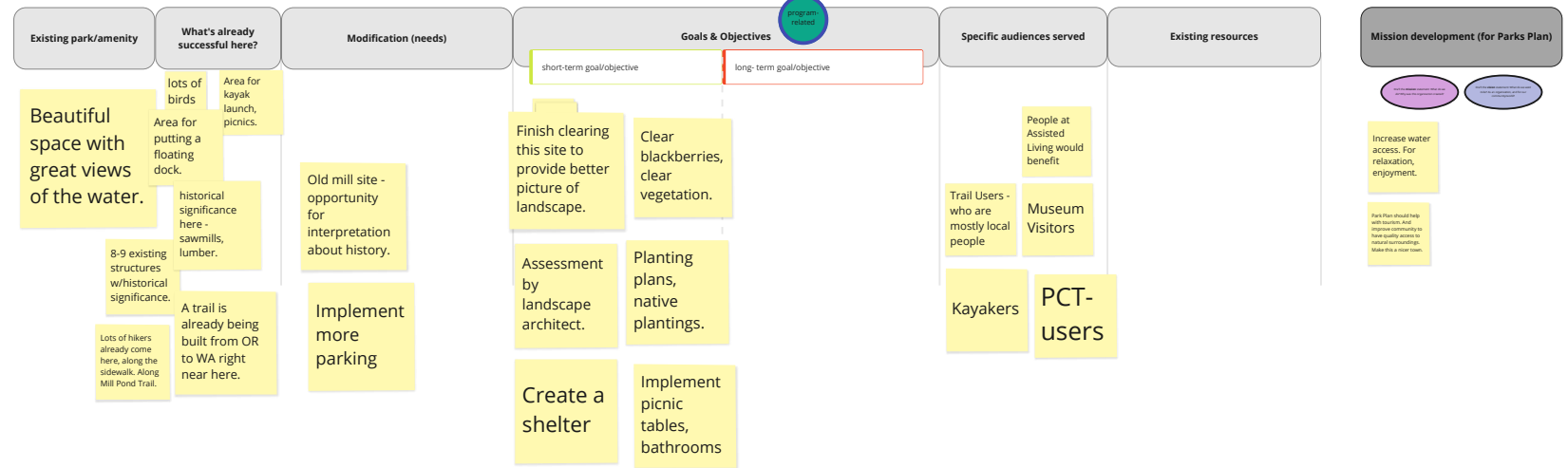
Xochil Springer, resident of Stevenson, parent w/kids raised in City. Centrally-located. Loves recreation. Passionate about parks. Want increased access for all! For people of all abilities and ages. Would love to open a homeschool play space



Stakeholder Interview - Lonnie Gates - 1/10/24

Lonnie Gates

Lonnie lives in assisted living, next door to Museum. Hiker. Hikes around Stevenson area, proposed park area around museum. Excited about more access to assisted living residents - for birdwatching. Good opp for ADA pathway next door. Recently, been trailblazing down to water, for views, fishing.



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Meeting Information		
Date & Time	08-24-2023	
To/Participants	Marina French, Chuck McDowell (DCG/Watershed)	
Copy to	For record in plan appendix	
From/Meeting Leader	Marina French, Chuck McDowell (DCG/Watershed)	
Project No./Name	240418 – City of Stevenson Parks Master Plan	
Objective	Stevenson Parks Plan Master Plan Advisory Committee Kickoff meeting. Advisory Meeting #1	

Agenda/Discussion

- Introductions
 - Ben Shumaker – City of Stevenson, Community Development Director, Project Manager, City Parks Advocate, Pool district commissioner (attending in person).
 - Ingrid Colvard – Superintendent of Stevenson-Carson School District (attending virtually).
 - Pat Albaugh – Port of Skamania County, Executive Director (attending virtually).
 - Tom Lannen – Skamania County, District 2 Chair (attending in person).
 - Tiffany Anderson – City of Stevenson, Planning & Public Works Assistant (attending in person).
 - Alex Hays – Skamania County, Manager of Cultural Events and Recreation (such as the County Fairgrounds) (attending in person).
 - Andrea Byrd - Stevenson Community Pool District, Representative (attending in person).
 - Tom Delzio- Stevenson Community Pool District, Commissioner (attending in person).
 - Consultant Introductions Marina French, Project manager, Chuck McDowell, Lead Landscape Architect.
- What is a Parks Master Plan
 - Ben – The City is leading a coalition (the advisory board present today at this meeting) on behalf of all of the organizations that provide parks and recreation opportunities to the community of Stevenson.

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- The City is not going to push every organization to fill all of the community needs just within their organization. The goal is to distribute the efforts and investments.
- Tom Lannen - Is this going to replace the counties plan?
 - Ben – each individual organization will have to adopt the plan in order to use it to apply for grants. It could be supplementary to your plan.
 - Tom - The County has kicked off a parks planning process but it hasn't been completed. This is a template that the County can use themselves to complete their Parks Plan.
- Consultants – Your participation in this process will allow us to identify similar projects that multiple organizations have identified and prioritize partnerships or priorities for funding.
- Ben – We are on a fast schedule to get it done by February 2024.
 - Schedule is driven by need to fund Courthouse project through RCO.
- Alex – Fairgrounds are looking for opportunities to improve, including different grant opportunities – even emergency management.
- State Requirements for RCO Grants. Presentation by Nick Norton, Policy and Planning Specialist with WA State RCO office.
 - Nick is the project point of contact for people looking to establish planning eligibility that opens up grant funding.
 - He will be reviewing it relative to the RCO requirements.
 - He can review early drafts and support this process.
 - Tom Lannen – What is RCO conserving?
 - Nick – Grants related to conservation funding – Urban wildlife habitat, Riparian protection program, Critical wildlife habitat – specific plan or animal species of high value.
 - A conservation focus in the open space plan will help get those grants.
 - Also recreation programs – local parks.
 - Planning for Recreation Access
 - These require a plan - Boating Facilities, land and water conservation fund, NOVA-trails, WWRP-recreation, WWRP – habitat
 - Boating facilities program – supports renovation or development of docs
 - County applied for that program for wind river dock – have experience with this program
 - What elements are required? – Plan should be aligned with best practices but there is also flexibility to accommodate what the local process looks like.

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- Public involvement
 - Opportunity to be systematic and reach different voices in the community
- Inventory
 - Condition & Capacity are important elements
- Demand & Needs Analysis
 - Level of Service
 - Walk-sheds & Drive-sheds
 - Financial Capacity Analysis
- Goals & Objectives
 - Be specific as possible
- Capital Improvement Plan
 - Projects, priorities, dates, sources of funds, etc.
- Nick will send a few examples of approved plans to Ben to distribute to the group
- A specific entity may adapt an existing plan or develop a cooperative plan
 - Want to be clear about a couple of things on the front end
 - If you want to include a conservation focus on this – this must be imbedded throughout the plan
 - This may need a supplemental study
- If County process is overlapping city process –
 - If county is trying to use this plan as eligibility
 - There may be another approval accomodation needed – engage with RCO early to discuss this.
- All these districts include and extend beyond the city limits, UGA limits, or project limits.
- Ingrid – Can the School district apply for grants through this process?
 - School distrcit facilities – interest in updating Stevenson Elementary playground, lots of community use
 - RCO – deferred maintenance grant 30k min 100k max – need to look into elegebility requirements
 - Healthy kids grant
 - Would appreciate shared responsibility on grant opportunities
- Consultant Power Point Presentation
 - DCG/Watershed’s Scope & Role (COS)
 - Project Approach (DCG/Watershed)
 - Schedule
 - Deliverables

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- Anticipated Outcomes
 - Next Steps
 - Review Plan Table of Contents (DCG/Watershed)
 - Shared Expectations (DCG/Watershed /COS)
 - RACI
 - Review Advisory Committee questionnaire shared via email prior to this meeting (DCG/Watershed)
- Workshop Activity – Roundtable discussion and each entity share thoughts on MISSION and VALUES for parks and recreation in the community, and any other questions or comments.
 - City:
 - Sense of Permanence & Quality (basalt not CMU blocks)
 - Stability
 - Human Activity – for example cater to wind sports, but not to the same degree as places like Hood River.
 - Not commercialized – keep it quaint, low key, and folksy.
 - Maintain a balance of activities without one thing dominating.
 - Sense of Arrival is important.
 - County
 - Tom Lannen – County has a bunch of needs & Not wants.
 - He has a very focused financial vision of where he puts money.
 - Number 1 job of putting community first.
 - Drawing people in to support businesses is important.
 - Year round activities.
 - Increasing revenue is a goal:
 - Could double revenue if more parking was available.
 - Need new ways to park people for larger events.
 - Shuttle to the interpretive center?
 - New stage to hold concerts.
 - Pickleball, little league – fields are in disrepair (comment was on Home valley park – not in city of Stevenson).
 - Provide recreation within natural resources:
 - Water trails (non-motorized launch).
 - Long term opportunities for local residents.
 - Cross pollination culturally – welcome people into the community. Give a reason for people to come together
 - What does welcoming mean?

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- Does not find Stevevonson welcoming.
 - Maintain the character of the area.
- Pool
 - Welcoming
 - Gathering Spot
 - Parking lot fullness feel like a barometer of success.
 - A spot to have coffee or food – that’s what draws people together.
 - Pool is not seasonal.
 - Make the pool more usable.
 - Accessibility
 - Need a method to get down into the pool if you can’t walk down the steps.
 - Would like Rock Cove Assisted Living Community to bring people over to the pool.
 - Need to make it visually more fun.
 - Wellness
 - Use the facility as part of a wellness lifestyle.
 - Comfortable
 - Physical Safety
 - Inclusive
 - Old tennis courts can be repurposed – potential land – big asset
 - Want to see people in the parking lot
 - Programming
 - Movies
 - Next nearest pool is in Hood River, OR.
- (Ingrid and Pat were unable to attend the second half of the meeting, therefore there are no comments.)
- Next Steps (DCG/Watershed /COS)
 - Data Requests – Due
 - Inventory & Analysis
 - Stakeholder Interviews
 - Community Engagement
 - Next Workshop

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Attachment:

Advance questions for Advisory Committee

Project Introduction:

The project involves the creation of a Parks Master Plan which will serve as a strategic plan for enhancing park and recreation services in Stevenson. It is aimed at enhancing community well-being through strategic development of open spaces, recreation facilities, and the identification of ongoing maintenance needs. The plan will guide the identification, prioritization, and funding of projects on land owned by the city and key public stakeholders including the County, Port, School District, and Pool District. Representatives from these entities will make up the Parks Planning Advisory Committee. The plan will serve as a tool to seek state recreation grants, define community projects, and set long term priorities.

The planning process provides Advisory Committee members with a collaborative platform to align resources and goals, creating a shared vision for open space and recreation. By engaging in this process, Advisory Committee members can effectively contribute to community development, address their organizations' missions, and identify projects that align with the shared goals of the Committee. The plan opens avenues for potential funding, partnerships, and impactful multi-benefit projects.

Expected Stakeholder Involvement:

The Advisory Committee is expected to actively participate in workshops, discussions, and planning sessions throughout the project. This input will shape the plan's content, project identification, and implementation strategies. Collaborative discussions will help identify shared goals, prioritize projects, and explore opportunities for cross-organization collaboration. Ultimately, this input will guide the creation of a well-rounded Parks Master Plan that will ground future investment in the community.

Before the workshop, please reflect on how your organization's mission and strategic goals can align with and contribute to the development of this plan.

Vision and Alignment:

How do you envision this plan aligning with your organization's mission and strategic goals – short term – long term?

What aspects of this work resonate with your organization's vision for community well-being?

Collaboration Potential:

How can your organization contribute to the shared vision for open space and recreation projects?

Are there resources, expertise, or partnerships your organization can bring to the table?

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Identifying Community Needs:

From your perspective, what are the most critical recreation and open space needs in the community that this plan could address?

Are there specific demographic groups or neighborhoods that your organization particularly aims to serve?

Ongoing and Planned Projects:

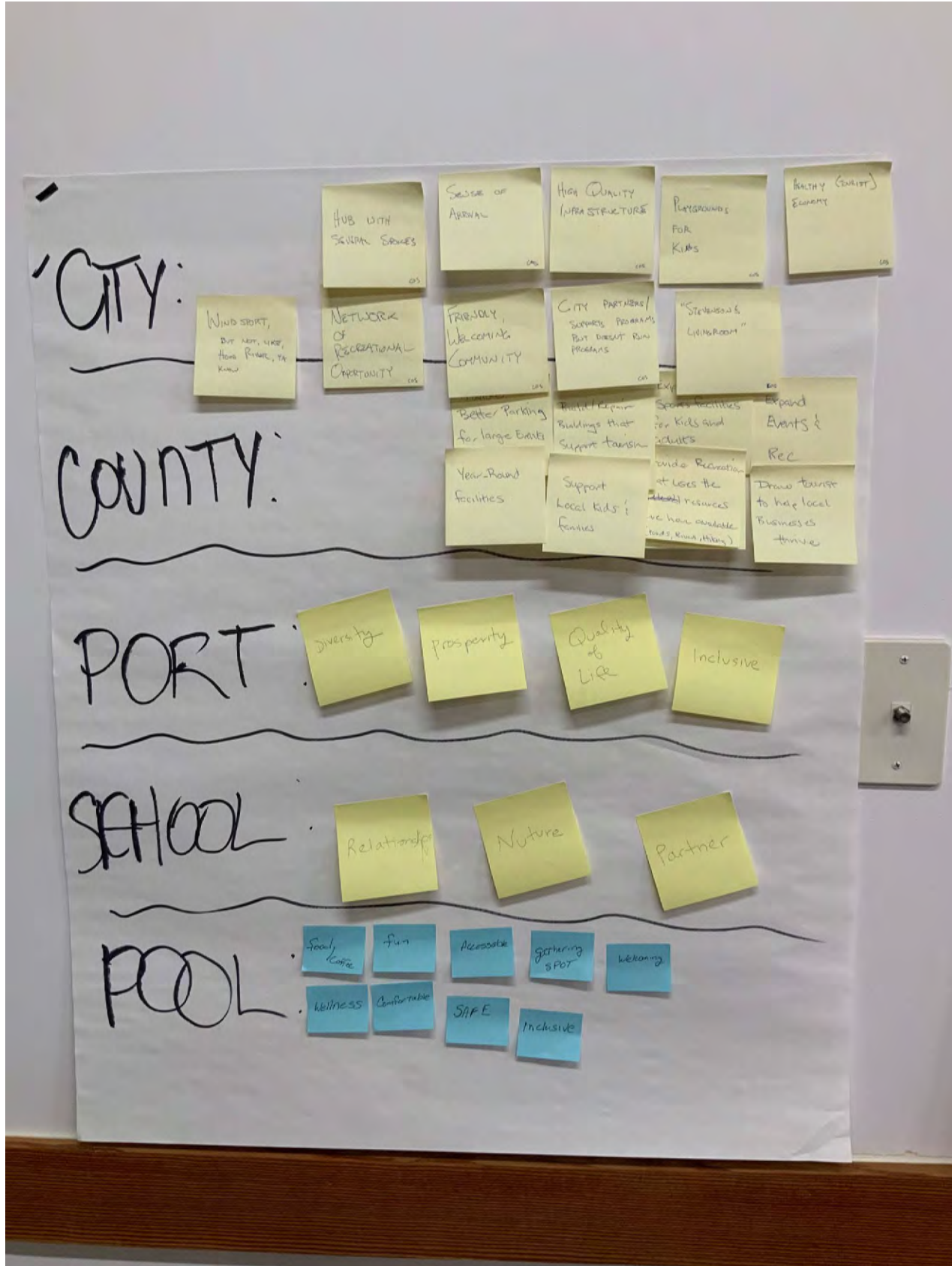
Are there any ongoing or planned projects within your organization that could impact or align with this effort?

Have you already identified any specific needs or challenges within your organization that you believe could translate into potential projects under this plan?

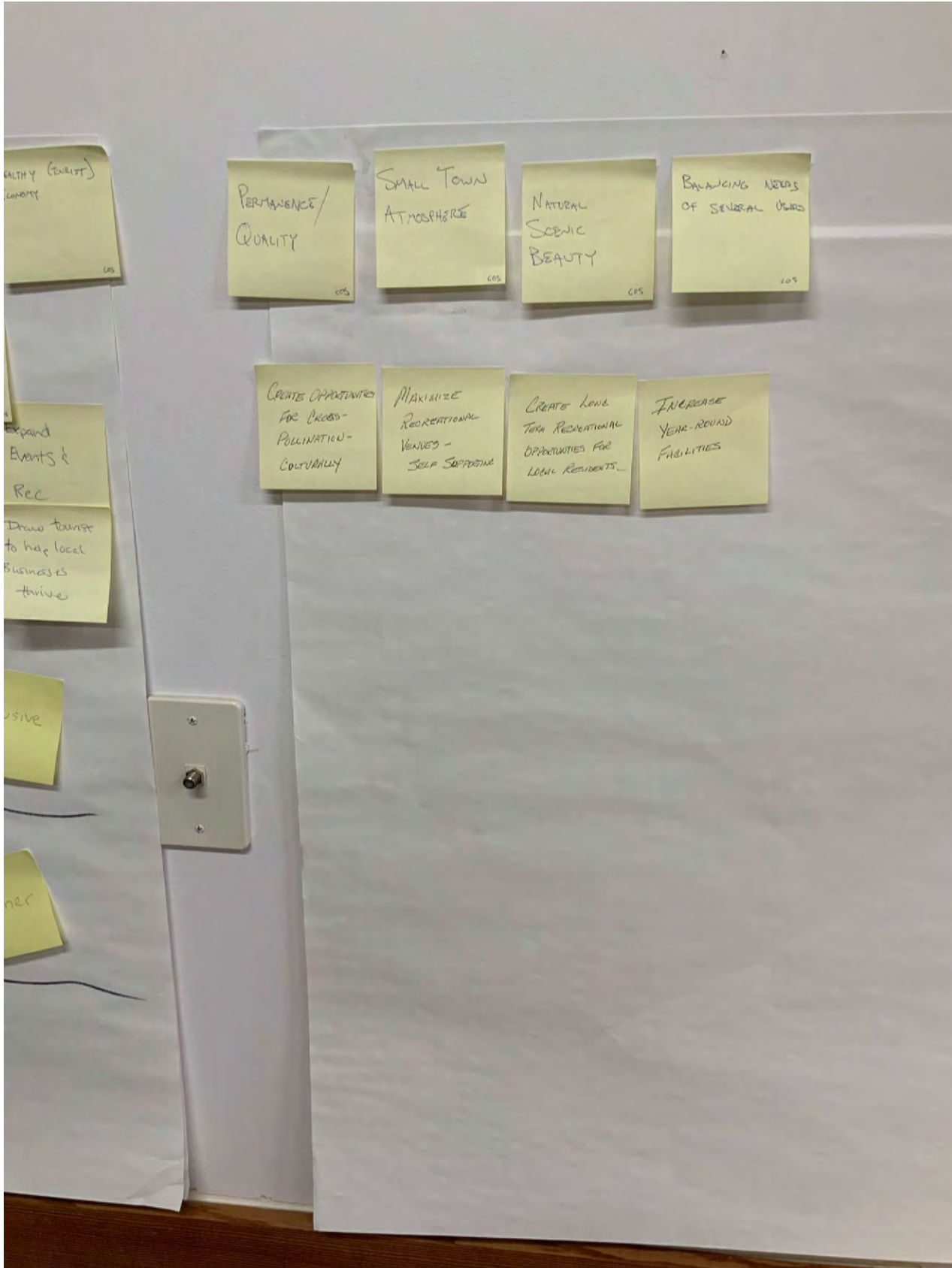
Impact:

How do you envision the completion of these projects contributing to the broader community's vision for parks and open space?

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Meeting Information		
Date & Time	12/06/2023	
To/Participants	DCG/Watershed Team: Marina French, Project manager, Chuck McDowell, Lead Landscape Architect, Angela Mele, Interpretive Planner.	
Copy to	For inclusion in the final plan appendix.	
From/Meeting Leader	Marina French	
Project No./Name	230418 Stevenson Parks Master Plan	
Objective	Stevenson Parks Plan Master Plan Advisory Committee Charrette. Advisory Committee Workshop #2.	

Agenda/Discussion

- Meeting Date: 12/06/23, 9:00am-noon. In person at the County Courthouse basement meeting room.

Agenda:

- Introduction
 - Introductions
 - Consultant Presentation:
 - Recap of Master Plan process
 - Summary of Stakeholder interview feedback
 - Summary of Online Public Survey Results
 - Presentation of initial ideas for formation of Mission and Goals
 - Examples of park trends and precedents for amenities or elements that were brought up by the community during our outreach.
- Break
- Workshop Activity
 - Break into three groups, sit at the group table and discuss existing and potential parks, recreation and open space opportunities within your area. Discuss how specific gaps, needs, programs, or other topics brought up by the community are present in your area.
- Break
- Report Out/Summary

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Introductions and Icebreaker: What are the needs of the user group that you or your organization represents?

Pool District – Tom Delzio

- New dressing rooms for equal opportunity for each gender –the boys’ dressing room needs designated stalls to have the option for privacy. The girls dressing room already has this.
- The pool is too small/short for official meets, so there is not currently any function for the bleachers. They would like to remove the bleachers to create a gathering space.
- The parking lot needs to be updated to be ADA compliant – they would need to hire a consultant for this (long-term project).
- Main goal is to bring more people in.

County – Tom Lannen

- County has land at the transfer site that has liability issues currently. They would like to transfer this to the city.
- Wind River Nursery site is a huge opportunity – it would be great to provide a connection from the city to WRN.
- Support transit options for seniors.

County Fairgrounds – Alex Hays

- Planning for big events.
- Working on building upgrades to make them more durable and desirable for use or rental.
- Looking into covering the arena for concerts and more year-round use.
- Upgrading Campground.
- Current projects include:
 - o Upgrading restrooms
 - o Year-round fishing
 - o Infrastructure improvements
 - o Roof over pickleball
 - o Batting cages
- Would like to do something with the baseball field but it is owned by the army corps and is an archeological site.
- Water trails
- Non-motorized ramp for boats
- Permanent stage for concerts
- The fairground used to be a hub for water sports. It could be used by private or non-profit organizations to run programs.

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Port – Pat Albaugh

- Replace the wave attenuator to allow better use of the existing boat ramp.
- Increase the use of a couple of beaches/points.
- Local water trail connected to museum and islands.
- Short term need is to provide more bathrooms.
- Water to irrigate the parks.
- Areas for private and nonprofits like a canoe club and water sports.

Columbia Gorge Museum – Lou Palermo

- Remove physical barriers.
- Dock for canoes and water access.
- Gazebo for people to use property more.
- Make grounds more accessible and usable – get rid of the gate and be more integrated with the community.
- A beautiful flat area could be an RV park.
- Camps and classes to connect outside lessons with inside.
- Music.
- Partnerships and cross promotion.

Public Works – Carolyn Sourek

- Utility focused currently – would be great to have a parks department that could maintain the parks spaces.
- Create shared maintenance for all open spaces and parks.
- Need equipment – specifics will depend on the park.
- Possibly a parks district to share the resources with other public entities.
- Dog park.
- Trail maps.

Public Works – Jonathan Dexter

- Equipment for landscaping.
- Training.
- Bathroom maintenance is new – they need training for that.

City Council – Dave Cox

- Parks property owned by city and county; how can we integrate these together more?
- Implement a parks district – sometimes coalitions are more impressive for winning funding.
- Increase offerings for youth.
- Leverage expertise in County + City for construction.
- Need funding mechanism for maintenance.

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Kelly O'Malley-McKee

- Promote gathering, tourism, spaces for locals.
- Activate, beautify, increase public art.
- Walkability, connectivity to fairgrounds and museum and to downtown.
- Connect to PCT through other parks and downtown.
- Want more commerce but also more public access and green space.
- Develop waterfront for small businesses.
- Stopping places with benches.
- Gateway Park has the best views of red bluff.

School District – Ed Farrell

- Updating current playground equipment to better fit age groups.
- Need to keep people out of the properties during school hours.
- Open after school hours.
- Indoor athletics space.

General Comments

- Need for maintenance.
- Flatter easier walking connections to parks.
- Collective marketing can be a way to leverage other stakeholders' expertise and momentum.
- Need to coordinate with Burlington Northern at some point – they are a large landowner.
- Need to engage with Tribes.
- Water recreation and access can be enhanced – marina in rock cove?
- Land acquisition is an important consideration when land isn't owned by any one entity.
- Government owned property can impact the economic development of the community.

Feedback on Mission

- It's not just about economics, it's also about locals getting what they need.
- Add word resilience.

Workshop Activity

(See worksheet notes and photos of table poster mark-ups)

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Charrette Project Sheet

City of Stevenson Parks Master Plan

Project Site: Triangle / Gateway Park

Urban uses - support businesses

Description/History/Noteworthy:

Who currently visits?

Current or potential maintenance level?

Status:

(i.e. developed, undeveloped, unplanned, master plan, etc.)

Existing Plans or Improvements?

Existing amenities, services, or programs?

Questions	Comments
Does site meet survey-identified needs? (Q2)	
1. Views of nature, wildlife, or water	
2. Primitive trails or experience	
3. Water access	
4. Family friendly	
5. Easy to get to	
Does site provide any survey-identified opportunities? (Q10)	
1. Restrooms	Yes Courthouse Plans
2. Skate Park	
3. Pickle ball courts	
4. Play equipment	
5. Trails	
6. Exercise equipment	
7. Picnic areas/ tables / seating	Yes Courthouse
Other needs?	
Does site provide any survey-identified program requests? (Q11)	
1. Outdoor concerts / live music	
2. Exercise classes (yoga, dance, etc)	
3. Movies in the park	
4. Summer camps	
5. Community learning classes	
6. Wildlife education	
Other opportunities?	
How does current or improved park serve community?	
Site recommendations:	
Build/Add?	
What new uses could be proposed?	
Replace/Enhance?	
What existing features need major overhaul?	
Repair and maintain?	
What existing features need more minor improvements?	

more year round street
 - slow traffic
 - gateway park preview
 no dog park

TRIANGLE / STATEWAY PARK
needs to be focal point
ART piece that a welcoming piece
drainage

- maintenance
 - > mowing
 - >
- Powers -> pressure wash

⇒ Don't stop

⇒ East end

P Wayfinding

- Folly

- ~~both~~ ART

~~Water~~ Courthouse Lawn -
- Splash play

Farmers Market -> Marquette Park area
\$ Core downtown Not a place for a playground

Smaller scale events

- Oct - May
- Week nights

As we change
Consider what
people want

3 year plan focuses on residents
- all programming is outside of downtown
- oriented to higher end

Beverly Park

PORT

- extend park best beach
- Waggie beach - riprap for railroad tracks
- Slaughtershouse
- water trail
- h

AND a lot of families

- more signage + way finding

Dog parks potential

- temporary
while other plans
are being made

- communicate that it's
temporary

Walnut - Irrigation

- Future of walnut park
→

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Charrette Group Area Sheet

City of Stevenson Parks Master Plan

Group Area: Rock Cove

Group Members: Loe (Museum)
Carolyn S.

• fairground during specific events
• museum
• wastewater treatment

Does area have any 'Most visited areas'?

Does area have any 'Least visited areas'?

• Fairground w/ regular events
• Museum

Does area have any 'Most popular programs'?

How does area relate to the draft Vision?

Gaps?
Goals?
Objectives?

Questions	Comments
How does Group Area Fulfill Mission? (Q1)	
1. Connect with nature or observe wildlife	It doesn't! Limited island access. But, there's a trail system.
2. Fitness or exercise	People do walk this shore. Is equine man space. Has ball. Has pickleball.
3. Enjoy solitude or peace and quiet	working on exhibits, programs
4. Fun, excitement or adventure	
How does Group Area meet survey-identified needs? (Q2)	
1. Views of nature, wildlife, or water	
2. Primitive trails or experience	
3. Water access	small illegal dock in fairground - but access is limited
4. Family friendly	existing small park in fairgrounds
5. Easy to get to	yes, easy, though far to walk from downtown
How does Group Area provide any survey-identified opportunities? (Q10)	
1. Restrooms	
2. Skate Park	
3. Pickle ball courts	
4. Play equipment	yes at playground. Museum wants some!
5. Trails	museum property has potential for water trail
6. Exercise equipment	
7. Picnic areas/ tables / seating	picnic area by little park in fairground
Other needs?	kayak safety, classes. RV parking to handle fairgr. over lawn and make \$
How does Group Area provide any survey-identified program requests? (Q11)	
1. Outdoor concerts / live music	
2. Exercise classes (yoga, dance, etc)	Dance @ museum has been successful
3. Movies in the park	Museum is planning on it.
4. Summer camps	
5. Community learning classes	
6. Wildlife education	
Other programs?	Exhibit openings increasingly popular. = revenue. Ideas for trails as exhibits and hang-out spots.

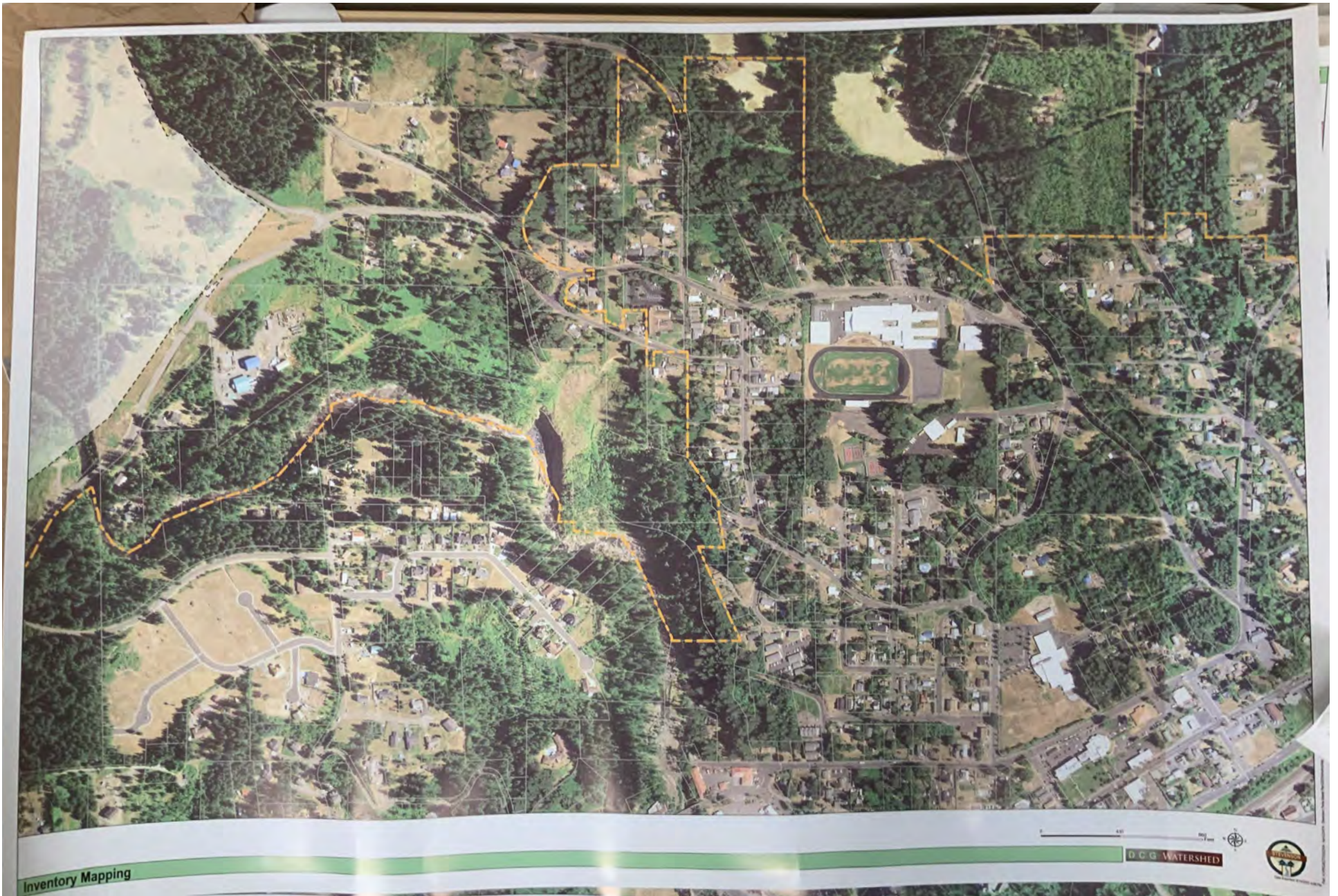
Trail system.
man space.
Has ball.
Kids park.
some kayak access.

access is limited

Nature play, native plants

• yoga in galleries
• slow people down

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Inventory Mapping

D.C.G. WATERSHED



Charrette Group Area Sheet

City of Stevenson Parks Master Plan

Group Area: _____

Group Members: _____

Does area have any 'Most visited areas'?

Does area have any 'Least visited areas'?

Does area have any 'Most popular programs'?

How does area relate to the draft Vision?

Gaps?

Goals?

Objectives?

Questions	Comments
How does Group Area Fulfill Mission? (Q1) 1. Connect with nature or observe wildlife 2. Fitness or exercise 3. Enjoy solitude or peace and quiet 4. Fun, excitement or adventure	Upper Rock Creek GAP - Skunkcreek Lodge, High School pull-up bars, Trails ↳ cross country team on road
How does Group Area meet survey-identified needs? (Q2) 1. Views of nature, wildlife, or water 2. Primitive trails or experience 3. Water access 4. Family friendly 5. Easy to get to	None - Rock Creek water trail? - Playground, Activities w/ Church, Pool
How does Group Area provide any survey-identified opportunities? (Q10) 1. Restrooms 2. Skate Park 3. Pickle ball courts 4. Play equipment 5. Trails 6. Exercise equipment 7. Picnic areas/ tables / seating Other needs?	- School Locked, Sheriff's office, Pool ↳ Port + Fairgrounds Tennis, school pickleball w/ lights, basketball ↳ can rent football field
How does Group Area provide any survey-identified program requests? (Q11) 1. Outdoor concerts / live music 2. Exercise classes (yoga, dance, etc) 3. Movies in the park 4. Summer camps 5. Community learning classes 6. Wildlife education Other programs?	- County w/ senior citizens (via churches?) - Both school libraries + computer lab - Community Education ↳ use existing facilities multi-use - Schools have audio visual equipment

Tourists? Larger Area?

Helps draw in new residents

Pool school bus - lessons

Rock Core Fairground Bathrooms - Use vendor to maintain
 Church as Resources

Charrette Project Sheet

City of Stevenson Parks Master Plan

Project Site: Pool - *Pool - signage* *Kitchen - artist mural, city signs - "welcome packet" = info*

Description/History/Noteworthy:

Who currently visits?

Current or potential maintenance level?

Status:

(i.e. developed, undeveloped, unplanned, master plan, etc.)

Existing Plans or Improvements?

Existing amenities, services, or programs?

Questions	Comments
Does site meet survey-identified needs? (Q2)	
1. Views of nature, wildlife, or water	
2. Primitive trails or experience	
3. Water access	
4. Family friendly	
5. Easy to get to	
Does site provide any survey-identified opportunities? (Q10)	
1. Restrooms	
2. Skate Park	
3. Pickle ball courts	
4. Play equipment	
5. Trails	
6. Exercise equipment	
7. Picnic areas/ tables / seating	
Other needs?	
Does site provide any survey-identified program requests? (Q11)	
1. Outdoor concerts / live music	
2. Exercise classes (yoga, dance, etc)	
3. Movies in the park	
4. Summer camps	
5. Community learning classes	
6. Wildlife education	
Other opportunities?	
How does current or improved park serve community?	
Site recommendations:	
Build/Add?	
What new uses could be proposed?	
Replace/Enhance?	
What existing features need major overhaul?	
Repair and maintain?	
What existing features need more minor improvements?	

*Single person
organize all
rec.
chamber? check
web site*

*Current facilities tired now, maintenance critical
People have ideas + would be willing to
be stewards
'Main Street Lions Club' Coam Diner*

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Meeting Information		
Date & Time	01/16/2024	
To/Participants	Ben Shumaker, Tiffany Anderson, Ingrid Colvard, Pat Albaugh, Alex Hays, Tom Delzio	
Copy to	DCG/Watershed Team: Marina French, Project manager, Chuck McDowell, Lead Landscape Architect, Angela Mele, Interpretive Planner.	
From/Meeting Leader	Marina French	
Project No./Name	230418 Stevenson Parks Master Plan	
Objective	Stevenson Parks Plan Master Plan Advisory Committee Recommendations Meeting. Advisory Committee Workshop #3.	

Agenda/Discussion

- Meeting Date: 1/16/24, 10:30am-noon. Virtual Meeting.
- Icebreaker: Please share the biggest takeaways from the charrette.
 - Ben appreciated hearing all of the maintenance needs, and the interest in shared partnerships.
 - Tiffany liked how all parties were on board with a collaboration effort.
 - Pat hadn't previously considered covering the horse arena at the Fairgrounds to create a year-round concert venue. Loved this idea.
 - Alex felt encouraged about the similarities between everyone's goals. Feels hopeful about things actually happening with people working together. I.e., shared floating dock idea. The charrette spurred further conversations later on, independent of this plan process.
 - Ingrid: Had to send Ed as a representative to the last meeting. Ed had similar feedback: great possibilities for collaboration; covered spaces is an agreed-upon need.
- Begin presentation:
 - Summary of feedback from public outreach including kick-off, stakeholder interviews, charrette, etc.
 - Overview of Goals
 - Discussion of Goals
 - 1. Establish and sustain well-maintained parks

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- Pat: a lot of this is about landscaping, but there's not as much about restrooms which take more resources and time.
- The landscaping is not nearly as important as maintaining other facilities. See building facilities maintenance as a missing component.
- Marina: if there were more of a strategy for non-landscape components, do you suggest a special exploration of ways to be more efficient, for things like restrooms?
- Alex: An example is the drains at the Fairgrounds. Some are overflowing. My maintenance people said catch basins must be cleared annually. The City said they are investigating new machinery to clear them. Fairgrounds doesn't have money for this, but if the County could pitch in and use the truck, it could help everyone, since these maintenance needs apply to everyone.
- Alex: For everything that we install, there's a timeframe for checking in on how things are functioning. I've always dreamed of a master list/calendar to keep track of what needs to be done, and when.
- Marina: 1.3B is intended to get at what you're describing. If there is expensive equipment that's hard for one entity to justify buying, collectively you could justify the investment. And the maintenance calendar – kind of relates to 1.4B., the objective to have a comprehensive resource database—maybe this database would include this kind of calendar.
- Ben: Invites everyone to submit revisions and edits. Ben hears need to modify things on 1.3A,B and 1.4A, to emphasize and de-emphasize certain things.
- Ingrid: 1.3B – the schools have had major facilities issues lately due to cold. It is also possible to share expertise, including about emergency support. The school is a union, so it can be difficult to bring people in to help with shared resources; to bring in personnel. Something to consider.
- Alex: County is probably the same, in regard to unions for our maintenance crew.
- Marina: our intention for these strategies is to make sure they're diverse enough. So if an attempt to share staffing doesn't really work, there are other avenues for collaboration, like equipment sharing. We'll make sure these feel diverse enough from that perspective.

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- 2. Enhance community access to parks by increasing visibility and awareness
 - Alex: I like this goal/page. If we're pulling our resources together, then marketing is easier, for example using lodging tax to pay for things. Coalition makes it easier to market our community. We could have cost savings and a more powerful ability to connect people.
- 3. Improve proximities to and connectivity between parks
 - Pat: I kind of have an issue with trying to purchase more property, take more private land into public hands, when we have 4/10 of one percent of our whole county that can be developed.
 - Marina: This goal does mention acquisition. That's really about the possible purchase of some easements, plus a longer-term consideration of the city getting denser. If the Chinidere neighborhood gets denser, will the City need to purchase land to build a park with a playground? Or will they work with a developer? This goal has to do with standards such as walking distance. It sounds like maybe part of this is understanding that other options would be considered before we turn to acquisition.
 - Pat: yes, personally, I'd rather see Stevenson be the trailhead for Skamania County. We don't have to provide all of the recreational opportunities for the region here in town when the region is already a recreational region.
 - Marina: My understanding is if City decided to buy a new park for example, it would be very specific and locally-serving, like a playground. Maybe there's a different way we can articulate it.
 - Ben: I think it's worth exploring this in terms of who we're serving. Is the purchase for locals or visitors?
 - Marina: Pat, if this were worded differently to be more about locally-serving, i.e. for a playground, would that change your impression of the objectives?
 - Pat: I think the goal should be more about how to improve what we already have rather than to develop further. But I don't represent the City; just my opinion.
 - Chuck: I want to note that these goals are being read in isolation from all other documentation: results of survey, interviews, etc. As we look at the context of the needs assessment and the introduction into these strategies, and then how the strategies translate to recommendations, that might provide more clarity around the intent. We don't have time

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- to give that whole overview, but we can take another look at that question as we review this draft.
- Ingrid: The first thing I thought when reading this echoes Pat's: at the school district, we have had the experience that people don't necessarily consider that bigger context, so it's important to be careful to not convey that the City wants to buy and develop new land, in spirit of careful of how the public will interpret this.
 - Marina: understood that this feels heavily weighted on the public acquisition piece, and yes, if you looked at this page out of context, you might be taken aback.
 - Ben: I'm hearing and seeing the need to combine some of these, and also to build in what we're not going to do. That can be just as important. And yes, the need to narrow this down.
- 4. Provide inclusive spaces to meet diverse community needs
 - Pat: There's a whole lot here about the plaza on the Courthouse lawn and I don't know how the whole community feels about that. Seems to be a hot topic at the moment.
 - Ben: We've been talking about that internally. One intent of this whole effort was to make sure the plaza got funded and happened, though we've been open to this being changed, and we've prepped DCG/W to pivot away from that.
 - Chuck: What we'd lean on from a recommendations standpoint is that everything we've heard from community is reflected in elements of the Courthouse Plaza project, so maybe we need to make the recommendations in here less place-specific, and then down the road think about other places and projects for enacting some of these goals.
 - Pat: That's a great idea.
 - Marina: Yeah, we definitely heard a desire for a central, flexible space, for gathering. At the time of the online survey, we had the original concept drawing of the plaza, and it was voted as the top 4 project and had a high score. So for those reasons, and as Chuck said, with amenities and a play feature are things we've heard described as in demand. We can look at changing the language so that if the Plaza doesn't move forward, we're still describing a more general project type.
 - Chuck: Addressing multi-benefit projects is key for grant eligibility.

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- Review of recommended Capital Improvement Projects
 - Ben: I'm looking at this list and I'm wondering where Gropper Park is, and then I have to remember that there are other lists too. Recall everyone that these are for immediate expenditure, for the next 6 years. Whereas Gropper is still in an earlier stage and still requires a plan before moving it into the capital project list.
 - Fix County Fairground Kayak Launch page information.
 - Ben: question for all agencies: are there capital improvements that you intend to make within the next 6 years that aren't reflected here?
 - Pat: no, not for Port
 - Alex: no
 - Ingrid: not that impacts what you're presenting today, but then there are things like our roof repairs that will need to happen, but not that impacts this plan.
 - Alex: I did get a grant to update some bathrooms, but not sure if that relates to this. Ben, we can have a side conversation.
- Review of other projects (playground etc.)
 - Alex: there are a lot of outdoor opportunities here, and I think we need to consider more indoor opportunities. Due to all the rain. At the fairgrounds, we retrofitted the barn and turned it into batting cages.
 - This came up a bunch during Stakeholder interviews so worth adding in.
-Angela
 - Pat: Quick question for Ben – years ago, Gropper was discussed as a potential location for a dog park and that was taken off the table.
 - Ben: Gropper swirls around as a resource with the repeating question about what to do with it. A volunteer led group looked into how to get water to it to move this dog park idea forward, and then kind of pulled back. We don't know what the best purpose for Gropper is.
 - Pat: You can close Columbia between 1st and 2nd and make that a pop-up dog park.
- General review at the end:
 - Ben: Wondering about possibility of master planning effort for Fairgrounds site, since that has been discussed, but it's not really reflected in this plan. Can we use this document to make development of a master plan for the Fairgrounds be a grant eligible project. I understand we want to communicate this as te city

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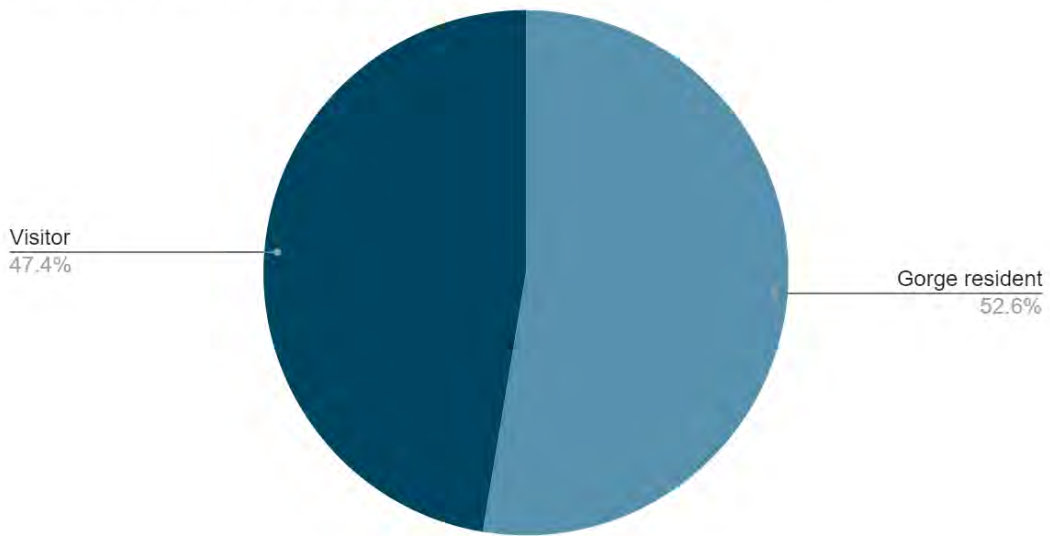
- supporting the County's efforts to develop one, so it doesn't look like the City is developing the plan in isolation and then handing it to Alex.
- Marina: Yeah, that is a big one. Alex, would you like it if the City supported the development of a Master Plan for Fairgrounds and we put that in this plan?
 - Alex: Yeah – we kind of have a list of projects that we're constantly trying to do. So you putting that in there would help. Part of doing this, I'm assuming, is to get RCO grants. Having a master plan wouldn't hurt, but I think everyone understands that Fairgrounds is bound by County Commissioners and other things. We continue to make improvements to Fairgrounds, and we could discuss what would be a project priority.
 - Marina: So you guys could go for a grant for a Master Plan, for example, and you already have your project list, and then the planning process would basically involve working your list into that plan. Then, we could reinforce that through this document by outlining the amenity options/desires for the Fairground.
 - Alex: Our focus has been to fix what we have now, but we're also trying to look into the future.
 - Chuck: Ingrid, do you have similar perspective on how the City could support playgrounds, with updates for age-appropriateness? Could City lean into a similar strategy to work with you all?
 - Ingrid: Yeah, those kinds of playgrounds are expensive. The visual you had on that slide, and what the staff dreams is much more nature-based than what you have on that slide. If that goes out there, we don't want people to think we weren't listening to them. There's this concept of really trying to integrate natural materials into a new playground. This isn't related, but want to add that the City of Battleground added a skate park a few years ago, which dramatically changed some things like criminal activity, so a strong collaboration with the sherrif's department is important. That wasn't the only place that happened. It's a great idea but comes with challenges.
 - Tom: The pool is moving forward with removing the bleachers from next to the pool. This will result in an 1,000 square foot area that would be warm and protected from the elements. This could possibly host a protected toddler-play area.
- Presentation End- reach out to Ben to provide more information. The next two weeks will be a review period. Thank you.

SDA Branding Survey - Chart Results

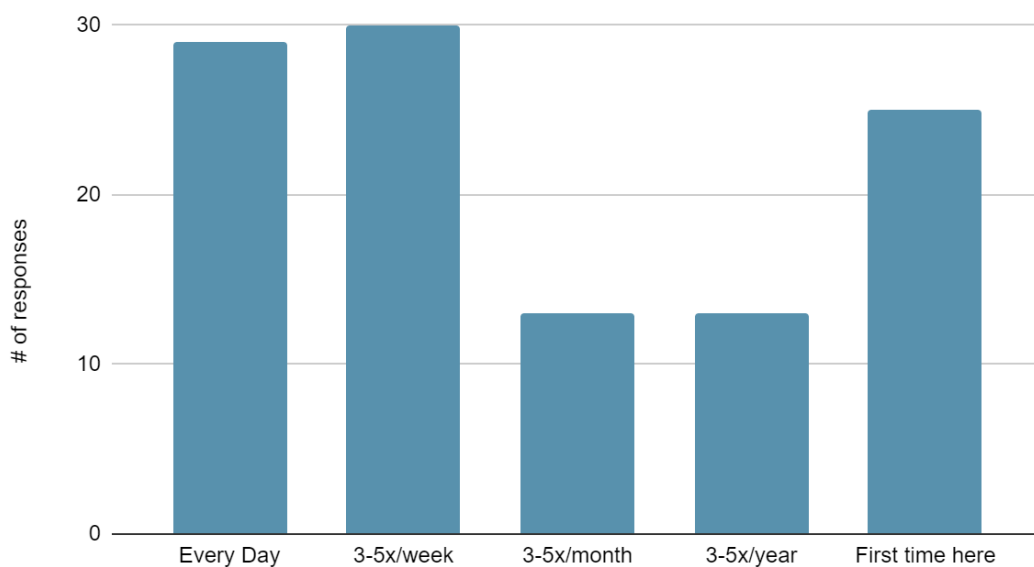
Farmers Market Season 2021

(110 surveys conducted, in person, on paper)

Do you live in the Gorge area or are you a visitor? (data from 38 out of the 110 surveys)



How often do you come to downtown Stevenson?



ASSUMPTIONS & ESTIMATES of our SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Estimated number of visits by Gorge residents vs visitors based on the previous two charts:

Assuming that Gorge residents were the ones to choose:

- Every day
- 3-5x/week

Let's also assume, visitors were the ones to choose:

- 3-5x/year
- First time here

Therefore, the remaining choice could be estimated by breaking out the percentages of the sample size (47% visitor / 53% Gorge resident):

- 3-5x/month = 13 people (6 visitor / 7 resident)

That means the following filled out the survey (estimated):

	Every Day	3-5x/week	3-5x/month	TOTAL
Assumed residents	29	30	7	66 residents
	3-5x/month	3-5x/year	First time here	
Assumed visitors	6	13	25	44 visitors



SURVEYS BY OTHERS - STEVENSON DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION SURVEY

Thus, with our survey sample size, # of Gorge resident visits could be estimated at a range of 15,517-18,805 visits in a year:

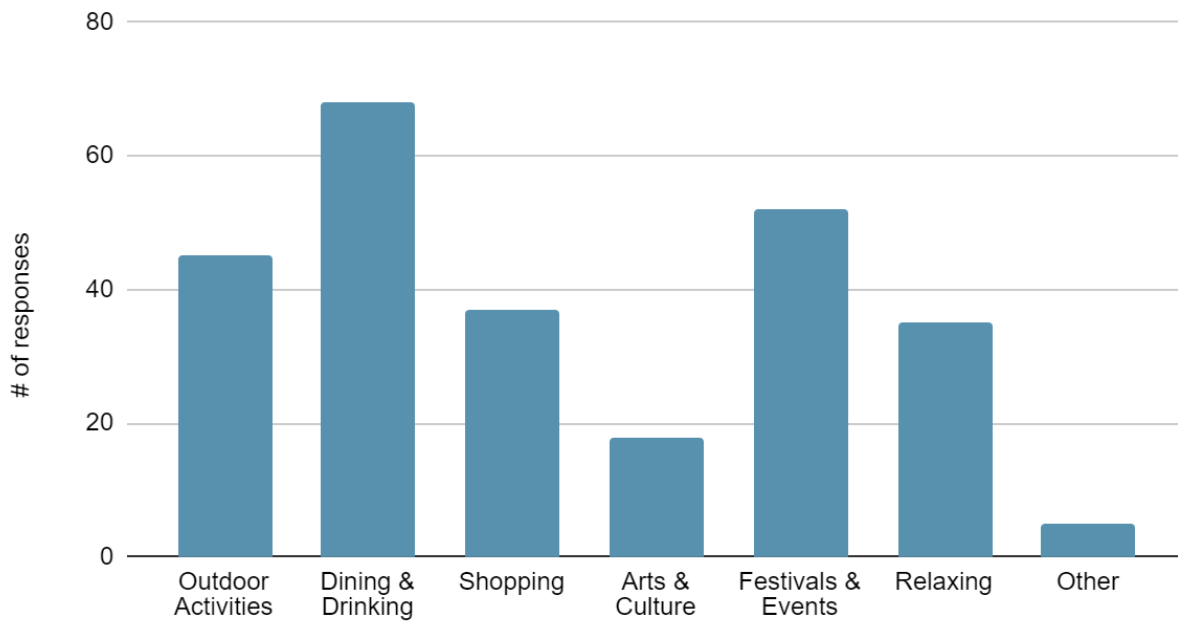
	GORGE RESIDENTS:					
	Every Day	3-5x/week		3-5x/month		
Assumed # residents visiting	29	30		7		66
# of days per year	365	156	260	36	60	
Visits	10585	4680	7800	252	420	
Low range estimate # of visits per year:	10585	4680	--	252	--	15,517
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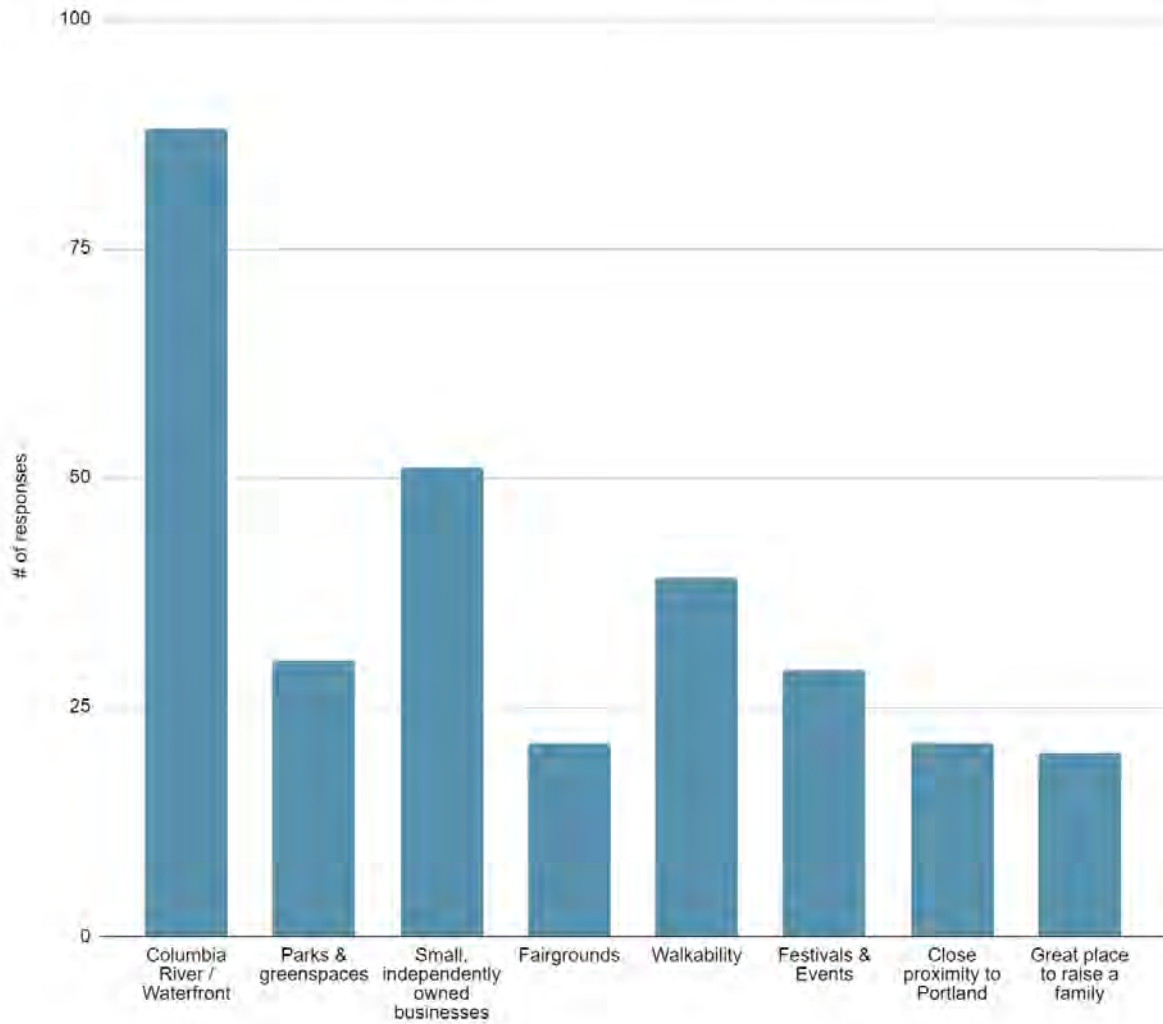
	VISITORS					
	3-5x/month		3-5x/year		First time	
Assumed # external visitors	6		13		25	44
# days per year	36	60	3	5	1	
Visits	216	360	39	65	25	
Low range estimate # of visits per year	216	--	39	--	25	280
High range estimate # of visits per year	--	360	--	65	25	450

SURVEY RESULTS CONTINUED

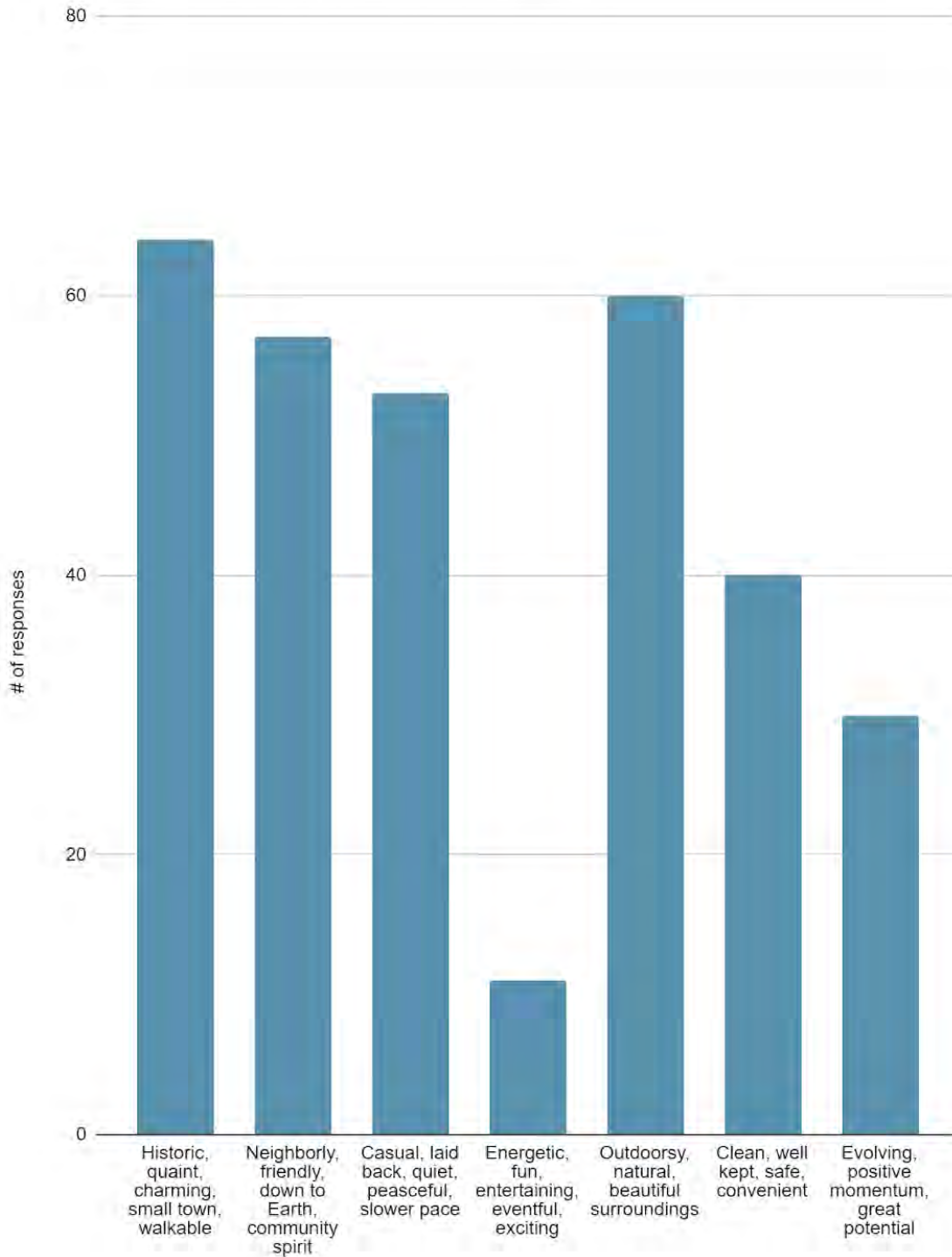
What describes your favorite downtown Stevenson experiences? (select all that apply)



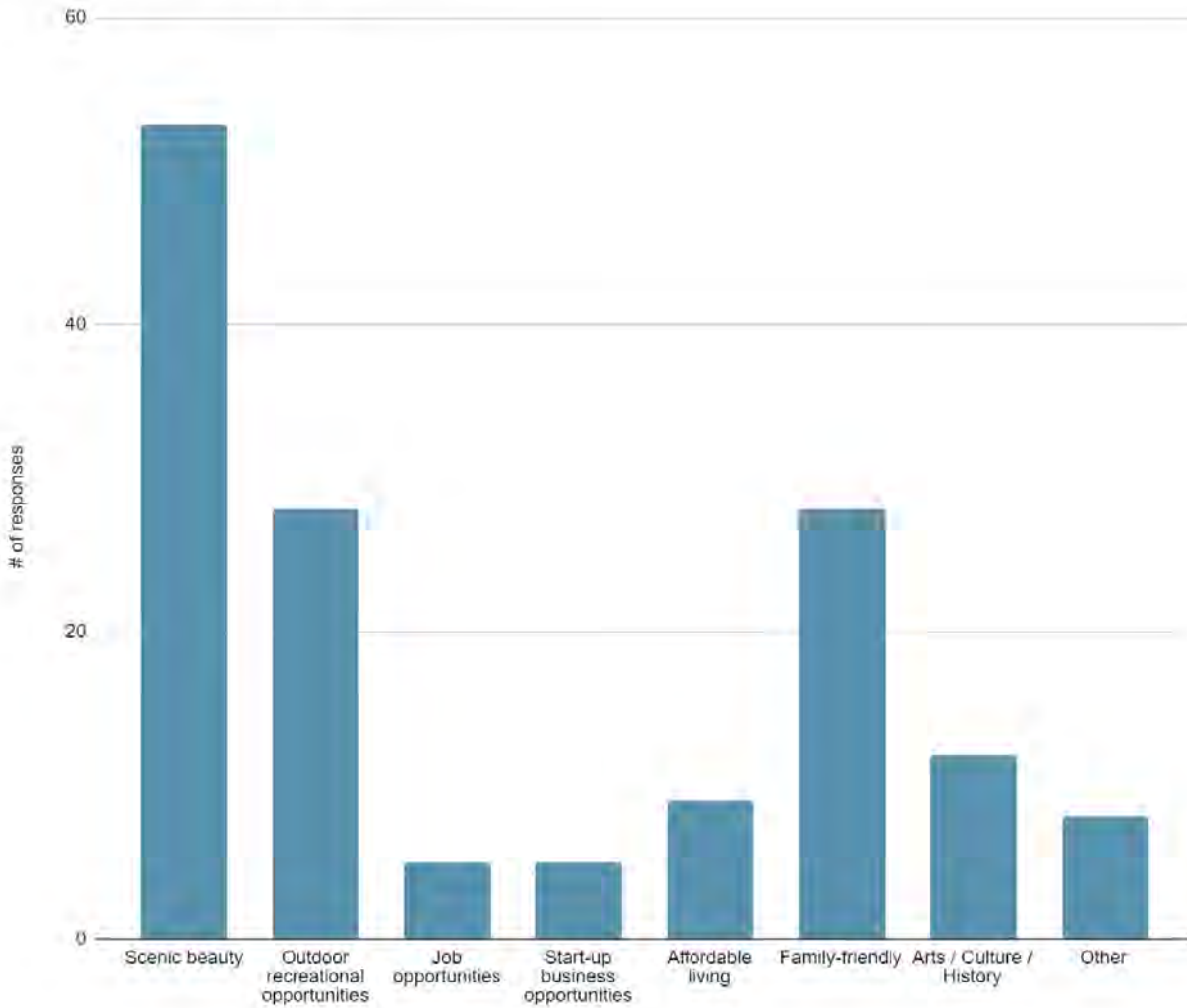
What are the greatest assets of downtown Stevenson? (select multiple if needed)



Describing the 'personality' of downtown Stevenson, what positive words come to mind? (select all that apply)



What attracted you to Stevenson?





Survey Results

Community Survey - Downtown Stevenson - 2023

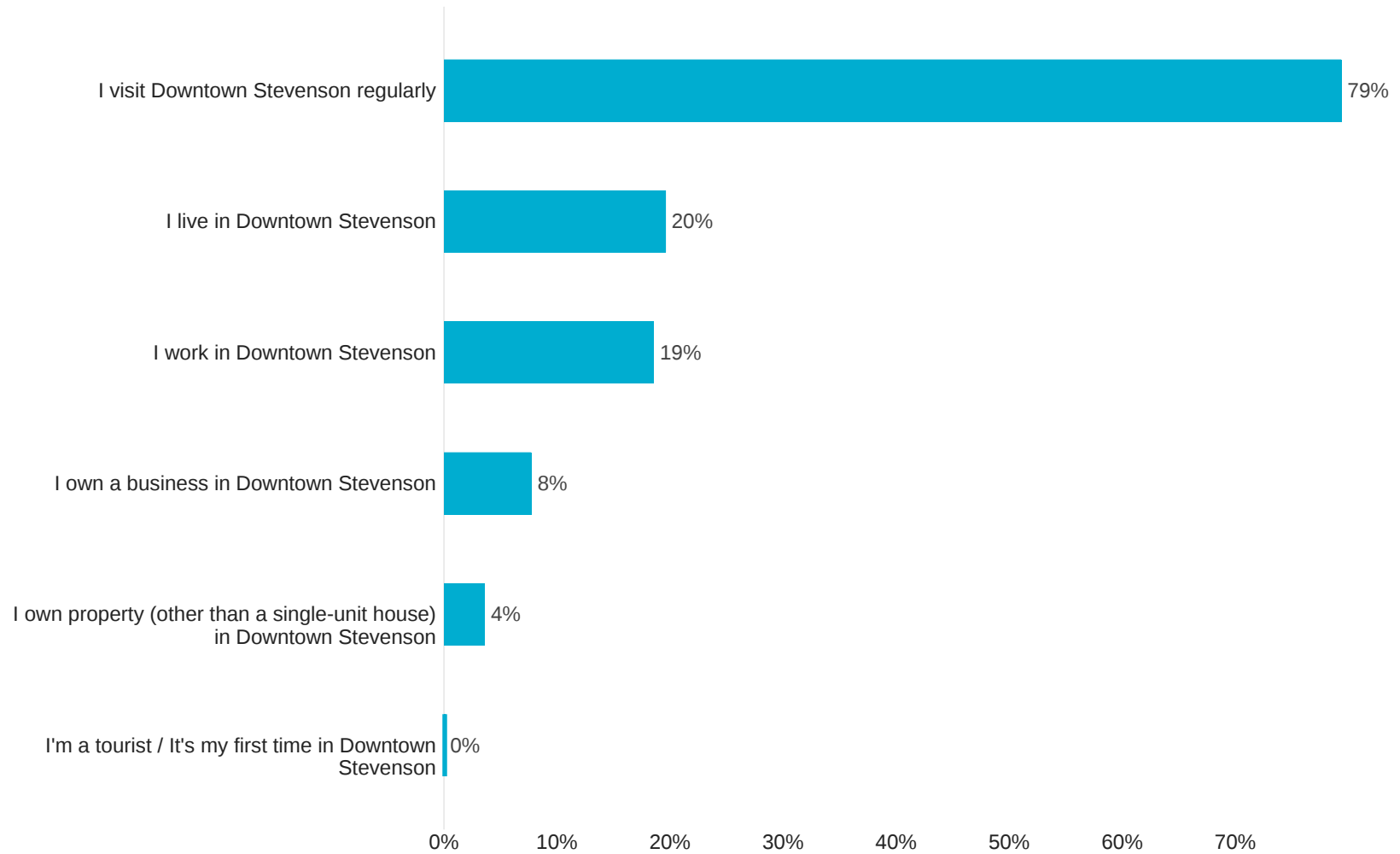
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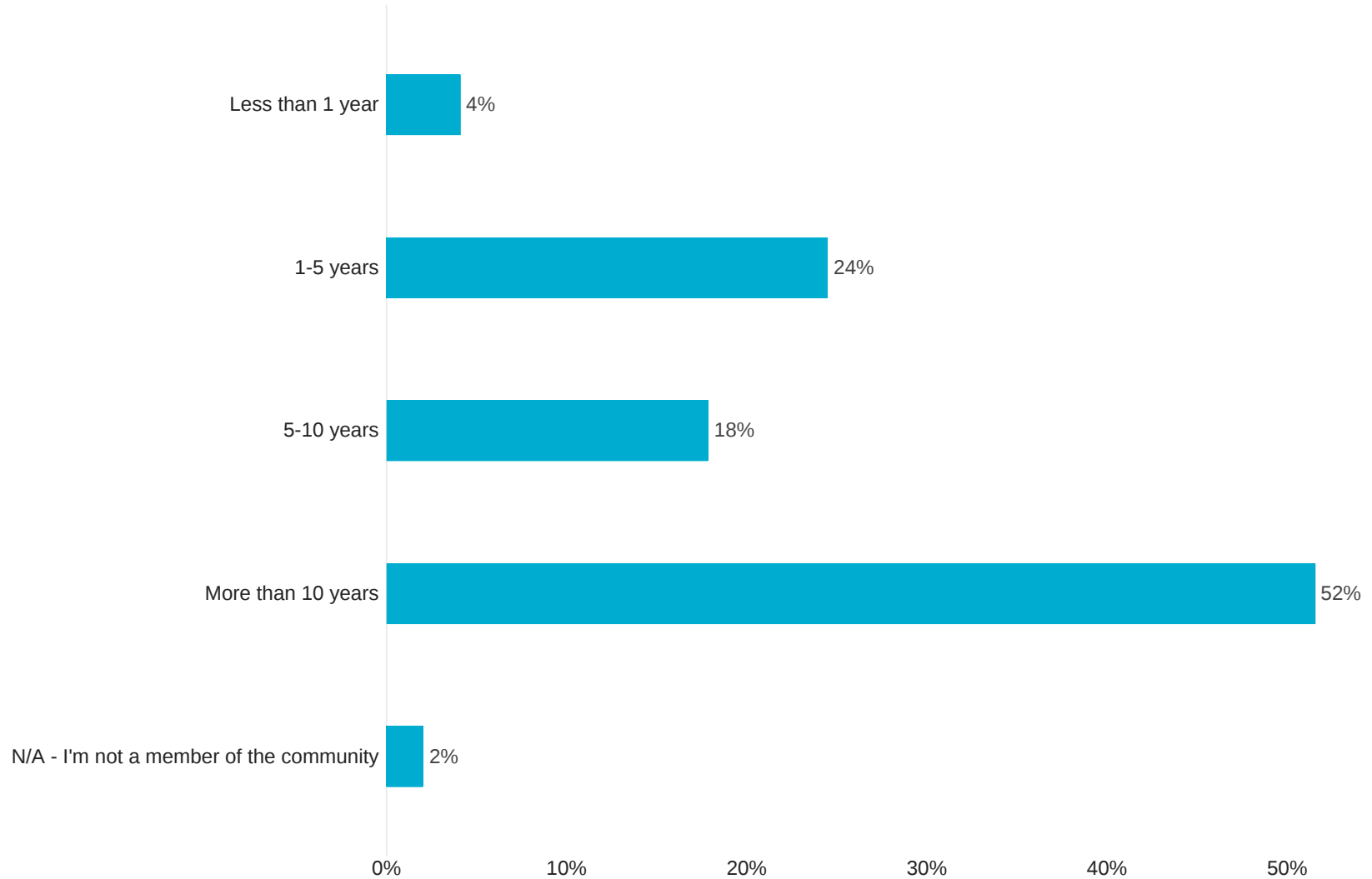
Q1 - What is your relationship to Downtown Stevenson? (Please select all that apply)

194 Responses



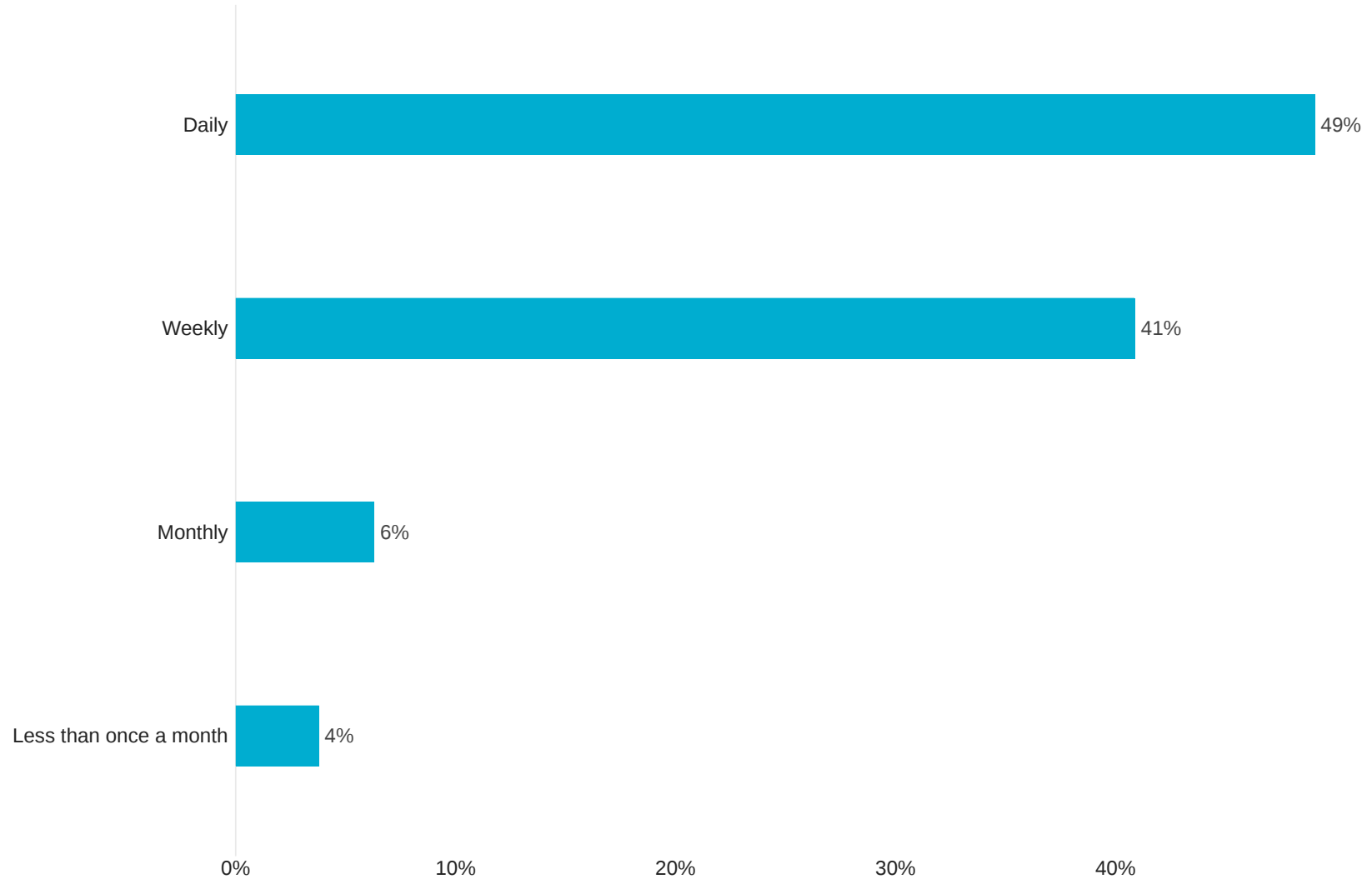
Q2 - How long have you been a member of this community?

196 Responses



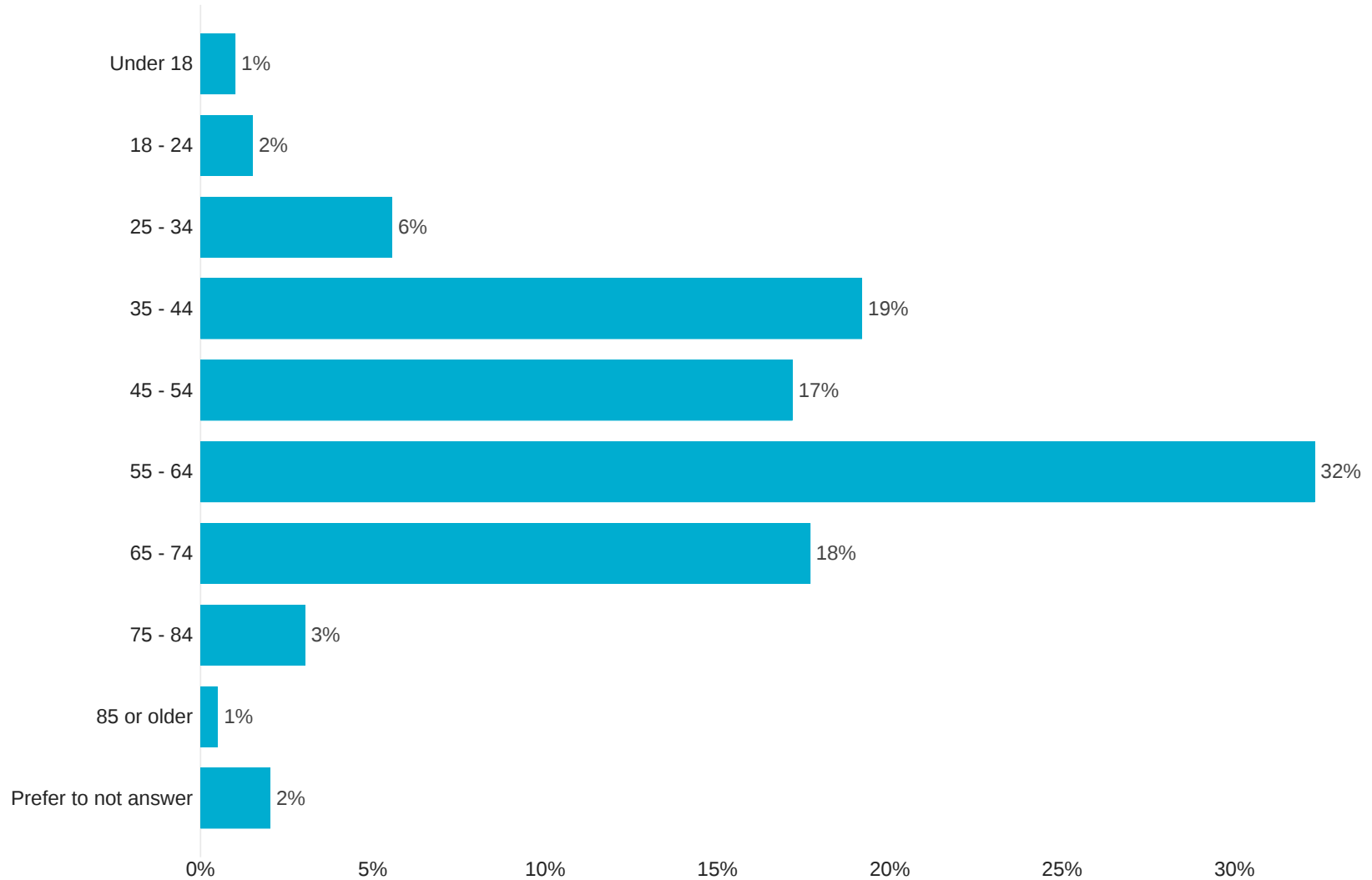
Q3 - How frequently do you visit Downtown Stevenson?

159 Responses



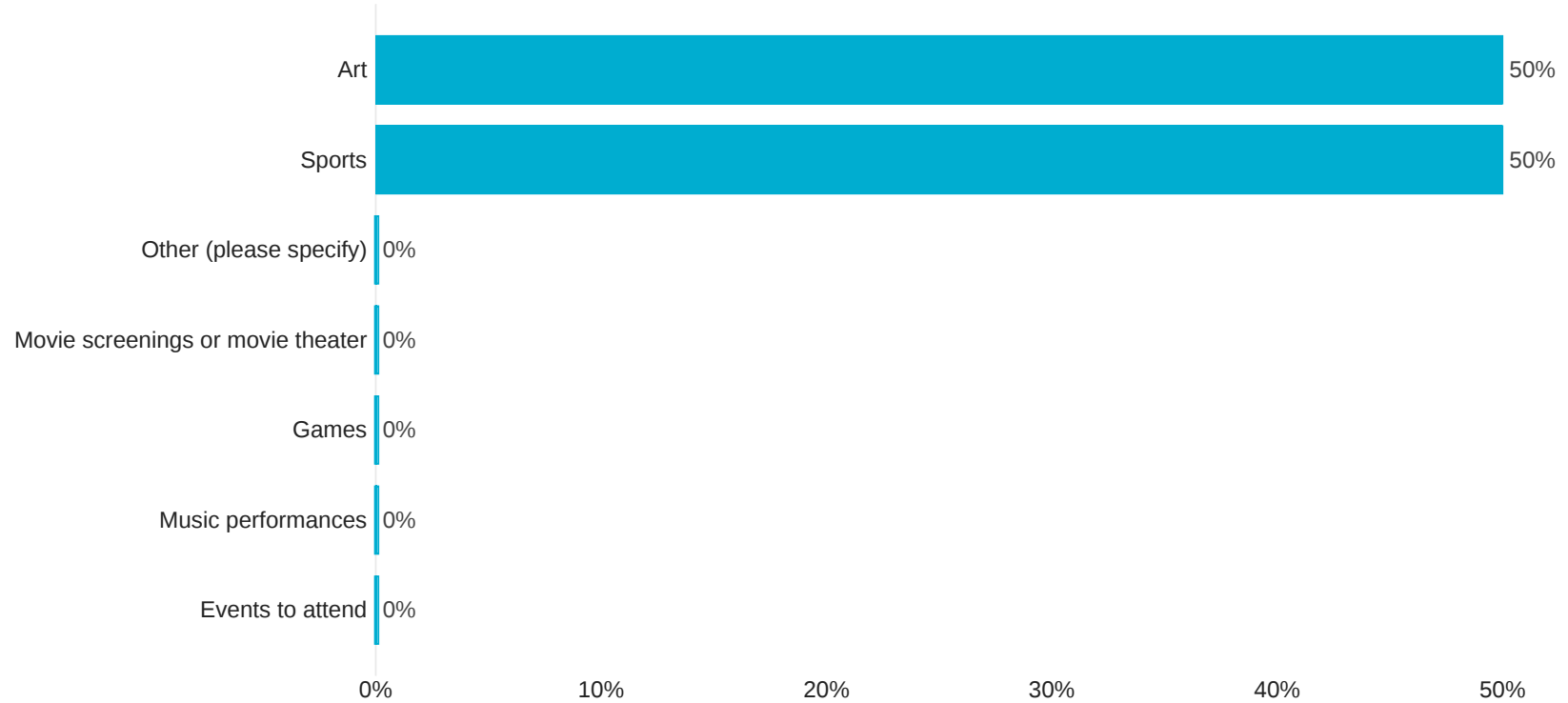
Q4 - How old are you?

198 Responses



Q5 - As a young person, what activities would like to have available to you in Downtown Stevenson?

2 Responses



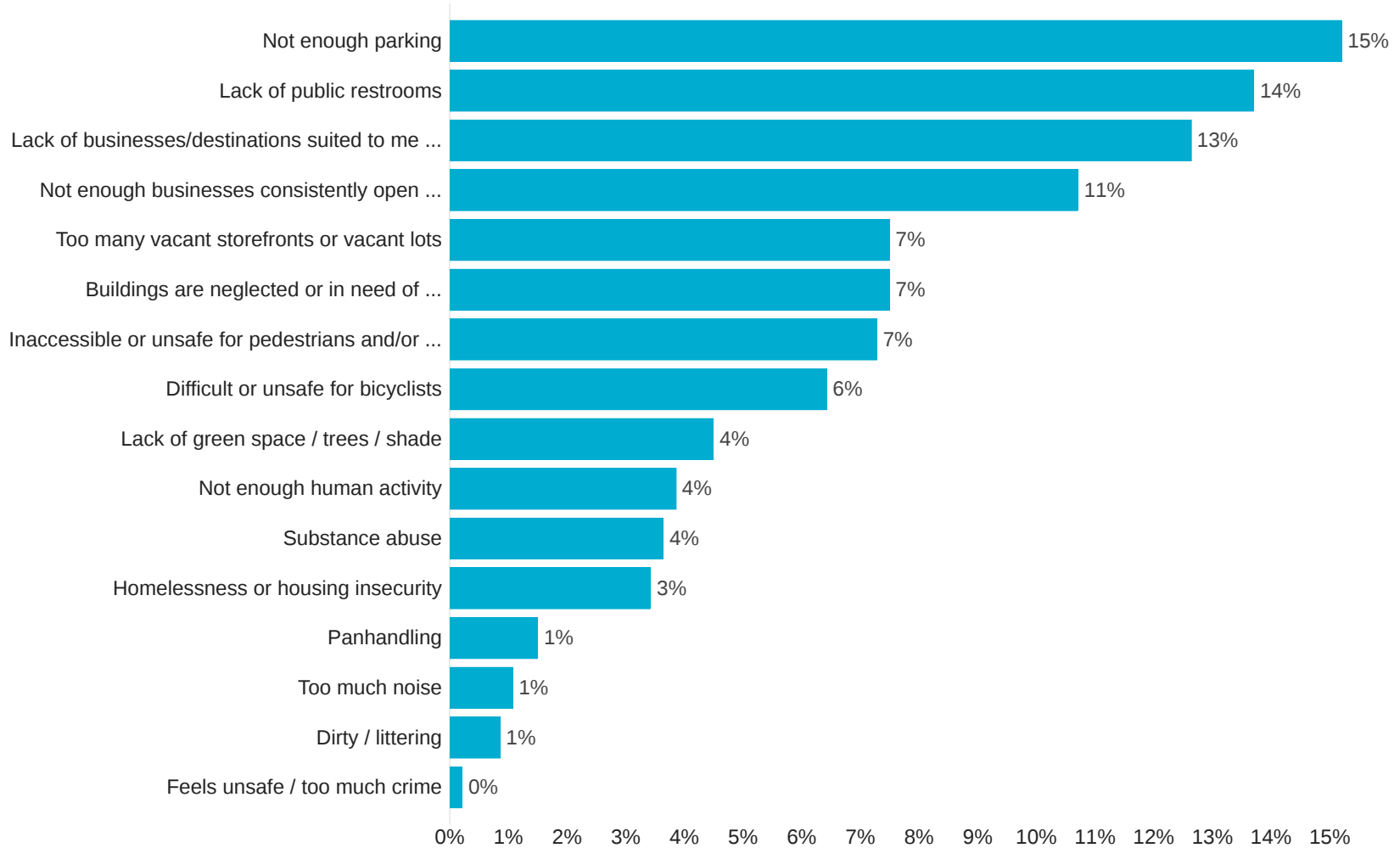
Q12 - What one word comes to mind as you think about things you like about Downtown Stevenson?

166 Responses



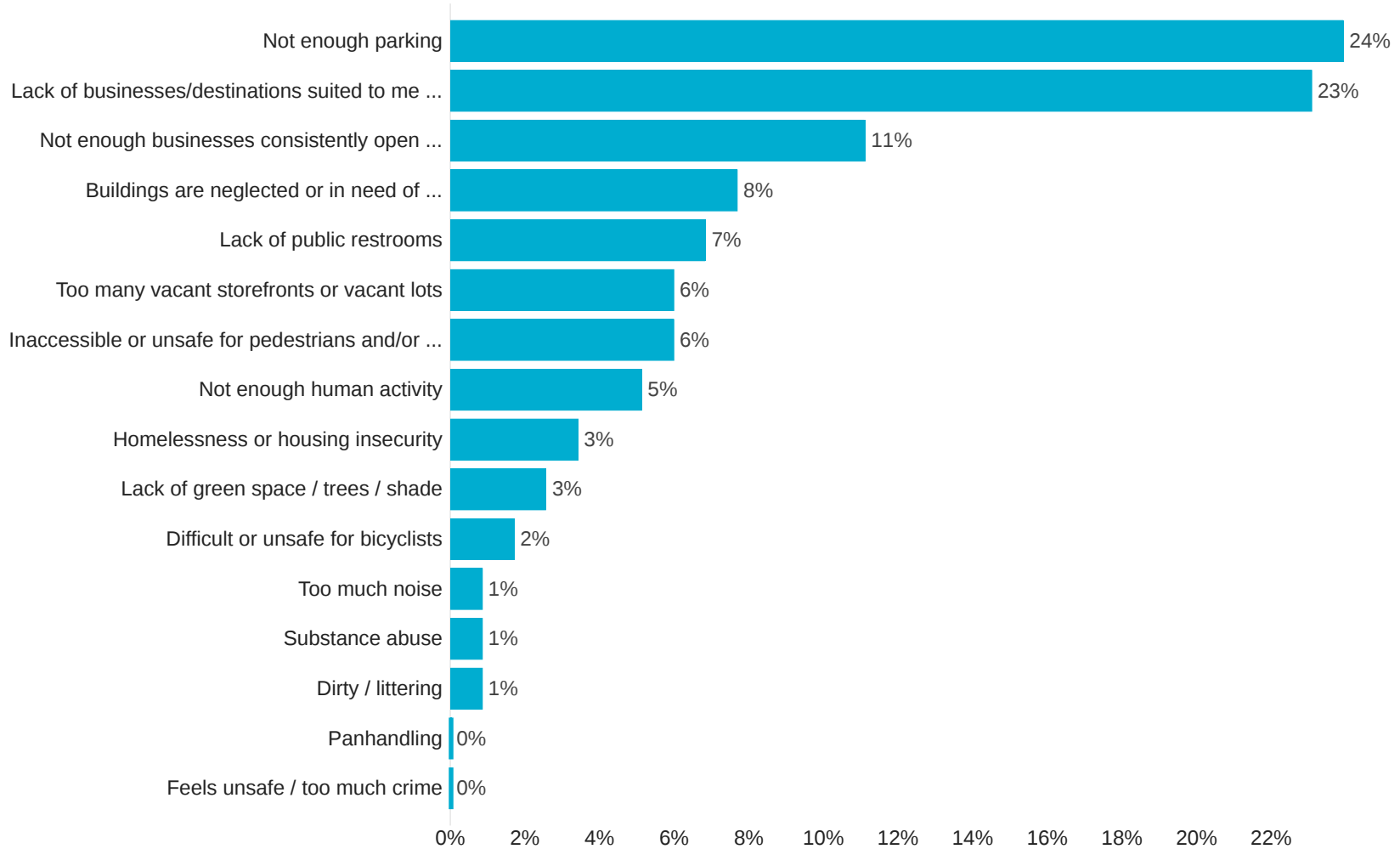
Q14 - Which of the following are issues in Downtown Stevenson? (Please select all that apply.)

171 Responses



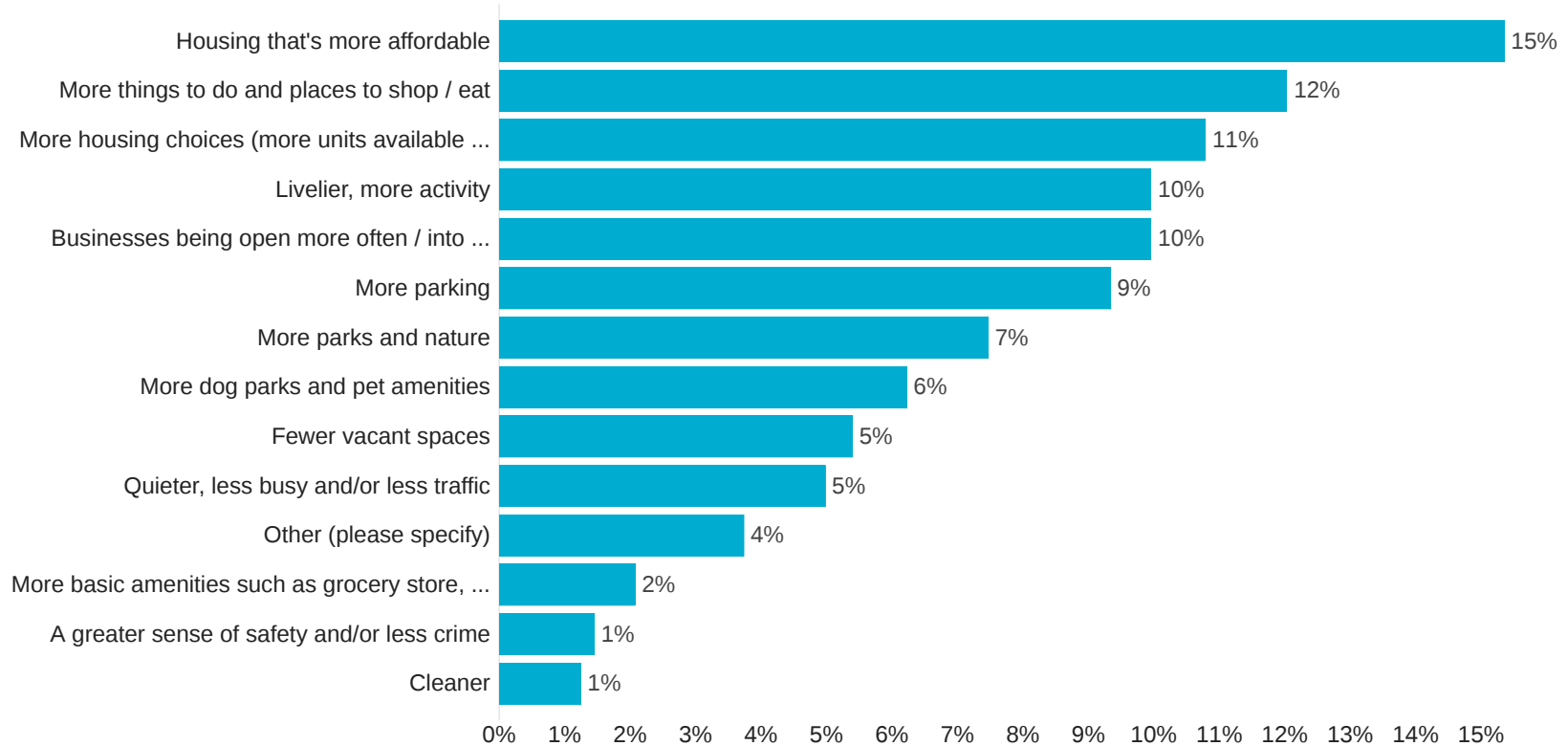
Q15 - Of the issues in Downtown Stevenson that you selected, which one detracts from your experience the most?

117 Responses



Q23 - What would make living in Downtown Stevenson more desirable (to you or others in your community)? (Please select all that apply)

159 Responses



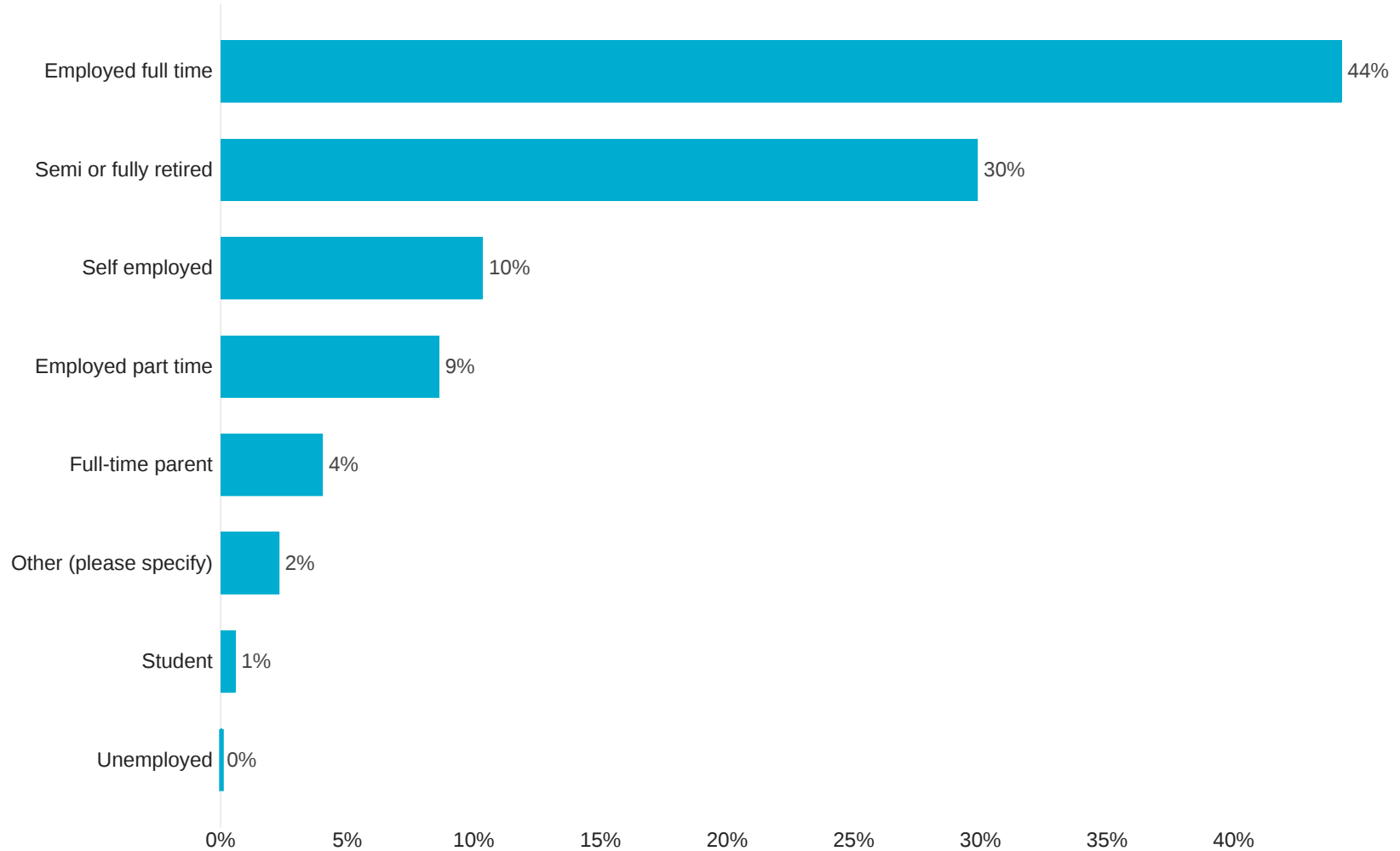
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18 Responses

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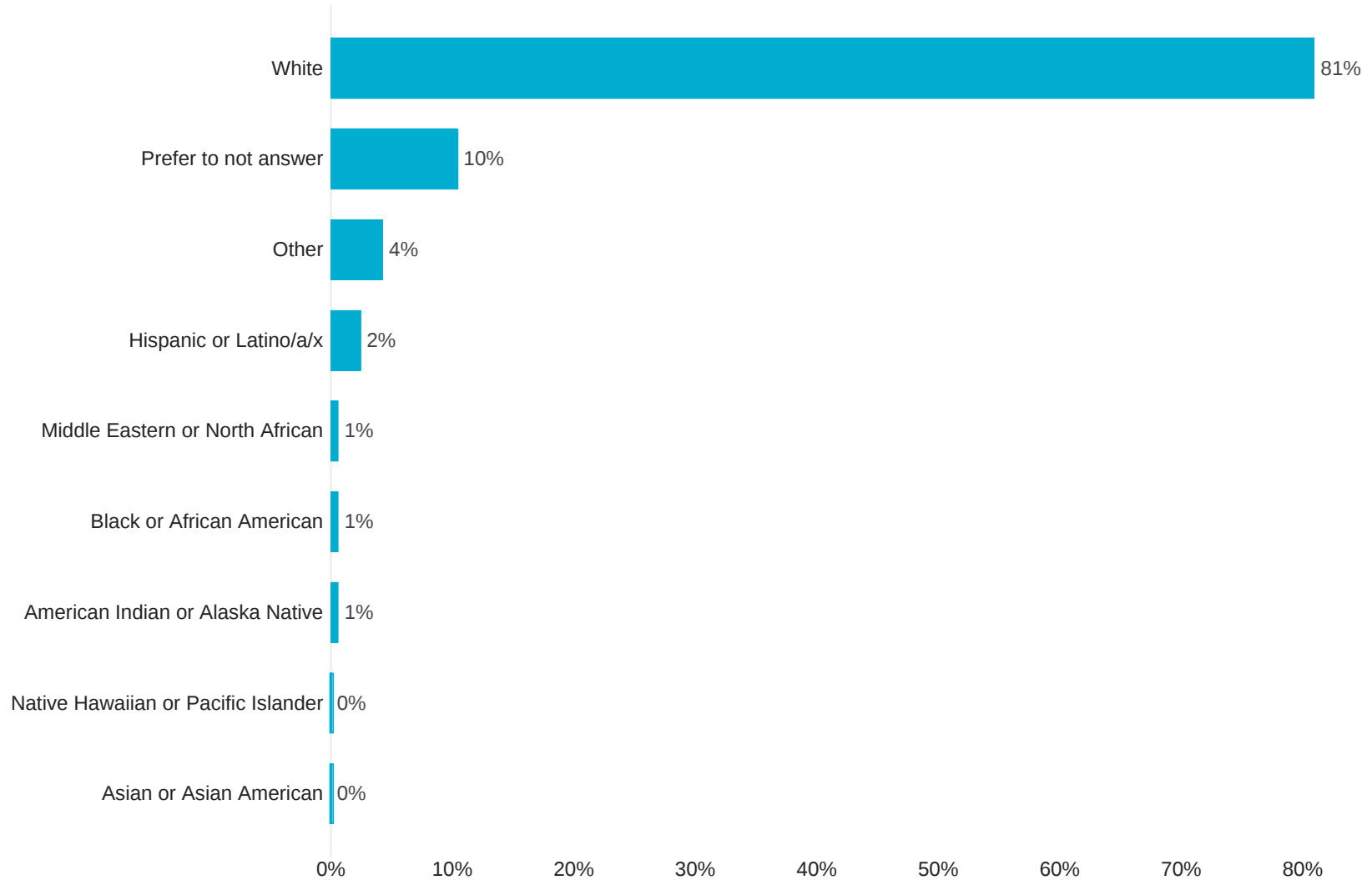
Q24 - Which of the following statements below describes your current employment status? (Please select all that apply)

161 Responses



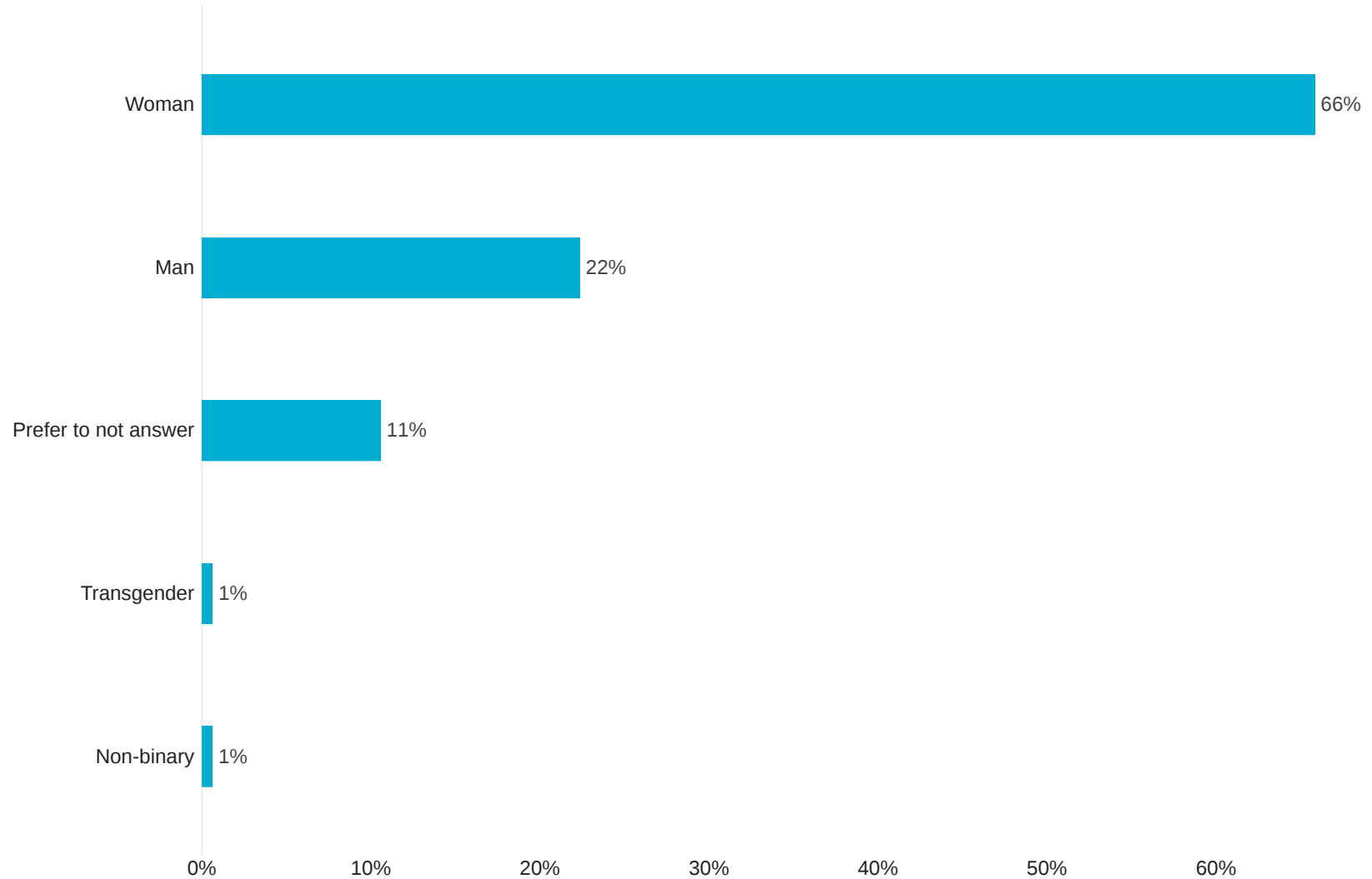
Q30 - How do you identify in terms of your race and ethnicity? (Please select all that apply)

158 Responses



Q31 - How do you identify in terms of your gender? (Please select all that apply)

161 Responses





Appendix B

Existing Parks and Open Space Conditions

Existing Conditions - City of Stevenson

	Element	Condition	Notes
Gateway Park	Sidewalk/Pathway/Trails	A portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the bus stop and highway 14 crosswalk has been removed and only gravel remains. This creates an accessibility challenge between the bus stop and crosswalk.	
		Area of pavers adjacent to the bus stop is in good condition.	
		Area of pavers connecting the intersection of SW Rock Creek Dr and Highway 14 to the gas station is in fairly good condition. Pavers at the edge of the walkway are settling and have grass and weeds growing between them.	
		Truncated domes connecting the central path to the gas station sidewalk are in good condition.	
	Site Walls	Stone site retaining walls adjacent to the gas station and bus stop are in good condition.	
	Landscape	About half of the western area of lawn does not get irrigated and browns out during the summer months	
		Of the 6 trees planted adjacent to the gas station, 3 have been removed and not replaced. The remaining 3 appear in decline.	
		Ornamental planting adjacent the gas station is in decline. Shrubs have died back and those that have been removed have not been replaced.	
		Mulch coverage is good but weed barrier is exposed in a few places	
	Site Furnishings	1 bench and the bus shelter are in good condition	
		1 garbage receptacle is in good condition	
		1 bike rack is in good condition	
Signage	The "Stevenson" sign on the west side of the park is in fairly good condition. The sign plate has a few abrasions but is still legible. The green paint on the sign structure is faded but in good condition.		
	Wayfinding signage next to the bus stop is in good condition		
Lighting	The paint at the base of the light poles has faded and doesn't match the rest of the light pole.	Illumination was not assessed	
Irrigation	Irrigation covering a portion of the western lawn area is not functioning.	Irrigation was not tested	
Gropper Loop Park	Sidewalk/Pathway/Trails	Concrete sidewalk along the north side of the park, along Gropper Road, is in good condition.	
		Gropper Park Loop road is an unimproved gravel road.	
	Site Walls	NA	
	Landscape	Lawn area covers the majority of the site and is not irrigated.	
		Of the 8 trees that were located adjacent to Gropper Park Loop, 3 have been removed and were not replaced.	
	Site Furnishings	NA	
	Signage	NA	
	Lighting	NA	
Irrigation	NA		
Walnut Park	Sidewalk/Pathway/Trails	Concrete plaza and sidewalks are in good condition.	
		Pavers along walkways and in the central plaza area are in good condition.	It was noted that in the past pavers in this area were settling and lifting up resulting in a uneven surface but that has been addressed.
	Site Walls	Concrete block walls and stone walls separating the pathway from the landscape are in good condition .	
	Landscape	The legacy Walnut tree is leaning substantially to the west over the plaza and is being supported in many areas. An arborist should provide routine monitoring on this tree.	
		Ornamental planting is in good condition, there are some bare spots where planting may have died off adjacent to the block wall under the Walnut tree.	
	Site Furnishings	2 public benches are in good condition	
		1 trash receptacle is in good condition	
		2 bike racks are in good condition	
		Water fountain is in fair condition. Water does not flow well	
	Signage	The "A Center of Commerce" interpretive sign is in fair condition. The sign is showing signs of weathering but is still legible.	
Lighting	String lighting is provided by the adjacent business over the dining area. String holidays lights are wrapped around portions of the Walnut tree. These should be removed during seasons that they are not in use in order to reduce stress on the tree.	Illumination was not assessed	
Irrigation	NA	Irrigation was not assessed	

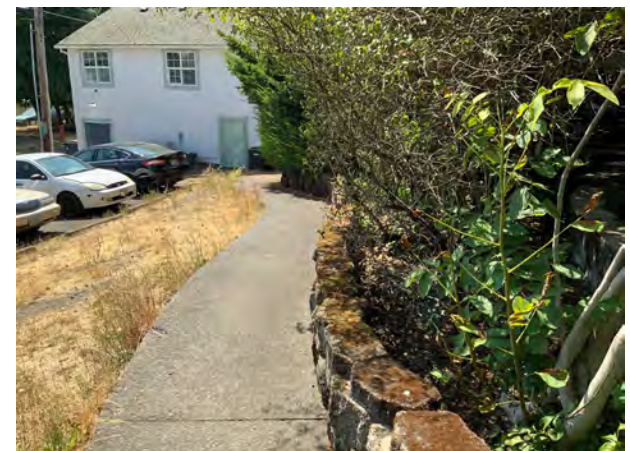
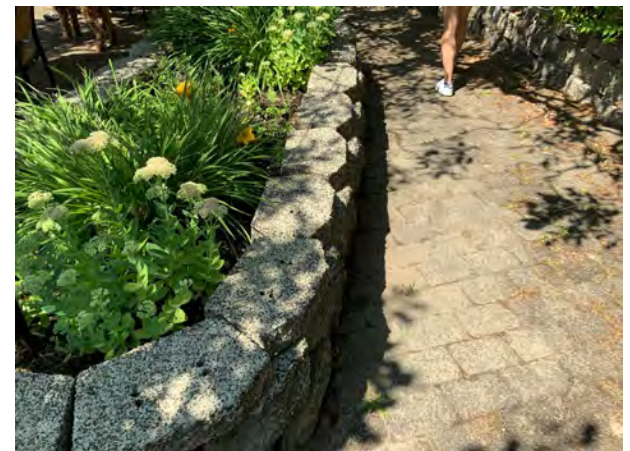
CITY OF STEVENSON - GATEWAY PARK



CITY OF STEVENSON - GROPPER LOOP PARK



CITY OF STEVENSON - WALNUT PARK



Existing Conditions - Advisory Committee Comments

Property	Notes
Stevenson-Carson School District	
Stevenson High School	No Comments
Stevenson Elementary School	Playground needs to be upgraded to better match intended age groups.
Stevenson Pool District	
Stevenson Community Pool	Stairs from the parking lot are limiting from an accessibility standpoint.
	Parking lot is sloped and challenging for people with mobility challenges to navigate.
	Stands next to the pool are underutilized because the pool is not long enough for formal races.
	Basketball court paving is cracked and often has leaf litter and debris on the courts.
Skamania County	
Rock Creek Park & Fairgrounds	Some shoreline erosion is occurring along Rock Cove.
	Areas along Rock Cove are becoming covered with invasive plants.
	Interpretive signage throughout the site is weathered but still legible.
	Trees along the trail are in decline.
	The RV parking/camping area gets saturated in the winter and it is hard to maintain grass in those areas.
	Parking area and driveway has recently been paved.
	The covered skate area has been decommissioned and is being used for storage
	Baseball field is underutilized but that area is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers and may be an archeological site.
	The arena is not covered and underutilized during non-summer months.
	Buildings are currently being upgraded to make them more durable and desirable for use and rental.
	Shoreline access is underutilized since there are no points of entry for hand-powered watercraft.
Courthouse Lawn	Lawn is not irrigated but is mowed regularly
	Streatery is well maintained and utilized on-and off.
Port of Skamania	
	There was a general comment about a desire to provide water for irrigation, indicating that some areas currently either do not have irrigation or the existing irrigation systems are not functioning.
	There was a general comment that some of the beach areas need to be activated, indicating that these areas may be underutilized.
Bob's Beach	No Comments
Stevenson Landing	No Comments
Teo Park	No Comments
Leaven's Point	No Comments
East Point	No Comments
Cascade Boat Launch	The wave attenuator needs to be replaced to allow for better use of the boat ramp.
Pebble Beach	No Comments

STEVENSON-CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT - STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL



STEVENSON-CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT - STEVENSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



STEVENSON POOL DISTRICT - STEVENSON COMMUNITY POOL



SKAMANIA COUNTY - ROCK CREEK PARK AND FAIRGROUNDS



SKAMANIA COUNTY - COURTHOUSE LAWN



PORT OF SKAMANIA - BOB'S BEACH



PORT OF SKAMANIA - STEVENSON LANDING



PORT OF SKAMANIA - TEO PARK



PORT OF SKAMANIA - LEAVEN'S POINT



PORT OF SKAMANIA - EAST POINT



PORT OF SKAMANIA - CASCADE BOAT LAUNCH



PORT OF SKAMANIA - PEBBLE BEACH





Appendix C

Capital Improvement Projects

Expanded Summary Table
Cost Schedule Overview

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS EXPANDED SUMMARY TABLE 1

Capital Improvement Project Name	Priority	Existing Investment Summary	Needs and Gaps	Four Key Priorities	Other Community Amenity Needs
1st Street Sidewalk Trail Connection	1	This project proposes to expand upon an existing city project to formalize a gravel footpath installed in 2018 with PCTA & WTA volunteers. The path is currently separated from 1st Street by a guardrail. The sidewalk expansion project has been under development since the creation of the city Comprehensive Plan in 2013. Studies and planning efforts then and since discussed the paving this trail segment in the future. The sidewalk project has been awarded funding and approved to move forward in the 2024 city budget. The current plan sidewalk expansion ends where this project proposed trail would begin. The project was also identified in the recent Public Shoreline Access Plan (2023) as a key link for pedestrians to access the east end of the waterfront safely.	Additional 200 ft trail length helps close service gap and add a key link in the overall pedestrian network.	Walking and Trails, Fix it up	General community need to expand trail network, especially in locations that connect the community to the waterfront.
Stevenson Park Plaza (at the Courthouse)	2	The original concept for creating a plaza adjacent to the courthouse was developed by a consultant for the Downtown Business Association in 2016. The concept included a water feature, locations for public art, covered areas, benches ADA accessible paths and restroom. The consultant worked with a design committee, gathered input via public meetings and surveys, and hosted an open house to present the final design. The City was awarded a grant from RCO to fund the advancement of the schematic plan to construction drawings in 2023. A survey with updated concepts was sent to the community in December 2023.	Community identified gap in need for specific amenities and programs: bathroom, play spaces, year-round use spaces, and space for programs such as live music events.	Fix it up, Keep it fresh	The community consistently described the need for the following amenities that would be included in this project: bathroom, benches, year-round/covered spaces, ADA accessible features, play or all age features (such as a splash pad), and a central location that could be used by both locals and tourists as an event space. This is the only project that provides space for programming.
County Fairgrounds Kayak Launch	3	The county has no formal documentation but via outreach and interviews has described it has been many years now they have heard the demand from the public and wanted to install a kayak launch on Rock Cove. The 2023 Public Shoreline Access Plan identified this as a project based on community input and the degraded condition of the shoreline from trampling and informal launching due to the lack of a formal facility.	Community identified gap in need for specific amenities and programs: non-motorized boat launch	Water, Fix it up, Keep it fresh	Water access in the form of a safe swimming area or non-motorized boat launch were consistently requested by the community.
West Waterfront Trails (Phase 1)	4	Schematic plans to develop the private land at the west end of the waterfront have been explored in recent years, with a general focus on high-density residential development (Downtown Plan for Success! Adopted October 2022). The recent Public Shoreline Access Plan (2023) was the first plan to identify multiple easements that the city could propose to purchase with the goal of both providing public shoreline access as well as extending the existing shoreline trail network (the waterfront trail). These easements were evaluated by an assessor.	In future phases an additional 400 ft of trail length would help close the service gap, and expand the existing trail network.	Walking and Trails, Water, Keep it fresh (in future phases)	Water access in the form of a safe swimming area or non-motorized boat launch were consistently requested by the community. Future phases of this project could provide that.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS EXPANDED SUMMARY TABLE 1 CONT.

Capital Improvement Project Name	Community Support Summary	Operations and Maintenance	Funding Sources	Ownership or Limitations	Cost	Timeline
1st Street Sidewalk Trail Connection	This project was not included in the survey but proposes to leverage an existing investment in adjacent development plans. In general the community consistently described walking as their main recreation activity, and trails and their highest need.	Minor Increase to Maintenance, expand existing: Trail maintenance will include clearing or mowing any blackberry or overgrown vegetation within a few feet of each side of the trail.	RCO	This area was previously WSDOT right of way but through the process of attempting to move forward the original sidewalk improvement project, the city reached an agreement with WSDOT that will result in the city taking over ownership of 1st Street. The current project funding does not include this trail. The city would need to find additional funding to increase the scope of the current project. The city may have to confirm ownership for that area, and explore the potential for stream buffer impacts and mitigation requirements.	\$55,000	Construction documents complete and construction to commence in 2024-2025
Stevenson Park Plaza (at the Courthouse)	The original concept for this plaza was included in the public survey since the updated concepts were not yet available. The project was ranked fourth in the public survey. The updated concepts have a different layout and aesthetic, however the proposed functions, amenities, and programs served are consistent.	Significant Increase to Maintenance; training or special license required: This project would require additional maintenance hours and multiple new types of maintenance not currently undertaken by city staff. These include bathroom maintenance, splash pad maintenance (requiring special certification), large areas of hardscape/paver maintenance, and furnishings maintenance.	RCO	This area is owned by the county, and the project cost is too high to be funded by the city general funds. The city and county must come to an agreement regarding design, funding, and continued maintenance for this project to proceed. The project must be awarded funding to be implemented.	\$3,200,000	Design development, construction documentation and land use permitting for the plaza with an end date of December 31, 2024. Construction can begin as soon as funding is in hand. The city plans to apply for RCO funding cycle in 2024, with the goal of construction in 2025.
County Fairgrounds Kayak Launch	This project was included in the public survey because it was pre-existing. This project was ranked third in the public survey.	No Impact: This project assumes that operations and maintenance would be the responsibility of the county.	RCO	This area is owned by the county and the city is in a support role only. The city is committed to helping move this project forward through fund matching, however the county must provide the plans, permit the plans, and apply for any grant funding needed for implementation.	\$53,500	The county is likely to apply for funding in the RCO 2026 grant cycle. Design plans can be complete in 2026, and the project installed in 2027.
West Waterfront Trails (Phase 1)	This project was included in the public survey because it was pre-existing. This project received the highest score in public support via this survey.	No Impact: This project represents the first phase of a larger vision. In this phase, the goal is to purchase the easements. No impacts to operations or maintenance is anticipated.	Transportation Alternative Program, RCO	This area is privately owned. The city is limited by the landowner's willingness to sell the easement and for the two parties to reach an agreement.	\$585,000	The city will take a few years to raise funding and begin the negotiation process in 2027 if the landowner is still willing.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS EXPANDED SUMMARY TABLE 2

Capital Improvement Project Name	Priority	Existing Investment Summary	Needs and Gaps	Four Key Priorities	Other Community Amenity Needs
Gateway Landscape Improvements	5	The idea for an informational kiosk at Gateway Park was proposed in the city's Wayfinding Master Plan, dated 2012. The existing couplet at the west end of downtown has road safety signage, a permanent 'Stevenson' sign, some landscape and lighting, some stormwater holding/treatment functionality, mowed lawn, and a rotating display of temporary signage for advertising events. The east couplet has road safety signage, stormwater holding/treatment functionality, mowed lawn, and a rotating display of temporary signage for advertising events. The permanent 'Entering Stevenson' sign is located west of the couplet on the other side of 1st Street.		Fix it up, Keep it fresh	More public art was a desire expressed through all three outreach methods.
Piper Road Trails	6	This project was initiated during the development of the Shoreline Public Access Plan as an option to provide public access (visual and potentially physically) to Rock Creek and one of the waterfalls. The Piper Landslide in 2006 destroyed the homes, roads, and infrastructure on this private parcel. The landowner expressed a willingness to consider selling an easement(s) to the city. Multiple easement options were identified and evaluated by an assessor for that project.	Additional trail length (TBD- difficult to estimate due to steep slope conditions), and addition of key link in overall network, plus an expansion of walkshed area for park access.	Walking and Trails, Water	The community desires a public option to access the upper reaches of Rock Creek. There are currently none apart from the option to walk up the creek bed during low flows of summer months. Even that option is limited in that it ends at the first waterfall which is unable to be passed from downstream to upstream.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS EXPANDED SUMMARY TABLE 2 CONT.

Capital Improvement Project Name	Community Support Summary	Operations and Maintenance	Funding Sources	Ownership or Limitations	Cost	Timeline
Gateway Landscape Improvements	The desire for a more distinct gateway experience along SR-14 at each end of town was recorded in all community outreach types: stakeholder interviews, online public survey, and advisory board workshops. In addition, the community expressed a need for increased maintenance. The project proposes a lower maintenance space.	No Net Change to Maintenance, training required. This project would be used as a pilot project for city maintenance staff to practice lower maintenance landscape tasks. The number of hours spent mowing and repairing irrigation would be significantly lowered. The type of maintenance tasks would become more diversified.	RCO	These areas are either city owned or managed state route right of way. Limitations or ownership considerations may include coordination with WSDOT and / or adherence to both city and state standard, and possibly state review of design documentation.	\$210,000	The city will apply to begin making landscape improvements under their yearly operating budget beginning in 2025.
Piper Road Trails	This project was included in the public survey because it was pre-existing. This project was ranked seventh in the public survey.	No Impact: The first phase of this project will not have any impacts on operations and maintenance. A future trail would require regular clearing and trail surface repair.	RCO	This area is privately owned. The city is limited by the landowner's willingness to sell the easement and for the two parties to reach an agreement.	\$106,000	The city will take a few years to raise funding and begin the negotiation process in 2027 if the landowner is still willing.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COST SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Project	Estimated Project Total	Estimated Construction Work*	Materials Tax	Contingency	Grand Total	Estimated Project Design	Estimated Project Permitting	Grand Total Incl. Design and Permitting
		40%	7.7%	50%		25%	15%	
Gateway Landscape Improvements	\$68,800	\$27,520	\$5,298	\$48,160	\$149,778	\$37,444	\$22,467	\$210,000
West Waterfront Trails	\$585,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$585,000	N/A	N/A	\$585,000
1st Street Sidewalk Trail Connection	\$18,000	\$7,200	\$1,386	\$12,600	\$39,186	\$9,797	\$5,878	\$55,000
Stevenson Park Plaza (at the Courthouse)	\$2,925,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$2,925,000	\$275,000	N/A	\$3,200,000
Piper Road Trails	\$105,673	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$105,673	N/A	N/A	\$106,000
County Fairgrounds Kayak Launch (Match Funds- represents half the total cost)	\$35,000	\$14,000	\$2,695	\$24,500	\$76,195	\$19,049	\$11,429	\$53,500
							Total	\$4,209,500

Note

Mobilization estimated at 20%

ESC estimated at 5%

Construction surveying estimated at 2.5%

Unknowns/unexpected changes 12.5%

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COST SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Item No. / Description		Est. Quantity	Unit	Unit Price (numeric)	Extended Amount (Qty x Unit Price) (numeric)	
Gateway Landscape Improvements						
1	New landscape (non-turf) Temporary Irrigation only, approx	12,800 SF	12800	SF	\$2.25	\$28,800.00
2	Sculptural element at each couplet	2	2	EA	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
3	Information Kiosk at Gateway Park	1	1	EA	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Estimated Project Total					\$68,800.00	
West Waterfront Trails						
1	Railroad Street Easement per assessor	1 EA	1	EA	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00
2	Public Shoreline Easement per assessor	1 EA	1	EA	\$185,000.00	\$185,000.00
Estimated Project Total					\$585,000.00	
1st Street Sidewalk Trail Connection						
1	6' wide paved trail (Asphalt) connection	200 LF	200	LF	\$90.00	\$18,000.00
Estimated Project Total					\$18,000.00	
Stevenson Park Plaza (at the Courthouse)						
1	Cost estimate by other consulting team	1 EST	1	EST	\$2,925,000.00	\$2,925,000.00
Estimated Project Total					\$2,925,000.00	
Piper Road Trails						
1	Piper Road & Cazare Lane Easement connection, per assessor	1 EA	1	EA	\$5,673.00	\$5,673.00
2	70% Engineered Construction Plans for off-road trail facility for pedestrians. Max request for TA grant from WA Regional Transportation Council would be \$663,000. Trail length t.b.d. and confined within a 1,300 ft x 20 ft easement.	1 EA	1	EA	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Estimated Project Total					\$105,673.00	
County Fairground Kayak Launch						
1	Hand carry boat launch & boat wash	1 EST	1	EST	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Estimated Project Total					\$35,000.00	
Subtotal of All Items					\$812,473.00	



Appendix D
**Advisory
Committee
Proposed
Projects**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROPOSED PROJECTS

The following pages inventory projects that are either in progress, in planning, or are desired future projects by each of the Advisory Committee agencies. This list of projects includes the project name, description, location, and cost estimate information if available.

The Advisory Committee's agencies, including Skamania County, Stevenson-Carson School District, Port of Skamania County, and Stevenson Pool District, are eligible for project funding from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). This eligibility is based on the planning efforts completed within the scope of the city's Parks Recreation and Open Space Plan. To be eligible, the governing bodies of the agencies must approve/adopt the city's plan and submit separate requests for RCO planning eligibility. Other partner organizations beyond the advisory committee could also adopt this plan at any time to establish planning eligibility for Stevenson and the Urban Growth Area (UGA), provided they have a letter of support from the City of Stevenson. The agencies can apply for recreation grants for projects within the City of Stevenson and the UGA.

Although the list may not be comprehensive, the projects listed in this appendix have been identified through workshops and direct stakeholder engagement meetings. Not all listed projects may be eligible for recreation grants due to project type, location, or other restrictions. However, those projects that meet the eligibility criteria will be able to access RCO funding if the agencies adopt the city's plan. A project does not have to be listed in this plan to be eligible for funding so long as the applicant has established planning eligibility. The adoption of this plan not only ensures funding eligibility but also reflects a shared commitment and partnership within the city to collaboratively promote and enhance recreational access within the community.

STEVENSON-CARSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SOURCE: INGRID COLVARD, SUPERINTENDENT, AND ED FARRELL, GRND/MAINT/WHSE

Project	Location	Description
Update playground equipment	Stevenson Elementary playground/fields	Equipment is old and not sized for the ages of people using it. Want one or more cost estimates: for equipment, installation, and ground preparation. Ideally, installation would happen during the summer.
Develop a nature play space	Stevenson Elementary playground/fields	Input from staff and the community so far has been in favor of nature play themes.
Implement security measures	Stevenson Elementary playground/fields	Implement security measures to keep people out of the properties during school hours.

STEVENSON POOL DISTRICT

SOURCE: TOM DELZIO AND ANDREA BYRD (INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY)		
Project	Location	Description
Develop the facility into a community center	Pool	Develop the facility into a full-fledged community center with updated outdoor space, covered space, pickleball, etc.
Create an indoor gathering place	Pool	Want to create more of a gathering place - for coffee, etc. Create a place to serve food to groups, perhaps through an agreement with local restaurants. Requires removing old bleachers and old concrete slab.
Add amenities for sports and play, such as basketball hoops	Pool	
Increase funding for staff training and continuing education/ certificates to increase available programming	Pool	
Develop and implement a marketing plan	Pool	Want more promotion and programming to bring more people in and to diversify audiences, including seniors.
Update showers for gender-equality considerations	Pool	The pool has private changing stations in the female locker room and would like to apply that standard to the male locker room as well as the ADA/family changing spaces.
Implement upgrades to the pool	Pool	Real competitions/swim meets aren't possible given old-fashioned size of pool. Would like to remove bleachers to fix this. Other upgrades: inspect the pool liner, repaint under water signage and lane stripes, six new lane lines
Implement upgrades for ADA compliance	Pool	Remodel family/mixed gender bathroom to include a shower and privacy door, reconfigure parking lot for ADA improved access. Would like to hire a consultant for parking lot upgrades.
Implement upgrades for environmental considerations	Pool	Replace all bulbs to LED, add automatic shut-off timers to shower and sink faucets, install an automatic pool cover to mitigate heat loss, replace/repair drinking fountains (add water bottle refill feature to eliminate plastic water bottle waste), install solar panels
Implement mechanical upgrades	Pool	New boiler, filtrations systems, independent temperature controls, etc.
Implement cosmetic upgrades	Pool	Install new flooring, tile repaired or replaced, paint, first aid room remodel, staff break kitchen remodel, upgrade office spaces and customer lobby spaces, remove bleachers to add tables and chairs for gathering space, remodel party rental room to accommodate special events
More general maintenance	Pool	Upgrade fixtures in bathroom, install missing toilet, have drains inspected and cleared, reconfigure changing/privacy spaces, new showers and sinks
Safety equipment replacements	Pool	New Lifeguard post stations, new backboard, replace rescue tubes, staff uniforms and personal Safety equipment (gloves, breathe masks, etc.)

PORT OF SKAMANIA

SOURCE: PAT ALBAUGH		
Project	Location	Description
Control aquatic plants	All waterfront parks	During late summer, weeds in river cause recreationalists to get stuck and require rescuing. Need a permit to treat weeds, and funds to pay for treatment.
Acquire water for lawn irrigation	All waterfront parks	Need water for irrigation for lawns. Have applied for state permit for a well. Currently must buy water from City. Would like to acquire funding so that parks staff can implement, or have the ability to use river water or another source.
Better-protect the boat launch area	Cascade Boat Launch	The boat launch receives giant waves and needs more protection. Approaches may include moving the boat launch or building a breakwater in the river.
Improve and develop a park on recently-purchased residential property	Adjacent to Cascade Boat Launch	
Continue to seek opportunities to increase parking capacity	All waterfront parks	
Continue to seek efficiencies for funding and maintenance of public restrooms	All waterfront parks	

SKAMANIA COUNTY

SOURCE: TOM LANNEN AND ALEX HAYS (INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY)

Project	Location	Description
Fairgrounds Master Plan	Fairgrounds	Consider creation of a master plan that includes all current improvements and future amenity needs in one unified plan. Plan would include cost estimates and implementation strategy.
Maintenance for exhibit hall	Fairgrounds	Work to continue improvements to Exhibit Hall and other recreational and event spaces.
Campground improvements	Fairgrounds	Campground has great potential to be a year-round facility, but there are design and permitting challenges such as the fact it is located within the state shoreline jurisdiction. These improvements would make things generally safer and more functional so that rates and accessibility can be increased at the same time.
Add generators to barn	Fairgrounds	Need new generators in case of emergencies.
Create/repair walking path segments	Fairgrounds	Currently there are roots pushing up the asphalt in some locations.
Develop and implement a marketing plan	Fairgrounds	Improved marketing could reach non-white residents including Native American and Latinx groups. Especially kids. Need more designated marketing for tourism-related events. Options for legal placement of advertising/signs is currently challenging.
Engage with the City to discuss feasibility of land transfer	Upper Rock Creek Area/ Transfer Station	County has land at the transfer site that has liability issues currently. Would like to explore the option of transferring this land to the City.
Cover arena; develop permanent concert stage	Fairgrounds	Cover arena for concerts and more year round use
Upgrade restrooms	Fairgrounds	Currently anticipating grant award to repair existing restrooms
Develop water trails		
Restore shorelines	Fairgrounds	
Build a non-motorized ramp for water access	Fairgrounds	Included in the City Capital Improvement Plan for this document.
Ballfield improvements at Home Valley Park	Home Valley Park	
Create a connection from the City to Wind River Nursery	Wind River Site	Explore transit options or include in future asks for signage
Improve transit options for seniors	(To recreation areas)	
Continue to develop recreation options for Wind River Site. Consider creation of a master plan.	Wind River Site	Consider creation of a master plan.