

Beaton Hill Park & Big Rock Park South Master Plan

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting #1 Hopes, Dreams & Concerns

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

BEATON HILL PARK

Hopes & Dreams

- Variety of uses x3
- use of terrain with sensitive areas
- Filling in gaps in park system, additional amenities to complement park system
- Off-leash dog park x4
- Disc golf x2
- Connectivity between park parcels x2
- Access along NW corner of property
- Safe pedestrian access along 218th x3
- Weeping willow preserved
- Active recreation use
- Picnic shelter
- Multi-use field x2
- Pea patch
- Edible plantings/Food forest
- Natural play elements

Concerns

- Safe access along SE 8th St x2
- Safe pedestrian access along 218th x3 (hope & concern)
- Parking x2
- Adjacent neighborhood response to designs x2
- Lighting (street and ball field)
- Intense active recreation use not appropriate with adjacent natural character
- Accessibility

Site Specific Vision

- Natural playground expansion
- Expanded active use
- Integrating food growing and consumption / access to food
- Play, nature, Sammamish culture (reflections on community roots and realization of our future)
- Biodiversity & Understanding

BIG ROCK PARK SOUTH

Hopes & Dreams

- Community garden space x4
- Parking to accommodate all BRP parcels x5
 - Opportunities to explore parking with adjacent mosque
- 2-tier parking that blends in to landscape
- Bare minimum parking on-site
- Greenhouse x4
- Senior programming x5
- Community meeting space @ poolhouse x6
- Use of existing structures x6
- Barn for youth community groups
- No animal farm x3
- Removal of fence between BRP Central and South to allow animal crossing x3
- Botanical garden
- Interpretive signage
- Retain trail network x2
- 4H use at Barn
- Sections of fence openings along BRP to allow access, but not property length
- Integrate landscaping along SE 20th rather than remove, makes park feel like sanctuary
- Barn 2nd story
 - Artist open studio space, Art & craft classes, Youth, Bunk beds
- Highlighting pond north of garage
- Nighttime use - lights at nighttime x2
- Keep solar and utilize for education x2
- Balance between maintaining natural beauty while adding accessibility
- Bio bags for pet waste stations

Concerns

- Too much parking
- Landscaping along SE 20th St (lack of visibility) x2
- Privacy buffers for adjacent neighbors (west & east)
- Structures
- maintenance requirements for staff
 - Safety
 - Security
 - Restrooms
 - Flooding

Site Specific Vision

- Gathering / community



BEATON HILL PARK / BIG ROCK PARK SOUTH

Shared Vision

- Connectivity /continuity
- Uniqueness between each park
- Reflect on past Sammamish and future (looking back and ahead)
- Maintaining the natural character
- Art & Education (history/culture)
- Community access (to and within each park)
- Green parking



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City Council Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, April 19, 2022

BEATON HILL PARK

Hopes & Dreams

- Walking access along 218th
- Walking trails
- Passive use in northern half x3
- Natural amphitheaterx4
- Sports field x2
 - Soccer field, practice field, modified layouts
- Sensitivity to critical areas and associated buffers
- Off-leash dog area x2
- Unique identity or feature
- Welcoming x2
- Preserve wild/natural character
- Trout ponds
- Play structure
 - “where the wild things are”

Concerns

- Parking x2
- Water
- Tree retention

Site Specific Vision

- Pastoral
- Wild
- Welcoming
- Connectedness/connectivity
- String of jewels
- Gateway
- Surprise around the corner

BIG ROCK PARK SOUTH

Hopes & Dreams

- Inclusivity
- Access
- Passive
- Educational x2
- Greenhouse x2
- Botanical garden
- Maintain as many trails as possible
 - Trail features
- Off-leash dog area
- Story recordings/audio or Donor's history on-site
- Exploratory
- Re-use structures x2
 - Community use (meeting spaces)
 - Storage
 - House as a venue (like Beaver Lake Lodge)
- Preserve chicken coop
- Structures (groundskeeper)
- Preserve character/feeling of property

Concerns

- Don't want to lose amenities because of parking
- Safe access to the site (pedestrians)
- House
 - Unique element, how character changes
 - ADA retrofits
 - Basement flooding
 - Operational maintenance
- Cost of maintenance/development/retrofit

Site Specific Vision

- Continuity/expansion of BRP parcels
- Multigenerational, buzzing with activity, use of spaces
- Exchange
- Traverse
- Flow x2
- Magnet (home base, starting point)
- Educational
- fun

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Earth Day & Open House Event

Saturday, April 23, 2022

General Hopes & Dreams

- **Gardens / Edibles**
 - Botanical garden x4
 - Greenhouse x3
 - Pollinator meadows x4
 - Native plant garden x3
 - Fruit trees
 - Community garden
- **Play**
 - Playgrounds x2
 - Slides
 - Climbing
 - Huge swing
 - Bigger zipline x2
 - Ropes course
 - Rock climbing wall
 - Higher intensity playgrounds than other BRP parcels
 - Natural play
 - Outdoor exercise equipment
 - Senior playground
- **Education**
 - Nature center
 - Natural/nature walk (native plant exhibits with interpretive signage, edible food along walk with signage) x2
 - Outdoor education
 - Youth wilderness education, accompanied by plant ID (evening use/camping)
 - Preschool
 - Youth and adult environmental education center
 - Nature day camps x2
 - Signage
 - Wildlife ID
 - Historic interpretive signage
 - Native plant ID
- **Trails x4**
 - Accessible trails
 - Connections to other neighborhoods and parks
- **Gathering Spaces**
 - Senior activity center x3
 - Permanent facility with storage

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- Event space x2
- Outdoor theater space for summer music and theater
- Covered amphitheater (N/NE facing)
 - Place for quiet concerts
- **Passive Use**
 - Respite for nature in midst of all density of community
 - Keep uses as passive (no ballfields) x2
 - Retain natural beauty resources
 - Sitting areas for quiet contemplation
 - Open meadows
 - No active recreation (No sports or playgrounds)
- **Active Use**
 - Outdoor pool
 - Sports
 - Tennis courts x1
 - Practice wall
 - Pickleball courts x5
 - Disc golf x2
 - Executive golf course
- **Pavement free parking**
- **Equestrian center**
- **Fishing pond x2**
- **Off-leash dog park x2**

Site Specific Comments

- **BRPS:**

- Privacy screening x3
- Trail screening/decommissioning when near neighbors
- Host Concerts
- Bird blind
- Keep site passive
- Include benches in shady spots.
- It would be nice to incorporate frogs into the signage or storytelling of the park.
- Fence removed long norther property line between BRP Central and South x3
- Petting zoo
- Picnic shelters or other covered outdoor spaces for meetings
- Botanic garden around house and ponds
- Structures
 - Residence:
 - serve as office for local conservation and community organizations
 - drop in art/community center (or at garage)
 - restore to allow for dinners, wedding venue, special events x3 (i.e., Stimson Green Mansion in Seattle)
 - Barn
 - Gallery space on 2nd floor
 - Art studio
 - Maker space – youth and adults x2
 - Woodworking, skills classes, outreach
 - Preserve all buildings and re-purpose for rental space
 - Rent to churches and non-profits

- **BHP:**

- Adding a sidewalk along the west side of the property is strongly encouraged. X2
- Existing tree Preservation (emphasis on fruit trees)
- Keep park passive.
- Do nothing to the site.
- No sports field x2
- Animal farm
- Trail connection from Sammamish Commons x4
- Natural playground
- Parking along SE 8th St
- Connection to BRP North
- Concerns
 - Parking on SE 8th St
 - Safe pedestrian crossings between BRP North and BHP
 - Signage in leashed areas, keeping dogs on leash outside of off-leash dog park

Out of Scope Feedback

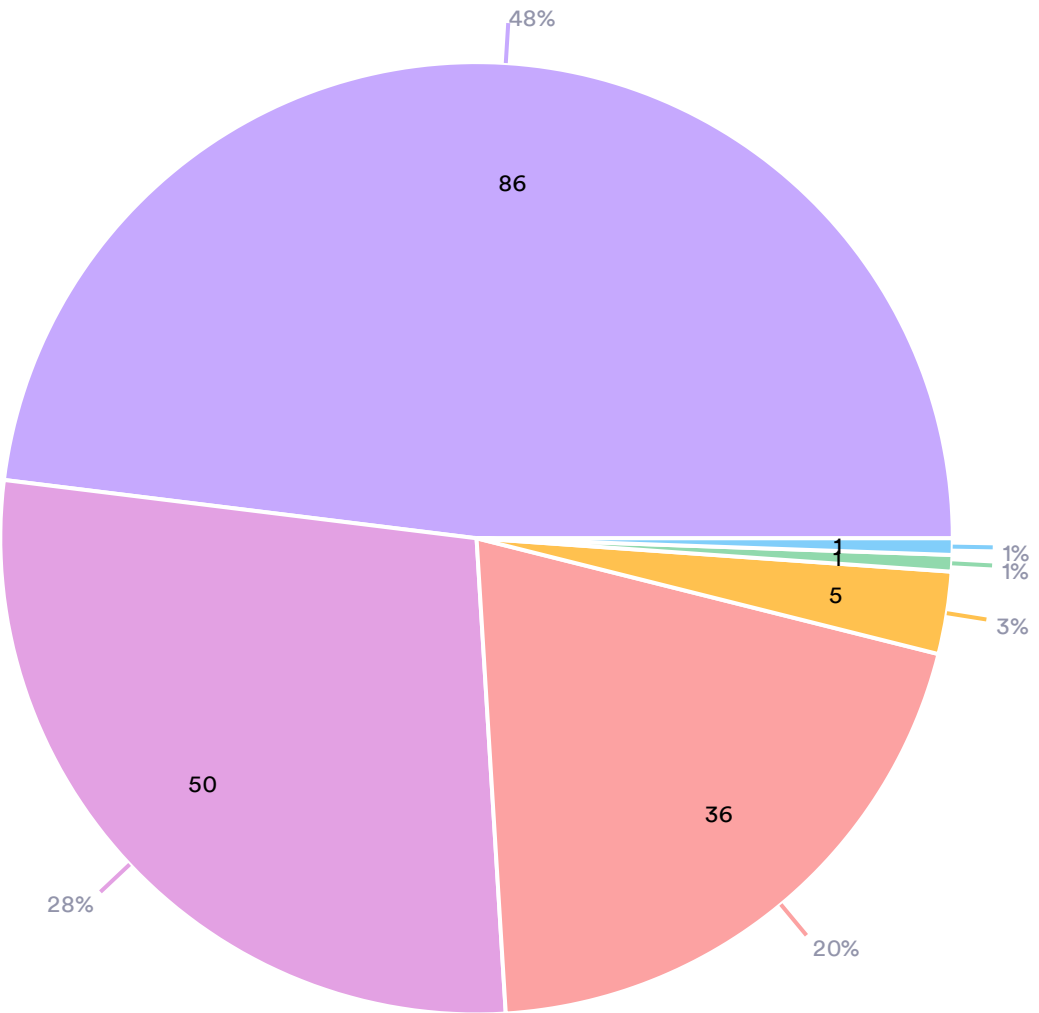
- Lower Sammamish Commons Off leash dog park x2

BRBH Community Survey #1

Survey Results

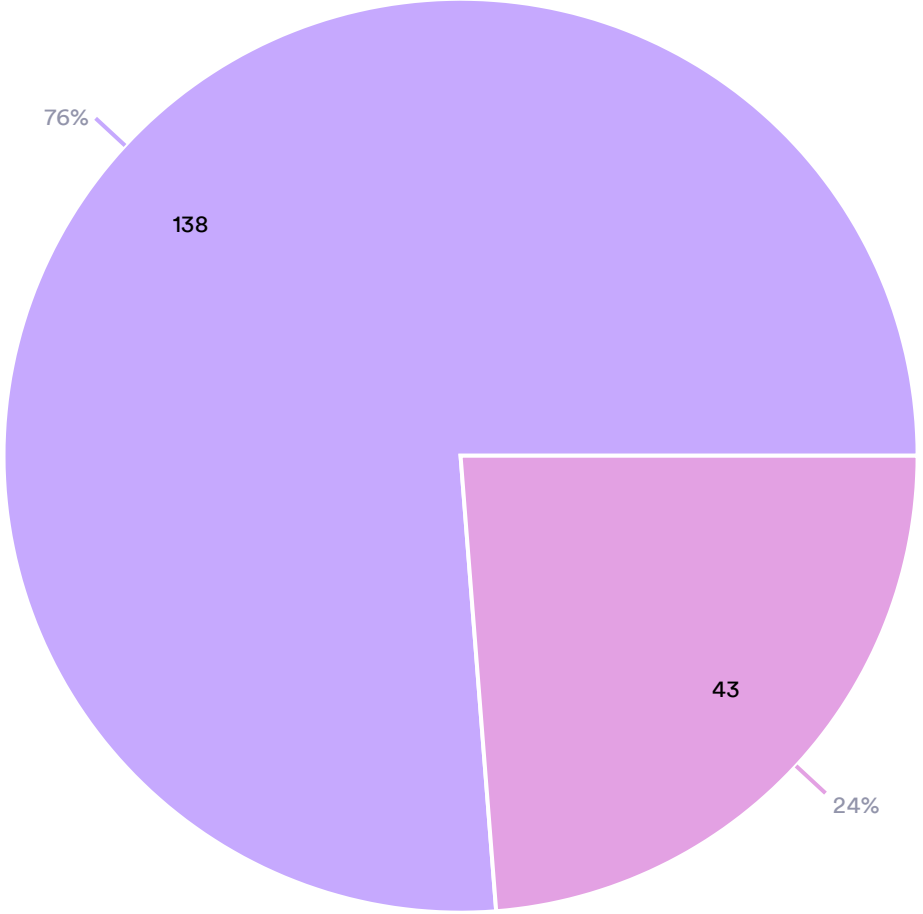
Where do you live?

I live elsewhere in the City of Sammamish I do not live in the City but I am a frequent visitor I live within 1/2 (0.5) mile of Beaton Hill Park or the Big Rock Park corridor I do not live in the City but I work or own a business here 0.6 miles I don't live there but I love the area



Have you ever visited Big Rock Park North or Big Rock Park Central?

Yes No



If you have visited the Big Rock Park properties, what do you enjoy most about Big Rock Park North or Big Rock Park Central?

I enjoy having a place to walk safely as there are no consistent sidewalks on busy streets in the surrounding neighborhoods.
I like to walk around and avoid people approaching me during covid. Also, the soft trail material, without dog poo. I like to see some sky with trees, to reduce the noise of others. Would like to see wide walking trails going around the perimeter of the land to best utilize the space.
The trails and and the beautiful forest.
I enjoy the trails primarily and that it is a respite from development.
The extensive trails that hide the fact they it is tucked between neighborhoods.
I like the natural trails, which I exercise on frequently.
The forested trails are great. It helps you think you are in a natural area not a park or the middle of a city.
The hiking trails and trees.
Trees, walkable paths, shade in the summertime, and the potential of the Susie Bell house suitable facility for in-person drop-in center for older adults in our community - games, topics, meet-and-greet, meeting friends. Close by parking
Trails, open spaces, covered areas because we have a great deal of inclement weather. Would love to see a facility similar to Beaver Lake Lodge, only a bit larger, at this site.
The trails - ability to wander around and enjoy the woods and green space.
Open space, walking trails and retention of natural areas.
The stream and the trees.
Undisturbed green spaces
Trail system, variety of landscape, the beautiful heritage garden and new native plant garden, treehouse. My grandkids love the zip line.
I was happy to see such a large open area in a prime central Sammamish location.
The kids enjoy playing on the zip line and tunnel and slide. It would be nice to see more kid friendly play options available. The trails are nice too not ruined by development of sports fields, structures, etc.
The natural untouched landscape.
I enjoy the trails! I wish there were more trails that connected neighborhoods to parks and other neighborhoods.
Walking with grandkids in native forest; climbing with grandkids on the big rock
trails, playground, parking
Natural open space
Being in nature + well-marked trails. Feels like a safe, contained space to take the kids out exploring.
I like the trails to walk my dogs, I appreciate the dog potty stations, there's a good mix of wooded and open terrain. I like seeing the deer, coyotes, snakes and owls, and hearing the birds and the running water. With all of the local development going on we need to protect what little natural space we have left.
Trails
The trails. My kids enjoyed the playground and the giant rock. The history of the Reard house and the garden are great too.
We love all the trails, great for walking our dog and letting the kids roam/run wild. Our kids love the zipline and of course the big rock!!
Trails to walk, quiet, natural area.
Walking/running trails, open fields. Nature!
Trails, tree house, kids area.
Trails and wooded area.
open grassy space for kids to play
Walking trails and zip line for kids
The open green space and also the park amenities
Love the hiking trails in both parks and the untouched green space. Love the large garden at Central.
The trails, zipline, natural play area, treehouse, community garden
We like the extensive trails and natural play areas for the kids. We also like the zipline.
The zip line and slide
Passive trails, Woodlands, Sammamish Botanical Garden, Pollinator Garden, Native plants
Remaining areas of standing forest and walking trails.
It is great that the parks are interconnected.
We enjoy the trail network and the zip line.
We enjoy the trees and trails, mostly. We are glad there are large areas of landscape relatively intact for animals to use as their home and corridor for travel.
Another park addition to the city, another option for families
Natural beauty and well maintained paths.
The natural trails, big trees, and native plants.
Peaceful, Quiet, Green, chance to see wild life in natural surroundings
Multi level of interesting activities and sights for both children and adults.
Never ran into anyone on a mountain bike, and not sure if allowed. But nice to keep the bikers off limits to this park to keep it safe for walkers, children and pets.
The trails/nature.
Peace and quiet, The variety of the landscape, The Garden next to the house
Natural setting. Trails to walk...very peaceful. Fun for kids too. Appeals to all age groups. Heritage garden is a jewel...interesting to see what is growing. Looks well cared for...nice volunteers.
Passive nature experiences
undeveloped open space
the trails and feeling of being out in the forest even though you are in the middle of the city. Also, the diversity of the area (wetlands, forests, meadows, etc.).
The nature , the history, that there are efforts to bring native plantings and passive use to enjoy these gifts.
Trails, trees, water features. Communion with nature. Most of the time not very busy.

If you have visited the Big Rock Park properties, what do you enjoy most about Big Rock Park North or Big Rock Park Central?

Open, unstructured space. Walking trails, heritage garden & well-appointed features at the top of BRN (including zip line, rock wall & slide, and hills): these features really encourage imaginative play.

My kids and I love the slide and zipline at Big Rock Park North.

Love that I can take my grandchildren to an area to play as I live in townhome community that is not conducive for children to safely play

The treehouse and suspension bridges. Always been something I loved.

The open space with trees.

Walking the trails and natural areas. The tree house is very cool!

The natural trails and feeling of being out in nature, and not just in a "normal" park. We *love* walking there regularly with our dog or kids, it's such a peaceful place, and the trail system has so many great connections and cross trails that you can wind and twist around as short or as far as you like.

I enjoy the trails leading to the Big Rock in Big Rock Park North and the incredible treehouse in Big Rock Park Central.

Fun area to just get out especially seeing my younger siblings playing at the treehouse

Trails, pastoral feeling, treehouse, trees, natural play structure, the big rock!

The quiet nature of the park and its relatively unspoiled natural state.

The trails feeling like you are outside the city but it is natural vegetation and open.

Ponds

The variety of terrain, open meadows and natural features in both parks. In Central, I also appreciate the presence of the heritage garden, the treehouse, and the historic house.

The natural feel of both of them.

Location near housing and accessibility

The trails, walking and seeing the native plants and animals

Breathtaking beauty of North. Love walking the trails and admiring the garden. Peaceful place where we restore our connections with nature.

Central was my favorite park until North opened. Am very pleased with the connecting trail. Am an older longtime resident of Sammamish who uses parks mostly for walking and nature appreciation. But very important that parks welcome those under 18, who make up 33% of our population. Perhaps that means a playground in North. Am always delighted to see children on the Central playground.

Natural trails

The trails

The trails.

Nature

Fresh air. Open space

The park itself containing nature paths and play structures for kids

location

The Heritage Garden and open spaces.

The zip line

It's really quiet, and it's just nature.

Open space

My dog and I enjoy all the different paths to walk. Kids when you get likes the park. Looking forward to some teen things for them to do now.

The trails, the garden and the playground.

Yes. Love the walking trails

Great for walking my dog

Natural trails, forested land, heritage garden

Fun trails, very clean, playground, great story about the land being donated.

Nice clean park with forest and streams.

Only driven by but I love the open space.

Quite trails to explore.

Great for walking the dog. Love the open spaces but would also like to see some pickle ball courts in the city. Lots of residents are playing!

Nice area. Fun for kids

Getting outside.

Nature and walking my dog

Fresh Air

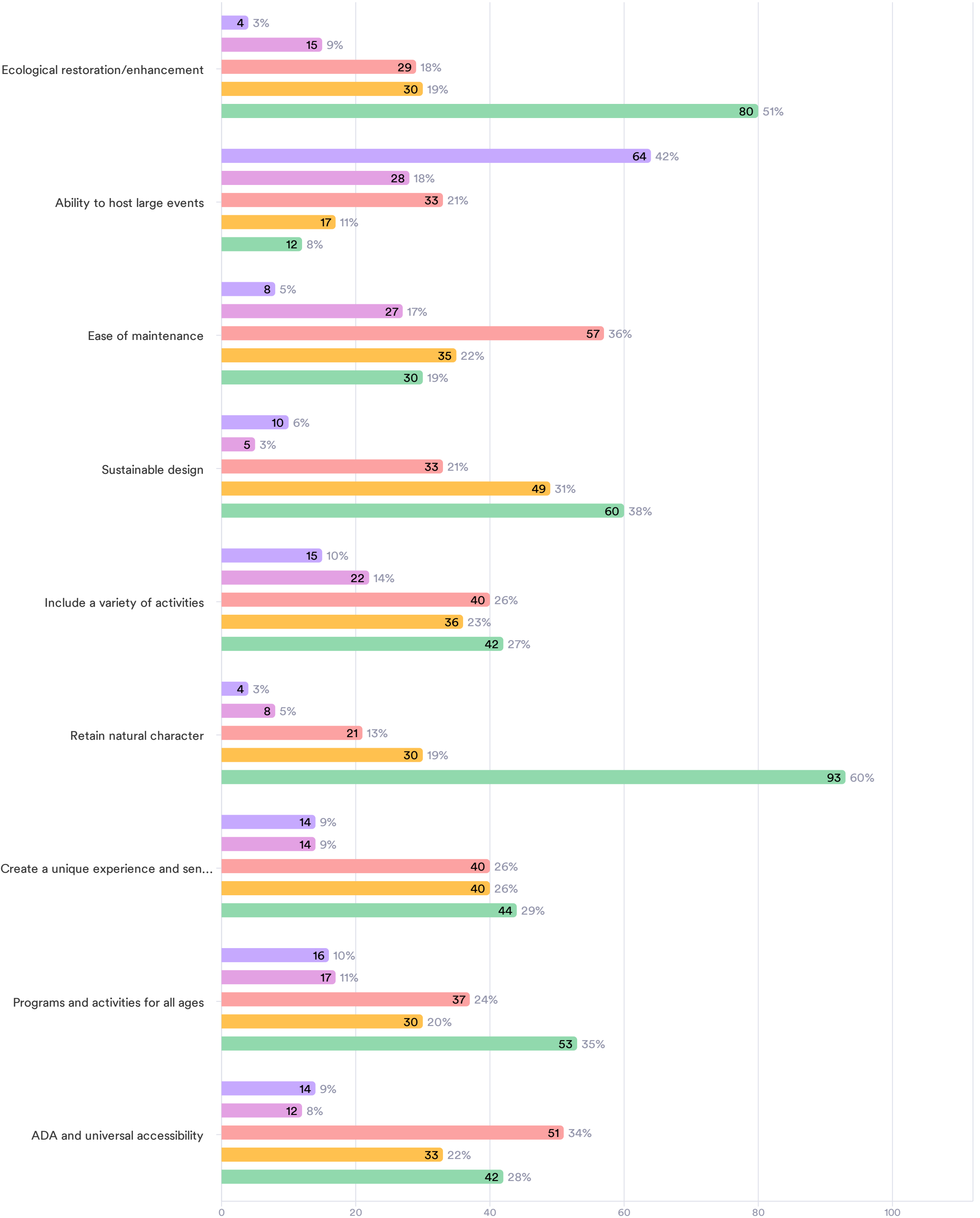
Trees

I like the trails and the ability to see people outdoors enjoying the parks!

Guiding Principles

On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means "Not Important" and 5 means "Very Important".

1 2 3 4 5



Guiding Principles: Other
Quite areas, reduce mosquitoes and bugs in the area
Pickleball courts
I would strongly prefer the parks not turn into another big soccer field.
Add activities for underserved populations (teens)
a place for older adults to meet each other, an interim senior "center"
connect the locations with walking and mountain biking options
safe access for nearby residents (sidewalks on 218th)
Add trail from Big Rock Park North to the Commons. In general, really important to create connections between parks.
Have a trail connecting all 4 park parcels, buy the next bit to provide Pine Lake access at this area.
trails connecting the parks, including Ebright Creek park; plant native species
Areas that are already native forest should be kept that way and expanded
Walking connection between the Commons and all sections of the park is what I am most excited about!
Equine facilities; a schedule: dates/times for off leash dogs; partner with the Y to make a ropes course; ecological day camps for kids/partner with the schools to do ecological field trips; volunteer days to plant natives, remove invasives, etc.
Make a connection from these parks to Sammamish Commons!!!!
There are no sidewalks leading to Beaton Hill Park and a treacherous low visibility section of 218th running along the West side of Beaton Hill Park, and slightly to the North. We think it is imperative that a sidewalk be placed on this stretch so no one gets hit by a car trying to access the park.
Ability to walk safely to the park on sidewalks from the surrounding neighborhood.
Play structure for older kids
Retain large trees
Save connections between all parks, to avoid crossing streets. use pedestrian tunnels/ overpasses.
Add Botanical Garden
Programs for teenagers and young adults..adult playground
Encourage community engagement - for example, allowing the house in BRN to be used as a place to gather
Encourage community
Model for sustainability to inspire citizens
Ability to host small group activities such as guided walks, outdoor painting/drawing groups, nature study groups
Retain as many trees as possible
I'm here just to get a disc golf course or courses put in.
Disc golf

Are there any guiding principles that should be different between parks? If yes, which ones?

I would like to see Beaton Park have Pickleball courts constructed.

Cohesiveness within corridor -- should feel continuous.

None I can think of. I prefer all the parks be left natural and for hiking. I prefer we do not have mountain biking.

All parks should have trails in natural areas, but some should have more playgrounds and meeting places and some should have more natural areas. This should be an effortless trend based on the nature of the land. We should not have to modify the land a lot to accommodate the different activities. Developing a park should follow the Leave No Trace principles by minimizing the changes that need to be made to the natural environment. If it's wooded, don't cut down trees. If it's hilly, don't level it. If it's wet, don't fill it in, etc.

Yes, based on terrain and location, one should be able to host large groups but not both. One should be more natural, one have activities.

Beaton could have an off-lease dog park, have pickleball courts, benches under shelters for any time of year enjoyment

One should be very easily accessible by seniors, ease of ADA access.

Can't think of anything

Would like to see a well maintained off-leash area in one of the areas and on-leash enforcement in the others.

Where there are natural areas, they should be preserved/enhanced. Areas that already have human disturbance (except in cases where the disturbance affects streams or wet areas) are more appropriate for human use- picnics, playgrounds, sports, or pea patches (pea patches especially in areas with fertile agricultural soils.)

Open green space is rare. Please don't fill up the small parks with baseball diamonds or other permanent recreational fields. Rather seek to embrace the natural beauty of plants. Such as rose gardens or walking paths.

If something is going to be developed for crowds or sports, put them all in one area so the least # of sound and light impacts are felt by surrounding wildlife and residents. Pickleball courts are always nice but they are not silent & are not conducive to wildlife viewing or enjoying a quiet walk. If bike paths are made, make them safe for riders and the ppl they ride past. NO PETS on or off leash, the few who let their "nice" dogs off leash and/or don't clean up after them have already ruined it for the rest.

Beaton Hill should include a covered structure for year round activities/shelter from rain

Have a large group facility at one location. Use the house on the original Big Rock Park for more than snowflake and wreath storage and traffic signal controllers, etc. It seems it could be used for educational groups.

Make a connection from these parks to Sammamish Commons!!!!

I like the idea of making Beaton Hill Park more of a traditional park with a great playground/play structures for kids, a picnic shelter or two, open space. Big Rock South could be more of an event space perhaps, if the structures were renovated for this purpose (I'm thinking sth along the lines of Tibbets Manor out in 900. They host everything from wedding receptions to summer Lego camps!)

Without a sidewalk on 218th there is extremely limited accessibility to either Beaton Hill or Big Rock Parks currently.

There are a lot of kids in Sammamish, parks with covered spaces will help a lot of families in the rainy weather. Especially families with young kids.

There isn't a large play structure at any of the Big Rock Parks. It would also be great if it was an inclusive structure - accessible to all kids. This would be a draw for the entire city of Sammamish. Ideas here - https://www.accessibleplayground.net/?doing_wp_cron=1651503652.2420949935913085937500

Big Rock Park should be a community center with space available for non profit meetings. It should remain passive in nature.

Beaton Hill, close to the City center, is better situated for variety of activities than Big Rock Park South.

Not sure

Exiting developments (i.e., the Piggott home) can stay, and be repurposed. But NO new development where there is none, now. PLEASE, NO MORE PLAYGROUNDS! Those are baby-sitters for lazy parents. The kids will benefit from learning how to recreate in natural settings.

We don't need sports fields with high impact lighting

Keep one at least as natural as possible and the other with activities that are kind to the land, animals and neighbors. Our parks are not always good neighbors.

It might be nice to honor Beaton Hill's history with a pea patch or place to experience live stock (the baby lambs were something to look for every spring)

Yes I believe there needs to be somewhat common principles across the majority, however, Big Rock has some unique amenities like the house, barn, etc. For that one I can see how a priority could be hosting large events. However, I would not see that being the same for Beaton Hill.

I feel like there's a great opportunity for Beaton Hill to be a bit more developed, perhaps more of a playground area or picnic shelters -- whereas Big Rock Park is special for its natural character and sense of seclusion and lack of development. Keeping BRP more natural and less developed, and having Beaton Hill, which is across a small road and closer to the town center, as the somewhat more developed park, seems like it would be a great way to provide more opportunities to the community, while keeping BRP unique and special as it is today.

From an environmental capacity and already developed perspective, hosting large events seems more appropriate for Big Rock Park South.

Creating a unique experience and sense of place is more important at Big Rock

The two parcels are different. The southern portion has a degree of development already that could be a basis for community use on a low-intensity basis. Beaton Hill is essentially greenfield that could provide a northern extension of Big Rock parcel A.

For Beaton Hill, I'd like to see displays or features that educate about the agricultural history of that property and Sammamish as a whole since that is disappearing. For BRP south, I'd like to see a clear plan that maintains and adapts the buildings for educational and event space, including space for artist rental studios, workshops/classes, and short-term residency projects.

BRBS should be kept as natural as possible, a botanical garden would be nice

Have enough parking for use to not bother neighbors. Have safe fire pits

I would really love there to be disc golf

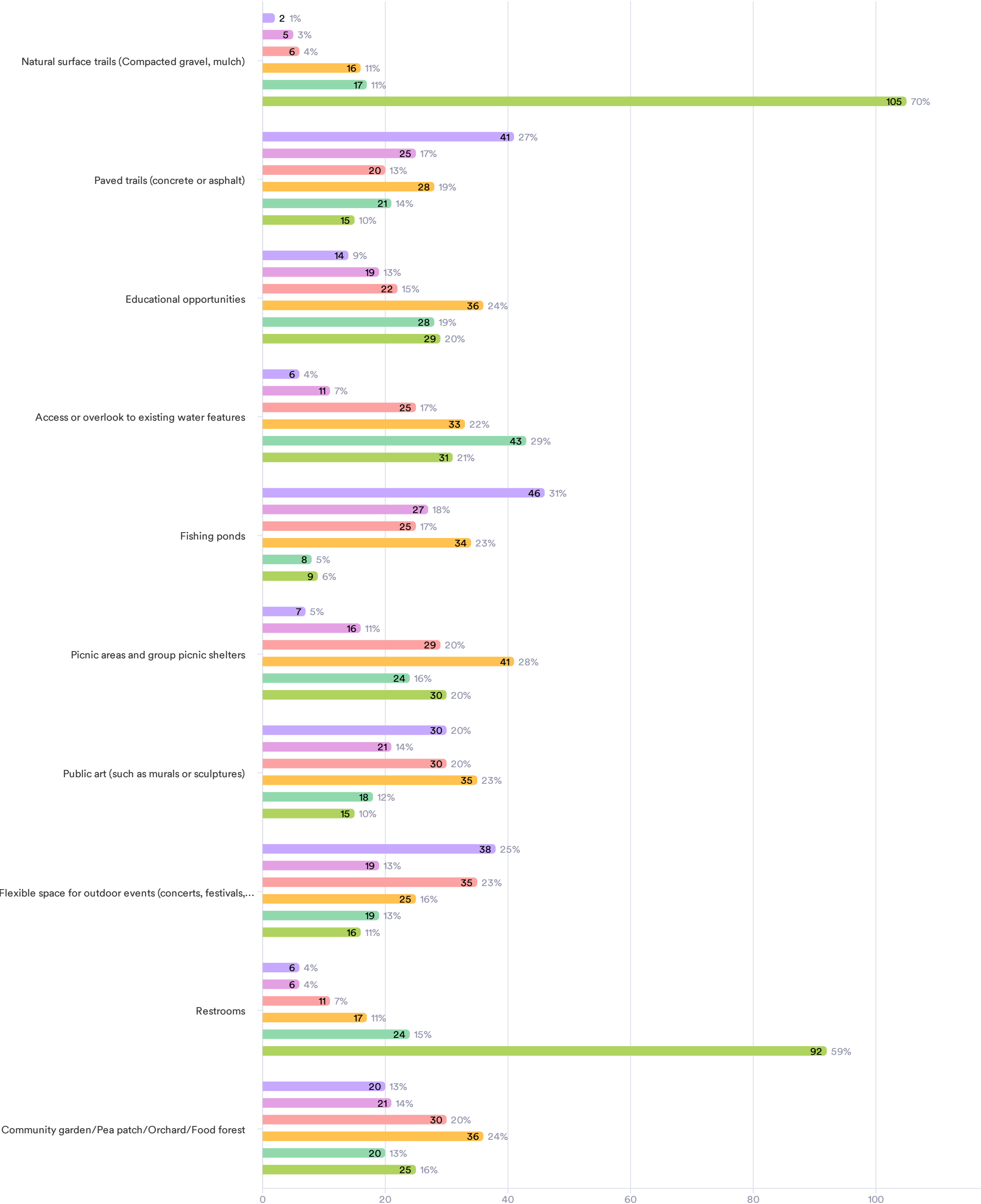
The parks should blend harmoniously with each other

- 1) South has the large barn. Would you consider adding water and bathrooms so that you could rent the barn? Or perhaps use the barn for programs? Would like to see series of programs such as: Tree identification; bird identification; best flowers/vegetables/natives/berries/fruit trees to grow; water flow in the parks; painting (North has gorgeous landscapes for painting); astronomy; etc.
- 2) Would you consider a community garden in South or Beeton?
- 3) How about planting a Pacific NW meadow in Beeton or Central?
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- 4) You have planted an area in North. Would like signs explaining what you are doing.
- 5) House and pool house in South. So many issues with maintenance, etc. Maybe you open park before solving these issues. Maybe house can be used as gardening center, similar to how the Bellevue Botanical Garden uses its building. Would like to see the house in Central used as a senior center or other community gathering place.
- 6) Need more than adequate parking in South since most drivers are likely to access Central and South via South.
- 7) Playground at Beeton--maybe a more traditional playground to complement the natural playground at North.
- 8) Connectivity between all parks.
- 9) Playground at Central? You have the visiting stats, but I don't see a lot of people at Central, probably because the park is hidden away. But perhaps more people would come if the park had a playground?
- 10) What a great gift this is to have such a gorgeous central park in our city.

Park Elements

On a scale of 0-5, where 0 means "Do not include" and 5 means "Yes, please include"

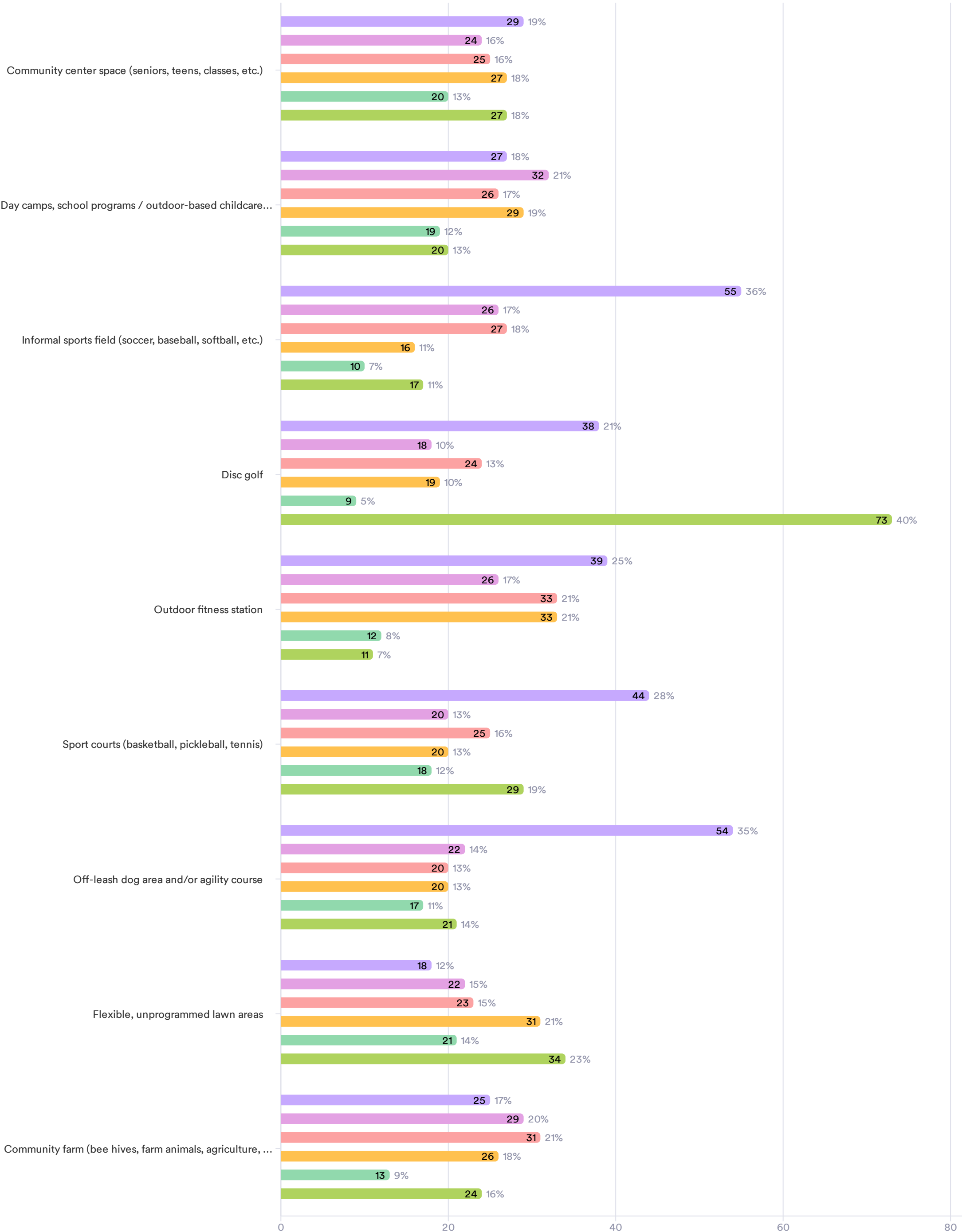
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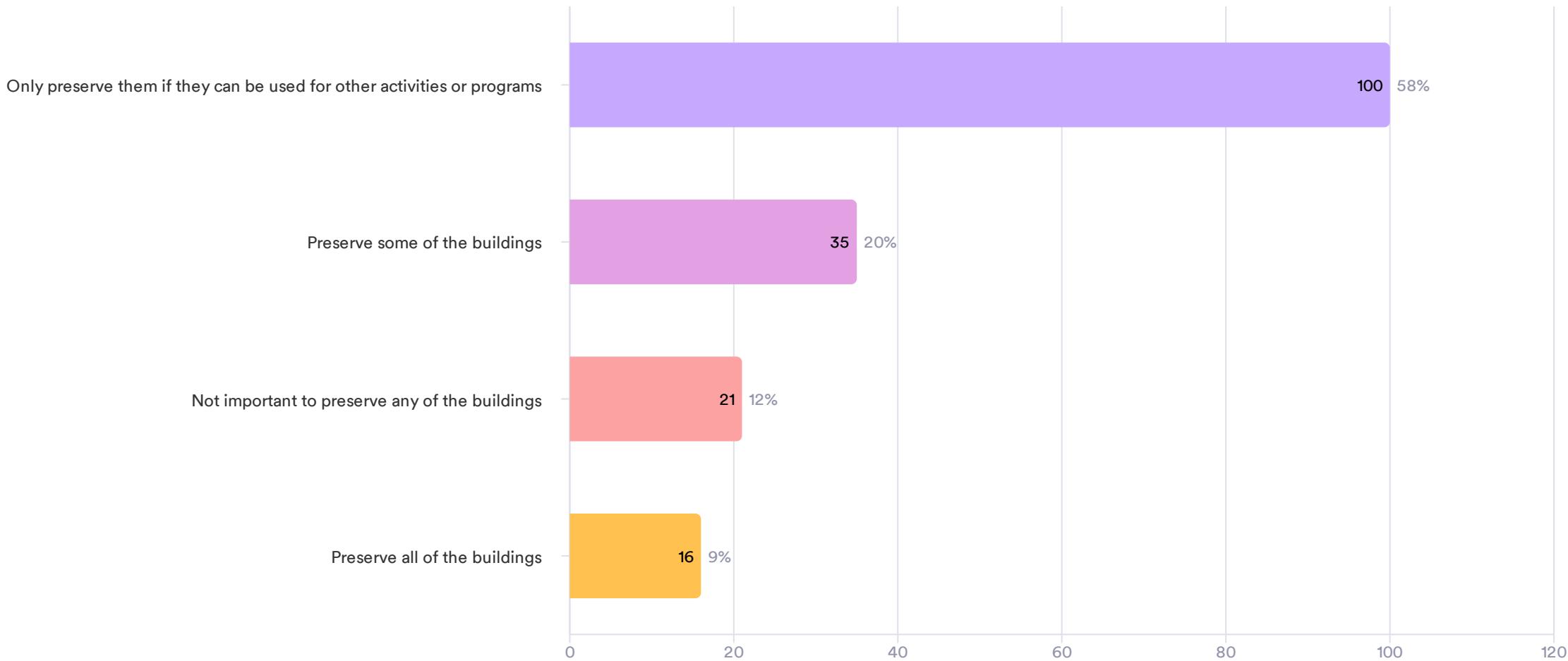
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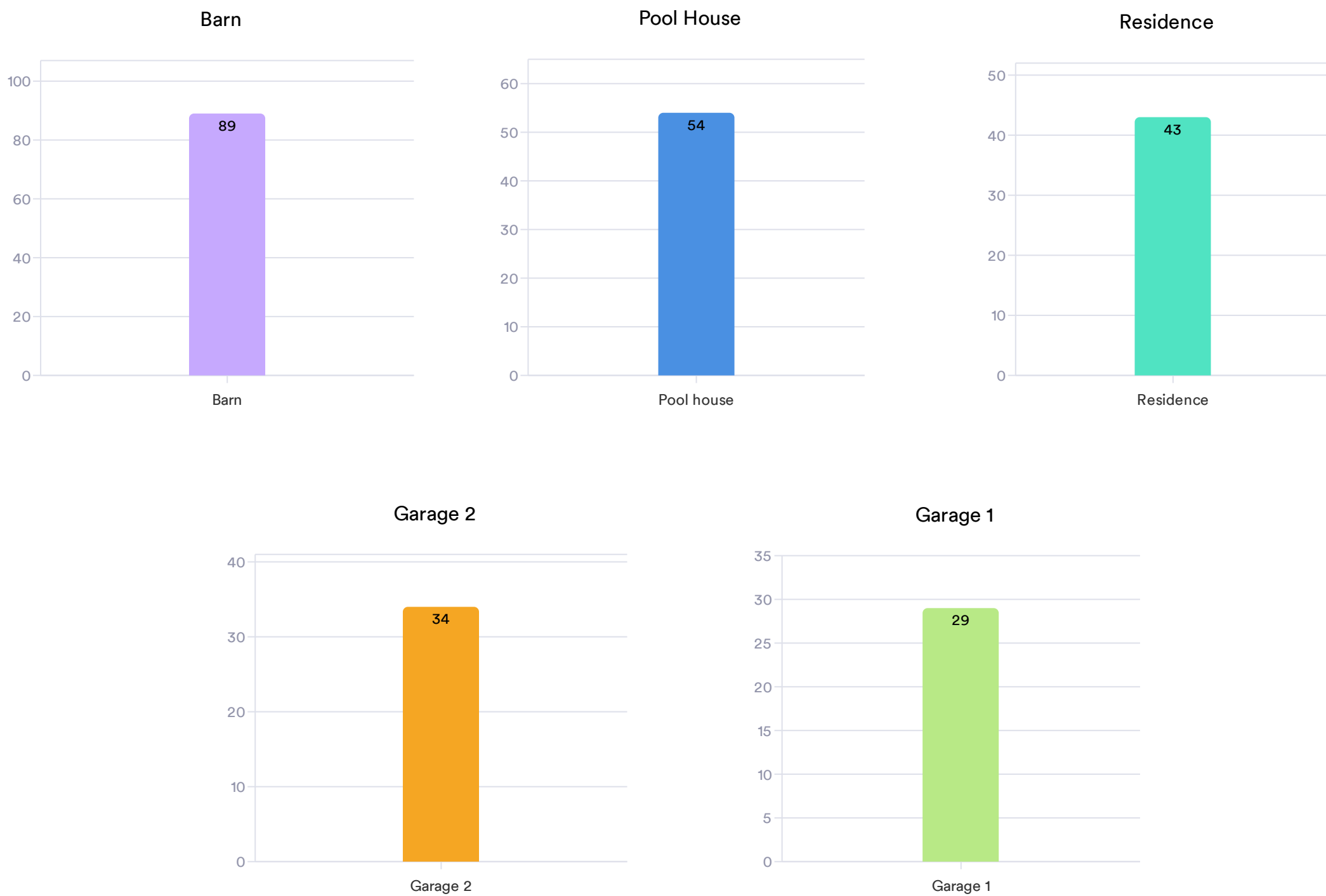
Park Elements: Other
Keep the place natural, avoid loud events or sporting activities in Park South
Geocaches, puzzles, historical markers about Sammamish.
Zipline or teen oriented activities
Definitely need a no-membership "community" center for older adults, such as the South BRP barn and garages, already easy access ground floors, plus the pool house and pickleball court to schedule
Keep dogs out of public spaces. Bee hives fine, farm animals for consumption - no thanks!
Trail connections and tree habitat retention are the highest priority in my opinion.
equine facilities/trails--could be on select days/times--kind of like Bridle Trails. Could host local dressage and other shows if we had a good arena with parking for trailers
Make a connection from these parks to Sammamish Commons!!!!
Ponds represent a drowning hazard for young children; hence, I do not think they should be included in a park that is meant for all ages. I do not think the parks should include space for outdoor concerts, festivals, public art, dogs to run, restrooms, etc., as these parks are in neighborhoods and concerts and dog parks could be very loud and intrusive. What I feel Sammamish needs, and hence these parks should include, are more locations for fitness and sports for children, such as tennis courts, a community pool, open and flexible grass areas, fields for sports, etc.
Art center; area for music and theatre
Native/undisturbed forest.
Rock climbing practice structure
Sammamish needs a senior center
Again you have very few things for older teens.
A playground area, perhaps like the one at Ebright Creek Park, at Beaton Hill would be fantastic. The natural playground features at BRP North are good, but relatively small, and a more extensive playground area would be optimal.
Office space for Park staff/maintenance; office space for community groups, art studio or instruction
Year-round day care; space for community group meetings
Artist studios and art classroom space. For all other developed facilities, I would not want these to be so large that they would attract large groups of people and disrupt the natural features of both parks.
No off-leash dog area--they stink, and dogs misbehave toward strangers. Ebright has the grassy meadow that people use as a playing field; that should be the model for both Beeton and South.
Pickleball!!!!
Could use a dark sky site in Sammamish for astronomy. Not quite camping, but night access.
Accessible playground for children with all abilities. Check out Seattle Parks design for Eli's Park Project at Burke Gilman Playground Park through Seattle Parks Foundation.
Dedicated outdoor basketball courts are needed. Parks have combined them with tennis courts so when 2 people want to play tennis, which is readily available at school facilities, groups of people have no where else to go
Big rock park south is a natural location for a botanical garden, the bones are already in place with established garden beds, orchard, visitor center and education location.
I can't express enough about having disc golf
Pickle ball courts are a must!!!!
Please, please, please add some pickleball courts! Our new state sport needs more opportunities to bring Sammamish citizens of all ages, races, and backgrounds together!!

How important is it to preserve some or all of the existing buildings at Big Rock Park South?

● Only preserve them if they can be used for other activities or programs ● Preserve some of the buildings ● Not important to preserve any of the buildings ● Preserve all of the buildings



If you selected some of the buildings, which ones should be preserved?



If these buildings are preserved, what is your vision for activities that could occur in each space?

pool house could be opened up for table tennis, barn used for community gatherings
Museum, educational space, community meetings, rental space for family party's, Weddings.
The barn could be used for large gatherings to hosts meetings, guest speaker events, indoor concerts, dances, weddings, educational classes as well as arts and crafts classes.
The residence could possibly be used to host family's that are displaced and need a place to stay until they find permanent housing.
The garages could be used for storage, converted to host classes, small meetings.
The Pool House could be used for sports.
Potential community space or storage for maintenance.
These spaces could be repurposed for gardening and/or outdoor dining shelters. The spaces could support community gardens or farms!
Free meeting spaces in houses like a community center for garden clubs and other adult orgs. Woodshop and project spaces in garages for teen projects like Eagle and Stem projects. Swimming lessons and small parties in pool (the Y running our community pool has been a complete disaster).
Allow for reservable events (parties, classes, farmers markets)
I am not aware of what these structures look like inside and what proposed usages are feasible. We definitely need community gathering places for seniors and all ages.
Barn should have an elevator from the ground to the hay door for ADA access for older adults to enjoy activities on each floor level, that can include chair yoga, music/performance, arts & crafts, knitters, board games, bridge, bingo, speakers - let it be the interim senior/community center for our city (and a permanent center in Town Center when possible). Garages - can to a wood shop, art center, and other games and crafts for older adults
senior center activities, intergenerational activities,
Classes, meetings and other public benefit activities
Would the garages be useful for Parks Department or City vehicle/equipment storage? Can the barn be used for community center/educational space?
Can the residence be used for meetings or city/nonprofit/arts group offices or classrooms, or artist studio space?
Meeting space, classes, presentations. Similar to Beaver Lake Lodge.
Put public restrooms in some, low income/shelter housing in the house, or lease it out to quilters or private parties. Day camps in the barn. CERT trainings and other outdoor program training... depending what's in the barn - is there room for a climbing gym? Lease the place out and let user fees pay for the entire park system:-) IF there is to be shelter space, be sure to include shower & laundry facilities. Sammamish is high income, time to pay it forward and bring the community together.
senior center, community center
Small group meetings that could be rented out to citizens with limited hours.
Educational Classes, Wedding or Birthday venue for rent.
Teen clubhouse!!
The barn should be a huge focal point for sheltered community activities. There are very few place in Sammamish that can offer that. I think all existing buildings are worthwhile to same and incorporate into maintenance or community facilities
Surely grounds/parks staff can utilize these buildings?
Maker spaces, horses, historical museum, events, storage, outdoor education, day camps, kitchen, dining hall, crafts room, etc. You could put an archery spot it, etc. There could be really awesome summer camps hosted here!
Farm animals for the barn area.
Educational opportunities, such as foreign language classes for adults, and a variety of educational and social activities for Seniors.
Have an indoor community pool. YMCA has it but it gets very crowded.
camps for kids, art or educational programming for kids and adults
Event space in the barn - with some sprucing...
Pool house--meeting space
Residence--meeting space; classes
Barn--art center
Garages--will need area to place maintenance equipment, storage
With ADA upgrades, both buildings could be suitable for group events, meetings, educational programs and/or celebrations. The Residence could also serve as a venue for learning about preservation and the history of Sammamish and the East Side.
I could not deselect anything. Buttons on survey would not change even though I didn't mean to have all selected. I would save barn for storage, or shelter, or a place to hold parties.
Storage in garages of equipment. Barn - possibly petting farm animals.
Pool house and sport court - rent out for birthday parties, scout activities, wedding (on lawn) and reception in pool house. Main residence - ??, maybe meeting rooms or offices for city staff.
Community building activities
Park Caretaker and Park Maintenance Equipment storage / service
Meeting space for groups. Classes , Art studios
Senior center
Small learning farm for all including school kids and adults. Hands on creative spaces places for schools and all residents. Maybe a fix it garage for residents
Garage for storage of park related needs, and tools for the volunteers and their gardens.
Barn for classes; popup educational opportunities for kids to learn about and craft for nature; a seasonal celebration every quarter for the entire family geared toward nature and the offerings of the season (ex...bobbing for apples , having a bean planting day , make a snowflake , etc.)
The Sport court could be used as a sport court.
The house could be a meeting place for the Community including Seniors and Youth clubs / orgs; Stewards; Friends of...; KWG; and include history and property left artifacts .
The barn can create a learning area with animals; with the upstairs as a classroom regarding raising and taking care of the animals and farming life. The residence could be used for offices, and possibly for the Historical Society/Art Community. Garages for community projects, fairs, farmers market; and open for scheduling by of such activities by schools, or clubs. Pool room would be a great social area, that could be rented for small parties/gatherings. Sportcourt should be open for the neighborhood. They trails are in great shape right now and the grass area is perfect for picnicking.

If these buildings are preserved, what is your vision for activities that could occur in each space?

Outdoor- based community pre-school, space for tai chi/ yoga classes/ garden classes.
Community activities for all ages could use indoor space
Barn would allow the installation of small community focused indoor activities. Thinking things like cornhole, darts, shuffleboard, ping pong table, horseshoe, fire pit with some seating. Things that would allow the community, of all ages, to still gather when the weather is poor. Anything that provides our youth with something NOT destructive to do in their free time!
I don't have a comprehensive vision for each of these spaces. In general, community meeting spaces. Anything that can promote and facilitate, community, regional, and global civil discourse.
I could see weddings and/or family reunions being held at the Residence and Barn. Also, senior center / community events at each of those dwellings. Not to mention youth programs like arts / crafts.
One/some of them can be remodeled/converted to Community center space (seniors, teens, classes, etc.).
Residence: non-profit offices; city parks offices; hosting parties; on-site caretaker residence (top floor).
Barn: barn dance parties (top floor); animal husbandry and chickens (1st floor)
One of two garages: parks/city maintenance vehicles/storage for activities
You can have a disc golf spot open with renovations to certain areas
Pool house: event space; Residence: office space; Garage 2: parks maintenance storage and demonstration site for sustainable lawn and garden equipment; Barn: artist space for classes and fairs, secon floor; farm and garden support, environmental ed/camps, first floor.
Could relocate Parks department to the house to free up space in city hall. Same is true for the house on Parcel A. House could be also used as a community meeting or event location or for a childcare facility. Barn could also function as a community meeting location. All garages could be used for city equipment storage.
The garages could be repurposed for artist rental studios with one bay as an artist in residence space. The barn could be repurposed as classroom spaces for all types of programs. The home is an interesting historic property and could be repurposed for private meetings and events. I do not see value in keeping the pool house and the sport court would have more use if it was repurposed as a general patio/gathering area.
Educational opportunities, classes,
Community meetings, maker space, dance classes, art lessons, natural history education, outdoor preschool, quilting group, Scout meetings
If water piped to barn, and if restrooms are built, barn could be rented for activities. If no heating in the barn, summer activities only? If barn is heated, barn could be classroom space for classes such as: Tree identification; bird identification; best plants for PNW; astronomy; water flow in the parks; maybe even an art studio???
Residence--we cannot tear down this 1920s Arts and Crafts style house.
Maybe you open park before figuring out how to use the house. Perhaps house could be a gardening center or used for community meeting rooms.
Would you be able to use the house as meeting place for various Sammamish non-profits?
Garage 1 or 2--do you want to keep for storage and maintenance?
Park facilities for equipment and storage
Refurbish pool, allows for swimming classes, water aerobics etc
Barn refurbished can host wedding, reunions all kinds of functions
Indoor and Outdoor pickleball!!!!
Gathering places, educational sites, meeting rooms.
Private events, workshops, arts and craft fairs, swim lessons, recreational, community farm/gardens, Boy Scout/Girl Scout day camps
Just maintenance storage, if needed. Or short term leased storage for events.
Outdoor Community pool that has a more accessible cost (daily fee instead of annual membership?) and a farm like Farrel-McWhirter Farm Park in Redmond.
Barn could be an indoor event space
Excellent facilities for farm animals (such as farrel mcwhirter park) and botanical garden and orchard. All excellent for educational opportunities, natural spaces and community engagement
The residence would make a fine Senior Center and community activity meeting place
any kind of sports
Weddings, school activities, store equipment for maintenance. I mean it has solar that should help. Also someone who maintains the park could live there? Maybe?
Pool house could be used for event space/play space. Residence and Barn could be used as rental income for event space.
Garages and/ or pool house would be easy to store maintenance equipment and restrooms. The barn would be a nice place to host gatherings
Garage for maintenance and barn used as covered play area or picnic

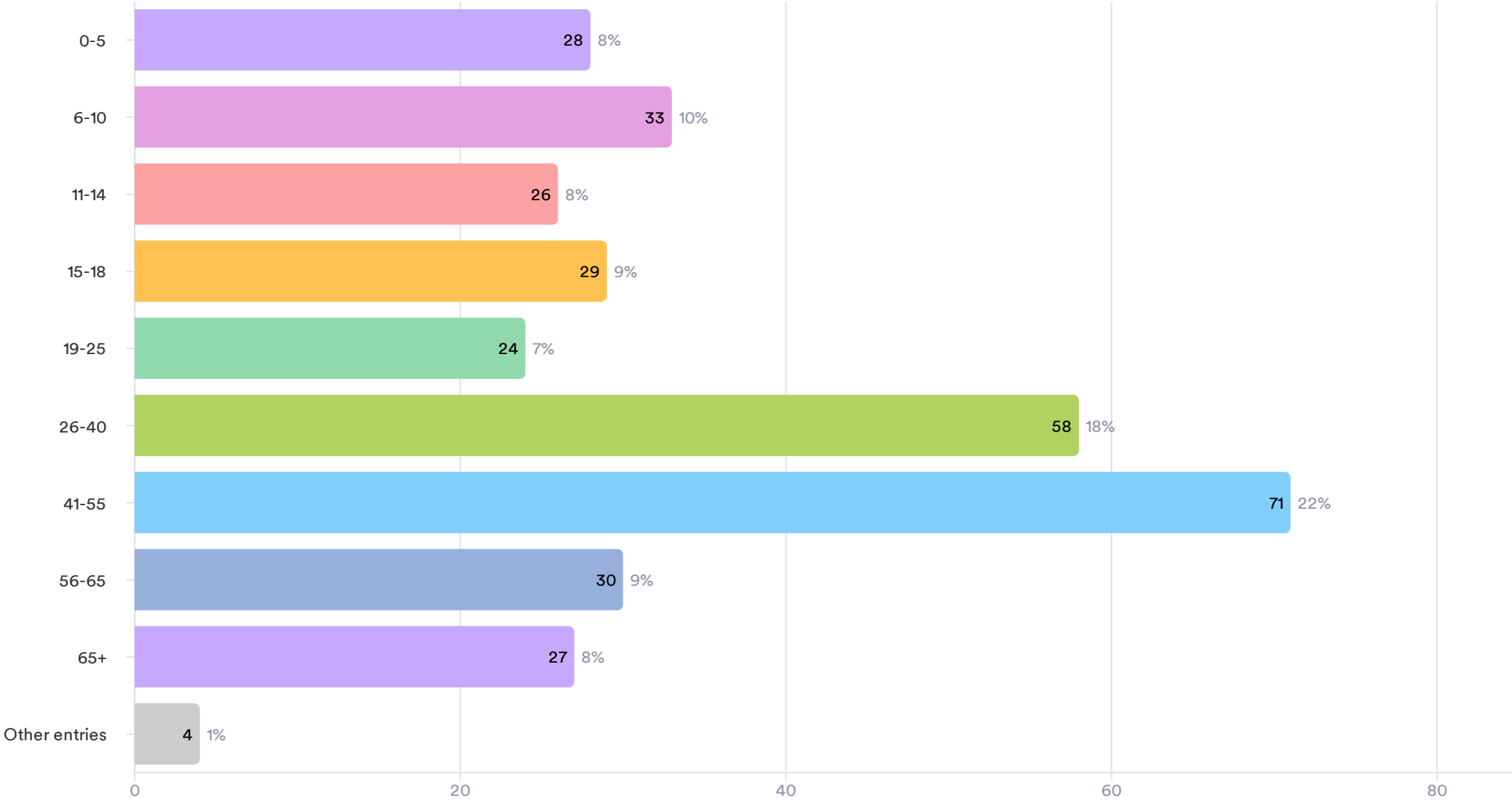
Do you have any other hopes, dreams, or concerns for these parks that you would like to share?

PARKING and pedestrian safety! There are currently no sidewalks or safe passage ways for pedestrians at North, Central and Beaton Hill. No sidewalks within the neighborhoods that visitors drive through to get to the park. Some street do not even have shoulders for pedestrians walking to the park to move to. With increased vehicle traffic from visitors to the park, our streets are not safe for the children who walk them~
I have concerns with parking especially around Beaton park - the current Big Rock North parking lot is extremely dangerous and needs to be addressed. All parking should be contained in the park and not on the street. This will prevent people from walking and backing out into the roadway and close off the parking for off hours which current creates a public safety issue.
I love how the Big Rock park is kept in a natural environment.
I would like to see Beaton park more interactive with sports such much needed Pickleball courts.
I'm excited for the potential continuous trail across the parks. Also, that this will improve walkable access to Big Rock Park North.
I would like the common areas to be a safe place for families to enjoy, kids to play, hiking and recreation.
Very important Sammamish keeps undeveloped feel as much as possible. Please return to more natural state with trails so community can enjoy.
Your choice combined tennis and pickleball in the same option, but please consider dedicated pickleball courts with lines and nets.
I would love to have access to a community farm! We do not have enough spaces with sun to produce community foods, and I believe securing local food production spaces is far more important than another soccer field (given the drought threatening food production in Arizona and California).
My concern is that we have been gifted with such great generosity and natural space that we have an awesome responsibility to turn them into great spaces. However, our city has not always lived up to being good stewards of public need and nature (to much clear cutting and poor partnerships like with the YMCA). So please don't screw it up.
We need more teen space given our population. Would be great to have a zipline, frisbee golf, large rec. Also given how many trees are being cut down by developers, preserve as much natural space as possible. Recommend an edible garden/ edible trees (like downtown Issaquah)
Please include a drop-in center for older adults, at least during mid-day hours to get together. (Otherwise, there is "nothing to do in Sammamish" and "no place to go" for older adults to meet up and have something especially for them - bridge, knitters, Mexican Train, chair yoga, bingo, book club, speakers
Activities no more than a five minute walk for those with mobility issues.
No organized sports, especially with lights. Especially now that they have ok'ed a full stadium at HS4 there is NO valid reason to turn parkland over to sports activities. Need safe walkways on 218th. Should make plans to accommodate a future walking/biking trail connecting to The Commons via 222nd.
I hope Big Rock Park South can be opened ASAP. It's already in great shape with existing trails. It could be opened to the public now, while any necessary work continued. Areas that were being worked on could be temporarily fenced off.
Keep buying open space. We've lived here when we were still unincorporated KC. The growth has been appalling in some areas, respectful in others. Keep the parks use the least amount of built-up/out possible.
More playground options for kids
No over-development of the parks. Please leave natural. No large parking lot.
I would like the trees to be preserved and several trails and pathways to be built.
Trail connections are extremely important. Preserving the quiet of the neighborhood is important. I don't think these sites are appropriate for large sports fields.
Get them built quickly! we desperately need more parks in the City
I am concerned about pedestrians having to cross the road from Beaton Hill Park to North Big Rock, maybe traffic control measures should be introduced. Also parking needs to be addressed, many people already park on the verges approaching the curve and it has churned up the ground here. Please keep up the installation of dog potty stations, they are much appreciated. 218th Ave already desperately needs a sidewalk alongside Beaton Hill Park, this should be a priority.
Make a connection from these parks to Sammamish Commons!!!!
It would be wonderful have a park where children could simply play-- unstructured and structured activities, a variety of sports, monkey bars, ride bicycles, etc.
However, access to the parks, particularly to Beaton Hill Park, is not possible for many, including anyone coming from the Town Center, due to the very dangerous roads without sidewalks, particularly on 218th, to the West of Beaton Hill. A sidewalk is necessary here to make it accessible.
The buildings seem unnecessary
our neighboring cities provide MANY activities and programs for children and families but Sammamish relies on outside providers. These parks are an opportunity for Sammamish to step up its offerings to families and children and there are opportunities for programming in existing structures at the Big Rock South property
Please make the parks accessible by sidewalk from the surrounding neighborhoods. The approach to Beaton Hill and Big Rock Park North is unsafe on foot from any direction today.
Community center for all ages--especially for seniors, adults, non-profit meeting area.
Art center where folks can take classes and make art (we have no areas on the plateau.
We should have a natural areas crew for Big Rock Parks to maintain such a beautiful area in the way they are now
I think the best way to honor Mary Pigott's generosity and foresight is to preserve a green corridor through the heart of Sammamish, much as Central Park provides a green respite in the center of Manhattan in New York City. As the population of Sammamish continues to grow and density increases, this environmental asset will become literally priceless.
No, not at this time. I've been curious about the property for years. I am happy that it isn't being subdivided for homes.
Want it to remain as natural as possible to retain character of Mary's place. Such a gift of an awesome property. Concern - parking if large activities are to be planned.
I dream of these parks someday holding some of the largest conifer specimens in the state.
Like to see a dedicated, off street, trail connection between all city parks: Lower commons to Beaton Hill Beaton Hill to N. Big Rock, via underpass Big Rock to Pine Lake Big Rock to Ebwright Pine Lake to Beaver Lake Klahanie to Iss. Highlands via King Co. Power Line Trail

Do you have any other hopes, dreams, or concerns for these parks that you would like to share?

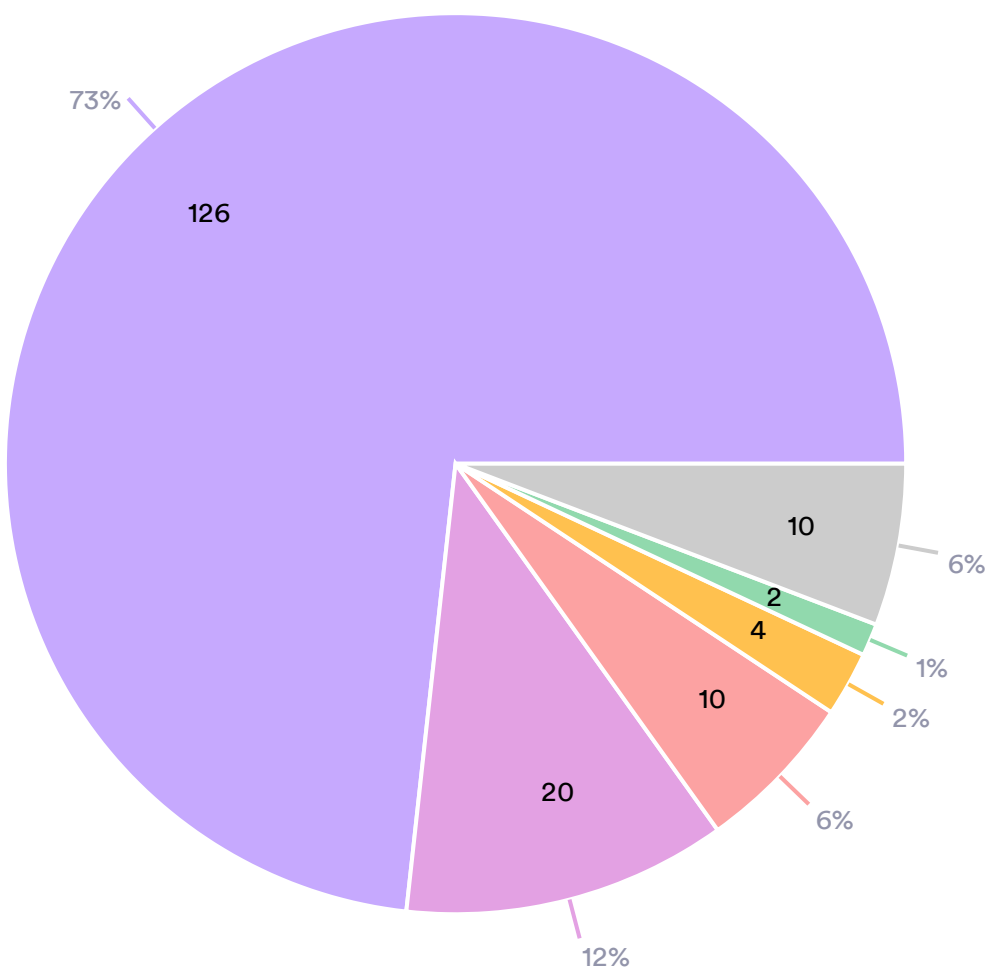
Link back to the Lower Commons even if it's only a sidewalk. Rember kids/people on bikes
Add a Botanical Garden which provides a place to come walk/ learn for all ages.
Keep it green and retain trees. Remember older teenagers and young adults
Keep it natural. Plenty of other places can offer sports courts, concerts, etc. Keep this one a hiking and play area for kids.
Hope that these parks are left as near to nature as possible while always honoring the wishes of Mary Pigott in all decisions. Concerns for the parking, and hope that all efforts to connect these parks via trails and bring them to the Commons so parking is lessened for folks who can and do enjoy walking or biking.
That you will open Big Rock South asap for trail use. The Beaton Hill Park would be good for one sports court or field or kids playground.
Please plan for increased traffic and ensure there is adequate parking. Please try to offer a trail system from SE 20 to SE 8, linking to other open space (Sammamish Commons) if possible. Thank you for the survey
I am excited more park space is being added to our community.my concern is parking/traffic .could a bus service provide transportation to and from some centrally located stops . Over use and people not taking care of area
Disc golf is the main one. I've watched as the sport has blown up in recent years, and the places that have cheap paid courses have been able to fund sizeable improvements with that income, AND the number of above average courses is still on the low side. Meaning players will drive to play a good course. Myself and many I know regularly drive an hour or more to courses. This small regional tourism is good for the entire community.
Need to consider maintenance and keeping up the beauty of these parks. Also, planning if there are traffic concerns or parking.
An awesome natural off leash dog area, like Beaver Lake park, or even perhaps like Marymoor, would be *amazing*. There's so many dogs in the area, and having something bigger than just a rectangle mulch area would be incredible.
Perhaps a small shop/area that sells cold drinks (water/sports drinks) with an area to turn in 'found' disc golf discs. There are many well known/affordable folk that design course and help setup maint. plans.
It is important to carry on the legacy of these two extremely different properties by telling their history through education and also to continue their natural and developed characteristics into the future.
Hopes: parking Dreams: trails, demonstration for sustainable garden practices, including solar-powered lawn equipment. bike racks, drinking fountains or hydration stations, office space for private non-profits in the city or for parks, artist and/or art fair space, pea patch, chickens Concerns: cost of maintenance at BRS, maintenance of the laurel hedge
I truly hope that the parks remain as close to their current state as possible and in line with Mary Piggott's desires for their passive use. Beaton Hill is really an extension of Big Rock north and should not become another ball field. I would prefer to see it used as an animal sanctuary along the lines of the Second Chance Ranch on SE 24th which I understand may be looking for a new home.
Pickleball courts
Parking will be a bigger concern as more people discover these parks. Also, because people will likely cross between Beaton Hill and BRP North, please design well marked pedestrian crosswalks that connect trail entrances between the two parks. I also think it is good to have one paved trail that will allow access to some of the natural experience in each park, but most trails should be kept with the dirt/bark surface.
Whatever you decide to do, residents living in Sammamish decades from now will be grateful. You are creating a legacy by developing this vast central park in the middle of the city. Only large urban areas usually have this kind of opportunity. Good luck!
Pickleball
Discgolf
Discgolf
Pickleball!!!!!!
disc golf
Construction of a greenhouse to promote park, garden and educational goals.
Too much organized sports growth outside of current facilities, a dark sky site, and a place for low impact rc hobbies like rc rock crawling, low performance Park flying.
Something enticing for younger families (k-8) instead of just trails. If a playground is included, make it something destination worthy
Would love disc golf.
I'm not sure.
We have an excellent opportunity to take a step towards a botanical garden and educational center; think an amazing blend of Bellevue botanical garden and farrel mcwhirter park. Please refrain from more ball fields that would remove natural space from the City
Please keep as many trees as possible and do not build such that it will attract too many people and bother neighbors
I hope there are sporting activities.
I hope who ever has to read all of these is getting a good laugh
18 hole disc golf course would be nice
Ideally things stay natural and allow for wildlife viewing.
I'm just here for disc golf. I've always wondered why the Issaquah/Sammamish area didn't have a course. It's absolutely beautiful in that area. The sport of disc golf is growing and it's something that people of all ages can do. Nor does it require a lot of money.
Disc Golf!!!!
Disc golf :) A quality disc golf course will bring people (and their money/patronage) from all over the east side, as well as seattle.
I just love disc golf so I would love to see a course at 1 of the 2 parks even if its a small course
Disc golf keeping trees and other natural features as obstacles, would clean up forest floor of debris and reduce fire hazard
Pickleball courts please!!!
More pickleball courts. Indoor and outdoor.
Would love to see a disc golf course in Sammamish. It's the second fastest growing sport, behind pickleball, and there are no courses in the area. The closest course is in North Bend which gets almost 50,000 rounds played per year!!! A good course can attract disc golfers to visit your community and support local businesses.
It seems that Sammamish has plenty of parks geared toward kids / organized team sports. There are a ton of Sammamish residents who don't fall into these categories. The nature parks are beautiful and appreciated, but it would be great to add some new activities that are currently missing or under-represented (more off-leash areas for dogs, some facilities for pickleball....at least four courts as pickleball is a social game and 'if you build it, they will come'!

How old are you and the other members of your household? (select all that apply)



How would you best describe yourself and your household?

● White or Caucasian
 ● Prefer not to say
 ● Asian or Asian American
 ● Hispanic or Latino
 ● Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 ● Other entries



If you or any members of your household require special accommodations or have limitations when participating in recreation activities and programs, what types of improvements would help improve your experience or ability to participate?

Make it more inclusive. Check out Eli's Park Project for ideas <https://www.elispark.org/>

Natural stairs for steep slopes.

We are in our late 70s and mid 80s. We walk fine now, but climbing hills and stairs is getting much more difficult. So many of age group are moving away to find smaller homes, new communities with senior center, a hardware store, a performance center, movie theater.

Some level trails for those with mobility issues, especially with hard surfaces that will accommodate a wheelchair and strollers. It's also important to place sitting benches strategically throughout both parks, as those who are unable to still walk long distances still like to walk and need interim rest stops.

NA at this time. However, I would love to see the YMCA and the City collaborate to offer outdoor exercise classes such as yoga, since the risk of Covid transmission now appears to be a long-term ongoing issue that we have to live with.

By the way, this was a much better survey than previous surveys conducted by the City.

Sidewalks leading to the parks.

I do not, but man others do.

This would be amazing to have in central Sammamish.

https://www.accessibleplayground.net/?doing_wp_cron=1651503652.2420949935913085937500

Be able to reach any retained buildings

As I age it gets harder for me to navigate some of my normal outdoor hiking paths. Would like to make sure Ada accessible so all can enjoy the natural beauty to some sort of extent. Don't think it needs to be the entire area just a portion

A few bathrooms and water dispensers/fountains able to fill water bottles. Shaded benches (esp. at disc golf tees).

Just general ADA access.

I am fine but could see ADA improvements to 1st floor of residence at Big Rock Park South for others. Trail improvements should try to achieve ADA through compacted gravel vs. blacktop/concrete. As parks, should try to reduce carbon footprint in implementing and for operation and maintenance.