



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

SPECIAL VIDEO MEETING

Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM

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PUBLIC APPEARANCES

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. PROS Plan: Review Community Engagement Results, Draft Capital Facilities Plan (20-year project list), and Draft Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan

Recommended Action:

Review results of the second community survey and the second virtual public meeting. Review the revised draft Capital Facilities Plan and consider adding new projects with majority support of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Review the draft 2023-2028 Parks Capital Improvement Plan and provide feedback.

ADJOURNMENT



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Item (2)
October 14, 2021
Regular Business

Item 1.

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	PROS Plan: Review Community Engagement Results, Draft Capital Facilities Plan (20-year project list), and Draft Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed:
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Review and discuss the results of the second community survey and the second virtual public meeting. Review the draft six-year CFP and provide feedback. Review the preliminary draft of the Six-Year Parks CIP and provide feedback.	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

STAFF:	Jessi Bon, City Manager Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations
COUNCIL LIAISON:	Jake Jacobson
EXHIBITS:	1. PROS Plan Survey #2 – Summary of Results 2. PROS Plan Virtual Public Meeting #2 – Summary of Results 3. Draft Capital Facilities Plan (20-year project list) – Sorted by Project Number 4. Draft Capital Facilities Plan (20-year project list) – Sorted by Location 5. Capital Project Prioritization Criteria – Revised July 2021 6. Draft Six-Year CIP – Projects Only

SUMMARY

The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a special meeting on October 14, 2021, to continue work on the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan update. The discussion topics will include:

1. Review the results of the second community survey and the outcomes from the second virtual public meeting.
2. Review and provide feedback on the revised draft of the Parks Capital Facilities Plan (20-year project list).
3. Review and provide feedback on the draft Six-Year Parks Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

BACKGROUND

As directed by the City Council in September 2019, the Parks & Recreation Department, in collaboration with the Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC), began the process of updating the PROS Plan. The previous PROS plan expired at the end of 2019.

The PROS Plan is a six-year plan that anticipates the programming and capital infrastructure investments necessary to meet the community's need for parks, recreation, open space, trails, arts, and cultural events. Conservation Technix was selected as the consultant to manage the process, including providing a baseline analysis of existing conditions and community needs, facilitating a community engagement process, and developing a draft framework for the final PROS Plan.

Work was suspended on the PROS Plan update in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

At the end of 2020, the staff and consulting team resumed the planning process for the PROS Plan, with an initial focus on assessing the work that was already completed, adjusting the project timeline, and modifying the scope of work to reflect the need for virtual engagement strategies. To date, work that has been completed on the PROS Plan includes a review of existing conditions, completion of a capital facilities assessment, six presentations to the Parks and Recreation Commission, the completion of two community surveys, and two virtual community meetings. The project team recently met with the Arts Council and the Open Space Conservancy Trust. More than half of the PROS Plan is currently drafted and in the process of internal review.

On January 19, 2021, the City Council hosted a joint study session with the PRC (see [AB 5797](#)) to kick-off the re-start of the planning process for the PROS Plan update.

A subsequent meeting was held with the PRC on February 4, 2021, to gather input to help inform the first Virtual Open House held on March 23, 2021.

At the March 6, 2021, meeting, the PRC reviewed the parks condition assessment, and discussed the consultant's initial findings related to ADA compliance.

At the June 3, 2021, meeting, the PRC reviewed and provided feedback on the draft capital project prioritization tool and the second community survey.

At the July 1, 2021, meeting, the PRC reviewed and provided feedback on the capital project prioritization criteria. The PRC also provided suggested revisions for the second community survey.

At the September 9, 2021, meeting, the PRC reviewed and provided feedback on the draft of Chapter 4 (Goals and Objectives), the draft Capital Facilities Plan and the areas of focus for the Virtual Public Meeting held on September 28, 2021.

1. RESULTS OF THE SECOND COMMUNITY SURVEY

The second community survey on the PROS Plan was closed on September 17. Overall, 505 responses were received from the random-sample mail survey (20% response rate), and 824 responses were generated via the online link published on the City's website. In total, 1,329 survey responses were recorded. The responses to the online survey may not have been unique responses given that someone completing the mail survey could also complete the online survey.

A report on the survey findings is attached as Exhibit 1 and will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) for review and discussion at the meeting. As you are reviewing this data, along with the other input we've received to date, please think about how this information will help shape capital project and policy recommendations to be included as part of the PROS Plan.

2. SUMMARY OF THE SECOND VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The second Virtual Public Meeting on the PROS Plan was held on September 28, 2021. The project team provided an update on the PROS planning process, shared the community input the City has received to date, and provided another opportunity to explore that feedback and other topics emerging as priorities as part of

the PROS Plan process. A total of fifty-five community members participated in the meeting. A summary of the polling results and the outcomes from the breakout session discussions is attached as Exhibit 2.

Similar to the survey results, please consider how this feedback informs policy and capital project recommendations in the PROS Plan.

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION DRAFT CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN

The Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) is a component of the PROS Plan and provides a list of the potential facilities, parks, trails, and open space capital projects under consideration over the next 10 to 20 years. Types of CFP projects include:

- Renovations or enhancements to existing facilities
- New facilities or amenities
- Planning projects
- Property acquisitions

The revised draft of the CFP is attached as Exhibit 3 (sorted by project number) and Exhibit 4 (sorted by project location). A preliminary draft of the CFP was shared with the PRC at the last meeting and has undergone a few revisions since then:

- Project numbers were assigned to each project
- Planning level costs estimates are now included
- A number of projects were removed – see list at the bottom of Exhibit 3
- Some of the project titles and descriptions were refined.

The staff have endeavored to capture nearly all of the projects identified in adopted master plans or management plans in preparing the draft CFP.

As a reminder, the CPF includes project prioritization criteria that were developed by the PRC (Exhibit 5). The project ratings, although included in the CFP, are not intended to be the sole indicator of project priorities or project phasing. In developing the 2023 to 2028 Six-Year Parks CIP (see next topic), the project team and the PRC should also take into account project feasibility, potential partnerships, grant funding, community feedback, geographic location of projects, and other factors.

Direction Needed on the CFP/Additional Projects:

At this point in the planning process, the project team is seeking feedback from the PRC on the CFP project list. Specifically, this is the time in the process where the PRC may desire to add projects to the list based on outcomes of the community engagement process. Recommendations for new projects should include a scope of work with enough detail to allow staff to prepare a planning level cost estimate. New projects should also adhere to adopted master plans and other guiding policies, when applicable.

The staff recommends that the PRC facilitate a discussion to consider new project ideas and determine if there is majority support to add a project to the CFP list. As a reminder, adding a project does not guarantee it will be funded, it simply identifies the project for future consideration.

The staff team does not recommend removing projects from the CFP list given that they originated from previous planning efforts.

4. DRAFT SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

Once the CFP list is confirmed, the next step is to prepare a Six-Year Parks Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Six-Year Parks CIP is a planning level document that identifies the projects intended to be funded and completed over the next six-year period.

The project team has prepared a very preliminary initial draft of the 2023-2028 Parks 6-Year CIP (Exhibit 6). A few things to note about this draft:

- This is the project list only and includes cost estimates and project timing/sequencing.
- The CIP does yet include a revenue forecast. The Finance Director will present his long-term revenue forecast to the City Council on November 1 and that information will be incorporated into the next review of the CIP (November 4 PRC meeting).
- The cost estimates for the proposed projects likely exceed the available annual revenue for the Parks CIP (average revenue was \$3.4 million from 2018 to 2020). Staff will discuss the reasons the project list was prepared this way and discuss alternatives with the PRC.
- A 3% cost estimate escalator has been applied to the “Ongoing” CIP projects, but escalation was not yet factored in for other projects. The cost estimates shown for the other projects are based on 2021 estimates and will be updated for the next PRC meeting.
- The CIP list was derived from the current CFP list and does not yet account for new projects that may be added by the PRC.

It should be noted that this is a very preliminary first draft of the 2023-2028 Parks CIP. Additional refinements will be made based on PRC feedback, revenue estimates, and community input. The PRC will review this document again at the November 4 PRC meeting and review may continue through the December meeting.

NEXT STEPS

Work will continue on the PROS Plan through the end of 2021, with a hand-off to the City Council anticipated in Q1 2022. The remaining PRC meetings will involve finalizing the CFP (20-year Project list), further refinement of the 2023-2028 Parks CIP, and reviewing the draft chapters.

A member of the Arts Council and the Open Space Conservancy Trust will be invited to join the remaining PRC meetings to ensure their interests are represented in development of the final plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

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To: Jessi Bon, City Manager
From: Steve Duh, Conservation Technix, Inc.
Date: September 30, 2021
Re: **Mercer Island Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan**
Community Survey #2 Summary Results

Conservation Technix is pleased to present the results of the survey of the general population of the City of Mercer Island that assesses the recreational needs and priorities of the community.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

In close collaboration with the City of Mercer Island staff and the Parks & Recreation Commission, Conservation Technix developed the 15-question survey.

The survey was mailed to a random sample of 2,500 households within the boundaries of the City of Mercer Island on August 23, 2021. The random sample of addresses was unique to this survey and not the same address list used in the PROS Plan survey from early 2020. Reminder postcards were mailed to the 2,500 households on September 1.

An online version of the survey was also available and posted to the City's website. The online survey was posted several days after the mail survey was distributed to allow the mail recipients to receive first notice about the survey.

Information about the survey was provided on the City's website home page and on the Let's Talk PROS Plan page. It also was promoted via multiple social media postings. The survey was closed on September 17.

Overall, 505 responses were received from the random-sample mail survey (20% response rate), and 824 responses were generated via the online link published on the City's website. In total, 1,329 survey responses were recorded. These may not have been unique responses given that someone completing the mail survey could also complete the online survey. The data for the mail and online surveys was kept separate.

This report includes findings of community opinions based principally on mailed survey responses. The data is summarized for the mail and online surveys to highlight overall community preferences, with clarifying remarks on response differences between the two datasets.

Although households were randomly chosen to receive the mail survey, respondents were not necessarily representative of all City residents, see age demographics in the table on the following page indicating the higher response rate (as compared to population) from people age 65 and older for the mail survey.

The survey data was compared against the demographic data (e.g., age, location, number of children in the household) to examine if differences existed between the different respondent subgroups.

Age group	Survey Respondents			M.I. Population	
	Mail	Online-only	Combined	Full	Over 20
Under 20	<1%	2%	<2%	25%	--
20-34	5%	4%	4%	12%	16%
35-44	14%	20%	17%	12%	16%
45-54	22%	28%	26%	17%	23%
55-64	19%	23%	21%	14%	19%
65 and older	40%	23%	30%	20%	27%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

The survey summary on the following pages identifies variations in responses per question, if such variations existed and were significant between subgroups.

Percentages in the report may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

City of Mercer Island

PROS Plan: Survey #2 Summary Results

FULL RESULTS

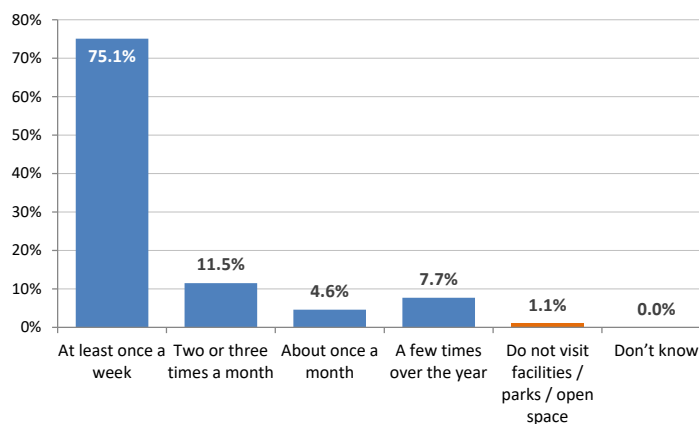
How often do residents use Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities?

Respondents were asked how often they, or members of their household, visited a Mercer Island Parks & Recreation park, recreation facility, or open space area. Visitation is high, with 75% of mail survey respondents visiting at least once a week and another 16% visiting one to three times per month. Only 7% of respondents visit just a few times per year. Very few (1%) did not visit a park last year. Responses about visitation were nearly identical in the online-only survey.

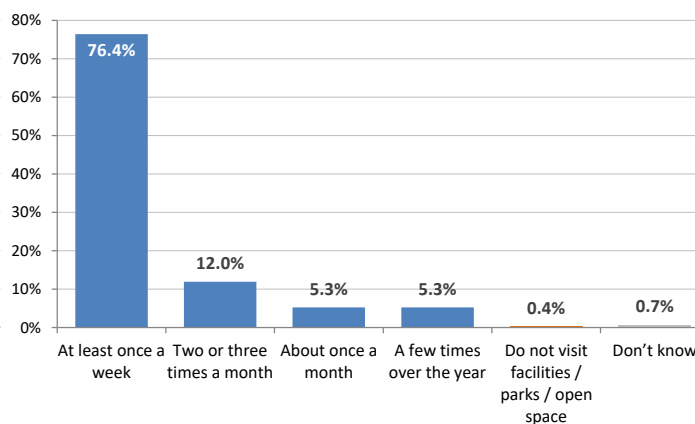
As compared to other subgroups, adults between 35 and 54 are the most frequent users of Mercer Island parks. Respondents of households with children also visit significantly more frequently than those without children. No significant differences in park visitation exist between respondents living in different areas of Mercer Island.

1. How often do you visit or use Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces?

Mail survey responses



Online-only survey responses

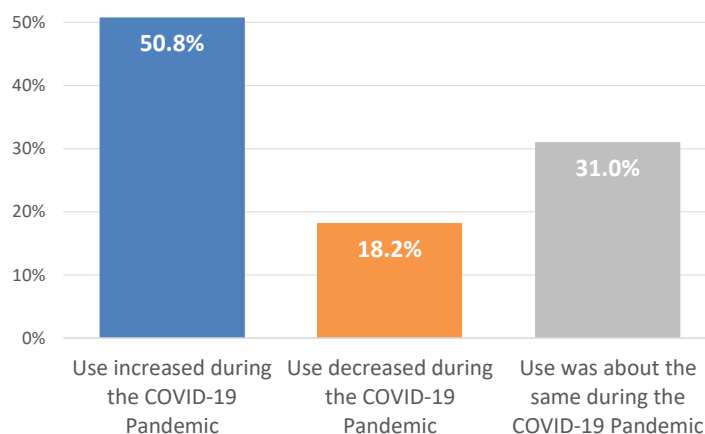


How has resident usage changed due to the COVID pandemic?

Half of all respondents (51%) indicated an increase in usage of parks, trails, and open space areas since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Approximately one in five respondents (18%) said their usage decreased due to the pandemic. Approximately one-third noted their usage of parks, trails and open space has been the same. The mail survey and online-only survey responses were similar.

As compared to other subgroups, respondents between 20 and 34 noted slightly increased usage of parks, trails, and open space areas during the pandemic than other age groups. Respondents of households with two children also noted slightly increased usage as compared to other household types. No significant differences in park usage due to the pandemic were noted between respondents living in different areas of Mercer Island.

3. How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted your use of Mercer Island parks, trails and open space?

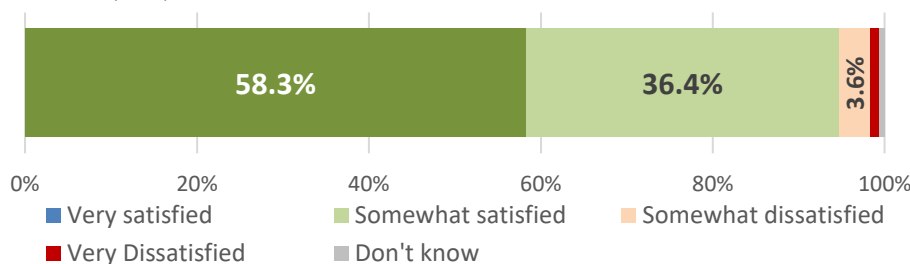


Are residents satisfied with the value they receive from Mercer Island Parks & Recreation?

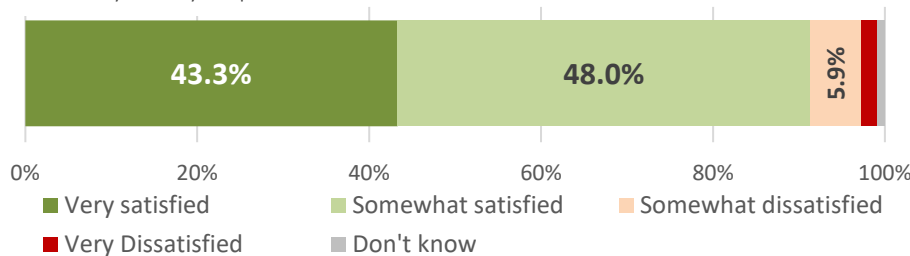
A large majority of respondents are somewhat to very satisfied with the value they receive from Mercer Island Parks & Recreation for parks, facilities, and open space areas (95% for the mail survey and 91% in the online-only survey). However, one in twenty respondents (5%) is either somewhat or very dissatisfied. This question was also re-tested from the 2020 survey to see if community sentiment has shifted over the past 18 months; the responses to both the mail survey and the online survey were nearly identical to that of the responses from the 2020 survey. Also, the online-only survey respondents were slightly less satisfied than mail survey respondents, with more than a 10 point difference in being 'somewhat satisfied' with the City's facilities, parks or open spaces. There were no significant differences in levels of satisfaction between subgroups.

2. Rate your household's overall satisfaction with Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, or open spaces.

Mail survey responses



Online-only survey responses



What do residents see as the most needed improvements for parks, trails, and open space?

In an effort to further distinguish community priorities from those noted in the 2020 community survey, respondents were provided a range of options related to specific potential improvements to the Mercer Island park system and were asked to select their top three choices.

A strong number of respondents (44%) noted that connecting gaps in the trail system was a top priority, which was also 13 points higher than the next highest ranked option provided. Between one-quarter and one-third of respondents identified as the next top three options the following priorities: expanding maintenance and restoration of open space (31%), repairing or upgrading waterfront areas (29%), and improving restroom facilities (25%). Fewer than one in five respondents selected the remaining options. With the write-in 'other' option provided, 409 respondents provided comments, and the most common responses among these included:

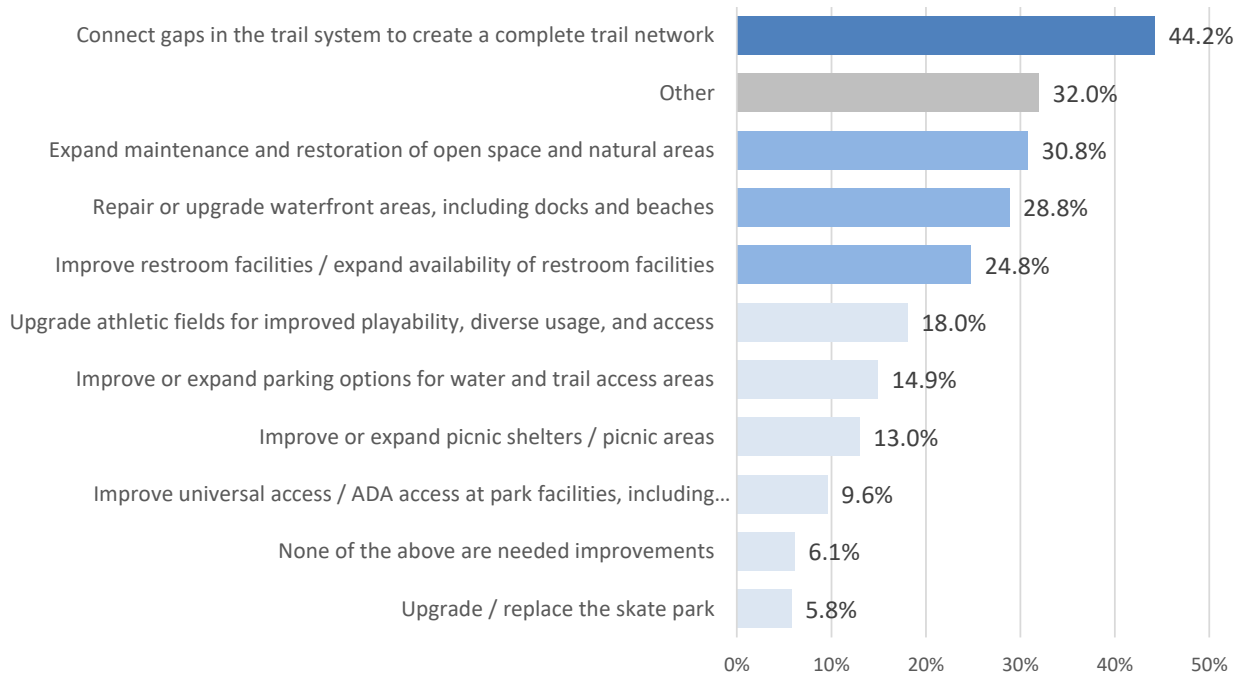
- Add pickleball courts; convert tennis and/or basketball courts to pickleball
- Enhance maintenance, to include playground replacements, trail maintenance, pathway repaving and invasive plant management
- Off-leash dog management and leash law enforcement

- Enhanced trash management, such as adding more trash cans and more frequent waste hauling
- Security and safety management, including managing for homeless encampments

Respondents to the mail survey were more favorable toward the top three most needed improvements by at least 10 points over those from the online-only survey. Respondents to the online survey were more strongly in favor of upgrading athletic fields (23% for online-only versus 10% for mail responses).

Respondents living in the southern portion of the island noted a slightly stronger interest in upgrading athletic fields. Respondents with children in the household more strongly supported the following improvements: improved picnic areas, improved restrooms, improved universal access, upgraded athletic fields, and upgraded skate park. Respondents over 65 years of age noted a stronger interest in expanded maintenance and restoration of open space, while those between 20 and 44 years of age more strongly supported improved picnic areas and improved universal access.

4. What do you think are the most needed improvements to the current City of Mercer Island parks system, including trails, and open space areas? Select UP TO 3 items.



Which outdoor recreation amenities are important to residents' households?

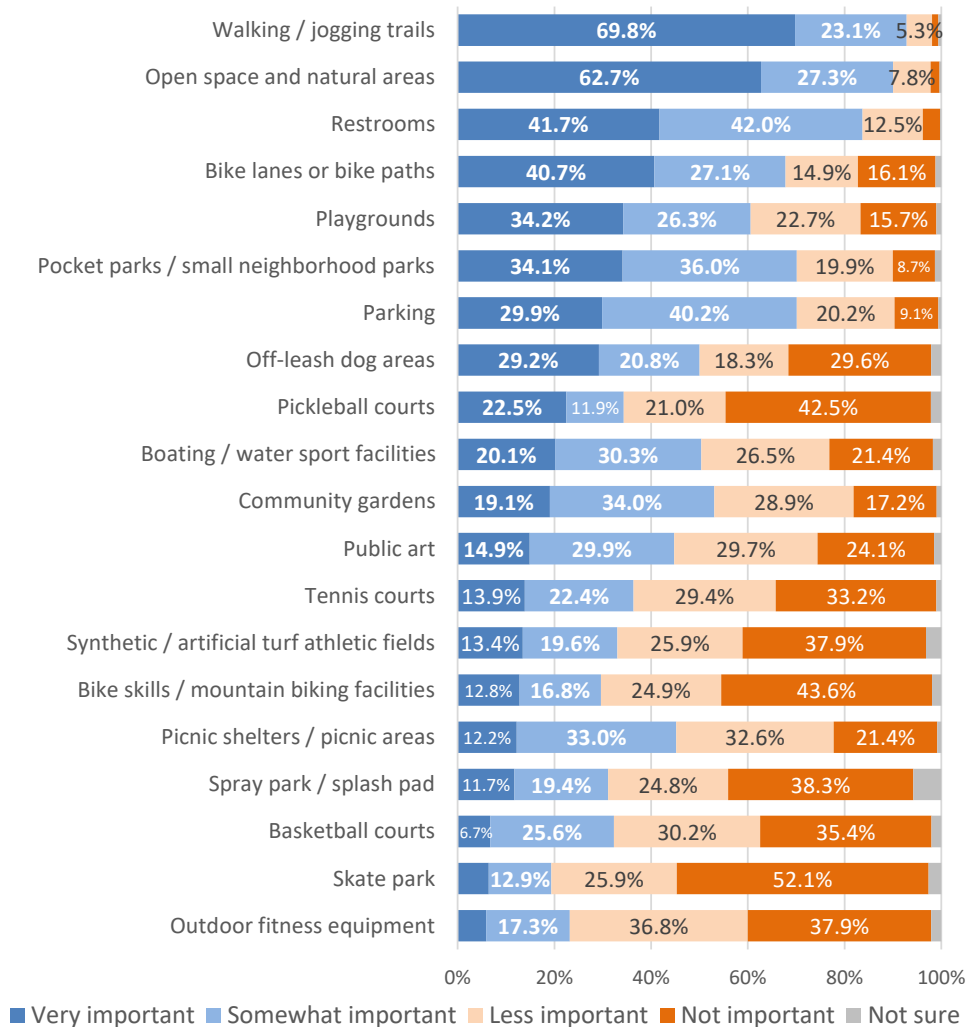
The survey provided a list of outdoor recreation amenities and asked respondents to identify those amenities that are important to their household, using a scale of very important to not important. Strong majorities of respondents indicated an interest in walking or jogging trails (93% very or somewhat important) and open space and natural areas (90% very or somewhat important). A second tier of amenities of strong interest include restrooms (84% very or somewhat important), bike lanes (68% very or somewhat important), pocket parks (70% very or somewhat important), parking (70% very or somewhat important) and playgrounds (61% very or somewhat important). Additionally, community gardens, boating and water sport facilities and off-leash dog areas were identified as either very or somewhat important by approximately half of respondents.

Respondents to the online-only survey were more likely than respondents to the mail survey to indicate pickleball courts as an important amenity (30% for online-only versus 7% for mail responses). Respondents to the mail survey noted a

strong level of importance of walking/jogging trails and open space/natural areas by more than 12 points over those from the online-only survey.

Respondents with two or more children in their household placed a slightly higher level of importance on restrooms, bike lanes, splash pad, bike skills area, and turf sport fields. In addition, respondents with children and those between 20 and 44 years of age noted a slightly higher level of importance for playgrounds and pocket parks. Respondents without children and those between 55 and 64 years of age indicated a higher level of importance for pickleball courts. Also, a substantial portion of the non-resident respondents (93%) noted the importance of pickleball courts. Respondents living in the northern portion of the island placed a higher level of importance on picnic areas than other locations.

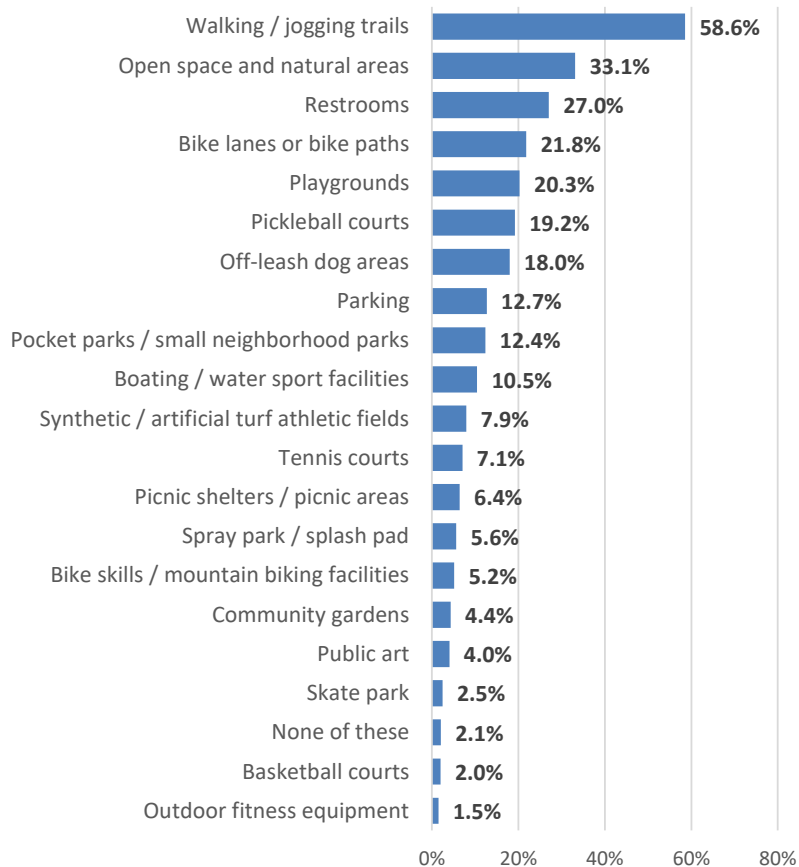
5. How important are each of the following parks, trails or open space amenities to your household?



Respondents were asked to use the same list of amenities to also select their top three amenities, in an effort to identify community priorities. Four of the top five amenities selected aligned with the top tier responses based on the sum of very and somewhat important responses; these included walking/jogging trails (59%), open space and natural areas (33%), restrooms (27%) and playgrounds (20%). Approximately one in five respondents noted bike lanes (22%), pickleball courts (19%) and off-leash dog areas (18%) as important to their household. Also, local interest in pickleball courts outpaced support for any other field or court sport facility by at least a factor of two.

In reviewing the top five amenities between the mail and online-only survey response, four of the top five amenities identified were the same. Mail survey respondents included bike lanes and paths within the grouping of top five, and online-only respondents included pickleball courts in the top five.

6. Using the same list again, select UP TO THREE amenities from the list that are the most important to you and your household.

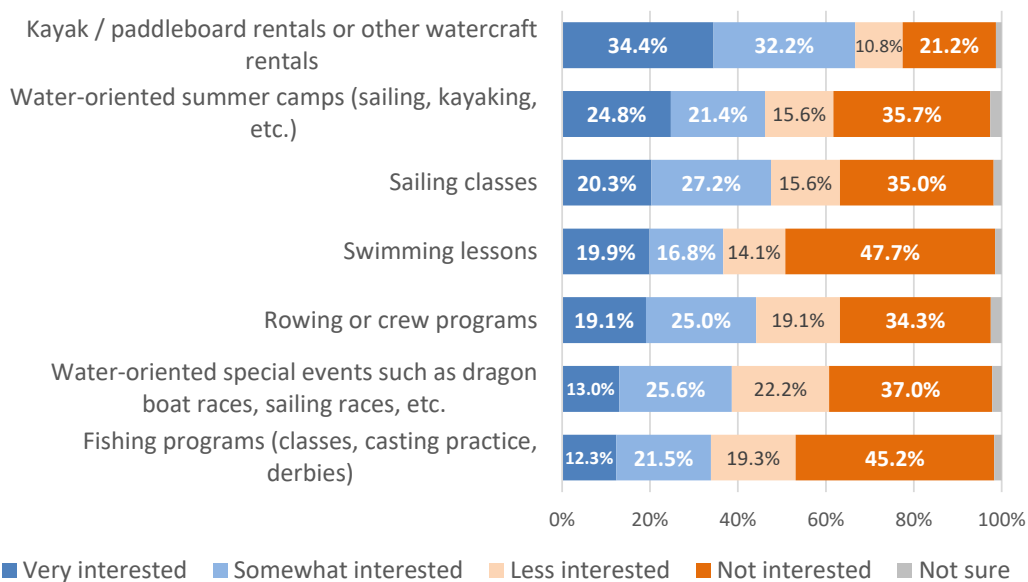


Which water-oriented programs and activities are of interest to residents' households?

The survey asked respondents to identify their level of interest in a variety of water-oriented activities and programs. A majority of respondents (67%) were either very or somewhat interested in access to kayak or paddleboard rentals. None of the other options listed secured a majority of respondents' interest; however, strong responses were noted for water-oriented summer camps (46%), sailing classes (47%), and rowing or crew programs (44%). Interest in fishing programs (33%) was the weakest of the options listed. Online-only survey respondents were 'very interested' in water-oriented summer camps by a larger degree than those from the mail survey (27% for online-only versus 21% for mail responses), which is likely due to the higher percentage of households with children responding to the online-only survey.

Households with children indicated stronger interest in all of the water-oriented program and activity options over households without children, with the strongest support for swimming classes (25 points higher on average) and water-oriented summer classes (13 points higher on average). Respondents living in the northern portion of the island indicated a slightly stronger interest in swimming lessons. Those living in the central portion of the island indicated a slightly higher interest for kayak and paddleboard rental opportunities.

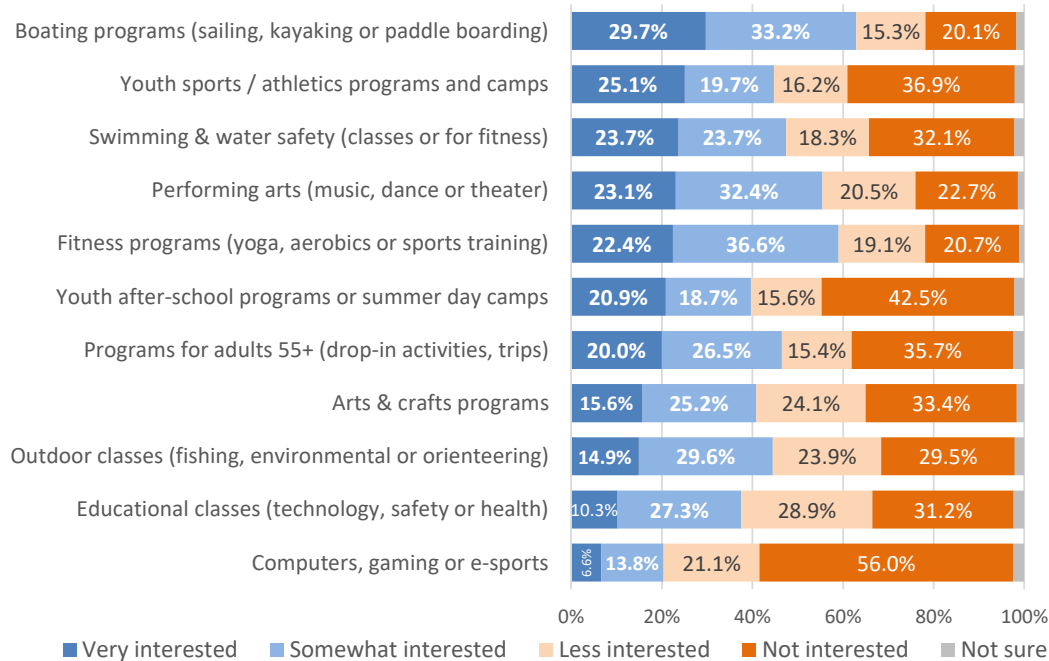
7. Indicate your household's interest in participating in the following aquatic programs and activities.



What recreation options are of interest to residents' households?

The survey asked respondents which types of recreation programs, classes, and activities their household might have interest in. Similar to the responses on water-oriented recreation, a majority of respondents (63%) were either very or somewhat interested in boating programs. A majority of respondents also indicated interest in fitness programs (59%) and performing arts (55%). In addition, at least two in five respondents indicated interest in programs for adults 55+ (47%), youth sports camps (45%), outdoor classes (45%), and arts & crafts programs (41%).

8. Indicate your household's interest in participating in the following recreation programs and activities.



Online-only survey respondents were 'very interested' in outdoor classes (16%) and youth sports (28%) by a slightly larger degree than those from the mail survey. Respondents to the mail survey were 'very interested' in fitness programs (26%) to a slighter larger degree.

Respondents living in the northern portion of the island indicated slightly stronger interest for swimming classes and fitness programs. Respondents with children in the household and those between 35 and 54 years of age had more interest for youth-oriented recreation options including youth sports, after-school programs, educational programs and outdoor camps. Respondents without children noted stronger interest for fitness programs and programs for 55+ adults. Respondents to the mail survey who were over 45 years of age indicated stronger interest for performing arts.

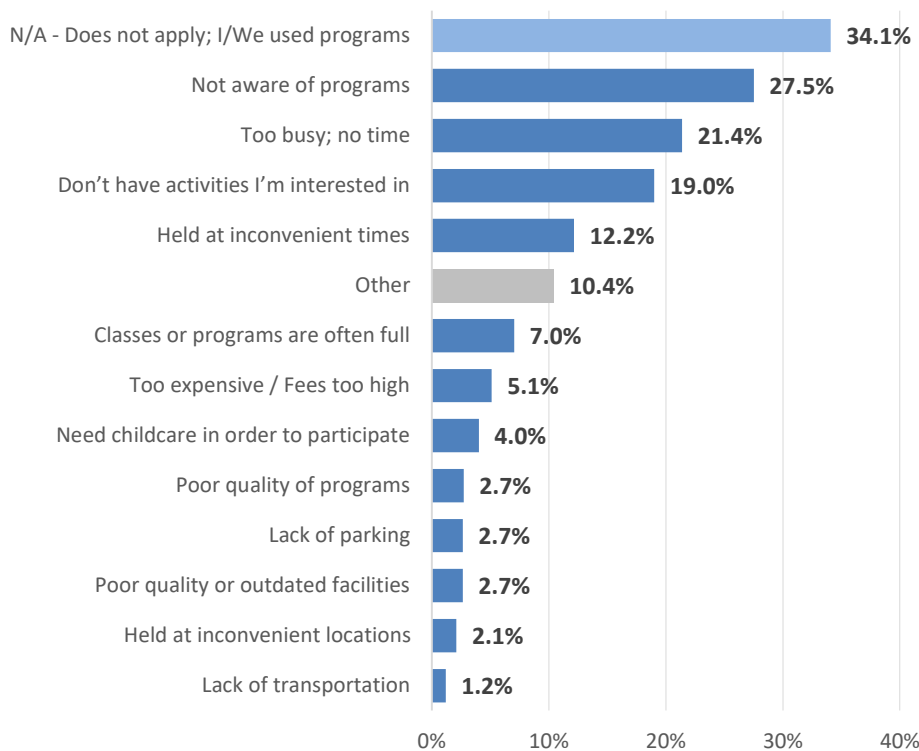
What are residents' reasons for not participating in City recreation programs?

A majority of respondents (34%) indicated that the question about the reasons for not participating in recreation programs does not apply and that they use recreation programs. In terms of other feedback, two of the top three responses relate to conditions the City might be able to address in the future: being not aware of programs (28%) and not having activities of interest (19%) to respondents. Approximately one in five respondents (21%) indicated that they were too busy to participate in programs. Of the other options to choose, none were noted as barriers by more than 7% of respondents, with the exception of programs being held at inconvenient times (12%). Respondents to the online-only survey indicated the lack of childcare (5%) and programs being held at inconvenient times (14%) by a slightly larger degree than those from the mail survey.

Responses to the write-in option for 'other' included several comments about having recently moved to Mercer Island, having a lack of interest, utilizing private facilities, or references to age or physical abilities.

Respondents with children in the household indicated that a need for childcare and classes being full as limitations to participating in programs more often. No other significant difference were noted between other subgroups.

9. Prior to COVID-19, if your household did not often participate in or utilize recreation programs or activities offered by the City of Mercer Island, what are the reasons?
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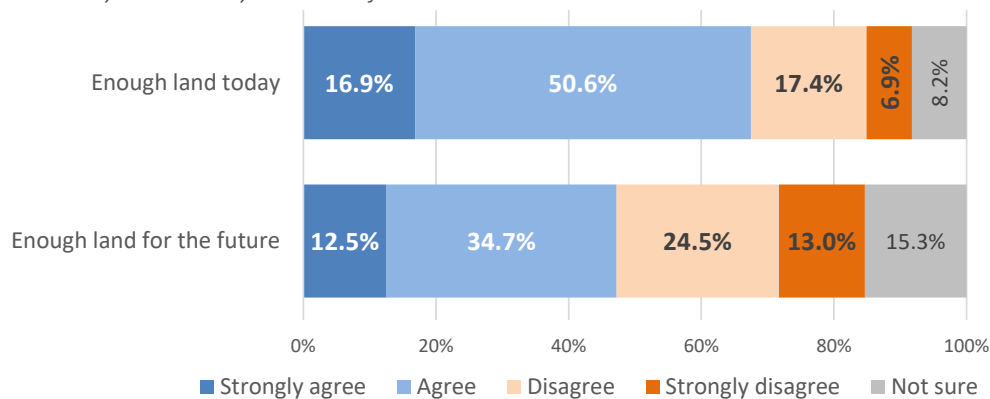


What are residents' sentiment and priorities regarding the supply of parkland?

The survey asked respondents to indicate their level of agreement with two statements about the supply of parks, trails, and open space areas and whether there is enough land today and enough for the future. A strong majority of respondents (68%) indicated agreement that there is enough park and open space land today on Mercer Island. Approximately one-quarter of respondents (24%) disagree that enough land exists today for parks and open space. Considering the sentiment about the supply of park and open space land for the future, fewer than half of respondents (47%) feel there is enough land, which is a 20 point decrease from sentiment about the supply of parkland today. More than two-thirds of respondents (37%) disagree that there will be enough parklands for the future. The percentage of 'not sure' responses regarding future sentiment doubled from that of having enough parkland today. No significant differences were noted between the mail survey and online-only survey responses.

Respondents over 55 years of age, those with three or more children, or those living in the northern portion of the city indicated a stronger sentiment about disagreeing with the statement that Mercer Island has enough parkland for the future. No other significant differences were noted between the subgroup responses.

10. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: *The City of Mercer Island has enough land for parks, trails and open space to meet community needs today and in the future.*

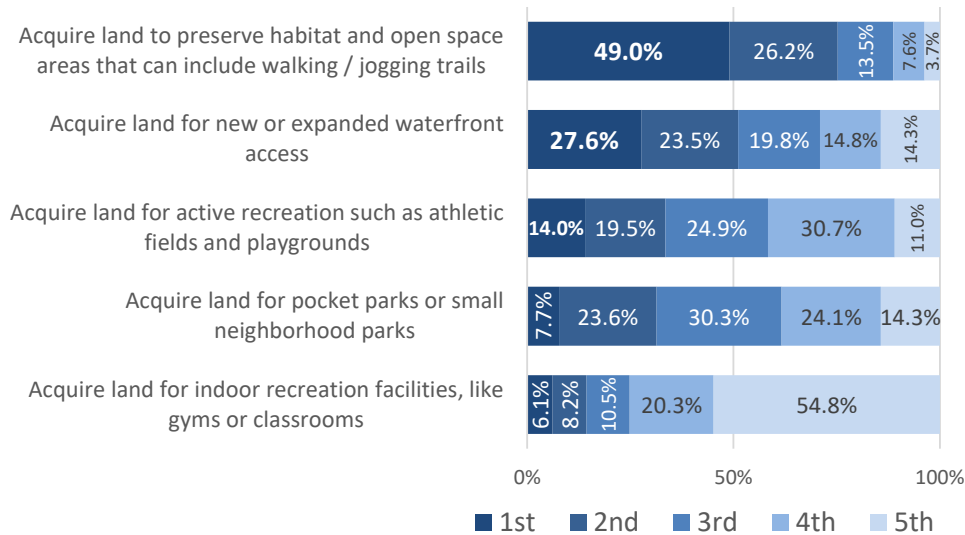


In a follow-up question, respondents were asked to prioritize in a forced-rank question which types of parkland acquisitions should be a priority if the City were to acquire additional parkland. Nearly half of respondents (49%) prioritized the acquisition of land to preserve habitat and open space as their top choice, and 75% of respondents indicated this option as either their first or second priority in rank order. Acquiring land for waterfront access was ranked as the second highest priority, with 51% of respondents indicating this option as either their first or second priority.

The priority rankings indicated by the responses to the mail survey and the online-only survey were listed in the same order; however, respondents to the mail survey indicated slightly greater strength in priority for acquiring land to preserve habitat and open space (84% for mail versus 70% for online-only responses as first choice priority).

Respondents between 35 and 44 years of age and households with two or more children indicated that acquiring land for waterfront access and for active recreation uses was a higher priority than other household types. Respondents over 55 years of age and households without children indicated that acquiring land to preserve habitat and open space was a higher priority than others.

11. If the City of Mercer Island were to acquire additional park land, please rank your land acquisition priorities from 1st (highest priority) to 5th (lowest priority). Select each priority only once.



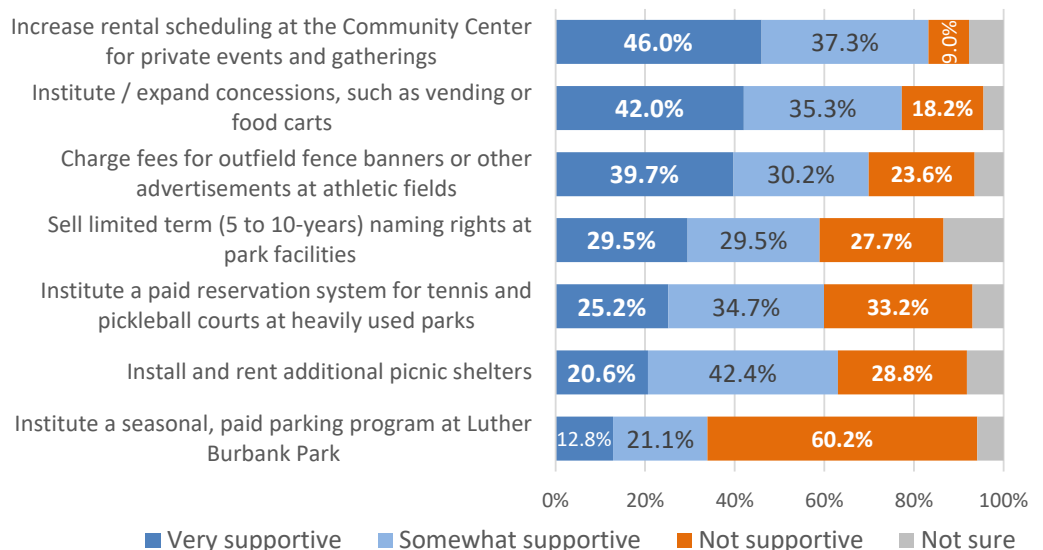
What revenue generating options would residents support?

The survey asked respondents their level of support from a list of potential revenue generating options. A majority of respondents were either very or somewhat supportive of every option listed, except for a paid parking program at Luther Burbank Park. A strong majority of respondents were either very or somewhat supportive of increasing rental scheduling at the Community Center (83%), instituting or expanding concessions options (77%), and charging fees for outfield fence banners or advertisements (70%). Significantly fewer respondents (34%) were supportive of implementing a paid parking program at Luther Burbank Park, with 60% of respondents being not supportive. No significant differences were noted between the mail survey and online-only survey responses.

Households with children were more supportive of all of the potential revenue options compared to households without children, with at least a 15 point difference in responses in support of outfield, selling naming rights, and concessions.

Those living in the northern portion of the city were slightly more favorable toward outfield banners than other parts of the City.

12. The City of Mercer Island is exploring options to increase revenue to support the delivery of parks and recreation services. How would you rate your level of support for each of the following potential suggestions?



What one improvement would residents make to Mercer Island's parks, trails or open space?

A closing question on the survey was open-ended for write-in responses, and the question asked "If you wanted the City of Mercer Island to do just one thing to improve parks, trails, and/or open space, what would it be?" In all, 802 write-in responses were provided. The most frequently noted remarks include the following:

- Improve maintenance of existing parks, trails, and open space, including more frequent trash removal, weed and invasive plant management and eliminating the use of certain pesticides/herbicides
- Create more trail connections and linkages, including improved trail safety and separating bike and pedestrian uses
- Provide pickleball
- Acquire additional open space and provide additional beach or waterfront access, including street end improvements
- Provide additional amenities, such as more/larger playgrounds, splash pads and restrooms
- Replace the Luther Burbank Park dock
- Provide additional off-leash parks and trails, and also enforce leash laws
- Upgrade sport fields

The full list of write-in comments is provided at the end of this summary memo.

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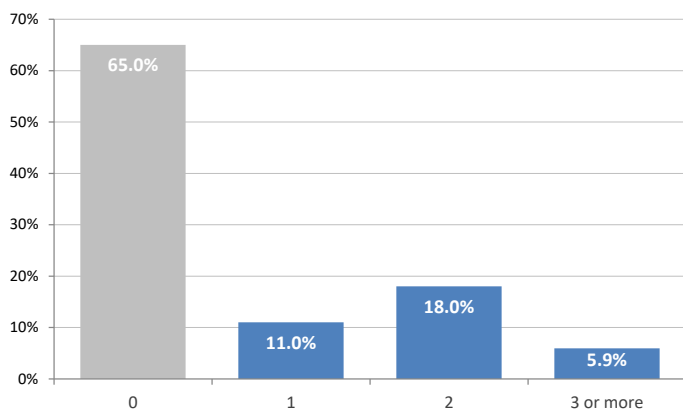
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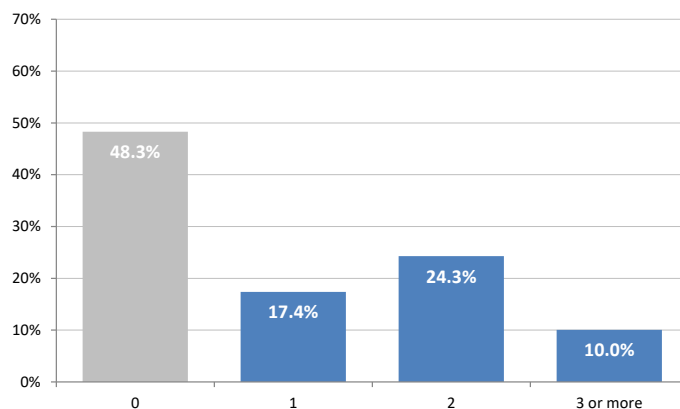
Number of Children in Household

Nearly seven in ten respondents to the mail survey (65%) have no children in their household. These households tended to include older adults (over age 55). The remaining 35% of households have one (11%), two (18%), or three or more (6%) children in the home. These responses from the random-sample mail survey are nearly identical to that of the 2020 survey. Online-only respondents were 16% more likely to have children at home than mail survey respondents.

Mail survey responses



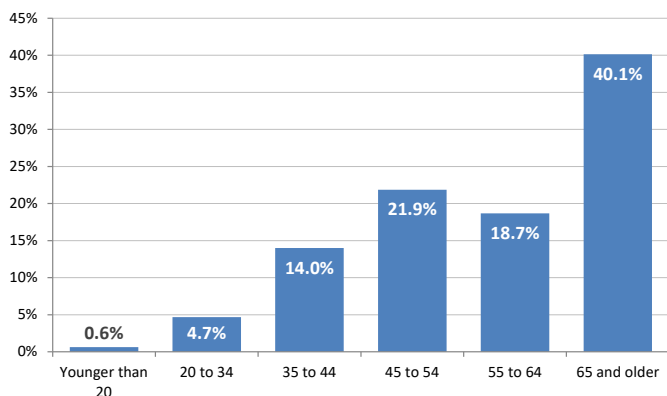
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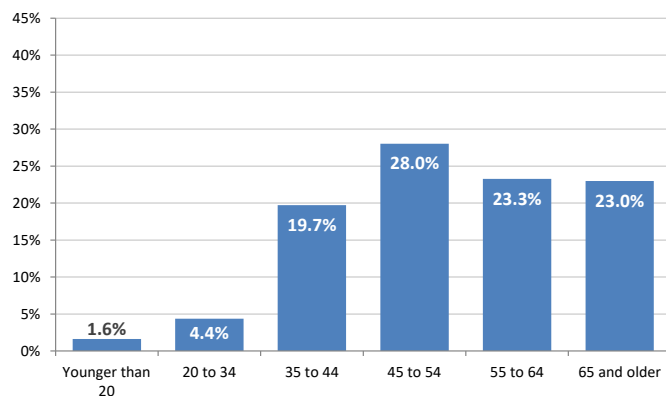
Age

Nearly 40% of respondents to the mail survey were over 65 years of age. Another 19% were between 55 and 64, while 22% were 45 to 54. There were few responses from younger residents, 14% of responses were from people 35 to 44 and 5% were from those under 35 years of age. Respondents to the online-only survey were predominately 45-64 years old (51%), followed by 35-44 (20%), with fewer residents over 65 responding.

Mail survey responses



Online-only survey responses



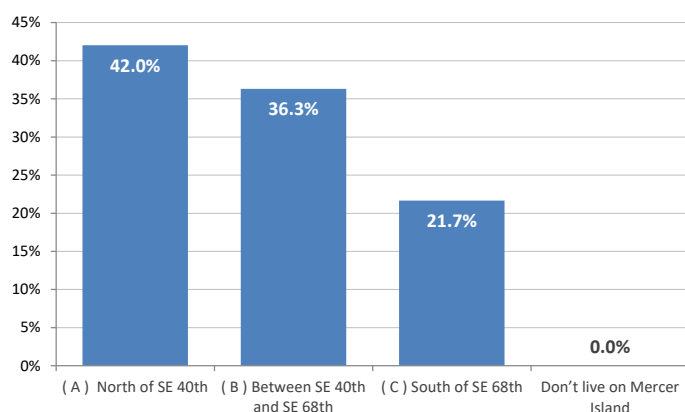
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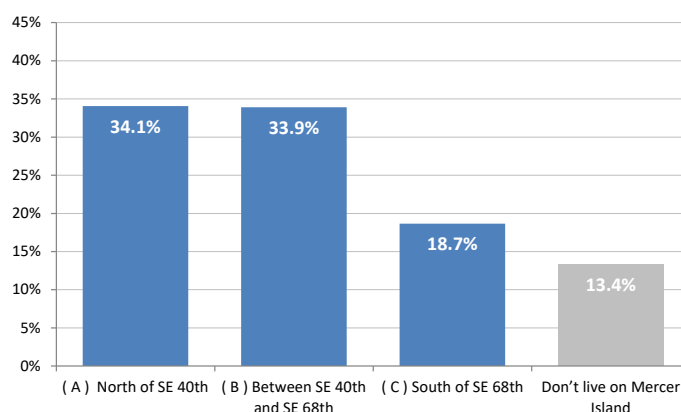
Location of Residence

Approximately 42% of mail survey respondents live on the northern part of the island (north of SE 40th Street). Another 36% respondents live between SE 40th and SE 68th Street. The remainder of respondents live south of SE 68th (22%). No respondents to the mail survey live outside of the City of Mercer Island. As with the household composition statistics, the random-sample mail survey responses were nearly identical to those of the 2020 survey. Respondents to the online-only survey were similarly distributed across the island. However, 13% of online-only respondents indicated that they do not live on Mercer Island.

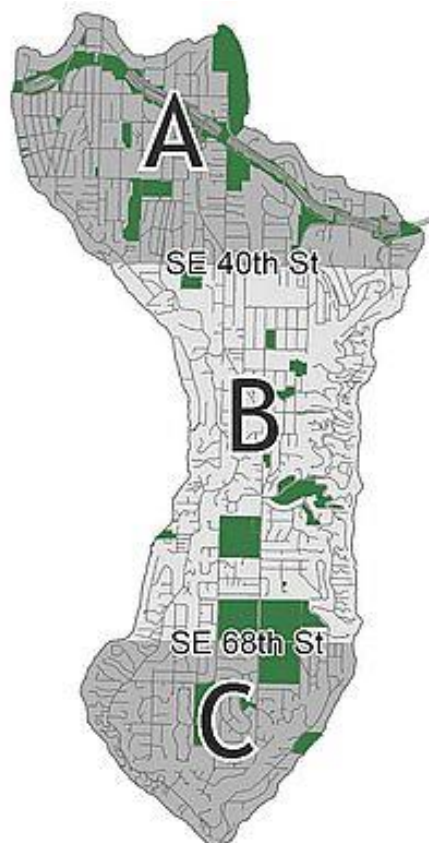
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Online-only survey responses



Location Map (for reference)



ATTACHMENT 1. SURVEY INSTRUMENT



City of Mercer Island

2021 Community Survey on Parks and Recreation

Dear Mercer Island Resident:

The City of Mercer Island began updating the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan in early 2020. The PROS Plan will help inform parks and recreation priorities for the next 6 to 10 years. Work on the PROS Plan was suspended in early 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and resumed in early 2021. For more information on the PROS Plan, please visit the Mercer Island Let's Talk page (<https://letstalk.mercergov.org/miprosplan>).

In early 2020, the City facilitated a community survey on parks and recreation and now is conducting a second PROS Plan survey to better understand local priorities for improvements to the parks system. We understand that COVID-19 may have impacted your ability to visit parks and trails this past year. We ask that you consider the future orientation of the parks plan as you evaluate needs and priorities for the parks and recreation system. Your opinions are important to the City.



You can return the survey in the reply-ready envelope provided or with this QR code:

1. How often do you or members of your household visit or use Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities (Community Center, parks, trails or open space)?
 - ☐ At least once a week
 - ☐ Two or three times a month
 - ☐ About once a month
 - ☐ A few times over the year
 - ☐ Do not visit facilities / parks / open space
 - ☐ Don't know
2. Rate your household's overall satisfaction with Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, trails and open space.
 - ☐ Very satisfied
 - ☐ Somewhat satisfied
 - ☐ Somewhat dissatisfied
 - ☐ Very dissatisfied
 - ☐ Don't know
3. How has the COVID-19 Pandemic impacted your use of Mercer Island parks, trails and open space?
 - ☐ Use increased during the COVID-19 Pandemic
 - ☐ Use decreased during the COVID-19 Pandemic
 - ☐ Use was about the same during the COVID-19 Pandemic
4. What do you think are the most needed improvements to the current City of Mercer Island parks system, including trails and open space areas? Select UP TO 3 items. (Responses with more than three items selected will not be recorded.)
 - ☐ Improve or expand picnic shelters / picnic areas
 - ☐ Improve or expand parking options for water and trail access areas
 - ☐ Improve restroom facilities / expand availability of restroom facilities
 - ☐ Improve universal access / ADA access at park facilities, including playground upgrades
 - ☐ Repair or upgrade waterfront areas, including docks and beaches
 - ☐ Upgrade athletic fields for improved playability, diverse usage and access
 - ☐ Connect gaps in the trail system to create a complete trail network
 - ☐ Upgrade / replace the skate park
 - ☐ Expand maintenance and restoration of open space and natural areas
 - ☐ None of the above are needed improvements
 - ☐ Other: _____

Take this survey online using the link below or the QR code:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MercerIslandPROS>

Or send it back in the reply-ready envelope provided. **Thank you in advance for participating!**



5. How important are each of the following parks, trails or open space amenities to your household? Then, Select UP TO THREE amenities from the list that are the most important to you and your household.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Less important	Not important	Not sure	TOP 3 Priorities
Picnic shelters / picnic areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking / jogging trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open space and natural areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pickleball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Synthetic / artificial turf athletic fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pocket parks / small neighborhood parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike skills / mountain biking facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skate park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bike lanes or bike paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor fitness equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spray park / splash pad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Off-leash dog areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public art	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Boating / water sport facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community gardens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Indicate your household's interest in participating in the following aquatic programs and activities.

	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Less interested	Not interested	Not sure
Swimming lessons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sailing classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kayak / paddleboard rentals or other watercraft rentals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing programs (classes, casting practice, derbies)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water-oriented special events such as dragon boat races, sailing races, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water-oriented summer camps (sailing, kayaking, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rowing or crew programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Community Survey on Parks and Recreation Preferences

7. Indicate your household's interest in participating in the following recreation programs and activities.

	Very interested	Somewhat interested	Less interested	Not interested	Not sure
Swimming & water safety (classes or for fitness)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boating programs (sailing, kayaking or paddle boarding)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor classes (fishing, environmental or orienteering)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational classes (technology, safety or health)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Performing arts (music, dance or theater)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programs for adults 55+ (drop-in activities, trips)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fitness programs (yoga, aerobics or sports training)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth after-school programs or summer day camps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts & crafts programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth sports / athletics programs and camps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Computers, gaming or e-sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Prior to COVID-19, if your household did not often participate in or utilize recreation programs or activities offered by the City of Mercer Island, what are the reasons? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> N/A - Does not apply; I/We used programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Classes or programs are often full |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not aware of programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Need childcare in order to participate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't have activities I'm interested in | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of parking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor quality of programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor quality or outdated facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Too expensive / Fees too high |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Held at inconvenient times | <input type="checkbox"/> Too busy; no time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Held at inconvenient locations | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

9. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: The City of Mercer Island has enough land for parks, trails and open space to meet community needs today and in the future.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
Enough land today	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enough land for the future	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. If the City of Mercer Island were to acquire additional park land, please rank your land acquisition priorities from 1st (highest priority) to 5th (lowest priority). Select each priority only once.

	Select each priority ONLY ONCE.					Don't know
	Highest priority	→ Lowest priority				
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	
Acquire land for new or expanded waterfront access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acquire land to preserve habitat and open space that can include walking / jogging trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acquire land for active recreation such as athletic fields and playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acquire land for pocket parks or small neighborhood parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acquire land for indoor recreation facilities, like gyms or classrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. The City of Mercer Island is exploring options to increase revenue to support the delivery of parks and recreation services. How would you rate your level of support for each of the following potential suggestions?

	Very supportive	Somewhat supportive	Not supportive	Not sure
Install and rent additional picnic shelters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charge fees for outfield fence banners or other advertisements at athletic fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Institute a seasonal, paid parking program at Luther Burbank Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Institute a paid reservation system for tennis and pickleball courts at heavily used parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Institute / expand concessions, such as vending or food carts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase rental scheduling at the Community Center for private events and gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sell limited term (5 to 10-years) naming rights at park facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. If you wanted the City of Mercer Island to do just one thing to improve parks, trails and/or open space, what would it be?

The following questions help us understand whether we have a cross-section of the community responding to this survey. It's important that you provide a response to each question. Please remember your answers are confidential.

13. How many children under age 18 live in your household?

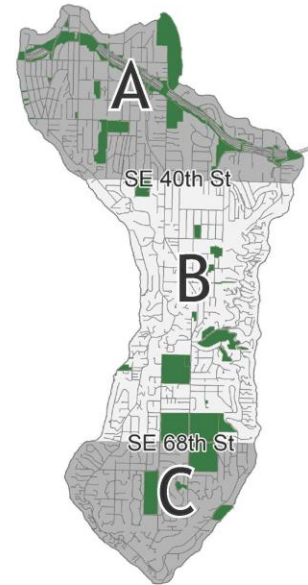
☐ 0 ☐ 2
☐ 1 ☐ 3 or more

14. What is your age?

☐ Younger than 20 ☐ 45 to 54
☐ 20 to 34 ☐ 55 to 64
☐ 35 to 44 ☐ 65 and older

15. Using the map, in which section of Mercer Island do you live?

☐ (A) North of SE 40th ☐ (C) South of SE 68th
☐ (B) Between SE 40th and SE 68th ☐ Don't live on Mercer Island



Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!

Your input will help guide the development of the Mercer Island Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan.

Save a stamp! Take this survey online with the QR code or link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MercerIslandPROS>

Learn more about why Mercer Island needs a PROS Plan and stay informed about the process at <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/miprosplan>



The City of Mercer Island is using the services of a consultant team who specializes in park and recreation planning.

Please return your completed survey in the enclosed Return-Reply Envelope addressed to:

Conservation Technix Inc.
PO Box 885
Orinda, CA 94563

ATTACHMENT 2. OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

Question 4. What do you think are the most needed improvements to the current City of Mercer Island parks system, including trails and open space areas? Select UP TO 3 items. (*open-ended "other" responses*)

MAIL RESPONSES

- Open up 40th Street end walking path to water
- Recharge 56th Landing beach
- I think just Keeping up on general maintenance at Nance at our parks and replacing items when they are broken, such as the Dragon Park screening site, and items that are broken around to different playgrounds would be ideal- it's unfortunate when you attend parks and things are broken/ not working properly
- Better maintenance of Pioneer park and designated parking.
- No to homeless encampments in our parks and open spaces
- Do more to mitigate impact of dogs - enforcement of on-leash areas, esp. at Luther Burbank; promote waste pick-up by owners in woods - area trails (such as Mercerdale Hillside and Pioneer Park)
- new activities golf practice range
- plant and water trees in Sculpture Park next to I-90
- Facility for the Performing Arts
- Do not use parks
- Repair and resurface tennis courts, cracks in the court surfaces are a safety hazard for children and adults
- Upgrade children's play area - it is so ugly! Go look at Bellevue Parks - look at beautiful improvements! Mercerdale is a sad mess - love the benches, love the idea, but the kids area with wood chips and 2 swing sets is pathetic
- Trail maintenance to include erosion of trail surfaces exposing stone underlying the trail. Common in Pioneer Park NE sector and SE 53rd Greenspace
- Increase garbage facilities/cans in Luther Burbank Park
- Mercerdale Park walking path which my husband and I walk several times a week is in dire need of repaving. It is presently a danger with all the cracks and unevenness of the cement. It is hard to navigate if anyone has balance issues and there are a lot of elderly with walkers and canes
- Can't really say, since I am not familiar with a lot of these facilities. I use mainly the trails or pool
- Preservation of natural spaces
- Maintain open space where volunteers have worked
- Make all parks "leashed" - the problem of off-leash dogs has grown exponentially since we moved here on '04. I cannot safely walk my dog on-leash, as we are often approached by off-leash dogs whose owners rarely care that their dog is an issue for mine and other vulnerable walkers, i.e., small children or the elderly
- More trash cans - empty more frequently please!
- Coffee hour at Community Center (closed now)
- mountain bike trails
- Signage for turns on trails
- Repair damage to trails by tree roots and keep homeless out of the parks and trails
- Allow picnic shelter reservation in more parks like neighborhood parks
- Restore and remove invasive plants from Pioneer Park

- Strategies for better compliance with dog rules
- Do a better job of maintaining the parks in general
- Make all playgrounds inclusive
- Trim all trees - overgrown everywhere
- Why did you tear down the Mercerdale playground and why do it months before a replacement could be ready?
- Enforce dog leash laws
- General maintenance of current parks
- Reinforce leash laws for dogs off-leash and remove "voice control" as allowed. Voice control of a dog is a fiction. I do not feel safe around dogs off leash
- Spray park / splash pad
- I wish you had allowed a small hotel with a restaurant on the water at Luther Burbank. Bike trails around the Island
- Get back the flower arrangements in Luther Burbank - am sure patrons will be willing to pay some \$ towards this
- Put speed limit on the I-90 trail! Between electric bikes and scooters, it's becoming extremely dangerous for seniors!
- restrooms at Luther Burbank Park
- Create mountain bike trails
- Improve maintenance
- more available maps for trails
- More playgrounds - bigger ones!
- Turn off play field lights when not in use. It's a big waste of money
- Luther Burbank - lease space to Ivars
- checking woods for cleaning and protecting trees
- Fill mud puddles
- Improve water access your round
- Mountain bike park
- Develop/expand mountain bike/BMX park on SE 28th
- Signage and wayfinding for trails that snake into and through neighborhoods - even a map would be nice
- Disc golf
- Stop Spraying Roundup !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Improve playgrounds
- Trash cans on the trails
- Security of parks and trails; enforcement of leash laws. Concern over finding used needles in trails and parks, litter
- I think what we have access to is AMAZING!
- Separate bikers from walkers, especially through Lid Park. Give dog owners other options from using playing fields or cite them for ignoring 'field closed' signs
- Clark Beach could use some love
- Improve ventilation and air flow in community center and reopen it fully to the community with a vaccination mandate
- control parking and visitors after closing.
- a running track / bicycle riding area for kids

- Prioritize the Mercer Island Center for the Arts
- Improve trash collection / overall cleanliness
- Lifeguards
- Benches could be added everywhere
- Keep homeless out of parks and other areas
- add and improve children's playgrounds
- Lifeguards
- Cleanliness, garbage bins!
- Upgrade Luther Burbank theatre space and create another
- Keep ensuring no tents
- South end dog park
- Repair Luther Burbank tennis courts. Convert to pickleball courts which would get a lot of use
- Improve garbage collection and recycling
- increase playground equipment
- More bike trails/paths down the island - the amount of bikes on narrow West and East Mercer Way roads is dangerous and it would be nice to have some areas where kids can bike safely
- Increase the number of pickleball courts
- I walk my dog - no improvements needed
- Maintain the tennis courts at Luther Burbank Park
- Add rock climbing and golfing facilities
- Post signs in equine quadrant that make it clear horses have priority
- Dogs on leash!!!!
- More bike and running trails. Unpaved great too
- Add park properties as opportunities arise
- Increase number of swings available
- Pickle ball courts addition
- Expand Pickleball courts
- Bike trail and bike park
- More dog park areas
- A second fenced dog park in a hilly area.
- Add more playground options
- Upgrade basketball hoops
- Life-guards at Groveland
- Keep the parks safe and secured.
- Renovate pool
- Bike park and pump track
- Have a connected bicycling path/route connecting the south end plaza to the north end light rail.
- Fix the bridges in the parks instead of just removing them

- Enhance bike access
- Place a water park somewhere on the island!
- Improve tennis/pickleball
- Add garbage cans back to Franklin landing
- Water better. Also be efficient and not waste taxpayer money

ONLINE RESPONSES

- More Pickleball
- irrigation for all the trees that are dying
- Many sidewalks on island need to be repaired. Too many cracks and grates sticking up, too many safety concerns regarding sidewalks and even where I live at the Hadley. The courtyard area that is made with boards has holes and is coming apart.
- Correct dilapidated state of parks, weeds and overgrowth.
- Restore trash cans removed at the start of the pandemic
- Improve security in parking area behind IC W baseball field
- We need to enhance maintenance of Pioneer Park. Take out ivy, etc.
- Upgrade the tennis courts- ALL NEED NEW NETS and pavement repair.
- Pickleball courts need attention
- Improved biking routes so they are safer for kids to independently get to and from schools and parks
- More Pickleball courts
- biking trails need to be safer especially in the perimeter of the island
- More pickleball courts please
- In busy use months (summer) the bathrooms are not at all kept sanitary and up to a normal standard.
- Make Luther Burbank tennis courts into permanent dedicated pickleball courts with refurbished surfacing, lines, posts, and nets
- Pickleball
- Covered rest area at tennis/pickle ball courts
- Dedicated pickleball courts! :)
- more garbage & recycling receptacles are needed on all trails
- permanently protect all parks from future development
- Add more outdoor pickleball courts
- Add more pickleball courts, if possible cover and with lights since we live in sark and rain most of the year
- More pickleball courts
- Provide and improve pickleball courts
- Increase availability for indoor/outdoor pickleball
- Need pickleball courts
- More pickleball courts will be very helpful.
- Create more gathering spaces, lingering locations, viewing areas, etc. For instance, experiment with improvements that invite older adults to rest and watch the youngsters at play in the skate park and sport courts. Don't fear failed experiments.
- Sitting in off leash dog park for older people

- With all the adults now living in city center, we should consider adding a chess board and a basketball hoop somewhere in city center, e.g. at Mercerdale or the lid park. The sports at Bellevue's downtown park seem to be well used.
- 1. Charge a HIGH USE FEE for Non-Island Teams and a PARKING FEE for NON-ISLAND Residents without a MI Resident sticker just like locally managed parks all across the country. 2. Fix and re-install the bridge across the gully in Island Park. IT NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED IN THE FIRST PLACE. IT ONLY NEEDED MINOR REPAIR.
- Add Pickleball courts
- Improve drainage
- I say None based on retired, 70, no kids
- Benches on trails for older walkers to rest! Thank you
- Pickleball
- Add frisbee golf to Luther Burbank and enforce dogs on leash requirement
- More pickleball courts
- More pickle ball courts please
- EACH tennis court could accommodate 3 pickleball courts Add PBmarking
- Girls need softball field on par with boys. It's the law.
- The South fields on Mercer Island
- The south Mercer ball field needs to have a dedicated softball field for our high school team.
- The fields at the south end are retrofitted baseball fields. It would be nice if they fit the needs of all of the softball players as well.
- Please fix the softball field at South Mercer. It's time and the girls deserve it. It's been far too long playing on a field I tended for baseball.
- Pickleball courts at Luther Burbank!
- Beaches need lifeguards
- Stop using herbicides on blackberries
- Add more pickleball courts
- Create a dedicated softball facility at South Mercer.
- Would like to see permanent Pickleball courts. Courts also need resurfacing.
- More pickle ball courts
- Would like to see permanent pickleball courts replace tennis courts at Luther Burbank Park.
- Add Pickleball Courts
- Better maintenance - a lot of dead bushes / trees and not cleaned out
- Add lights to more tennis courts around the Island
- Better bike and walking paths to reach parks
- Add a spray park / wadding pool to the island. Maybe South Mercer Playground which could use a "lift" and has great sunlight/parking/accessibility
- 1. Dedicated outdoor pickleball courts; 2. Improve the dog park at Luther Burbank (i.e., add bark over the top of the sand/dirt to help with dust, mud, and dirt).
- More pickle all courts
- Dedicated Pickleball courts
- Add lights to mercerdale park around sidewalk for evening walks and security

- More turf fields
- More outdoor Pickleball courts please!
- Add dedicated Pickleball courts
- more pickleball courts
- swap tennis courts to pickleball courts
- Add more pickleball courts
- Add dedicated pickle ball courts
- I'm not sure
- Transform the original tennis court at Luther Bank Park into multiple developed pickleball courts instead of the original three.
- Provide pickleball facilities
- Permanent pickleball courts
- More pickleball courts.
- I don't really know what needs to be upgraded or repaired but I still want a performing arts center.
- don't use enough to speak to this
- paddleboard/kayak rental, summer camp, dock/waterfront improvement/accessibility
- More outdoor pickleball courts
- Build dedicated pickle ball courts
- A park like Meadowcrest in Renton, ideal for ages 2-5
- Add good quality Pickleball courts
- More dedicated pickleball courts
- Resurface and renovate Luther Burbank pickleball courts and expand to 6 courts
- Please expand the trail network! Our family walks on the trails several times a week, and it would be great to have additional variety
- Enforce no camping law to keep parks and open spaces clean and safe. Enforce the law.
- add pickle ball courts
- Covered pickleball courts!
- Add permanent pickleball courts, please
- Add more trash bins
- My daughter to the paddle camp this summer and loved it. I would love to see an adult version, or options to paddle as part of the community
- Pickleball designated courts
- More pickleball courts
- Replace tennis court ground at Luther Burbank
- Just want to say how impressed I have always been (44 yrs here). Love all that is there.
- paddle board, kayak, rental
- Eliminate off leash for dogs outside of LB's off leash area. It's abused in other areas by pet owners and/or confusion over which areas allows it vs not. Just too many injuries to other dogs and people by aggressive dogs not under 'voice control' and no accountability by owners.

- Make Pickle Ball Court High expedited priority
- Would love to have kayak/SUP rentals available, better access for kayaks/paddleboards, more water-based summer camp opportunities
- Keep free of homeless campers, trash including drug needles, and more trash can placement to help dog walkers.
- Walking trail in Upper LBP
- We need year-round outdoor pickleball courts
- Many small parks are still missing trash cans
- Add Pickleball courts please!
- Ad more outdoor Pickleball options
- more outdoor pickleball courts with more parking provided
- Better enforcement of leash laws so all can enjoy the parks. Better signage for leash laws. I could go on and on. I don't use the parks as often as I would if dog owners would be respectful of the laws and only have dogs off leash in the designated off leash areas. This "voice command" law isn't working. Many dog owners are inconsiderate and break the laws. If you want me to pay for parks levy, then enforce the leash laws and change the voice command law.
- kill the ivy and stop it from killing the trees. Also, put a small dock or something similar at the end of the street at SE 84th which would allow water access for launching a kayak or raft or paddle board. You have something like 6 parks allowing water access in the "East" Seattle area and nothing at the south end of the lake other than Clark Beach which is a mile away from the end of SE 84th St., which used to be a ferry landing from Renton
- more paddle camp! and kayak/sup rentals!
- Require dogs be on a leash.
- Fruitland Landing pocket park is actually DANGEROUS: uneven lawn (tripping hazard), steps to water need repair, overgrowth of tree blocks steps into water, ...
- More sheltered basketball courts, particularly on the north side of the island. They are relatively cheap, simple to maintain, and can serve singles and groups of many sizes. They are always full now and it's a sport growing in popularity compared to say, tennis which we are oversupplied with.
- bumps along i-90 trail
- upgrade skatepark pls
- Increase biking areas for kids - i.e., pump track by skate park, jumps/bridges/features in wooded areas.
- Focused classes for the ever expanding senior population that are aging in places don't want to wind up in assisted living warehouses
- Improve the smaller neighborhood parks
- Add more picnic shelters/covered areas.
- With the increase in population on Mercer Island, we actively need more park space. Many jurisdictions buy homes/lots and turn them into "pocket parks" for smaller neighborhoods. I understand the city recently made such a purchase of the home on 40th and ICW. We should do more of it.
- Improve trail maintenance on undeveloped trails
- Add performing arts center
- permanent pickleball courts
- More dedicated Pickleball ball courts
- Add Pickleball courts!!!!
- Keep trash bins emptied regularly particularly at Luther Burbank

- pickleball!!!
- Add more pickleball courts
- King county trails
- Playground equipment/installation
- Pickleball courts
- Dedicated Pickleball courts are needed
- Provide lifeguards 7 days a week at Groveland, Clarke and LB during the swimming season. Maintain grounds at Groveland.
- More bike trails
- Need more pickleball courts - you don't have ANY!!! Not OK.
- Rebuild the burned picnic shelter at the Lid Park
- make more fields available to school kids, sports teams, rather than dogs
- More pickleball
- I use a cane and I do not feel safe in the NW quadrant of Pioneer Park due to off leash dogs running ahead of their complacent owners.
- Increase off leash dog areas
- Pickleball dedicated courts
- Off leash dog areas, keep pioneer park and Luther Burbank
- pickleball courts
- Splash pad/Splash park
- Better surface for the pickle ball courts
- Other than the box checked, please leave it alone!
- Increase amount and quality of Pickleball Courts available on Mercer Island.
- Pickleball courts
- Add a pickle ball court at the Luther Burbank tennis courts. They are easy to convert
- Dedicated outdoor pickle ball courts. Fastest growing sport in the country!
- convert Luther Burbank tennis courts to pickle ball courts, to increase access, since the number of courts would more than double, and usage is higher
- Pickleball courts
- Provide dedicated indoor and outdoor pickleball courts
- More Pickleball courts
- Stagnant tennis courts should be converted to Pickleball specific courts.
- create dedicated indoor pickleball courts
- More Pickleball courts
- Year round outdoor Pickleball courts
- Dedicated Pickleball courts
- more pickleball courts
- provide dedicated pickleball courts
- We need more outdoor pickle ball courts

- Increase Pickleball courts. Don't push us out for tennis
- Make trails more bike friendly (ramps next to stairs, bike features (small jumps, berms))
- Add pickleball courts please!
- Pickleball. Need more and improved courts.
- More pickleball outdoor courts
- Dedicated Pickleball courts
- Add pickleball
- Need deducted outdoor pickleball courts
- more pickleball courts
- More pickleball outdoor courts
- Please improve the skatepark and increase lighting at all Mercer Island Parks. This community is not friendly to skateboarders, so if that is going to continue please at least improve the one area that allows skating.
- keep tennis courts. Please do not convert them to pickle ball courts
- Add permanent pickleball courts
- Dedicated indoor and outdoor pickleball courts
- 1) Please be rigorous in trying to use native plants instead of exotics. These are needed for the appropriate insects for the local birds to feed their young. 2) Please minimize the use of steps and remove, without replacing, as many as possible when they are beyond their usefulness. The steps that have been installed are too high for senior citizens. Walking without encountering hardscape is more natural and mimics being in wild nature. It's better for the soul. 3) Would you please make it easier to volunteer to keep invasive plants in check? Too much formal planning and the paperwork is too much and very tedious to manage. Meanwhile the ivy wreaks havoc. Could you welcome groups, e.g. Scouts, Rotary to adopt sections of open space to keep ivy removed in their space with minimal formal process?
- Need public outdoor Pickleball courts!
- More dog facilities - poop bag dispensers (poorly stocked) near trash containers (poorly emptied particularly in Luther Burbank on weekends)
- More covered areas to exercise
- Pickleball courts!
- Resurface pickleball outdoor courts
- More courts lined for pickleball
- Expand more pickle ball counts
- improve existing pickleball courts and add new ones
- more pickleball courts
- Dedicated pickleball courts are needed, or at a minimum, more tennis courts lined with pickleball lines. Currently courts are frequently crowded with people wanting to play pickleball.
- Dedicated outdoor Pickleball courts
- Permanent Pickleball courts at Luther Burbank.
- Enforce all dogs to be leashed. Owners have failed to keep unleashed pets under control and do not pick up pet waste.
- Reduce intrusive amenities at Pioneer Park. Increase usage of Luther amphitheater Am
- Add permanent Pickleball courts
- Expanded off lead dog areas

- Install actual pickle ball courts
- An off leash dog park (fenced) at south end
- Add dedicated pickleball courts
- Pickleball
- Canoe and sailboat rental at Luther Burbank
- We need a splash park/splash pad!!
- Convert tennis court with low usability to Pickleball courts
- Need pickleball courts
- Convert the tennis courts at the park adjacent to the MICC to Pickleball courts.
- More pickleball options
- Pickleball
- Protect our open spaces and low impact parks
- Bring back lifeguards at beaches!
- Expand Mercerdale Park
- Pickleball
- More indoor and outdoor pickleball
- not expand maintenance, just do it. seems like basics are neglected and the only focus is spending on new features
- Maintain accessibility of parks and facilities. The parks were closed during most of 2020. Playgrounds were closed. Parking was closed. Trashcans were not emptied. What's the point of spending money on facilities that are locked up?
- Improve pickleball courts
- Add pickle ball courts!
- Preserve our green spaces and pervious surfaces. Keep our parks parks.
- provide more outdoor shelters to enable more covid safe outdoor social gatherings in any weather
- Cover in outdoor areas for inclement weather. With COVID I prefer to be outside but there is a lack of outdoor covered areas to sit with friends
- Permanent, dedicated outdoor pickleball courts
- Luther Burbank Pickle Courts!!!
- improve the pickleball courts in Burbank Park
- Improve and expand outdoor pickleball courts
- Support for pickleball, finish the Mercerdale playground
- Fix broke. Playground equipment! Faster please :)
- Dedicated pickleball courts
- dedicated pickleball courts would be great. existing tennis courts are not used.
- Permanently change Luther Burbank tennis courts to pickleball courts and resurface them.
- Increase size of Mercerdale Park (it is the Central Park of the island)
- Stop illegal digging in parks
- Put dedicated pickleball courts
- Facilitate more opportunities for parks activities. For example formalize the bike trail in upper Luther Burbank so it does not

continue to damage the area but make it work for the kids

- Pickleball courts!!!
- resurface pickleball courts -- and keep them for pickleball!
- Do not allow Upper Luther to become a Mountain Bike facility!
- Convert Luther Burbank tennis to 8 pickleball courts
- I would like to see improvements in the former tennis courts, now used for pickle ball.
- Pickleball courts
- A water spray park with bathrooms
- Dedicated Pickle ball courts
- Install permanent Pickleball courts
- Better maintenance and prioritization of tennis facilities
- Convert tennis courts at Luther Burbank to dedicated Pickleball courts, The space used for one existing Tennis court could accommodate 3 if not 4 dedicated PB courts. The courts at LB Park are used heavily for Pickleball and the numbers are growing on a daily basis. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in USA. There is a deep need for more courts. There are plenty of other Tennis Court options for tennis players on MI.
- Maintain / improve surface tennis courts at Lid
- Create dedicated pickleball courts
- Pickleball courts- only 3 and tennis players take them over for hours while 20 people wait in line to rotate in and play a new game every 20 min. Lots of tennis on Mercer and only one place to play for pickleball (the fastest growing sport in US). Dedicate the Luther Burbank courts to pickleball or make 4 pickleball courts and leave one tennis court.
- Remove skate park (return to actual park)
- Fix broken playground equipment more expediently, improve restrooms at Deane Children's Park, hand sanitizer available at all playgrounds/select locations on trails (such as Pioneer Park junctions).
- add pickleball to Luther Burbank outdoor courts please
- outside designated pickleball courts
- I would like to see outdoor cafes in our parks.
- Repair/increase the number of tennis courts as they are all heavily used, add pickle ball courts, increase garbage cans on trails and in parks, more lighted trails and pathways
- Make M.I. Kayak Friendly! Remove 1 steel bulkhead at Clarke so can easily put in/take out on the beach! Create access at South Point to put in/take out. With those two items, then kayakers have at most a 3 to 3.5 mile "reach" between potential stops without having to take on unnecessary danger getting in and out of their kayak.
- Build dedicated pickleball courts
- Make repairs to broken playground equipment more quickly
- provide baseball fair access to ICP - it paid for the improvements!
- Add a water splash feature for kids please
- Add mountain bike pump track
- Fence on parks dogs are allowed, let's keep dogs and kids safe!!
- Restore trash facilities on north mercer I90 trail
- We use the parks everyday! They are fantastic and love spending at least an hour walking and enjoying all the parks on island.

- 1) Paddle sports teams, lessons, rentals; 2) Refreshments availability esp. at Luther Burbank
- Add a playground in NE quadrant
- Why don't playgrounds on MI have swings???
- Trail maintenance
- Actual enforcement of leash laws in the park
- Ensure dog bags and trash cans are located at each park.
- Mercerdale Park essentially has no parking at all. This needs to be corrected.
- Repave paths due to extreme cracking from trees
- Create safe bike lane access around the whole Island so that kids and adults can cycle safely to parks system sites.
- Mercer Island needs a splash pad!!!
- Expand maintenance on current parks, Wildwood Park is not taken care of enough. Small trails are frequently ignored (branches across trails)
- Better maintenance and general upkeep of existing green/open space
- improve parking AND install security cameras at entrances to Pioneer Park
- Water fountains turned back on
- Improve and maintain the playgrounds
- We DO NOT need any more "athletic fields." We need trash cans, restrooms, and tree maintenance (cut down / trim trees so residents don't have to jump over fallen branches daily). Basically, MAINTAIN what we have!
- Add MICA
- Improvements and expansion of park playgrounds
- Improve dog park
- Bring more business/food establishments to the parks- food trucks, small restaurant along the LB dock
- Options like a water park for kiddo, accessibility, and water craft rental
- Designate ADP as an on-leash dog area to deconflict with bike trail traffic.
- A real solution to the drainage issues in Mercerdale, not mosquito trap ditches that are already filling with plants.
- Build rowing boathouse. Crazy that we are an island with no access to crew
- our waterfront and docks are severely underutilized. We need kayak and small boat storage and rentals, maybe a cafe, etc.
- Lighting and maintenance to help protect our public art in parks.
- Allow the public to use the dance/aerobic room in the rec center for free if dancing solo or in a very small group for free or a very nominal fee. My daughter would have liked to practice or video her dances for college applications but your current structure made it impossible.
- Fill old merry-go-round space at Luther Burbank
- Better recreational connection to water - revitalize boat house at Luther Burbank
- Add benches to playground areas
- Maintenance, care, & cleaning of existing spaces
- My family is overall happy with the parks. However the play structure at the south Mercer play fields is a disappointment. The kids just don't play at it as much as the old rainbow slide structure.
- Playgrounds! Replace train in mercerdale, add NE option
- Water and maintain what we already have. Half of lid park is dead after lack of maintenance. Also, trash service needs to be

restored.

- (1) Remove the asphalt adjacent to the Recycling Center (2) create a rain garden in the repossessed wetland area
- I would love to see us create a rowing + sailing center to teach and train youth.
- Install cameras at high theft parking areas like lower Luther Burbank
- prevent overnight camping
- Return to normal garbage service in parks.
- Increased spaces for mountain biking
- Expand and diversified biking trails
- Maintain tennis courts
- Do not develop any part of Lid Park for commercial or parking use
- Fenced playground so when my two kids run in different directions, I don't have to choose which one is more likely to run into the street
- Upgrade tennis courts to accommodate Pickleball. Create under cover spaces for athletic play.
- Add permanent Pickleball courts
- We need a more advanced and sophisticated bike park system to meet the demand of Mercer Island Youth (target 8-16 years old)
- Pickle ball courts! Either a lot at LB or scattered throughout the park system
- Create areas that are closed to dogs and safe for kids

Question 9. Prior to COVID-19, if your household did not often participate in or utilize recreation programs or activities offered by the City of Mercer Island, what are the reasons? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY. (*open-ended "other" responses*)

MAIL RESPONSES

- Wanted crew
- too old now to care
- Only moved here in January 2020
- Need pickleball for beginners. The "players" make newcomers feel bad
- I could use facilities on my own. No need for program participation
- Our children no longer live on MI
- Too elderly, 88 years, 50 on Mercer Island
- I participated in exercise programs
- Old age (97). Still walk in park occasionally
- More senior programs
- enjoy parks as one-alone or one-on-one activity
- Activities were mostly for young kids and seniors
- No activities for middle schoolers
- Belong to other fitness facility

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- na
- Doing other activities
- Was not a Mercer Island resident then
- grown children
- wanted to use fitness center more
- Often out of town
- We moved to Mercer Island during COVID
- Didn't live here then
- Quit going to park for dog walks after Pet passed away from roundup related Lymphoma - Understand this is not scientific evidence but every dog that goes there everyday that I knew from daily use passed away from cancer and usually lymphoma which is what Bayer has lost all of their Roundup lawsuits from - At some point someone is going to sue the city and would LOVE if the city stopped using Roundup before that happens especially when we are the tax payer and 100% of the park users I speak with agree
- Belong to JCC. Interested in active senior classes/activities, need more.
- Moved here during pandemic
- did not live here prior to COVID-19
- Not a senior, and without children
- too old
- MICEC hours too limited. Not enough parking at Luther Burbank north lot
- Not quite sure what is meant by programs and activities. We used the trails and parks quite a bit!
- I just like walking in parks
- I did not need these
- activities not available for child with special needs
- Did not live on MI
- am elderly; most of my interests already satisfied elsewhere
- We moved here
- We moved to Mercer Island during COVID
- I didn't live on MI pre-COVID
- Did not live here at that time
- New to island
- Activity bus from elementary schools didn't go to Community Center, so JCC was more convenient
- I didn't live on Mercer Island before COVID-19
- Moved here during pandemic
- We moved here during the pandemic
- I was a Jazzerciser, but didn't know if this counted. I always wanted to take a dance class but they were either smack in the middle of my work day or in the evening. I prefer early morning or late afternoon.
- None that fit with our lifestyle. We do use trails daily.
- Playgrounds have become more toddler focused and not good for older kids 12 and under
- Kids too young

- Moved a year before Covid. Little chance to explore programs.

ONLINE RESPONSES

- Didn't live here
- Prefer adults only activities that are not specific to just seniors.
- I work daytime so most program hours not doable. With flex work hours can do more now.
- Providing programs for the special needs community and families with special needs with developmental and disabled ability. Many programs do not service this and ages 10-70. Please improve this category
- Senior Programs are too high priced for some of us.
- I used the fitness center in the Community Center and found frequent contention for popular equipment like the recumbent stationary bike
- Have outside activities
- too old
- Senior water exercise class was cancelled due to low number of participants.
- Lack of planning by us
- We travel almost weekly so no routine to take a class other than a drop-in
- Too old
- Not interested
- Ada compliance for beach access
- More open gym hours at community center for kids /families. Often full of adult focused classes or training.
- Ballet for kids was always full and gymnastics was promised but never happened for kids
- need staff to help disabled individuals while they attend classes; would like some open time for disabled adults to use facilities/spaces
- Indoor Pickleball courts were too crowded, not enough time allocated for pickleball
- We live in SE Seattle and honestly had never thought to look at parks and rec on Mercer island. A friend steered us toward the website for this past summer. Our daughter attended two of Seattle adventure sports camps and she loved every minute of her time spent on the water and at Luther Burbank. We will be looking for programming on Mercer island for summer 2022.
- Husband did participate in senior social while able. Otherwise, I am otherwise occupied.
- Luther Burbank tennis courts dangerous-Need Pickle Ball courts -consider covering
- Travel
- Hadn't lived on Mercer Island
- Not interested in programs
- I go elsewhere on the Island to work out (gym & exercise classes)
- Moved to MI during Covid
- Lived in Seattle
- Organized pickleball
- Was not living in the area.
- did not recognize the importance to my well being

- Not aware of ALL programs
- I will use more programs when I retire from work. I love Shakespeare in the Park!
- Wasn't aware of it
- Didn't live here yet
- Moved here beginning of covid
- No pickleball
- Lack of interest in City run activities
- Was member of private club
- only moved to island in March 2019
- Used other island offerings: JCC, MICC, Boys and Girls Club
- Children have outgrown most programs
- Not interested in the programs/activities provided
- desired activities not available
- not a lot of variety
- We moved here during Covid
- Need programs to help families dealing with disability, including childcare, senior care, and respite care
- Just moved here during pandemic
- Lifelong MI residents, now retired, do not have a need just now.
- Did not need to attend
- Primarily do sports and activities at private clubs.
- Accessibility for wheelchairs
- We did not live here prior to covid.
- Moved to MI during pandemic
- It is not the JOB of the city to provide recreation programs and activities. This is an affluent community and the residents / taxpayers belong to private clubs and organizations and pay for camps/activities that they desire. The city needs to focus on maintaining our property and reducing expenses, not attempting to be a YMCA providing every little class and activity it *thinks* folks might want.
- Costs are very high for many Seniors or non Tech employed residents
- Could not use dance room at community center. Basketball court can be used but not dance rooms, this is a major problem and not conducive at all to the arts and truly talented and committed dancers.
- Programs offered were not of interest
- Kids not old enough
- Kids have outgrown activities and alternatives like programming offered thru our membership with MSC
- We loved the SVP / Voice program. Please bring it back!
- Competing programs thru private clubs (MIBC and MICC)
- Need to retire!!
- Kids were busy with other school related programs and we were with work and other activities. We think offering many program is good for the community as a whole, even if we don't participate.
- We moved to MI last august during the pandemic

- no interest

Question 13. If you wanted the City of Mercer Island to do just one thing to improve parks, trails and/or open space, what would it be? (*open-ended responses*)

MAIL RESPONSES

- Open up waterfront access on SE 40th
- My sons tell me that getting rid of the "Park Association" (at Snake Hill) would be a good start...
- Recharge beaches
- Connect bike trails
- Maintain trails better
- Improve Luther Burbank waterfront
- Parks, trails and open space are already excellent for our small city
- Expand Community Center for active seniors (i.e. exercise room, more events, classes) Issaquah Senior Center is outstanding - use as example
- Connect gaps in the trail system to create complete network!
- Commitment to preserving healthy natural spaces/wildlife habitat
- All good! South end park /playground by Lakeridge is TERRIBLE! Needs to be replaced ASAP. They're never any kids there.
- Safer access to our wonderful parks and trails via bike, foot (i.e., cross walks at park entries, more bike lanes)
- Repair/replace the docks at Luther Burbank and provide long term ground lease for one or more restaurants
- Linking up walking/running/cycling trails
- Make certain to keep what we currently have and maintain it, especially open space
- water the lawns; new activities, fresh view
- pull or eradicate all English Ivy and plant drought tolerant trees - and re-up the irrigation system
- Facility for the performing arts
- More trails for walking/jogging, especially gravel, not asphalt. Re-open community center
- Expand trail network to connect gaps in trail system
- Take care of what we have
- Maintain current trails; discourage vandals digging bike trails in undesignated areas; and quality maintenance would be my priority
- More kid playground structures
- More staff and resources to care for the parks, trails and open space we have so they are all well-kept, watered, updated and safe
- Better parking or a frequent off-site park and ride route to Luther Burbank
- Walking/jogging trails
- Keeping trails safe for day use - no camping
- Maintain, improve and expand hiking trails. Connect trails and provide adequate trail signs

- More people needed to keep Mercerdale clean - garbage cans overflow! Notice natural materials used in play areas - neat and tidy and soft for playing
- Walking/jogging trail maintenance
- Expand trails for walking
- Be able to maintain trimming and care of trees, bushes, etc.
- More land and trails
- Don't take away any of the existing parks or trails
- Provide medium-sized sailboat rentals
- Better marking and mapping of walking routes and trails on the island
- Improve maintenance of paths
- Add a trailhead to connect the north side of Pioneer Park northeast quadrant with the Creek Trail
- Continue the excellent maintenance
- Keep all the trails well maintained
- Love the idea of boat rentals
- Add more and preserve walking/biking trails
- Some parks need seasonal irrigation. The Lid connecting upper and lower parts of Luther Burbank needs urgent help. Increasingly dry summers are likely to cause more damage in our parks
- Open boating programs for all
- Have more access for "residents" at pocket parks and enforce No Dogs in areas not dog parks
- More consistent maintenance and weeding
- Improving ADA access!
- More connected trails
- Improve usability and accessibility at street end parks. Calkins Landing has no place to sit comfortably close to the water, for example
- Stop continually clear cutting parts of Luther Burbank Park. Most park users prefer the natural setting. #1 concern is to stop using Roundup in our parks.
- Update kids sports fields including the Lid/Aubrey Davis, Island Park, Southend Playfields
- Maintain open spaces where volunteers have worked!
- Completion of park projects seems to take a very long time - study less, work more. (example, Mercerdale playground)
- They're doing a great job! I wish they would use equipment/cutting on overgrowth rather than poisons such as glyphosate. Plant new trees to replace ones recently lost
- Make all of Mercer Island "leashed"; off-leash does not work for the safety of island residents any longer. Dogs are too often untrained and dangerous to others. Otherwise I think the city is doing an admirable job - the parks are beautiful, peaceful and a respite from Seattle-ization
- Mark and maintain what already exists
- Please clean up some of the open space/forested areas. I regularly walk these natural spaces and there are lots of trees and branches laying around
- More staff for more maintenance
- Improve bike lanes
- Increase connectivity for the MI trail system

- Remove excessive tree "trash" from ditch on west side of Island Crest Way between 78th St and 72nd. Remove pile of branches from northeast corner of 72nd and Island Crest Way. (It's been over 2 years)
- Improve athletic fields
- To conserve what we have - not develop it. Also, more parking to access Pioneer Park
- Investigate volunteer maintenance teams
- Maintain what we have
- Please continue the care and interest in city parks as the past
- Maintain the parks better
- More picnic facilities in the parks
- Add more trails
- Add signage for turns on trails
- Quickly execute the new waterfront plan for Luther Burbank. Beyond that, create more mountain biking paths and expand the current BMX/mountain bike course in Upper Luther Burbank Park.
- Fix tree roots on asphalt trails. Keep homeless away. Add pickleball courts
- Weed and maintain the parks we have. Garbage services, etc.
- It feels like people rotate constantly to different jobs, so they are not accountable for long. Working with anyone doesn't last long. Inspect parks on a regular basis or timetable. Stop deferring maintenance when problems are found. Develop a plan for each park to maintain regularly for safety. Follow through with viable plan, be accountable to someone. Pay attention to all parks, not just very visible ones.
- The Parks and Recreation Dept should restore the Senior Social program that was conducted at the Community Center. It is sorely missed!
- Barring the ability of schools to spend money on better sport fields, the city should explore adding some all weather fields with lighting
- Better trail maps and markings - finding them is always a bit of a surprise - like unlocking a mystery
- Increase maintenance at Pioneer Park
- More pickleball courts
- Ensure access to seniors, e.g. steep road to Groveland Park
- More emphasis on rules for dog owners, ex. NE Pioneer Park is a leash only area, not voice command. Also displaying phone number to report violators is not realistic; how does one know the name of the dog owner? Need some enforcement for deterrence
- provide restrooms and maintain near playgrounds, expand space for fitness programs at Community Center
- More off leash dog areas, more trails / connect current trail system
- Improve and create more walking trails
- Maintain the facilities we've got in good working order
- Better protected bike trails on West Mercer Way and East Mercer Way
- Restrooms
- Staff all beaches with lifeguards all summer!
- Ensure safety
- Improve restroom facilities for handicapped individuals
- Improved beach access and use of docks at Luther Burbank for rental use of non-motorized boats (kayaks primarily)

- Access to fenced grass areas for dogs to chase balls off leash. Some responsible (pick up after) dog owners can't take pets to dog parks and need a safe place to let them run. School grounds etc. are "no dogs allowed". Most others are dogs on leash
- Make the parks look good. We currently have poor landscaping
- Open the community center!
- Keep things maintained/clean
- Waiting for an Art Center over more parks
- Audit all playgrounds for accessibility/inclusivity and bring them up to highest possible standards. Make MI Parks a model for all abilities
- Create a trail that has more separated area for bikes vs pedestrians
- Maintain what we have now!
- Add more biking trails
- Do not waste what you have, like tear out a playground at Mercerdale Park for fixable problems like standing water
- Provide additional pocket parks and small neighborhood parks
- Lighting
- Enforce the dog leash laws
- Mountain bike pump track (see Velosolutions). Splash pad in the middle field at Mercerdale Park
- Increase frequency of trail maintenance
- more ADA accessibility
- Avoid use of Roundup to control weeds
- Splash pad
- The better care of current parks. I'm a heavy user of parks
- Create more off-leash dog areas and open space
- All parks, trails and open spaces should be dogs on-leash only. No dogs off leash except in fenced areas dedicated to dogs off-leash
- Preserve access to the smaller trails. (We are quite impressed with all the Parks Dept already does!)
- Splash pad / spray park - Thank you, City of MI!
- Upgrade/improve Mary Wayte Pool
- Pickleball as it is my sport of choice
- Improve restrooms
- A few more bathrooms on walking and biking routes, like the porta-potty in Pioneer Park - locate along East and West Mercers. More disability assistance at parks and trails
- Connect existing trail systems
- Make biking around the Island safe
- Continue to maintain trail system
- Update/repair/maintain current parks and trails
- Increase access to waterfront at no cost to citizens
- Build a bicycle pump-track
- Bring back Flower arrangements
- Outlaw motorized bikes and scooters at Luther Burbank and the I-90 trail

- More garbage cans!
- Add trail signage throughout Pioneer Park
- More trails and off-leash areas for dogs
- Bathrooms - fully stocked and cleaned!
- Find some ways for having separate trails for walkers and cycling
- Kayak/SUP water access points
- Maintain and add to if possible natural areas and preserve habitat for birds and wildlife. Ban dogs from trails in those areas
- Improving the trails and clean the roads
- Have the picnic area garbage emptied more often. Most of the times, garbage are over-spilled to the ground where crows constantly pick into the garbage
- More aquatic programs/places for swimming
- Keep the dogs off leash only in the off-leash parks!
- Trails
- Create a mountain bike loop in underused hill areas such as Gallagher Hill
- Maintain and expand open space trails
- Update maintenance at small parks
- I love most dogs but one quadrant of Pioneer Park should be leash only for dogs - for elderly and little kids please.
- More sailing/kayaking/paddleboard options
- Make parks and recreation services accessible to all, such as handicapped people
- Bike riding around MI on E/W Mercer Way is an amazing experience and there should be a safe lane at least on one side of the road all the way around the island
- Fix the path in downtown park with the circular walking path. Roots make it very uneven and hazardous in several places
- Don't spend money needlessly. Parks and recreation are fine as is.
- Luther Burbank - Lease space to Ivars. Build retaining walls for waterfront
- Enforce the leash laws! Luther Burbank has turned into an entire off-leash park with untrained/rude dogs and owners
- Improve bathrooms and cleanliness. Put garbage along trails so people don't leave their dog poop bag around!
- Boat parking; food/restaurant service at Luther Burbank Park to open up waterfront access and great place for Mercer Island families
- Improve walking trails
- Appreciate all members for the efforts you use to make a better parks and trails. Sometimes looks like more check and control the woods cleaning and make it more attractive is ideal!
- Fill mud puddles
- Fees are too high for activities/classes. Every family pays enough fees through city of MI
- Everything having to do with increasing FITNESS for citizens. Not 'sit down' as much as action for mind and body
- Would like to see the city maintain/manage what we have rather than looking to acquire new land. If opportunities come along, it's worth considering, but don't spend \$ on new just to acquire more land
- ensure existing restroom facilities don't get vandalized and ruined. Keep current parks, trails safe. Great job on trails - thanks!
- acquire more greenspace

- More trails
- Better general maintenance and care. Invasive species removal; general care (Clarke Beach seems somewhat left alone)
- More picnic tables
- Create more trails and increase their maintenance
- Stop using toxic herbicides, stop making more ADA trails; there are enough. And just keep parks natural and wild, not urban. And don't even think of asking for a parks levy. Not interested and what's the budget?
- Connect the trails as much as possible
- Install webcams for remote wildlife viewing (e.g., beavers at Luther Burbank); guided nature walks; in future, use volunteers to do a free survey
- Protect open spaces from overbuilding. Connect open spaces if possible or expand to neighborhoods. I've noticed a large number of people enjoying our parks during the pandemic and would love for that to continue. Good for mental health, community building and physical health. Thank you!
- Preserve the land and keep the parks and trails cleaned up
- More off-leash dog trails. More accessible dog-friendly water/beach areas
- Centrally or on the north end located mountain bike park like Redmond Bike Park next to Hartman Park. Could also ask the Evergreen Mtn Bike Alliance for help 206-524-2900
- Downhill mountain/BMX flow course. Perhaps in Gallagher Hill Green Space
- Increase volunteerism opportunities.
- Improve wayfinding among and through neighborhood trails
- Disc golf
- Just Stop - Everyone I know who is daily Luther Burbank user would prefer the park be left as is so we can enjoy nature. We don't need the constant clear cutting of hills and parts of the park. It would be cheaper and appease the daily user desires to cut back the blackberry once per year and let the park be a park and leave the rest along with STOPPING ROUNDUP spraying - PLEASE !!
- Playgrounds
- Discontinue use of harmful chemicals on flora and greenspaces
- I can't think of a thing. I walk in Pioneer Park daily and I'm so grateful and feel blessed to have access to such beautiful outdoor activities. Thank you
- Have more adult education programs that are well-publicized
- Upgrade and keep Mary Wayte (don't use. but very important for my kids). Love Luther Burbank and Pioneer Park. Keep them up as doing.
- Lights along sculpture garden and train park. I walk my dog in early AM and feel unsafe in the dark parts. Empty trash cans more often. Crows pull from fallen cans. Yuck! We love our MI Parks! Thank you for all you do!
- to develop a system of trails that went around the whole island through cut-through areas and neighborhoods. I think there are public land connection routes that don't have a path yet
- Connect build out bike trails
- More/better athletic fields and improve the Luther Burbank docks
- Provide rental options for waterfront activities.
- Improve Clark Beach; Groveland seems to get all the love
- Reopen community center fully. Make the facility upgrades to do it safely. If Mercer Island and its 90% vaccination rate can't do it safely, no one can

- More outside walking/trekking/nature hikes.
- Control after-hours parking and activities
- Everything seems very well managed and maintained, therefore I have no comment.
- public access covered turf soccer field(s)
- Maintenance
- Enforce the leash law
- Make all parks have a dog on leash policy
- We re new to Mercer Island. We came from an area with an excellent park district program. It really brought our community together!
- Acquire more open/green spaces
- Get rid of rotting wood picnic tables and benches. Install well-designed, weather resistant HD recycled plastic tables, benches and chairs. Remove garbage cans - never sorted or composted
- Don't cut down trees
- Keep parks park-like: green, trees, limited concrete. Do not build MICA or MICA-like structures in parks
- Add benches. In the past, we used the parks a lot. Now, I'm alone, old (89) and still like to enjoy the parks, but not enough benches. Seniors like benches!
- Keep it safe for MI residents and clean and maintained
- Landscape maintenance - trees, grasses have overgrown and turned yellow due to lack of maintenance at MI
- Add more playgrounds for kids!
- Lifeguards
- Connect off-road and/or wooded paths for walking, hiking, biking so that it's easier to access schools, grocery stores, bus etc. via foot or bike.
- Concentrate on reforestation including removing trees
- Fine people with off-leash dogs in parks/trails. This has been a huge issue for my family. I (sadly) avoid many trails with my kids because of off-leash dogs
- Please clean up more. The parks, the streets, garbage areas! Thank you!
- Get bikes, specifically electric bikes, off the trails (walking/jogging)
- Street end improvements
- More places to run/jog that aren't concrete or asphalt. Tracks or synthetic turf
- Keep restrooms open in winter/off season
- Continue to maintain and improve trails and walking spaces
- More trash cans / recycle. Water fountains
- Quit contracting for this type of questionnaire - The paid staff and council members should do this stuff
- Improve public performance areas (particularly Luther Burbank)
- Maintain and expand trail and water access systems consistent with natural state and utilizing plants/trees native to region
- Clear some of the major fallen trees in Pioneer Park; it's fine as-is too, just could be nicer w/ new trees in place
- Trails - fill gaps in trail system
- Keep them clean
- Directional signage on the trails

- a complete trail network
- Provide outdoor pickleball
- Open Community Center gym and all programs it used to have!
- Restore and maintain the source sculpture by John Hoge at Luther Burbank Park
- acquire more open space to secure natural areas for the future
- Keep playgrounds and restrooms open year round
- Give landowners an incentive to open their land for public benefit use or possibly sell those rights
- Add more swings, add a boat and kayak rental
- Keep them clean and safe. Maintenance is critical to good management
- Keep it safe and clean
- Cut back brush, keep trails free of debris, etc.
- Install bike lanes down Island Crest Way
- Bike paths on some of the main roads so older kids can bike safely - e.g., Island Crest Way
- Indoor recreation facilities, especially during the rainy season
- Cleaner and better restrooms (more of them)
- Walking trails, benches, picnic tables
- Boating classes (kayak, canoe, sailing, etc.)
- Inattentive walkers and off leash dogs are hazards on trails - separate bikes from these hazards
- Purchase land and build a Youth Theater
- Work hard to preserve all of our parks permanently (as in our Nature Conservancy) for present and future generations. (You cannot expand an Island)
- Put in more pickleball courts
- Consider climate impacts - connect trails, add trails, restore land
- Improve skateboard facility
- Off the leash dog park in Pioneer Park is out of control. Require dogs to be leashed.
- Playgrounds
- Maintain the tennis courts at Luther Burbank Park and maintain the restrooms.
- Add a climbing walls and a golf driving cage
- trail network to be able to walk across the island in a loop
- Separate bike lanes
- Keep trails maintained better
- Protect the health of natural spaces
- Require dogs to be on leash!!!!
- Mountain biking
- Emphasize trail maintenance
- Hire more natural resources staff
- safety
- More parks

- Southend fenced off leash dog park
- Keep resources open to as many people as possible. Don't put systems in place (like paid reservations for court use) that create benefits for those already in an elite position, at the expense of those who can't afford the extra fees.
- More mountain bike trails
- We currently have three outdoor pickleball courts on the island. Clearly heavily used and not enough to support the interest of the sport. Convert some tennis courts to pickleball courts and/ or add new ones. There are NONE available in the summer during tennis camp at Luther Burbank. I have noticed empty tennis courts .
- Provide more Pickleball courts, this is the fastest growing sport in the nation with tremendous use per court.
- More turf fields for youth athletics
- expand no-car bike lanes
- Dedicated bike lanes and corridors.
- Year round use of trails. Keep from becoming a mud pit
- Water sports activities
- More beach/water access.
- Install more and empty garbage cans.
- Support Mercer Island Performing Arts and stop being bossed around by people thinking that Mercerdale Park is so sacred.
- Do nothing
- Keep them clean.
- Ensure safety
- More waterfront access for paddle boarding if you own a board, also for a trail or sidewalk around west Mercer or the waterfront area for more walking trails!
- Maintaining the health of Pioneer Park woods
- Convert the old recycle center to parkland
- Offer more outdoor summer camp options that run for multiple weeks with the same kids (not week long sessions!) as well as increase options for waterfront accessing through these programs - boating, sailing, kayaking, swimming, etc. that
- Keep them safe!
- Maintenance of walking/jogging trails--e.g., gravel, tree removal. Already pretty good, could be better.
- Keep lots of open green space.
- More parking
- A nice sport track that is avail for the community during school hours; and more covered courts and play spaces for people to be outside but dry during winter like at the elementary schools
- "Keep the land natural. Don't overdevelop. Once it's developed it can never go back.
- Also figure out how to deal with bike trails and monetize that. "
- More waterfront and parking
- Clean up the parks. Too much debris on walking trails. Need clearly marked signs on trails for directions.
- Trash cans for dog poop in pioneer park.
- Keep it clean; no trash etc.
- about 10 years ago the city removed an aging bounding bridge from Islander Park. I would like that replaced! More tennis courts would be nice.
- More support, access, and programs for cycling. (Road and mountain)

- Stop the destruction and restore the BMX bike area of Upper Luther Burbank Park. (It's supposed to be a bike trail, no jumps.) Keep the bike trail separated from the walking trail which parallels 84th Ave SE. There's not enough room for walkers and bikers.
- Remove homeless people who seem to live in the parks.
- Control pets and their waste, especially at waterfront parks.
- Maintain and improve walking trails
- Remove invasive species, ivy, holly....from the parks, maintain the existing parks for future generations
- Splash pad
- Charge private tennis instructors for using public courts
- More social activities like food trucks & jumping house even for families.
- Convert the Luther Burbank boathouse (smokestack) into a restaurant (tax income). Build a restaurant at Calkins Point (the north end of LBP) where that concrete ruin is located. Perfect family spot especially with the lawn and beach next to it. (Tax income)
- Bring back the Summer Arts Fair with Firework Display.
- Off leash dog park for small dogs on south end
- No suggestions
- More waterfront access and beaches
- Open the community center exercise facility
- Spend less taxpayer money

ONLINE RESPONSES

- More mus
- Park ranger support and presence
- Provide resident only parking passes for all park/waterfront access, and charge parking/use fees for off island park users.
- More pickleball
- Add more outdoor pickleball courts or improve current ones that are tennis courts.
- water existing trees and planting to prevent losing more trees. Do not plant trees where not needed, ex. along N. Mercer Way west of the bus stop.
- Improve playgrounds at Luther Burbank and Homestead and downtown park. Do what Bellevue has done!
- Provide a designated location for smokers
- Clean and maintain them better. With Covid and budget challenges, they got dilapidated and in many places sad. I voted for the last (defeated) Bond.
- Road shoulders big enough to walk on all around the Mercer Ways. Dangerous where shoulders abruptly end especially around corners
- Restore trash cans removed at start of the pandemic
- Safer bike lanes around the island
- Make parking lots safer
- Revitalize the Boathouse at Luther Burbank to accommodate a waterfront cafe, boat rentals and beach access. We're an Island, for goodness sake - more water activities!
- Bike lane improvements - maybe this is Roads, not Parks. If so, bike/walk trails expansion/improvement.

- keep up the great work at Luther Burbank Park and the great dog off leash area
- Fix the Lid - it is in terrible shape
- solar lighting to walk safely in winter and evenings.
- Revive ivy and other invasive species from Pioneer Part.
- "Please get a GOOD Pocket Park at East Seattle.
- Also enforce dogs off leash in the parks and tennis courts."
- More parks and improved maintenance with park bonds and levies
- Improve the pickle ball courts. Huge demand and growing
- Safe biking/walking connectivity between neighborhoods and parks and schools
- More outdoor performance at
- Plant a tree in place of the old recycling center
- Offer more children's' programming (slots fill up fast), and ensure that it is ADA accessible
- boat and water sports equipment rental
- paint more pickleball courts
- No more concrete - let parks & nature be natural!
- Quit using toxic herbicides in our parks and on our fields. We walk our dogs in our parks and on our trails. We do not need toxic herbicides on our clothing or on our animals. Do you?
- Bathroom cleanliness and more Town Center Parking on 76 th Ave
- Improve pickleball courts at Luther Burbank
- More multi-use trails in any wooded areas available.
- Occasional surveillance.
- "Add Pickleball courts
- Increase youth camp/class programming"
- keep paths and trails trimmed and add more trash and recycling cans all over.
- preserve all current parkland from development!
- Make parks accessible for all; senior, ADA
- Add more outdoor pickleball courts with nets!
- Provide and improve pickleball courts
- "Lay off workers
- Stop weeding the woods"
- Charge for off islanders to use parks, especially for day use such as at Clark Beach with all off Islanders are setting up camp and cooking out!
- Keep out development!
- Improve availability for indoor/outdoor pickleball
- Keep our open space for our residents
- Increase and expand Pickleball courts, as there are more and more people playing as time goes.
- Maintain trails and play fields
- Preserve native vegetation

- Keep it natural. The beauty of a park is the unblemished (with naming rights, advertisements, or commercialization) connection to nature . Also, accessibility of parks to all residents regardless of their ability to pay to enjoy or use them.
- Keep bicycles off the walking trails
- Keep them clean
- Continue to not allow camping in our parks
- Fully fund the Community Center. Other cities do it. We own a winter house on Mercer Island and a summer house in the Tri-Cities. Mercer Island Parks and community Center seem to be starved and impoverished compared to facilities on the "poor" (lower income) side of the state. What is wrong with that picture? - gl
- Keep Mercerdale park the way it is.
- Give priority to walkers
- Issue Resident ONLY Parking Passes (free to residents) with TOWING of any vehicles parking without stickers, and high fees applied for any Non-Resident Parking and use.
- Lighting in the evenings.
- More open space
- Keep the park lands we currently have and don't bow to developers in the name of \$\$\$'s
- Purchase a quiet, natural parcel to establish a Mercer Island cemetery, where residents could purchase plots. Open to residents for quiet reflection as well as burials.
- Keep all land we have now
- Keep parks clean and litter free.
- Pickleball courts
- Treat slippery surfaces
- HAVE A LIMITED # YEARLY PASSES SOLD TO NON-RESIDENTS FOR USE OF FACILITIES.
- Add frisbee golf course so there is something for young adults - also a mini golf course would be nice. Finally expand parking so people can use parks.
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- Restore Clarke Beach park!"
- More pickleball courts
- This is a beautiful park. There are many virtually unused tennis courts on the island- I check them out often.. I think Tennis and Pickleball can co-exist, but the usage is higher, currently for pickleball. This morning there were over 56 people there to play. Weekdays between 7:30-9am (and they keep trickling in), I counted 23.
- Develop softball fields on par with baseball fields to comply with title ix violations.
- Upgraded (full turf) softball facilities
- South fields. Dedicated Girls Softball Filed for high school. Major inequalities compared to boys baseball
- Build a softball field near the high school to be used just for the girls softball team. Right now they use a makeshift swampy boys baseball field on the south end.
- Athletic fields!!!!
- Acquire more open space and maintain/expand trail network
- Update, repair, replace the softball field on the south end! It's hazardous playing on the field and embarrassing hosting other teams whose facilities are top notch.
- Improve Pickleball court area and add more. It is a great community area and brings many together

- Create sidewalk
- Lifeguards at the beaches
- connect trails
- Dedicated pickle all courts
- They're quite good as they are.
- More mid-island parks with playgrounds.
- Stop using herbicides to control blackberries. It's completely unsafe for our ecosystem. Do better.
- Add new and enhance existing pickleball courts
- Create a dedicated softball facility at South Mercer
- Expand waterfront access
- Make Pickleball courts permanent and resurface.
- More pickle ball
- Expand boating programs (kayak, sailing, crew) at Luther Burbank, and ensure paddle camp can continue to operate summer camps during renovations
- Support the growing NW sport of Pickleball!!
- Convert the 3 tennis courts at Luther Burbank Park into 12 pickleball courts; add parking to support additional park use.
- More tennis court lights
- Upgrade maintenance
- Improve bike and walking access to the parks
- Add a splash pad / water play area to the island.
- More pickleball opportunities, please :) Outdoor is preferable (still not keen on indoor during COVID) but once winter sets in then indoor times at the community center will be more popular.
- Upgrade and increase number of fields available for sports.
- Consider resident permit for parking at Mercer Island Parks and charge a parking fee to off-island visitors
- More pickle ball courts
- Dedicated pickleball courts
- "allow use of gym in a non class situation
- Also following page does not ask anything about disabled individuals"
- More turf fields for kids athletics.
- Never allow any advertising banners/materials on any facility -
- "More Pickleball courts please!
- "
- Develop a performing arts center. Our household was extremely disappointed when the MICA discussions to use Mercerdale Park never came to fruition. In our travels, we often see arts centers in other towns, often ones with less wealth than Mercer Island. It's remarkable to us that Mercer Island hasn't been able to develop this sort of facility.
- Add lighting to turf parks for evening use.
- Convert abandoned tennis courts to pickleball courts
- We really need more pickleball courts as the sport is growing and more and more people are joining with very limited courts to currently use.

- Just keep them open and clean.
- Enforce leash laws.
- Dedicated pickle ball courts
- Parks and pickleball courts
- Update the pickle ball courts, maximize the space and add more of them to support the growing community....it's spans all ages.
- Increase the number of and improve maintain on park walking/jogging trails.
- Create and maintain more trails
- Leave Pioneer Park wild. Stop putting gravel on trails. Provide decent bathroom access
- Provide dedicated pickleball facilities.
- More doggy waste bag and trash can locations, especially on trails where practical.
- More pickle ball courts.
- Performing arts center
- "1. better maintenance and restoration of vegetation in parks;
- 2. prohibit cars from parking in public bicycle lanes"
- Don't charge kids to use the courts; you could charge the PROs who sit have courts for hours on end and aren't paying for them. Do a better job of managing that aspect of the courts that we have.
- Develop a system of bike trails. Riding on W Mercer is at best, challenging.
- Pickleball is America's fastest growing sport. Install dedicated pickleball courts in addition to the existing tennis/pickleball courts. Dedicated PB courts are much smaller than tennis courts. Include backboards.
- Build dedicated pickle ball courts!
- Add at least 8 good quality Pickleball courts
- Provide more pickleball outdoor pickleball courts
- More of them. Trails that don't flood.
- parking
- Leave it in Natural habitat. You destroyed the north point of Luther Burbank with all that cement. It use to be a very peaceful and beautiful place to enjoy.
- More connected trail systems
- Renovate Luther Burbank pickleball courts and expand to six courts.
- Increase the number of trails + make them more visible (clearly marked + have a trail map)
- Clarify bike right of way rules, or disallow. TOO many near misses with bicyclists within the Pioneer Parks. Someone is going to get seriously hurt. Cyclists have been rude and dismissive to this issue.
- This is difficult to answer. I am not informed enough to give constructive recommendations. I suppose obtaining land is a place to start.
- Upgrade maintenance of the park space we already have.
- add pickle ball courts
- separate bike and walking trails so no conflict. bikes go way too fast.
- Turf more athletic fields with lights
- Please convert the Luther Burbank courts to become permanent pickleball courts. Please re-surface and maybe add an overhead covering. There could be at least 6-8 pickleball courts in that space. Thank you!!

- More waterfront access with boating and recreation opportunity for all.
- Increase the enforcement of rules to make the parks/trails safe for all.
- Mountain biking, off leash dog areas
- We do not live on Mercer island so I don't think our voice should be considered for major public works. We did however use the summer programming, along with others from SE Seattle and I suspect this will be a trend going forward. Great programs!
- Signs for bikers coming onto island with 'rules of sharing residential roads with cars and pedestrians. See next door for ideas or your own city plan from 12 years ago. Keep our roads, children, elderly, bikers, drivers, strollers and pets safe! Educate those coming on island and post frequently along WMW EMW at bike and car heights.
- keep parks and trails, and maintain habitat, improve water access
- water activity rentals
- Eliminate off leash options for dogs.
- Develop Pickle ball courts at Luther Burbank. Charge non-Islanders for parking. Develop online reservations and charge for the reserved court. drop in Free. Off Islanders, and there are many, will gladly pay for a reserved court. Maximize the number of courts there. Go Big so we can host tournaments bringing customers to our Island businesses. Saw a couple of off Islanders buying groceries here after playing the other night. I'll say it again-- Go Big-put in as many courts there as possible!!!
- Add more trash cans
- Heard complaints about enlarged mountain bicycle trail in Upper LBP from people I know
- stop using roundup chemicals
- Outdoor pickleball courts
- Add Pickleball courts please
- provide a safe way to bicycle around the island and along Island Crest without having to comeingle with the cars.
- Maintain and acquire open space.
- It would be to have larger and clearer signage and enforce the laws for dog owners behaving badly. My enjoyment of Calkins Point and the Luther Burbank swimming beach has been ruined by dog owners who allow their dogs to roam freely despite all the signs saying dogs must be on leash (Calkins) or dogs not allowed in areas where children play. The ultimate in laziness when the off leash dog area is steps away from Calkins Point. If the city and the police wont' enforce the laws, what's the point? Also - I support small parks, but again what is the point if the city policies permit homeless people to take over our parks while the police aren't allowed to do anything?
- More community garden space + outdoor preschools!!
- stop building/constructing in our parks/trails/open spaces..
- Have more lighted and artificial turf fields for rental
- Revoke the law that allows dogs to be off leash if on voice control. The majority of owners don't have that level of control over their dogs. It is unfair and dangerous to other people, horses and dogs. This law prevents the full use and enjoyment of the open spaces or even the streets when you have to worry about getting knocked down or your dog attacked when venturing out. And I am a dog trainer!
- Increase the number of turf fields on the island so youth and adult activities can occur year-round, regardless of weather conditions.
- More paddleboard and kayak camps/trips from Luther Burbank park! Loved Adventure Sports summer camps for kids... please offer more of them, including an overnight kayak camp!
- remove congestion of field space for youth sports
- The kayaking summer camp was fantastic. Would love more of these!

- Add more sheltered areas.
- More all season turf fields for youth sports. invest in partnership with the schools to upgrade and share costs of building out more artificial fields for outdoor youth sports
- Not enough usable turf for popular youth sports like soccer, lax and American football
- Add a public golf course!
- Increase field access for youth sports, including turf and lighting
- paddleboard/kayak rentals after camp!
- DON'T LET OUR EXISTING PARKS, TRAILS, POCKET PARKS, OPEN SPACE DECLINE
- More lights
- Install a splash park. Add/improve bathrooms would be nice at certain parks. Otherwise, just keep and maintain what we have. We visit and love multiple parks on the island (especially trails for hiking and playgrounds)!
- More dedicated pickle ball courts
- Require dogs to be on a leash.
- It would be great if we had more connective trails between all of the trails on the Island and especially completing the bike trail around the Island on the south end where there are dangerous blind curves.
- Continue to maintain trails and facilities, pick up trash, and keep restrooms clean, open, and safe.
- Maintain what we have.
- Clean up/fix existing trails (some lead to nowhere!) & pocket parks. (Suggestions to raise money: donor wall (creative/artsy) &/or buy bricks with donor's name on them.)
- Preserve open spaces. Once developed they are lost forever. As we see more density and climate warning, our only reprieve is green, natural spaces.
- Increase the density of activities within the parks. Mercer Island and the region has plenty of "open space"--for a park I'd much rather have an increased number and broader range of activities to increase usage and encourage mixing of ages, interests, etc. I think this is partly why Luther Burbank is so much more heavily utilized compared to the other parks--there is more to do so I can go with my family (kids, grandparents, etc.) and they can all find multiple things to do. Install sports courts and playgrounds at Clarke, branded permanent beach chairs at Groveland for revenue. More courts along Aubrey Davis. Something, anything at the pocket parks (petanque?) as right now this is almost just wasted land. This has the added benefit of increasing population density, thus improving safety.
- Weed and water and prune the vegetation, which is often suffering, lately! and it hurts to see them dying and overgrown.
- more biker friendly
- improve skatepark, make bigger and better the obstacles
- Increase land available for that.
- Improve the skatepark and let someone who skates for a longtime design it.
- Don't change leash rules
- Add mountain bike skills areas at Pioneer Park and Mercerdale Park with a paved pump track at Mercerdale (see Leavenworth pump track).
- More lighting on the soccer fields/more turf fields
- Connected greenways for walking/running
- more playgrounds for kids
- Connect more trails.
- Keep trails cleared

- Improve restroom facilities.
- Lifeguards at the beaches. Restricting pot smoking on the piers
- More trails
- Parking near the entrance to some trails is difficult to find.
- We should buy and “re-forest” property to expand our wooded public parks and increase walking/jogging trails. Our population is exploding and lots are being subdivided left and right. We need more wooded parkland. A close second “wish” would be a boating facility that provides sailing lessons and boat rentals. One way to fund such a purchase would be renting boat slips to island residents and/or renting space for a restaurant to offer waterfront dining. People have commented for as long as I’ve lived here that Mercer Island should have a waterfront dining option. It could be a “boathouse restaurant” next to the boating facility and surely would generate substantial revenue over the years.
- add space for Parkour activities - possibly near old horse stable ? area at Luther Burbank
- Provide a park ranger to enforce dog lease laws along with park rules and to be resource for park users for information and help. I would like to get to know my park ranger have her/him be my resource on park questions.
- Make sure it continues to be safe to walk/ the trails and enjoy our parks. Maybe improve lighting.
- preserve them. thank you
- NA
- Spray park on the island
- Improve trail/route signage
- permanent pickleball courts
- Have a nice dedicated Pickleball area with at least 6 to 8 courts like Bainbridge Island. Pickleball is good for all ages from young adults to seniors and is a very inclusive sport. We need better facilities.
- Please keep garbage picked up and enforce dog owners to keep dogs leashed in Pioneer Park. We avoid Pioneer Park because so many dog owners do not have voice command of their dogs and they attack, jump up on us or run out into the street. We have even witnessed one dog being hit by a car as it ran from its owner. When dogs are off leash in Pioneer Park owners frequently do not pick up after their dogs' waste.
- Improve soccer and sport facilities including availability of indoor facilities.
- dedicated pickleball courts outside, properly lined and maintained.
- More off leash dog parks
- Add more pickleball courts
- better waterfront
- No off leash dogs
- Upgrade the beach parks (especially Groveland, Clarke), they are in poor condition relative to neighboring town/city beach parks around Lake WA. We can do better!!!
- Replace broken (or absent) playground equipment
- Keep the off leash dog park in pioneer Park. Fix the docks at Clarke and Groveland
- Put ALL of the garbage cans back. At Proctor landing people leave their bags of dog poo where the garbage can used to be.
- Enforce dogs being on leashes. Also enforce dog owners picking up their dogs poop. Too many dog owners do not respect either of these.
- Extend leash laws to include more areas.
- better clean up of garbage/trash
- Require all dogs to be on leashes, except in certain areas like the off leash dog park at Luther Burbank.

- Eliminate dogs off leash
- To have more recreational programs for kids 5 and 6 years old.
- Add more playgrounds
- Build more dedicated Pickleball courts.
- Improve maintenance
- Add more playing fields
- Not sure
- Maintain what we got. Don't increase our taxes.
- Preserve off-leash status at Pioneer Park.
- Enforce dog leash laws. Expand use of parks for kids rather than families with dogs.
- Add dedicated pickleball courts
- Build covered shelters (for dog owners) for off leash dog park at Luther Burbank for the winter/rainy months
- Make the NW quadrant of Pioneer Park truly ADA compliant. It is the only quadrant free of horse droppings and hills thus best for canes, walkers, wheelchairs. Yet, off leash dogs prohibit me from using the trail by myself. I need to have a companion to ward off dogs that run at me.
- Keep pets off bike trails in the transportation areas like Mountain to Sound Greenway
- Reinstate Jazzercise at Community Center
- retain off leash dog trails
- More off-leash parks
- We need more synthetic turf athletic fields.
- Get rid of bike path going through park and ride waiting area. I have almost been hit by bike twice, waiting for bus.
- bike safety
- We need a splash pad! We love our parks, trails and playgrounds - Thank you city of MI!
- Improve the pickle ball courts, and increase the number of them
- Better weed control/removal. Better irrigation to save trees.
- More pickleball courts.
- Outdoor pickle ball courts. All ages love this easy to learn sport.
- more pickle ball courts (sorry to grind the axe)
- Create more indoor and outdoor facilities for Pickle ball use including restrooms.
- Improve beaches
- dedicated pickleball courts
- reduce user fees
- Pickleball Only outdoor options. Or Convert some green space to pickleball courts.
- Sell food at all parks
- Remove natural habitat and wild animals that endanger the public and domestic animals.
- More Pickleball courts
- Designate Luther Burbank Pickleball courts as you can create 8 great courts in the space of 3 unkept and rarely used tennis courts.

- develop indoor dedicated pickleball courts with permanent nets.
- Pickleball-specific courts
- More Pickleball courts
- Sorry two: permanent outdoor Pickleball courts & kayak/paddle board rentals
- Build large amounts of Dedicated Pickleball Courts at multiple locations.
- More pickle ball courts
- improve or provide pickleball facilities
- Need more outdoor pickle ball courts. People aren't playing tennis nearly as much as they were 15 years ago
- More and improved Pickleball court
- more pickleball courts
- More pickleball courts, outdoor and indoor
- light policing / signage to help control dog poop, share the trail concepts, road riding etiquette, small trail maps such as QFC/Pioneer Park.
- Please make pickleball courts permanent at Luther Burbank park and consider adding them at other parks with existing tennis courts
- Enforce dog restrictions
- Add more outdoor pickleball courts
- Remove trash from open spaces.
- More outdoor pickleball courts. Covert the underused tennis courts to pickleball courts.
- The City of Mercer Island needs to do more than just one thing to improve parks.
- More and improved pickleball courts
- Pickleball courts double lined with tennis courts and scheduled hours for use by each sport so the courts will be used more in good weather.
- Add lights to the public parks - safely is an issue everywhere, and we need more lighting on Mercer Island.
- Do not sacrifice tennis courts for pickle ball courts.
- Add pickleball courts
- Have playground equipment working in all of the playgrounds currently on MI.
- Provide classes and leagues for sports and activities where people can find other like minded players
- More pickleball courts. Sport increasing in popularity but not enough locations to play, especially indoors.
- Restore open spaces. Make it easy for community groups to maintain a space with reduced burden of formal process. Foster "ownership" of a maintenance space and role. Group could include Scouts, Rotary, students, clubs, neighborhoods, etc.
- Less is more. By definition Open Space should not be 'improved' or changed. The City spends too much money on open space.
- Water equipment rental and/or Concessions (2 things, sorry!)
- Convert the tennis courts at Luther Burbank Park to Pickleball courts!
- More poop bag dispensers and better trash cleanup
- More litter bins
- Covered areas for exercises

- More connected pathways
- Dedicated Pickleball courts!
- Provide more dedicated pickle ball courts because more people play pickle ball.
- Improve existing pickleball courts and add additional pickleball courts
- Dedicated Pickleball courts
- Provide dedicated pickleball courts.
- Upgrade the docks and beaches.
- Provide dedicated pickleball courts.
- Please do not institute reservations for pickleball. Reservations are antithetical to the community culture of Pickleball.
- Off leash dog parks
- Permanent Pickleball courts
- Keep ALL dogs leashed in parks. Pet owners have failed to prevent animals from wandering, attacking or depositing uncollected waste off leash. This privilege must be revoked immediately. No amount of signage has fixed this. Owners can have off leash pets at designated fenced dog parks. Our trails simply cannot be enjoyed with stray dogs running about. Joggers with dogs must leash as well.
- Keep them safe
- Increase/improve Pickleball courts. Outside activity that is great for all ages. I'm open to paying a premium, but struggle with how it will be implemented. I love the "pick up" culture and wouldn't want that to be compromised.
- Improvements at Island Crest Park (baseball field). Update / replace infield turf.
- More pickleball courts
- Keep homeless out.
- Keep being awesome!
- Create permanent Pickleball courts
- One connected trail!
- Pickleball courts
- More places for dogs to be dogs - need more off lead dog areas.
- More walking trails
- Develop Pickleball - dedicated courts will add value to the community, while generating revenue for the city if done right.
- "Keep up the good work!
- "
- Add dedicated Pickleball courts
- Dedicated pickleball courts!
- Stop with the vegetation management/Master Plan. It is not improving the parks. We want natural parks.
- Prevent new construction of buildings in or near our parks.
- Clear ivy and other non-native vegetation.
- More Pickleball courts
- Lots of nature.
- Pickleball courts
- We need a spray park. This would be a HUGE WIN for our community.

- Create an accessible splash pad
- Convert three low usage tennis courts at Luther Burbank park to 8 or 9 Pickleball courts to attract more park users
- Improve the outdoor pickle ball courts.
- Safe walking between trail areas/parks on west mercer by Groveland park.
- Expand them by trying to purchase more land, then leave them alone and natural. No sports fields, lights or facilities. No glyphosate please! There are better alternatives that aren't harmful to people or pets. Make a commitment to be free of toxins like many cities have.
- Picnic areas expanded.
- Or pic
- Convert unused tennis courts to Pickleball courts.
- Dedicated Pickleball courts. It would make Mercer island a destination for people. Pickleball has such a strong community.
- Pickleball
- Create an outdoor pickleball complex with 10 to 24 courts in one location. Lights for evening play would be a plus. A roof (no walls) would be a plus as well.
- bring back lifeguards at beaches
- Protect open spaces from overuse destruction, like what is happening at Upper Luther Burbank Park.
- Expand Mercerdale Park
- Make a complete island trail
- Add pickleball courts or at the least line all tennis courts for pickleball
- More opportunities to play pickle ball, both indoors and outdoors. Especially in the evening or weekend, for those who work during the day. Thanks!
- focus on preserving what we have, ensuring maintenance is kept up;
- Provide sufficient workforce to manage them. The issue of the illegal bicycle park is a case in point. I find it deplorable that the city has not taken action.
- Increase and keep the parks, trails and open spaces without increasing development or the creation of impervious surfaces.
- Add more electricity to Mercerdale Park
- Better Quality pickle ball courts. Don't like having to leave the island to play, it's a waste of gas when our courts could be beautiful.
- Add pickleball courts
- Stop paving them. Number 12 above looks like a fire sale of our parks. You will never renew the parks levy by paving or selling our parks.
- More maintenance. Especially trails and stairs in the trails.
- more permanent or temporary shelters for outdoor activities in bad weather
- more covered areas
- Permanent dedicated pickle ball courts with proper fencing nets and even lighting if possible. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country, costs very little, Suitable for all ages and abilities . At least nine pickle ball courts could be made at Luther Burbank on the current crummy three tennis courts that we have converted -- volunteers only Dash two marginal pickle ball courts. The pickleball Nets in the Mercer Island community center need to be replaced as well.
- New pickle ball courts !!!!!
- More pickleball

- upgrade the pickleball courts at Burbank Park. I play there 3-4 times a week and the facilities are not up to par with surrounding communities.
- "Expand outdoor pickleball facilities.
- Make Luther Burbank a pickleball destination for this area. Charge accordingly."
- Would love to have a splash park!
- Finish the Mercerdale playground.
- Properly design and equip outdoor pickleball courts. Do not paint lines on tennis courts only.
- Better enforcement of leash laws
- Install more micro playgrounds!
- Pickleball courts
- use existing courts that have minimal use to create pickleball courts
- expand the walking/hiking trails so that they form a continuous loop around the island
- Convert Luther Burbank tennis courts to permanent pickleball courts
- "Leave them in their natural state
- No need to improve nature"
- Expand Mercerdale Park
- Stop illegal digging
- Install permanent pickleball courts. 8
- Create more linkages between trails especially cross island
- Protect Upper Luther Burbank Park from illegal digging by youth. Shrink "dirt trail" to its original small size. Do NOT allow a Mountain Bike facility here!
- Resurface pickleball courts. Keep them open with no fee
- More pickleball
- More pickle ball courts.
- Fix cracks, nets, surface of the tennis courts at Aubrey Davis Park, and prioritize it over other potential conflicting uses.
- Build dedicated Pickleball courts at Luther Burbank. There are thirty plus people that come to play at least three times a week. Rarely are there tennis players.
- Trails
- Convert mostly un-used and un-maintained Tennis courts like Luther Burbank into Pickleball courts
- Convert part of Pioneer Park into a golf course! Generates revenue, including from off-island, can be used by the high school, and it's fun!
- More dedicated pickleball courts.
- More playgrounds
- Discourage biking and off leash dogs on trails.
- Pickleball dedicated at Luther Burbank (with signage stating the priority). Lots of tennis all over the island but the only 3 courts for PB will be taken over by a tennis player for an hour and half while 20 people (yes-20) have to wait in line to rotate in every 20 min. Except for day tennis camps for kids- those courts could have signs to say pickleball priority while players are waiting.
- Public private partnership
- Add a public boathouse with a rowing program, kayak/paddleboard rentals, etc.

City of Mercer Island

PROS Plan: Survey #2 Summary Results

- add pickleball
- Spray park
- wider walkways please! It is difficult to walk comfortably with mom friends with strollers.
- Outdoor dining options such as cafes, food trucks, more chairs and tables that could be repositioned and used by the community for picnics.
- Put lights in so that trails are safer, enforce off-leash dog laws
- Make M.I. Kayak Friendly! Remove the northernmost steel bulkhead at Clarke so can easily put in/take out on the beach! Create access at South Point to put in/take out. With those two items, then kayakers have at most a 3 to 3.5 mile "reach" between potential stops without having to take on unnecessary danger getting in and out of their kayak.
- Pickleball courts!
- Accessibility
- Provide SECURE and plentiful bike parking
- Enforce on leash requirements for dog owners
- Add a splash feature for kids.
- Expand the trail network -- I love that my child's first hike can be right on the island!
- Add a mountain bike pump track for kids
- "MICEC -- allow exercise/training rentals e.g. Jazzercise
- PARKS -- allow covered space for exercise "
- add a fence along the front of the grass portion of Island crest park! we are desperate for a safe fenced location for our dogs that aren't schools or the dog park!!
- more outdoor fitness equipment for the older age groups (especially with the pandemic a lot more people would prefer outdoor exercise)
- Add a neighborhood park (like First Hill) in the NE section of the city. In this area, we have no access to a playground within walking distance.
- Boat rentals
- Ask the community to self police hazards on the trails. I have noticed large sticks being placed in gofer holes and sharp tree branches being broken at eye height. We all need to be aware that some people could be injured by carelessness. Thanks!
- Keep walking trails trimmed and supply waste cans.
- Make public spaces accessible and inclusive for all residents.
- Control the dogs. Dog leash laws should be strictly enforced and huge fines should be in place if owners are off leash or don't have paid tags. Dogs attack kids at parks and shit all over the place. must be controlled.
- connect upper Luther Burbank park with Luther Burbank
- Trash pick up
- Maintain what we already have.
- More, safer bike paths
- Keep them clean
- Connect trails- especially upper Burbank trail
- Make our city look pretty
- Update and increase the turf fields for athletic pursuits
- Trails

- Add more dog parks and require leashes everywhere else. Ban dogs from sports areas. I'm tired of my child coming home from soccer practice covered in dog poop!
- Pickleball courts
- Increased athletic fields
- It's just fine. Don't do anything.
- More off leash space for dogs
- Restoration and maintenance of parkland.
- More trash bins
- Make sure our parks are safe and clean from potential homeless threats from nearby.
- Either enforce leashing of dogs, or provide parks and trails where dogs are not allowed.
- Ensure every park has dog poop bags and a trash can available to dispose dog poop.
- Connect trails, increase ADA accessibility
- Clean up the dump (old recycle center) at Mercerdale Park so it is a respectable place to show friends when visiting.
- Improve cycling access
- More open areas or permissible spaces for dogs to run around secured in.
- Increase maintenance on smaller parks i.e. Wildwood Park
- maintain beach parks and provide life guards
- Maintenance and restoration of environment e.g. removal of invasive species, plant trees to replace those dying.
- Have a proper bike lane around the island
- Inclusive playground equipment
- connect them more via safe bike trails, which kids could also ride on to get to school etc.
- #1-Control off leash dogs - too many encounters in NW Pioneer Park. #2-Be self supporting - charge fees - no levies.
- Keep trails open. Ensure that they are not lost due to staircase or bridge deterioration as has happened near Dragon Park and Tarrywood.
- Bring back lifeguards and patrols to the existing beach parks to make them more family friendly. The excessive pot smoking has made it more and more difficult to enjoy.
- Increase basic maintenance.
- TRIM/CUT trees; create pedestrian only paths so cyclists/skateboarders/scooters don't hit my dog and me every time we're walking.
- prevent transient/homeless use and otherwise keep clean (more trash cans and regularly empty them)
- Update/improve Skate park and provide more athletic field options with lights
- Don't tear down old playground until a new playground is ready to be installed — we missed having Mercerdale park. Old is better than none , especially peak season
- Limited high-end concessions (e.g. bakery, espresso, salad) like in many European parks.
- Enforce leash laws
- bring in food businesses
- "1. Stop taking away open land in neighborhoods - i.e. East Seattle.
- Maintain the trails and steps you have. Use the people who are really not working 8 hours a day and drawing large salaries- physical work is important for Recreation Employees. ALL OF THEM"

- Pick up trash regularly, more trash receptacles and dog bags.
- ban off leash dogs at ADP, create a separate ADP off-leash area.
- New pool, Mary Wayte is old and out dated.
- Splash park
- Add rowing facilities
- Maintain, protect, increase our public art in parks.
- More waterfront access and trails
- Convert buildings in Luther Burbank (admin & boat house) into restaurant / rec facilities. We need more waterfront activation - like Kirkland.
- Splash Pad/Spray Park
- Repair/remove damaged picnic shelters, restrooms... Repair fences, paint, spruce things up
- Increase maintenance, care, garbage removal. Our existing parks are in disrepair. We need to care for what we have before looking at expanding.
- Just keep doing a good job maintaining them like they have.
- Improve waterfront parks
- More parking
- Pocket park with playground behind city hall on 40th, with trail connecting it to 36th st / I90 trail
- Manage the fallen trees better. Clean up paths. Cut trees more often before they become a hazard
- With the exception of waterfront, We don't need to expand. We just need to take care of and make better use of the park spaces we have and develop them better. But we are not utilizing our one asset of being on an island and need a waterfront park facility that is world class with rentals and services that can be a revenue stream.
- acquire and protect as much open space as possible and please keep all our parkland free of advertising and commercialization
- Provide more opportunities for fun for older kids ages 12--18. A pump track bike park or a sailing + rowing club would be wonderful.
- More garbage cans
- Make sure they are not taken over by the homeless/unhoused/drug addicted.
- More accessible and safe for all users who are there for different purposes
- Would love to have sailing/paddling/fishing/environmental outdoor programs especially for kids throughout the year.
- Available garbage cans
- Keep doing what you are already doing.
- More playgrounds / splash pads
- Make waterfront landings accessible for boats to pick up friends. Luther docks, Proctor's, Fruitland, Roanoke landings. Clarke and Groveland Beach. They all need access from the water.
- More inclusiveness - no fees and more cultural activities.
- I just want Mercer Island to do the basics well. Let's keep our parks clean and go back to normal trash pickup again.
- Better public water access
- better enforcement of leash laws
- More regular sweeps for alcohol and drugs.
- Facilitate kayak / canoe /sailboat rentals

- Turn Mercerdale into a Botanical Garden.
- Expanded mountain biking offerings
- Provide bike facilities to support bike teams and find way to partner with regional bike organizations like Evergreen mountain bike alliance
- Dedicated margin on W and E Mercer Way for walking, running, cycling safety.
- Repair tennis courts
- Improve landscaping and maintenance on the Lid Park. So much dead plant material, trees, ground cover. Heavily used! Highest population density in the City
- Fenced playground. Off leash dogs get a fence. Do we care more about dogs than kids? Seriously, I'm not the only one who uses tennis courts for this purpose, but they are noticeably lacking in stuff to actually play with. Looking for left behind balls only entertains but so long.
- Better maintain parks, not necessarily trials and open spaces but tennis courts, restrooms, play structures, picnic tables, volleyball court Groveland, grand stands, etc. at parks. They look shabby.
- Undercover outdoor play space for playground basketball and Pickleball.
- Completely refurbish and convert the three old tennis courts into 7 - 8 new pickleball courts in Luther Burbank Park
- develop park space that encourages active recreation targeting youth, bring community together, and compels youth to get outside. And be active: More athletic fields/turf build a challenging and enticing bike park, make an exciting and fun skate park for scooters, skateboarders and BMX, a best of class splash park, etc.
- provide more safe bicycling paths/trails.
- Pickle ball courts!
- Facilities for a rowing center - we should be aiming to start a full rowing and sailing club on mercer island. Sailing and rowing classes are in high demand.
- Pioneer Park all leash!!! I've been bit two times, chased by a dog once, and now that I'm in a wheel chair, dogs continually come up to my face. Owners do not care - feel that their dog needs run time and that I shouldn't mind as "no big deal."

Mercer Island PROS Plan

Virtual Public Meeting

DRAFT Meeting Summary

September 28, 2021 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | Zoom Meeting

Presenters

- Steve Duh, Conservation Technix
- Chris Hoffman, PRR

Breakout Room Facilitators

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| • Ryan Daly, City of Mercer Island | • Steve Duh, Conservation Technix |
| • Jason Kinter, City of Mercer Island | • Jean Akers, Conservation Technix |
| • Merrill Thomas-Schadt, City of Mercer Island | • Nancy Thai, PRR |
| | • Lauren Wheeler, PRR |

Introduction and Background

The City of Mercer Island began the process to update the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan in September 2019, but paused the planning work in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The PROS Plan update process was restarted in December 2020.

Since restarting the planning process, several meetings have occurred including a joint meeting with the City Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission on January 19, 2021 to formally re-start the planning process. This was followed by a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on February 4, 2021 to gather input to help inform the first Virtual public Meeting.

The first Virtual Public Meeting was held on March 23, 2021 using the Zoom platform. The virtual public meeting provided an opportunity to share information about the PROS Plan update and gather feedback from community members to help inform further development of the Plan.

The second Virtual Public Meeting was held on September 28, 2021. The project team provide an update on the PROS planning process, shared the community input the City has received to date, and provided another opportunity to explore that feedback and other topics that may be featured in the PROS Plan Update.

Notifications

The project team used a variety of methods to promote the Virtual Open House on September 28, 2021. These included:

- An article in the [MI Weekly newsletter](#)
- Social media posts

- Email notification sent to a variety of Parks and Recreation distribution lists.
- Inclusion in the City Manager's Report at City Council meetings
- Posting information about the public meeting on the City website and [Let's Talk page](#)

Meeting overview

PROS Plan consultant Steve Duh described the Mercer Island PROS plan process and reviewed the public planning process since the March 23, 2021 virtual open house.

The presentation included an overview of the important role the community plays in the planning process including helping to shape the community's vision for Mercer Island parks, recreation, trails, and open spaces.

Fifty-five participants attended the meeting. The meeting was recorded, and the video will be available on the Let's Talk Page.

What We Heard

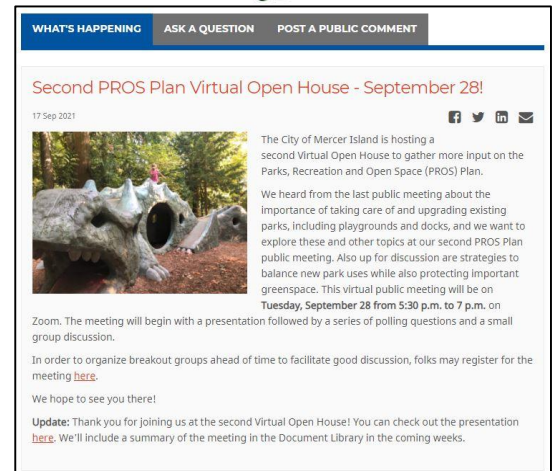
The project team used polling questions and facilitated breakout room discussions to gather input from meeting participants.

Polling

The project team asked the following questions using the polling function in Zoom. Attendees could share answers in the chat box if they selected "Other" as an answer.

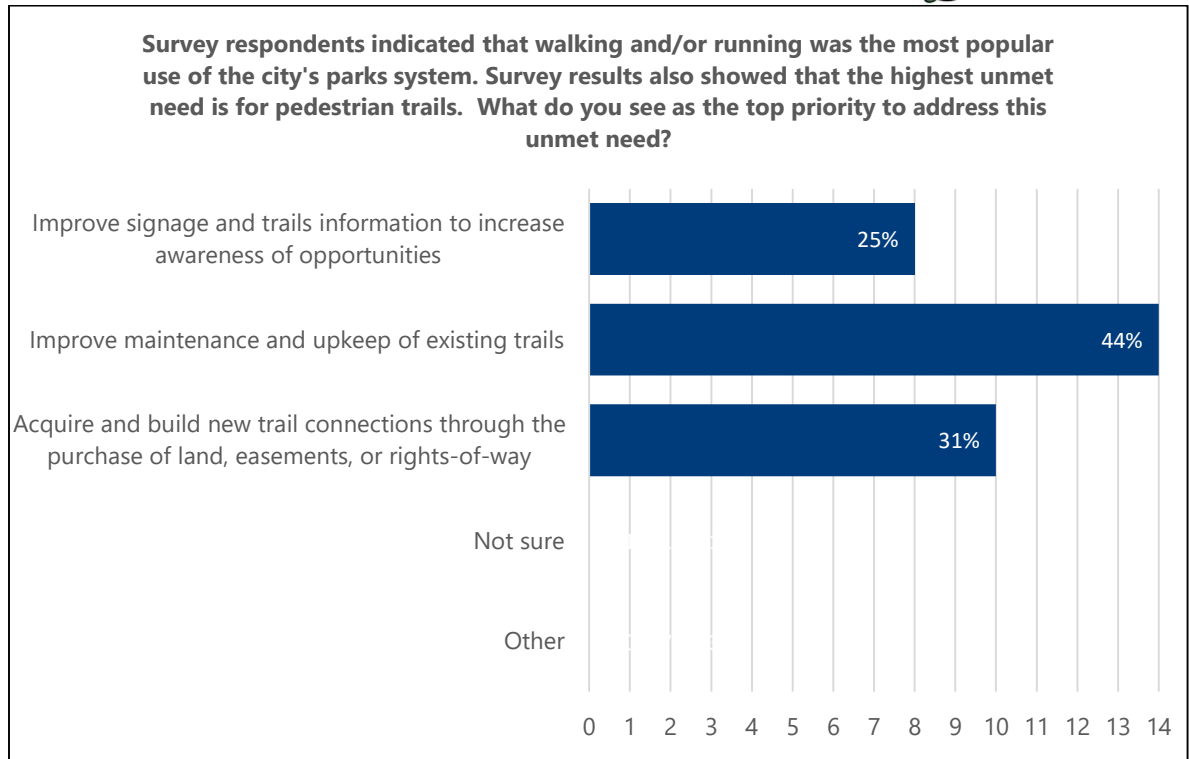
- 1. Survey respondents indicated that walking and/or running was the most popular use of the city's parks system. Survey results also showed that the highest unmet need is for pedestrian trails. What do you see as the top priority to address this unmet need?¹**
 - a. Improve signage and trails information
 - b. Improve maintenance and upkeep of existing trails
 - c. Acquire and build new trail connections through the purchase of land, easements, or rights-of-way
 - d. Not sure
 - e. Other

The two top priorities identified by participants were to improve maintenance and upkeep of existing trails (44%) and to acquire and build new trail connections through the purchase of land, easements, or-right-of-way (31%).



City of Mercer Island Let's Talk website inviting people to attend the second Mercer Island PROS Plan Virtual Open House on September 28, 2021.

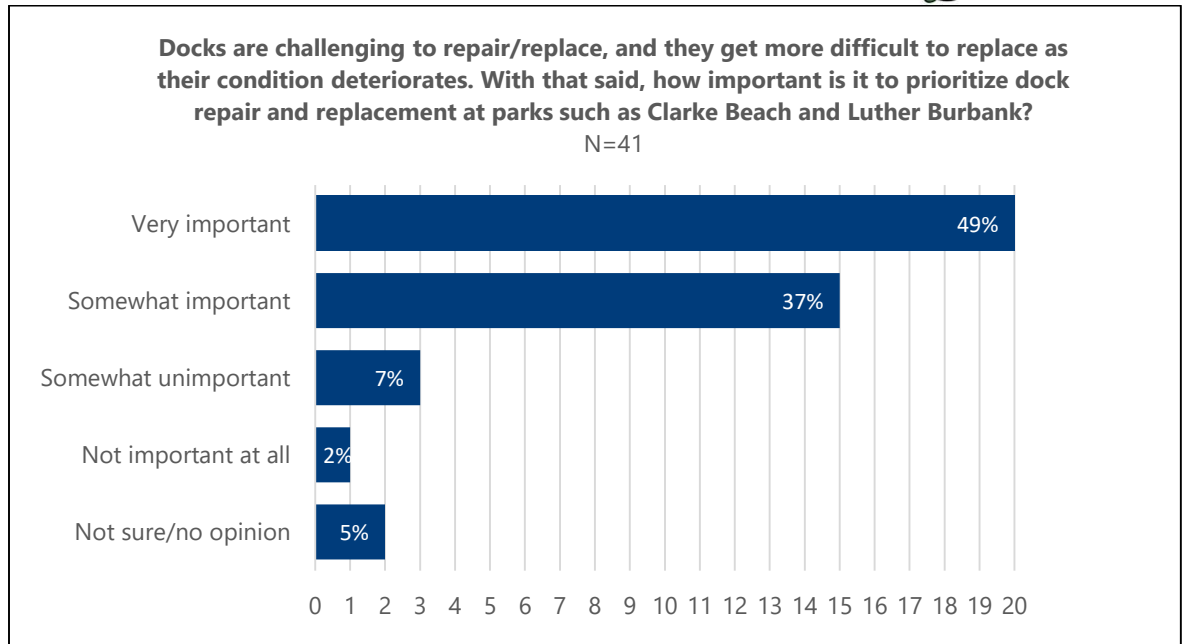
¹ Due to a technical issue, the question asked at the public meeting was missing one of the response options that was part of the presentation, which was "Build new connecting trails in existing parks to link walking and running routes throughout Mercer Island." This may have affected the results.



2. Docks are challenging to repair/replace, and they get more difficult to replace as their condition deteriorates. With that said, how important is it to prioritize dock repair and replacement at parks such as Clarke Beach and Luther Burbank?

- Very important
- Somewhat Important
- Somewhat unimportant
- Not important at all
- Not sure / No opinion

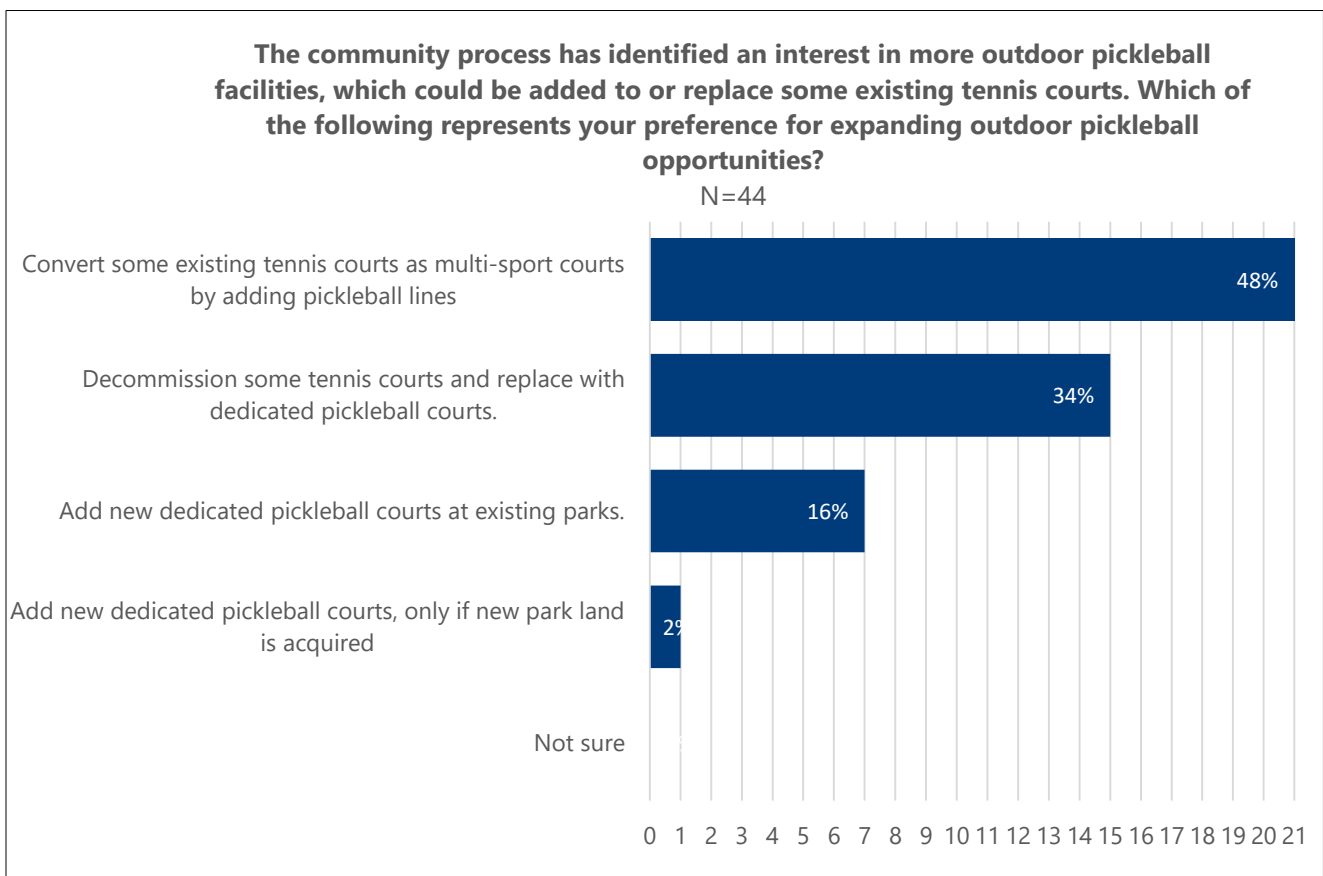
The majority of respondents indicated that prioritizing dock repair and replacement at parks is very important (49%) or somewhat important (37%). A few respondents didn't think dock repair and replacement was all that important and some weren't sure or had not opinion on the topic.



3. The community process has identified an interest in more outdoor pickleball facilities, which could be added to or replace some existing tennis courts. Which of the following represents your preference for expanding outdoor pickleball opportunities?

- a. Convert some existing courts as multi-sport courts by adding pickleball lines
- b. Decommission some tennis courts and replace with dedicated pickleball courts
- c. Add new dedicated pickleball courts at existing parks
- d. Add new dedicated pickleball courts, only if new park land is acquired
- e. Not sure

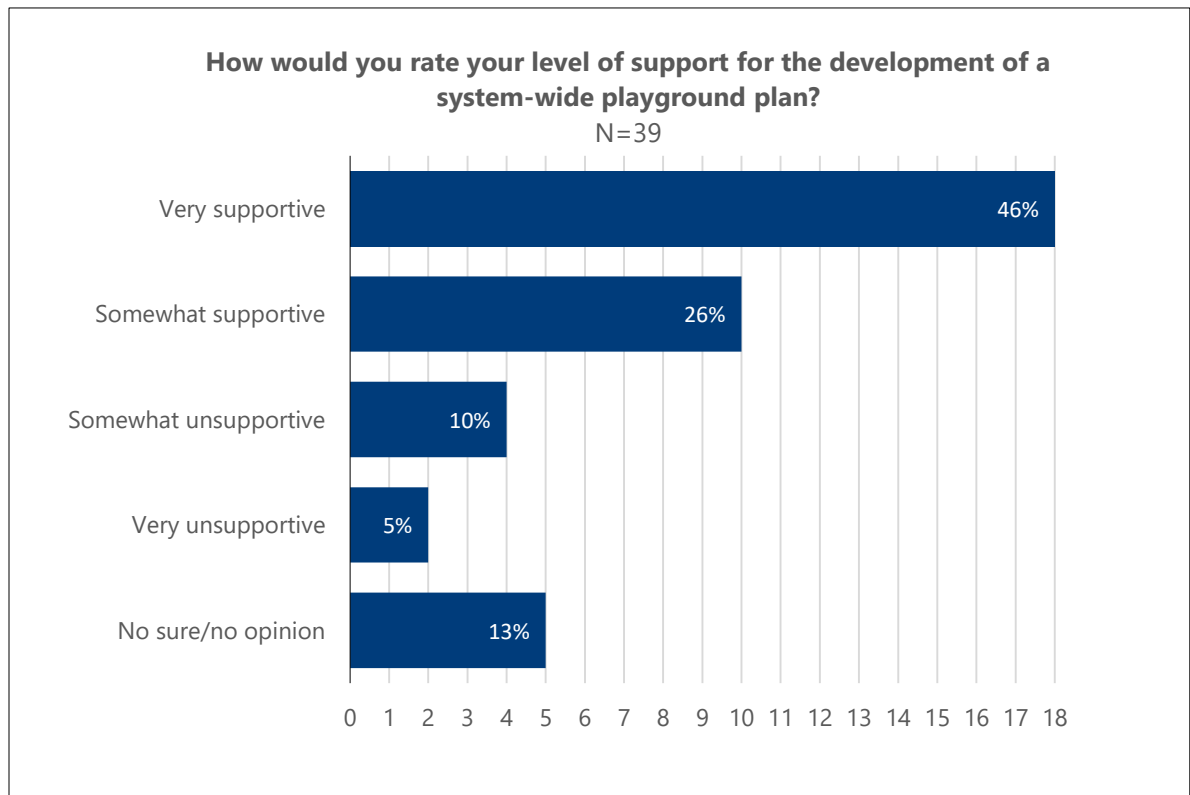
The majority of respondents desire the city to convert some existing tennis courts as multi-sport courts by adding pickleball lines (48%). The second largest number of responses want to decommission tennis courts and replace them with dedicated pickleball courts (34%).



4. How would you rate your level of support for the development of a system-wide playground plan?

- a. Very supportive
- b. Somewhat supportive
- c. Somewhat unsupportive
- d. Very unsupportive
- e. Not sure/no opinion

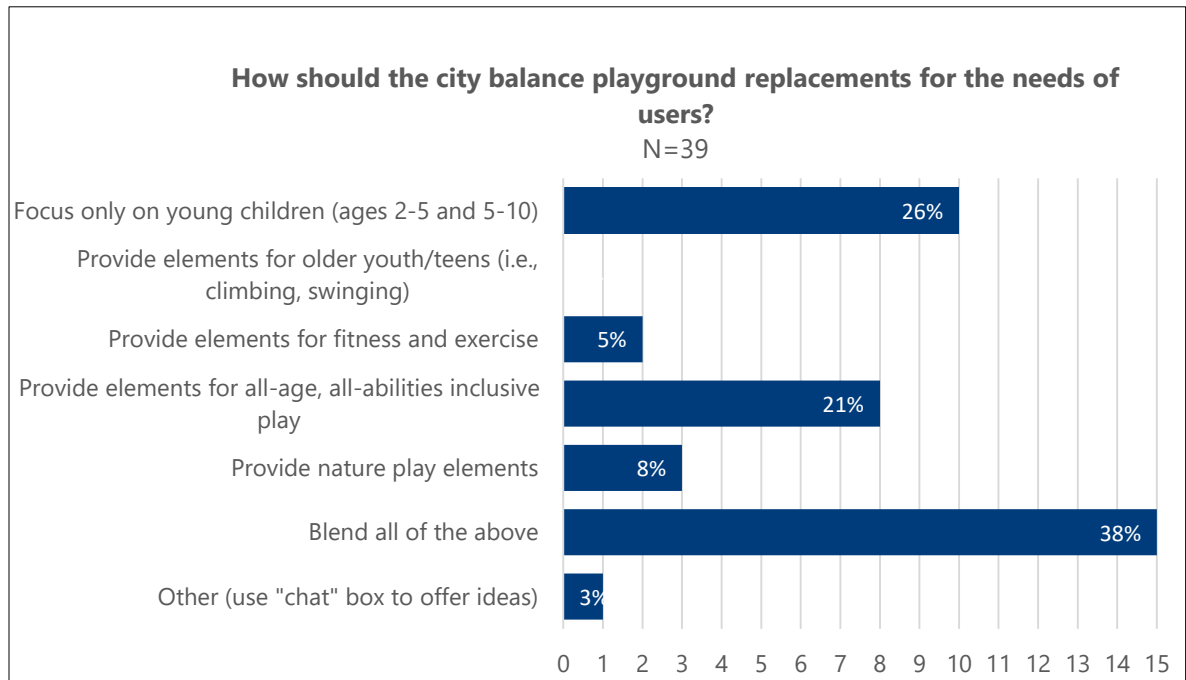
Almost half (46%) of respondents were very supportive for development of a system-wide playground plan. More than one-quarter (26%) of respondents were somewhat supportive. 15% of respondents were either somewhat unsupportive or very unsupportive.



5. How should the city balance playground replacements for the needs of users?

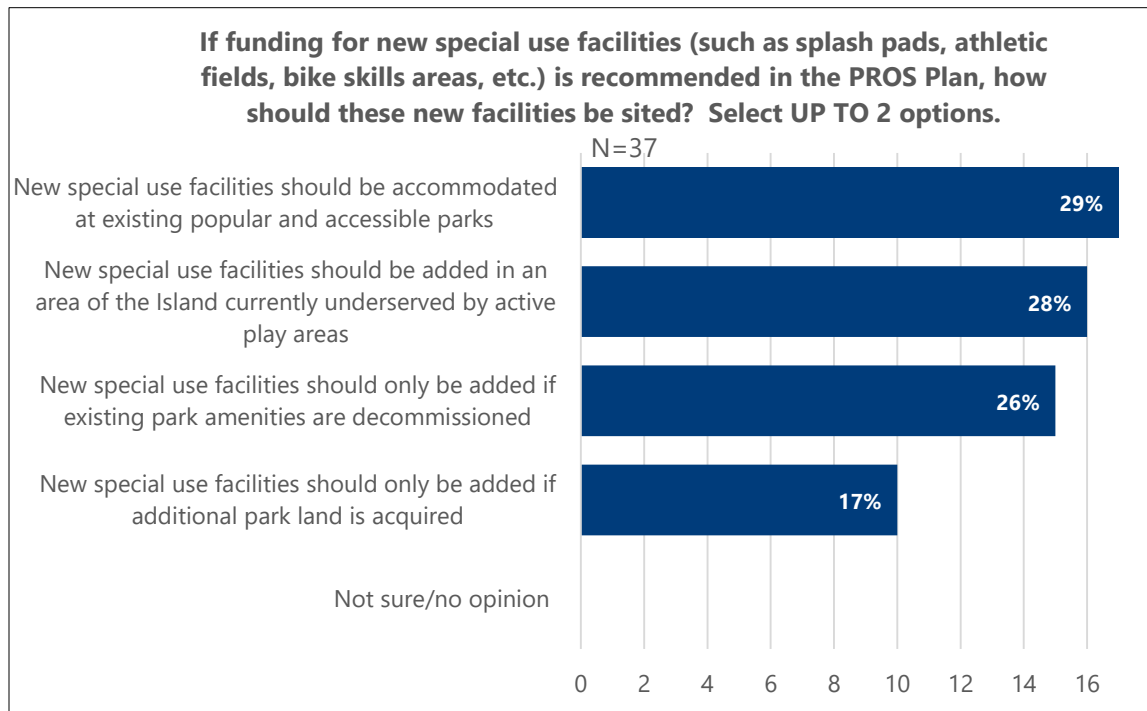
- a. Focus on young children (ages 2-5 and 5-10)
- b. Provide elements for older youth/teens (i.e., climbing, swinging)
- c. Provide elements for fitness and exercise
- d. Provide elements for all-age, all abilities inclusive play
- e. Provide nature play elements
- f. Blend all of the above
- g. Other (use "chat" box to offer ideas)

The top responses to balancing playground replacements were to blend all of the above elements (38%) and focus on young children (ages 2-5 and 5-10) (26%). About half of the respondents would like playground elements for all-age and all-abilities inclusive play. Providing nature play and fitness and exercise elements were selected collectively by 3 participants.



- 6. If funding for new special use facilities (such as splash pads, athletic fields, bike skills areas, etc.) is recommended in the PROS Plan, how should these new facilities be sited? Select UP TO 2 options.**
- a. New special use facilities should be accommodated at existing popular and accessible parks
 - b. New special use facilities should be added in an area of the Island currently underserved by active play areas
 - c. New special use facilities should only be added if existing park amenities are decommissioned
 - d. New special use facilities should only be added if additional park land is acquired
 - e. Not sure/no opinion

The top two selections selected for new special use facilities were to accommodate existing popular and accessible parks (29%) and to add to the areas currently underserved by active play areas (28%). 26% of respondents said to add new special use facilities only if existing park amenities are decommissioned. A few respondents selected the option to add new special use facilities if additional park land is acquired.



Breakout Room Discussions and Key Themes

The project team hosted one 30-minute facilitated breakout room session to provide attendees an opportunity to share feedback and ideas in small group settings. A summary of all seven breakout room sessions and questions are listed below and organized by key themes as summarized by the project team.

#1 Exploring trail interests & connectivity

Questions

- Where are the gaps that need to be filled – to connect neighborhoods, to connect parks, or to link trails within parks and open space? What destinations need to be connected?
 - The trails are adequate.
 - Create connection to trails along the waterfront, e.g. Luther Burbank Park lakefront and North Mercedale hillside to Mercedale Park hillside.
 - Create connections from park to park and link important pieces, similar to Ellis Pond connections.
 - More comprehensive signage, maps and visuals are needed to show people where trails go and how they connect.
- Are you mostly interested in road-based connections or trails within parks and open space?
 - Create accessible bike paths and “off-road” pathways to provide a variety of destinations, like along Island Crest Way.
 - Concern that electric bikes may add challenges for shared trail use.
 - Look at options to separate trails from roads for safety; use plantings or vegetation to create safe zones.
 - Support for trails within parks.
 - Need additional routes on roads.
- Expanding trails within parks and open space are treated as additional impervious surface (gravel and impacted dirt are examples of this type of surface). Is that a concern for you? Should there be a tradeoff elsewhere in park development?
 - Maintenance and clearing of trails more important than building new trails; no more impervious.
 - Don’t just pave for new trails; consider decommissioning some segments based on low usage and restore to natural conditions to balance against new segments.
 - Consider pervious surfaces/limit paved trails.

#2 Balancing Existing & New Recreational Uses

Questions

- What are your thoughts on accommodating a wider variety of recreational choices on Mercer Island?

- Concern that “bike skill area” may be challenging to manage and contribute to mismanaged trail systems.
 - Consider building a bike skills/pump track similar to a skate park that is in a more exposed and easier to monitor location.
 - Concern over losing green space to new amenities. If money is available, consider acquiring more land to support new recreational options.
 - Support for adding a splash pad in an existing park.
 - Support for inclusive spaces.
 - More dedicated pickleball courts are needed.
- Do you feel that additional recreational amenities to our parks system will enhance overall satisfaction and park usage?
 - Yes, but add parking if adding more amenities. Adding more activities could draw more people.
 - What should be considered when thinking about balancing the ‘where’ and ‘how’ of installing new features with maintaining existing uses? Should new features be added only if an existing feature is reduced or replaced?
 - It’s important to find a middle ground and provide a variety of recreational opportunities, especially for kids.
 - Retain play options for small children but also add opportunities for older kids.
 - Convert tennis courts to dedicated pickleball courts.
 - Avoid putting too many amenities in one area (i.e., Luther Burbank Park).
 - Trade out the older elements with new ones based on levels of use/support of existing elements. Look at survey data to confirm current needs and uses.

#3: Strategizing for Play Area Upgrades

Questions

- What are your thoughts on the different play area options referenced earlier?
 - Natural elements and nature play are good options; great idea to have kids move elements around and manipulate for play.
 - Support a broader range of play spaces; existing playgrounds are too similar
 - Give deference to local families with children who use playgrounds for detailed discussions about needed play experiences.
 - Consider spaces that encourage interaction among different age groups.
- When it comes time to replace playgrounds, should we replace with similar structures or consider other styles of play features?
 - Support for inclusive play areas and more shaded picnic areas/covered areas close by so people can use for more parts of the day (hot sun or rain).
 - Amphitheater at Luther Burbank Park needs to be repaired and be safe.
- Is there a feature or type of play you enjoy elsewhere, that we’re missing?

- Include some disc golf or ultimate frisbee in parks.
- Features that use motion e.g. swings sets, tire swings, slides, bucket swings for safety.
- Improve playgrounds by adding bathrooms, fences, benches, and areas with shade.

Next Steps

The project team will use the feedback from this public meeting to inform the PROS plan as it is being finalized over the next three months. The City Council is scheduled to review and adopt the PROS Plan in early 2022.

Please send any questions or comments related to the Mercer Island PROS plan to PROS@mercercisland.gov.

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PA0104	2024-2025	General/Other	System-Wide	Lake Water Irrigation Development	Develop lake water irrigation at Groveland Beach, Clarke Beach, and Luther Burbank Park. Using lake water will expand irrigation to high use beach areas and other park landscapes.	200,000	0	2	2	0	1	2	17
PA0105		Playground	Aubrey Davis Park	Lid A Playground Replacement	Replace playground equipment and provide ADA access from identified parking. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2011 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards.	350,000	1	1	2	1	1	0	20
PA0106A	2026-2027	Playground	Aubrey Davis Park	Lid B Playground Replacement and ADA Parking	Replace playground equipment and provide ADA access with rubberized surfacing. Implement new ADA West Mercer Way parking and a new ADA path from the parking to the playground. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2007 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards. Recommend to complete with PA0106B.	900,000	2	1	2	1	1	0	26
PA0106B	2026-2027	General/Other	Aubrey Davis Park	New Restroom at Lid B and ADA Path	Construct a restroom (with retaining wall) near the playground at Lid B. The sports field and playground make this a high use area with no restrooms available nearby. A restroom here could also ease congestion at the Lid A restroom and may eliminate use of honey buckets. Project includes construction of a new ADA path from West Mercer Way to the restroom and the basketball courts according to the master plan. ADA connection requires completion of PA0106A to make connection to ADA parking on West Mercer Way.	1,200,000	0	0	2	2	1	2	15
PA0107	2024-2026	Art	Aubrey Davis Park	Outdoor Sculpture Gallery Improvements	Replace outdoor sculpture pieces with new art and enhanced security (e.g. lighting). Scope of work intended to be developed post-opening of Eastlink Light Rail Station to address emerging needs.	260,000	1	1	1	0	1	2	17
PA0108	2024-2025	Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	Luther Lid Connector Trail	Construct a new staircase from North Mercer Way and 84th Ave SE to Mountains to Sound Trail at the Luther Lid intersection. Existing social trail is steep and difficult to walk. Identified in both Luther Burbank and Aubrey Davis master plans. Approved by WSDOT.	900,000	1	0	1	1	1	0	14

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PA0110	2027-2028	Athletic Field	Aubrey Davis Park	Lid A Backstop Lifecycle Replacement	Replace two backstops with taller chain link structure and extend high safety fences on foul lines. Thirty year old facility; foul balls can land around a busy regional trail.	640,000	2	1	2	0	1	0	24
PA0112	Pending Joint Master Plan 2025-2028	Shoreline/ Water Access	Clarke Beach	Shoreline Repair/Restoration	Replace hardened shoreline with natural shoreline and pocket beaches. Existing bulkheads and docks are at the end of their lifecycle, consider replace or removal. This is critical salmon habitat because of its proximity to the Cedar River. Work may be preceded by a Master Plan. This is a placeholder cost estimate, scope of work needs to be fully developed.	1,500,000	2	1	2	2	2	2	33
PA0114	Pending Joint Master Plan 2025-2028	Shoreline/ Water Access	Groveland Beach	Bulkhead Replacement and Beach Upgrade	Replace existing concrete bulkhead with a larger bulkhead at a higher elevation and create a zero-entry beach. The existing bulkhead is undermined and is difficult to secure sufficiently. Groveland Beach likely needs a comprehensive planning process to address multiple infrastructure needs.	2,205,000	2	1	2	1	2	2	31
PA0115	2024-2025	Trail	Hollerbach Open Space	SE 45th Trail System (Phase 1)	Construct a new trail from 90th Ave SE eastward to Cedars East Rd. through Hollerbach Park. There is no public access to Hollerbach Park. This trail would provide connectivity from East Mercer Way to the top of the island. Boardwalk and bridge.	462,000	0	0	1	2	1	0	10
PA0116	2025-2026	Athletic Field	Island Crest Park	South Field Lights and Backstop Replacement and Upgrade	Replace existing metal halide lights on wood poles with LED lights on metal poles. Upgrades meet current standards and improve user safety.	1,100,000	2	1	2	0	1	0	24
PA0117A	2022-2023	Athletic Field	Island Crest Park	North Infield Turf and Backstop Replacement	Replace synthetic turf in the north infield to match the cork and shock pad system used in the rest of the field. The turf was installed in 2012 and has an estimated 10-year life span. Replace backstop with taller chain link structure. Thirty-five year old facility; foul balls land around a busy parking lot and gathering area. A sinking fund covers part of the turf replacement cost. Recommend to combine with South Field Backstop Replacement Project (PA0117B).	1,000,000	2	1	2	0	1	0	24
PA0117B	2022-2023	Athletic Field	Island Crest Park	South Field Backstop Replacement	Replace backstop with taller backstops. Upgrades meet current standards and improve user safety. Recommend to combine with North Field project work (PA0117A).	100,000	1	1	2	1	1	0	20

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PA0119	2024-2025	Sport Courts	Luther Burbank Park	Tennis Court Upgrade or Conversion to Pickleball	Install new asphalt surface on court area and configure new courts to include pickleball and other games, or convert two tennis courts to dedicated pickleball. Fifty year old facility. Existing surface is failing and does not drain.	500,000	2	2	2	1	1	0	29
PA0120	2023	General/Other	Luther Burbank Park	Parking Lot Lighting	Provide energy efficiency lighting for a portion of the main parking lot, including ADA stalls, that connects to the main walkway. Some conduit already is in place. Project enhances security at park facility.	125,000	2	1	1	1	1	0	23
PA0121	2024-2026	Shoreline/ Water Access	Luther Burbank Park	Swim Beach Renovation	Renovate swim beach, restrooms and provide ADA access from the south parking lot. Fifty year old facilities need renovation. Shoreline erosion needs to be addressed.	1,025,000	2	1	2	1	1	2	28
PA0122	2023-2024	Shoreline/ Water Access	Luther Burbank Park	Dock and Adjacent Waterfront Improvements	Renovate north pier. Replace south piers with floating dock and breakwater. Improve shoreline access and renovate adjacent waterfront plaza. Fifty year old facility no longer meets current recreational needs.	3,750,000	2	1	2	1	2	2	31
PA0124B	2027-2028	Recreation Facility	Luther Burbank Park	Boiler Building Full Renovation (Phase 2)	Construct a boating facility inside the boiler building including boat storage, office, classroom and an ADA accessible route from the main parking lot, according to a 2017 study. Will support expanded boating programs at the waterfront.	3,200,000	0	0	2	2	1	2	15
PA0126	2022	Planning Document	Mercerdale Park	Mercerdale Park Master Plan	Conduct a master planning process ahead of the sewer line replacement project. The sewer replacement project was identified in the 2003 and 2018 General Sewer Plan. The sewer line runs approximately north to south through the middle of the park and is recommended for replacement. The sewer line replacement project will impact much of the park and this is a good time to revisit the comprehensive plan for this park facility.	200,000	2	1	2	1	1	0	26
PA0127	2023	Planning Document	MICEC	MICEC Annex Facilities Plan	Develop facilities assessment, policy, business model, and long-range plan for the Annex Building. The building needs major renovation. It was intended to last only until 2009. Include potential MICEC facility improvements and modifications in planning process.	200,000	2	2	2	1	1	0	29

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PA0128		Trail	Pioneer Park	Bike Trail Path Lighting	Provide bollard lighting for wayfinding along the asphalt path on the east side of Island Crest Way from SE 63rd to SE 68th St. This route is functionally a sidewalk along a major arterial. There is no alternate route. The lack of lighting and overhanging tree canopy make this section too dark to walk especially in winter. This project is within the zone of the Island Crest Way Safety Corridor Analysis and should be included in the analysis.	100,000	2	0	1	1	1	0	20
PA0130A	2027-2028	Playground	Roanoke Park	Playground Replacement	Replace playground equipment and provide ADA access from identified parking. Install new fence along North Mercer Way. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2004 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards. Recommend to combine with general park improvement project (PA0130B).	400,000	2	1	2	1	1	0	26
PA0130B	2027-2028	General/Other	Roanoke Park	General Park & ADA Improvements	Install a park sign and a new bike rack. Install new benches near the tennis court and stairs leading to the court. Address landscaping on the east side of the tennis court, consider removal or thinning. Resurface tennis court and consider striping for pickleball. Improve paths for ADA access. Recommend to combine with playground replacement project (PA0130A).	100,000	1	1	2	1	1	0	20
PA0131	2023	Athletic Field	South Mercer Playfields	Synthetic Turf Replacement & Ballfield Backstop Upgrade	Replace synthetic turf in three softball infields. The turf was installed in 2010 and has an estimated 10-year life span. A sinking fund covers part of the turf replacement cost. This project also includes replacement of existing backstops with new structures that are higher. Foul balls fall into spectator area and parking lot.	1,600,000	2	1	2	0	1	0	24
PA0132	2026	Trail	Upper Luther Burbank Park	Ravine Trail Phase 2	Continue the ravine trail from the stream in Luther Burbank Park to Shorewood. This new trail will provide a pedestrian walking route from Shorewood to Town Center.	325,000	0	1	1	2	1	0	13
PA0134		Athletic Field	Aubrey Davis Park	Lid C Field Drainage Renovation	Replace sand base and install new natural/grass turf. Existing sand base is clogged with fine particles and is draining poorly affecting maintenance and playability. Stormwater treatment enhancement included in project.	990,000	1	2	2	0	1	0	21

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PA0137		Shoreline/ Water Access	77th Ave SE Landing	General Park & ADA Improvements	Modify concrete retaining wall for shore launch. Replace the timber steps with ADA path. Requires some hedge removal for grading & path alignment.	380,000	1	1	1	1	1	2	19
PA0138		General/Other	Aubrey Davis Park	ADA Access Improvements to Picnic Shelter	Construct one ADA parking space at SE 74th St, establish an ADA route to the picnic shelter and complete other improvements according to the master plan. Note: The picnic shelter was recently burned and is a total loss. The shelter will be replaced and necessary ADA upgrades will be incorporated into the replacement project.	190,000	0	0	2	1	1	0	11
PA0139		Shoreline/ Water Access	Aubrey Davis Park	Improved Shoreline Access at Boat Launch	Create a shoreline access point directly south of the boat launch ramp for kayak launching, wading, and staging passengers. Current site has limited low-bank access and is not useful to hand-carry boats. Additional land acquisition or easement may be needed.	330,000	0	1	2	2	1	2	18
PA0140A		Special Use	Aubrey Davis Park	Dog Off-leash Area	Design and construct improvements to formalize the use of the stacks area as a dog off-leash site. Likely includes fencing, double entry gate, seating, surfacing, etc. Recommend to combine with ADA path project from the parking lot to the tennis courts and stacks (PA0140B).	580,000	1	0	2	2	1	2	21
PA0140B		Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	ADA Access Trail to Tennis Courts	Construct a new ADA path from SE 22nd St. to the tennis courts according to the Aubrey Davis Park Master Plan. Recommend to combine with the off-leash dog area project at the stacks (PA0140A).	242,000	0	0	1	1	1	0	8
PA0141	2024	Sport Courts	Aubrey Davis Park	Tennis Court Resurfacing/Conversion to Shared use for Pickleball	Resurface existing tennis courts, including addressing crack sealing and explore re-striping for other types of recreational opportunities (i.e. pickleball facilities).	110,000	2	2	2	1	1	0	29
PA0142	2023-2028	Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	Intersection and Crossing Improvements	Remove bollards, improve crosswalks and traffic control at intersections. Improves safety and meets current standards across entirety of Aubrey Davis Park. Approximately 15 intersections need to be addressed, improvements at each intersection vary. Recommend to address at least one intersection every year or every other year.	600,000	2	1	2	0	1	0	24

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PA0143	2023	Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	Mountains to Sound Trail Pavement Renovation	Repave sections of the trail that are deteriorated or damaged. The trail currently has cracks and root heaved areas that are uneven and present safety issues. Cost-sharing with WSDOT per agreements shall be considered.	95,000	2	2	1	0	1	0	24
PA0144	2025	Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	Mountains to Sound Trail Connection at Shorewood Drive	Construct a new spur trail to allow cyclists to enter/leave North Mercer Way to avoid the hill to Shorewood. There is an existing route that is used on a narrow sidewalk. It would separate cyclists from pedestrians wanting to access the trail.	75,000	2	0	1	2	1	0	22
PA0145	2027-2028	Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	Mountains To Sound Trail Lighting from Island Crest Way to Shorewood	Illuminate the trail section along the north side of a tall retaining wall from Shorewood to Town Center. This trail is dark in the winter because of the heavy shade from the wall and adjacent trees. This is an important pedestrian route from Shorewood to Town Center.	300,000	2	0	1	1	1	0	20
PA0146		Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	Luther Lid Trail Connection to Upper Luther	Construct a new staircase from the south side of the Luther Lid to SE 28th ("Snake Hill") to provide a direct connection to Upper Luther. This fulfills the intention of the Luther Lid to reconnect the two parts of Luther Burbank Park that were separated by the highway.	1,100,000	0	0	1	2	1	0	10
PA0147	Pending Joint Master Plan 2025-2028	General/Other	Clarke Beach	General Park & ADA Improvements	Replace/upgrade restroom building. Install/replace amenities to include a new bike rack, picnic tables, and benches. Replace/upgrade drinking fountains. New trail signage. Improve ADA path from parking lot to park and shoreline. Upgrade park lighting with LED fixtures. Remove invasive plants and replace with native species. Work may be preceded by a Master Plan. This is a placeholder cost estimate, scope of work needs to be fully developed.	900,000	2	2	2	2	2	0	34
PA0148	2024-2025	Playground	Deane's Children's Park	Playground Replacement (Castle/Swings/Climbing Rock)	Replace playground equipment and provide ADA access from identified parking. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2005 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards.	250,000	2	1	2	1	1	0	26

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PA0149	2023	Playground	Deane's Children's Park	Playground Replacement (Main Play Area/Swings)	Replace playground equipment and provide ADA access from identified parking. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2012 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards.	800,000	0	1	2	1	1	0	14	
PA0150		Environment & Sustainability	Ellis Pond	Aquatic Habitat Enhancement	Evaluate the pond for habitat needs. This landlocked pond is vulnerable to eutrophication and sedimentation. Waterfowl add to the nutrient load. The open water habitat will shrink unless managed. (This work to be funded through the stormwater).	18,000	0	0	2	0	2	2	14	
PA0151		2026-2027	Playground	First Hill Park	Playground Replacement and Sport Court Resurfacing	Resurface existing basketball court and replace aging playground equipment. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2007 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards. This project may be coordinated with a broader evaluation of this park, perhaps a neighborhood engagement strategy.	350,000	2	1	2	1	1	0	26
PA0152			Shoreline/ Water Access	Franklin Landing	ADA Parking	ADA path to beach. Striping for one ADA parking stall and add signage	73,000	0	1	2	1	1	0	14
PA0153			Shoreline/ Water Access	Garfield Landing	General Park & ADA Improvements	Replace the existing bench and add up to two new benches. Install bike rack. Restore shoreline to maintain public access, cut back vegetation. Develop planting plan to replace White poplars. Address ADA access opportunities.	105,000	1	1	1	1	1	0	17
PA0154	Pending Joint Master Plan 2025-2028	General/Other	Groveland Beach	General Park & ADA Improvements	Replace picnic tables and benches. Upgrade trail to the north upper picnic area to address erosion. Repair asphalt beach path and replace the chain gate to improve access. Replace or upgrade the restroom building. Consider opportunities to improve ADA access to upper park, full ADA access to the beach is challenging due to steep slopes. Update park signage. Groveland Beach likely needs a comprehensive planning process to address multiple infrastructure needs.	1,325,000	2	2	2	1	1	2	31	

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PA0155		Playground	Groveland Beach	Playground Replacement	Resurface existing basketball court and replace aging playground equipment. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2012 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards. Groveland Beach likely needs a comprehensive planning process to address multiple infrastructure needs.	400,000	0	1	2	1	1	0	14
PA0156	Pending Joint Master Plan 2025-2028	Shoreline/ Water Access	Groveland Beach	Dock Replacement	Design and construct the replacement for the existing pier at Groveland. Further repairs to the existing structure are not feasible. The timeline for the replacement is 2028. This pier could be replaced in-kind, or an alternative substitute could be considered, such as a large swim float. Groveland Beach likely needs a comprehensive planning process to address multiple infrastructure needs.	1,700,000	2	1	2	1	2	2	31
PA0157	2023-2024	Planning Document	Groveland Beach Park and Clarke Beach Park	Joint Master Plan for Groveland Beach Park and Clarke Beach Park	Conduct a joint master planning process for Groveland Beach Park and Clarke Beach Park to establish a long-term vision and plan to address aging infrastructure at both parks. Planning for beach sites and shoreline areas requires technical expertise and there will be efficiencies in conducting both plans jointly.	200,000	2	2	2	1	1	0	29
PA0158		Trail	Hollerbach Open Space	92nd Ave SE trail (Phase 2)	Design and construct a new trail connection from SE 46th Street north to connect with the SE 45th trail PA0115.	150,000	0	0	1	2	1	0	10
PA0159		Playground	Homestead Park	Playground Replacement	Resurface existing basketball court and replace aging playground equipment. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2012 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards.	375,000	0	1	2	1	1	0	14
PA0160		Athletic Field	Island Crest Park	South Field Synthetic Turf	Install new synthetic turf on the south field similar to that at the north field. This provides greater all-season playability, increases revenue and reduces maintenance.	1,650,000	0	2	2	2	0	2	18
PA0161		Restroom	Island Crest Park	Restroom Upgrades	Upgrade restroom facility to include new toilets, sinks and other fixtures. Address ADA access to facility.	300,000	1	1	2	1	1	2	22

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PA0162		Art	Luther Burbank Park	The Source Fountain Renovation	Implement restoration on The Source landform sculpture. Design, permit and construct a lake water plumbing system that would supply it with sufficient water to run irrigation and the center fountain. Current fountain system gets clogged with weeds and has other technical issues. May be feasible to tie into the lake water rights development project PA 0104. Should be designed/constructed in conjunction with PA 0121 Swim Beach Renovation. May be eligible for arts grant funding.	250,000	0	0	2	0	1	2	11
PA0163		General/Other	Luther Burbank Park	Maintenance Facility Improvements	Design and construct improvements to the yard area around the existing Caretakers House to improve storage and vehicle access. The existing storage area encroaches into the wetland buffer and should be set back. Storage needs are ongoing. Placeholder cost estimate only, needs to be further evaluated.	360,000	1	1	2	0	2	0	21
PA0164		General/Other	Luther Burbank Park	Picnic Shelter at the Meadow	Design and construct a new picnic shelter along the north side of the meadow per the Luther Burbank Park Master Plan.	275,000	0	0	2	2	1	2	15
PA0165		Special Use	Luther Burbank Park	Fishing Pier Renovation	Renovate fishing pier, replace rotting timbers and reinforce bracing. Fifty year old facility is at the end of its lifecycle.	275,000	2	1	2	0	2	2	29
PA0166	2025	Special Use	Luther Burbank Park	Amphitheater Renovation	Design and construct renovations to maintain outdoor theater needs. Fifty year-old facility has rot, electrical problems that need to be addressed. Project cost estimate is a placeholder pending design discussions.	800,000	2	1	2	0	1	2	26
PA0167	TBD	Special Use	Luther Burbank Park	Bike Skills Area Improvements	Improve bike skills area at Upper Luther Burbank Park. Improvements limited to current footprint, final scope of work TBD.	215,000	2	1	1	1	1	2	25
PA0168		Special Use	Luther Burbank Park	West Hill ("Kite Hill") Gardens	Design and construct pathways and landscaping to provide a garden facility according to the master plan. Cost reflects disposal and replacement of existing fill dirt.	825,000	0	0	2	2	1	2	15
PA0169		Special Use	Luther Burbank Park	P-Patch Renovation	Regrade P-Patch and reset plots with permanent no-till plots and annual till plots in separate sections. Install deer fencing. Improve entrance trail.	215,000	0	1	2	0	1	2	14
PA0170		Special Use	Luther Burbank Park	Off leash Area Improvements	Complete master plan improvements including adding small shelter and seating.	50,000	0	1	1	1	1	2	13

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PA0171		Trail	Luther Burbank Park	South Park Entrance Improvements	Design and construct crosswalks, wayfinding, and pavement treatments at SE 26th St and 84th Ave SE. Provides signature park identifiers and directions at a point where park users encounter the park.	190,000	2	1	1	0	1	0	21
PA0172		Trail	Luther Burbank Park	Main Entry Plaza at 84th and 24th	Design and construct intersection improvements and park entrance path at SE 24th and 84th Ave SE. Use pavement treatment, raised crosswalk, and overlook feature to draw in active recreation traffic. Current entry path is steep and pedestrians often walk down the driveway instead.	400,000	2	0	1	0	1	0	18
PA0173		Trail	Luther Burbank Park	Central Campus Trail Connections	Improve trail connections to the Community Center, P-Patch, Hawthorn Trail, and picnic areas. Address safety improvements and ADA access to park amenities.	180,000	1	0	1	1	1	0	14
PA0174		Art	Luther Burbank Park/Aubrey Davis Park	Downtown Entry Improvements	Construct placemaking improvements in the green space at Island Crest Way and SE 28th according to the Luther Burbank and Aubrey Davis Park Master Plans. Activates valuable Town Center open space. Cost estimate is a placeholder, scope of work TBD.	250,000	0	0	1	2	1	2	12
PA0175	2027-2028	Trail	Mercerdale Hillside	Trail Renovation	Remove timber steps and replace them or reroute trails to improve walkability and reduce ongoing maintenance of trails. The trails in Mercerdale Hillside were constructed with many flights of steps, some of which do not function well. The wood stair structures, including the long hillside stairway, are decaying and need to be rebuilt. Longer-lasting building materials should be considered for these new structures.	600,000	2	2	2	0	1	0	27
PA0176		Special Use	Mercerdale Park	Mercerdale Skate Park Renovation	Replace existing skate park, maintain existing footprint. The existing "street course" is dated and limited in skate park feature type. Most public courses include bowls and pipes as well as street features. The skate park was originally constructed in 1994 and was expanded in 2002. Recommend community engagement via master planning process (PA0126) to consider future design.	1,100,000	1	1	2	1	1	2	22
PA0178	2023	General/Other	MICEC	Entryway Parking lot Asphalt Replacement	Replace aging asphalt at MICEC entryway and improve surface water drainage at facility.	150,000	2	1	2	0	1	0	24

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PA0179		General/Other	MICEC	Parking Lot Planter Bed Renovation (LID)	Renovate and improve soils in planter beds in the MICEC parking lot. Existing soils are predominantly the leftover construction fill. Plantings have performed poorly. LID features should be used, including techniques to address stormwater runoff.	200,000	0	1	2	0	2	0	15
PA0180		Playground	MICEC	Playground Replacement	Replace aging playground structures at MICEC and Annex facilities. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2010 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years.	275,000	1	1	2	1	1	0	20
PA0181	2027	Recreation Facility	MICEC	Generator for Emergency Use	Current generator only runs essential circuits. Expand generator capacity to improve service during emergencies. May be eligible for emergency management grants.	400,000	2	1	2	2	1	2	30
PA0182	2027-2028	Trail	MICEC	Stair replacement between MICEC and Luther Burbank Park Parking Lot	Replace deteriorating concrete and wood stairway between MICEC and LBP Parking Lot and improve pedestrian safety. Include pedestrian route through Luther Burbank Park parking lot.	190,000	2	2	1	0	1	0	24
PA0183		Shoreline/ Water Access	Proctor Landing	General Park & ADA Improvements	Install benches, bike rack, and signage. Renovate dock, add ADA parking spot and path to benches.	420,000	1	1	2	1	1	0	20
PA0184		Trail	SE 47th Open Space	EMW Trail Connection	Acquire easements, design and construct a new trail from East Mercer Way to 90th Ave SE through the SE 47th St Open Space. Project is included in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan. Creates a pedestrian connection from East Mercer Way to the top of the island. One easement has already been obtained.	450,000	1	0	1	2	1	0	16
PA0185		Shoreline/ Water Access	SE 56th St Landing	General Park & ADA Improvements	Replace existing bench, install entryway sign, trail signage, landscape plan & plantings. New ADA path.	120,000	0	1	1	1	1	0	11
PA0186		Trail	SE 56th St Landing	SE 56th & WMW Trail Improvement	Construct a new trail from West Mercer Way through unopened right-of-way to SE 56th Landing. Provides a visible pedestrian connection to the lake from West Mercer Way for the broader neighborhood.	215,000	1	0	1	2	1	0	16
PA0187	2027	Playground	Secret Park	Playground Replacement	Replace playground equipment and provide ADA access from nearest public ROW. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2007 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards.	450,000	2	1	2	1	1	0	26

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PA0188		Planning Document	Slater Park	Landscape and Stormwater Plan	Develop a landscape plan for Slater Park. The current landscape was converted from an estate. The site needs to be rehabilitated. Addressing stormwater runoff due to the adjacency of the lake is a priority.	45,000	0	2	2	0	2	0	18
PA0189	2025	General/Other	South Point Landing	General Park Improvements	Install benches, improve trail to include stairs, install park sign, and supplement plantings with native plants.	140,000	1	1	1	0	1	0	15
PA0190	2026-2027	Trail	Wildwood Park	ADA Perimeter Path & General Park Improvements	Install park sign on Island Crest Way. Add ADA perimeter path along 86th Ave SE and around grass area to access park amenities. Potential to extend ADA access to Island Crest Way through a trail connection.	200,000	0	1	1	1	1	0	11

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REMOVE		General/Other	72nd Ave SE Landing	General Park Improvements	Install benches and park sign. (Note: Will be funded through minor capital budget).	7,000	0	1	1	0	1	0	9
REMOVE		General/Other	Fruitland Landing	General Park & ADA Improvements	Install one ADA parking stall and add signage. Replace park sign. Coordinate other upgrades with new pump station LS11 project. (Note: This project is not feasible and was removed from the CFP list).		0	1	1	1	1	0	11
REMOVE		Recreation Facility	Luther Burbank Park	Boiler Building Roof and Seismic Retrofit (Phase 1)	Stabilize smoke stack and other brick masonry. Replace flat roof membrane to protect the structure from water damage. This work preserves the building for future use as a boating facility per Luther Burbank Master Plan. Current building is being impacted by water damage and could fail in an earthquake. (Note: Project removed from the list, this project is already funded in the 2021-2022 CIP).	365,000	2	1	2	0	1	2	26
REMOVE		Planning Document	MICEC	MICEC Facility Plan	Develop 20-year Facility Plan to plan for and address facility improvements, upgrades, and replacements. (Note: Project was removed from the list, this type of planning document is not needed.)		1	2	2	0	1	0	21
REMOVE		Recreation Facility	MICEC	Entrance Awning Replacement	Replace awning glass at the end of useful life. (Note: Project removed, no longer a priority).		2	1	2	0	1	0	24
REMOVE		Recreation Facility	MICEC	Entrance Door Replacement	Replace glass entry door and improve accessibility and safety. (Note: Project removed, entryway door replacement not needed).		2	1	2	0	1	0	24
REMOVE		Recreation Facility	MICEC	Mercer Room Deck Installation	Design and construct a new deck off the south side of the Mercer Room to provide additional usability for this popular rental space. (Note: Project removed, project no longer a priority).		0	2	2	2	1	2	21
REMOVE		Recreation Facility	MICEC	New Vendor Staging Area	Install concrete pad near the Mercer Room and back steps of the MICEC to expand vendor opportunities (i.e. food trucks, ice-cream trucks, etc.) (Note: Project removed, no longer a priority.)		0	2	2	2	1	0	19
REMOVE		Recreation Facility	MICEC	Mercer Room Floor Replacement	Replace Mercer Room floor. (Note: Project removed, floor replacement not needed).		1	1	2	0	1	0	18

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REMOVE		Trail	Pioneer Park	90th Ave SE Trail connection	Acquire easements, design and construct a new trail from Pioneer Park to Salem Woods Open Space. Provides access to a large neighborhood to the north of Pioneer Park that currently has no direct trail connection. (Note: Project removed, acquisition projects to be addressed through another process).		0	0	1	2	1	0	10
REMOVE		Athletic Field	South Mercer Playfields	Synthetic Turf Replacement (shared \$) & Ballfield Backstop Upgrade	Replace synthetic turf in three softball infields. The turf was installed in 2010 and has an estimated 10-year life span. A sinking fund covers part of the cost. (Note: Project combined with PA0131).		2	1	2	0	1	0	24
REMOVE		Planning Document	System Wide	Comprehensive Playground Replacement Plan	Develop a comprehensive playground replacement plan. Includes development of a system-wide approach to developing playground themes, selecting equipment styles, special features, and ADA/universal play strategies. Many Mercer Island playgrounds are the same age and at the end of their useful life. This approach will streamline the replacement process. (Note: Project removed at recommendation of staff. Public support was only modest for this approach and there are higher priority planning projects in the queue).	225,000	2	1	2	2	1	0	28
REMOVE		Planning Document	System Wide	Signage & Branding Graphics Plan	Develop branding and signage plan for Parks system. (Note: Project removed, if this is a future priority it will be handled through the General Fund, not the Capital Fund).		1	1	0	0	1	0	12
REMOVE		Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	ADA Access Trail to Basketball Courts	Construct an new ADA path from West Mercer Way to the basketball courts according to the master plan. Recommend to combine this project with the Lid B Restroom Project. (Note: Project combined with ADP Lid B Restroom project PA0106B).	83,000	0	0	1	1	1	0	8
REMOVE		Athletic Field	Island Crest Park	North Infield Replacement	Replace synthetic turf in the north infield to match the cork and shock pad system used in the rest of the field. The turf was installed in 2012 and has an estimated 10-year life span. (Note: Project combined with PA0117).	380,000	2	1	2	0	1	2	26

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REMOVE		Trail	North Mercerdale Hillside (Combine)	Trail Renovation	The long hillside stairways, constructed with timber crib steps, are decaying and need to be rebuilt. Longer-lasting building materials should be considered for these new structures. Other wood stairways in this park should be removed or replaced, or the trail should rerouted to reduce future trail maintenance and improve walkability. (Note: Project combined with the Mercerdale Hillside Trail Project PA0174).	150,000	2	2	1	0	1	0	24
PA0177		Environment & Sustainability	MICEC	Solar Panel Expansion	Install additional solar array on MICEC roof or at the facility to help offset ongoing electric costs. (Note: Project removed until roof can be re-evaluated. May be reconsidered upon completion of the Climate Action Plan.)		0	2	2	0	2	2	20

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PA0137		Shoreline/ Water Access	77th Ave SE Landing	General Park & ADA Improvements	Modify concrete retaining wall for shore launch. Replace the timber steps with ADA path. Requires some hedge removal for grading & path alignment.	380,000	1	1	1	1	1	2	19
PA0105		Playground	Aubrey Davis Park	Lid A Playground Replacement	Replace playground equipment and provide ADA access from identified parking. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2011 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards.	350,000	1	1	2	1	1	0	20
PA0106A	2026-2027	Playground	Aubrey Davis Park	Lid B Playground Replacement and ADA Parking	Replace playground equipment and provide ADA access with rubberized surfacing. Implement new ADA West Mercer Way parking and a new ADA path from the parking to the playground. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2007 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards. Recommend to complete with PA0106B.	900,000	2	1	2	1	1	0	26
PA0106B	2026-2027	General/Other	Aubrey Davis Park	New Restroom at Lid B and ADA Path	Construct a restroom (with retaining wall) near the playground at Lid B. The sports field and playground make this a high use area with no restrooms available nearby. A restroom here could also ease congestion at the Lid A restroom and may eliminate use of honey buckets. Project includes construction of a new ADA path from West Mercer Way to the restroom and the basketball courts according to the master plan. ADA connection requires completion of PA0106A to make connection to ADA parking on West Mercer Way.	1,200,000	0	0	2	2	1	2	15
PA0107	2024-2026	Art	Aubrey Davis Park	Outdoor Sculpture Gallery Improvements	Replace outdoor sculpture pieces with new art and enhanced security (e.g. lighting). Scope of work intended to be developed post-opening of Eastlink Light Rail Station to address emerging needs.	260,000	1	1	1	0	1	2	17

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PA0108	2024-2025	Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	Luther Lid Connector Trail	Construct a new staircase from North Mercer Way and 84th Ave SE to Mountains to Sound Trail at the Luther Lid intersection. Existing social trail is steep and difficult to walk. Identified in both Luther Burbank and Aubrey Davis master plans. Approved by WSDOT.	900,000	1	0	1	1	1	0	14
PA0110	2027-2028	Athletic Field	Aubrey Davis Park	Lid A Backstop Lifecycle Replacement	Replace two backstops with taller chain link structure and extend high safety fences on foul lines. Thirty year old facility; foul balls can land around a busy regional trail.	640,000	2	1	2	0	1	0	24
PA0134		Athletic Field	Aubrey Davis Park	Lid C Field Drainage Renovation	Replace sand base and install new natural/grass turf. Existing sand base is clogged with fine particles and is draining poorly affecting maintenance and playability. Stormwater treatment enhancement included in project.	990,000	1	2	2	0	1	0	21
PA0138		General/Other	Aubrey Davis Park	ADA Access Improvements to Picnic Shelter	Construct one ADA parking space at SE 74th St, establish an ADA route to the picnic shelter and complete other improvements according to the master plan. Note: The picnic shelter was recently burned and is a total loss. The shelter will be replaced and necessary ADA upgrades will be incorporated into the replacement project.	190,000	0	0	2	1	1	0	11
PA0139		Shoreline/ Water Access	Aubrey Davis Park	Improved Shoreline Access at Boat Launch	Create a shoreline access point directly south of the boat launch ramp for kayak launching, wading, and staging passengers. Current site has limited low-bank access and is not useful to hand-carry boats. Additional land acquisition or easement may be needed.	330,000	0	1	2	2	1	2	18
PA0140A		Special Use	Aubrey Davis Park	Dog Off-leash Area	Design and construct improvements to formalize the use of the stacks area as a dog off-leash site. Likely includes fencing, double entry gate, seating, surfacing, etc. Recommend to combine with ADA path project from the parking lot to the tennis courts and stacks (PA0140B).	580,000	1	0	2	2	1	2	21
PA0140B		Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	ADA Access Trail to Tennis Courts	Construct a new ADA path from SE 22nd St. to the tennis courts according to the Aubrey Davis Park Master Plan. Recommend to combine with the off-leash dog area project at the stacks (PA0140A).	242,000	0	0	1	1	1	0	8
PA0141	2024	Sport Courts	Aubrey Davis Park	Tennis Court Resurfacing/Conversion to Shared use for Pickleball	Resurface existing tennis courts, including addressing crack sealing and explore re-striping for other types of recreational opportunities (i.e. pickleball facilities).	110,000	2	2	2	1	1	0	29

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PA0142	2023-2028	Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	Intersection and Crossing Improvements	Remove bollards, improve crosswalks and traffic control at intersections. Improves safety and meets current standards across entirety of Aubrey Davis Park. Approximately 15 intersections need to be addressed, improvements at each intersection vary. Recommend to address at least one intersection every year or every other year.	600,000	2	1	2	0	1	0	24	
PA0143	2023	Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	Mountains to Sound Trail Pavement Renovation	Repave sections of the trail that are deteriorated or damaged. The trail currently has cracks and root heaved areas that are uneven and present safety issues. Cost-sharing with WSDOT per agreements shall be considered.	95,000	2	2	1	0	1	0	24	
PA0144	2025	Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	Mountains to Sound Trail Connection at Shorewood Drive	Construct a new spur trail to allow cyclists to enter/leave North Mercer Way to avoid the hill to Shorewood. There is an existing route that is used on a narrow sidewalk. It would separate cyclists from pedestrians wanting to access the trail.	75,000	2	0	1	2	1	0	22	
PA0145	2027-2028	Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	Mountains To Sound Trail Lighting from Island Crest Way to Shorewood	Illuminate the trail section along the north side of a tall retaining wall from Shorewood to Town Center. This trail is dark in the winter because of the heavy shade from the wall and adjacent trees. This is an important pedestrian route from Shorewood to Town Center.	300,000	2	0	1	1	1	0	20	
PA0146		Trail	Aubrey Davis Park	Luther Lid Trail Connection to Upper Luther	Construct a new staircase from the south side of the Luther Lid to SE 28th ("Snake Hill") to provide a direct connection to Upper Luther. This fulfills the intention of the Luther Lid to reconnect the two parts of Luther Burbank Park that were separated by the highway.	1,100,000	0	0	1	2	1	0	10	
PA0112	Pending Joint Master Plan 2025-2028	Shoreline/ Water Access	Clarke Beach	Shoreline Repair/Restoration	Replace hardened shoreline with natural shoreline and pocket beaches. Existing bulkheads and docks are at the end of their lifecycle, consider replace or removal. This is critical salmon habitat because of its proximity to the Cedar River. Work may be preceded by a Master Plan. This is a placeholder cost estimate, scope of work needs to be fully developed.	1,500,000	2	1	2	2	2	2	33	

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PA0147	Pending Joint Master Plan 2025-2028	General/Other	Clarke Beach	General Park & ADA Improvements	Replace/upgrade restroom building. Install/replace amenities to include a new bike rack, picnic tables, and benches. Replace/upgrade drinking fountains. New trail signage. Improve ADA path from parking lot to park and shoreline. Upgrade park lighting with LED fixtures. Remove invasive plants and replace with native species. Work may be preceded by a Master Plan. This is a placeholder cost estimate, scope of work needs to be fully developed.	900,000	2	2	2	2	2	0	34
PA0148	2024-2025	Playground	Deane's Children's Park	Playground Replacement (Castle/Swings/Climbing Rock)	Replace playground equipment and provide ADA access from identified parking. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2005 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards.	250,000	2	1	2	1	1	0	26
PA0149		Playground	Deane's Children's Park	Playground Replacement (Main Play Area/Swings)	Replace playground equipment and provide ADA access from identified parking. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2012 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards.	800,000	0	1	2	1	1	0	14
PA0150	2023	Environment & Sustainability	Ellis Pond	Aquatic Habitat Enhancement	Evaluate the pond for habitat needs. This landlocked pond is vulnerable to eutrophication and sedimentation. Waterfowl add to the nutrient load. The open water habitat will shrink unless managed. (This work to be funded through the stormwater).	18,000	0	0	2	0	2	2	14
PA0151	2026-2027	Playground	First Hill Park	Playground Replacement and Sport Court Resurfacing	Resurface existing basketball court and replace aging playground equipment. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2007 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards. This project may be coordinated with a broader evaluation of this park, perhaps a neighborhood engagement strategy.	350,000	2	1	2	1	1	0	26
PA0152		Shoreline/ Water Access	Franklin Landing	ADA Parking	ADA path to beach. Striping for one ADA parking stall and add signage	73,000	0	1	2	1	1	0	14

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PA0153		Shoreline/ Water Access	Garfield Landing	General Park & ADA Improvements	Replace the existing bench and add up to two new benches. Install bike rack. Restore shoreline to maintain public access, cut back vegetation. Develop planting plan to replace White poplars. Address ADA access opportunities.	105,000	1	1	1	1	1	0	17
PA0114	Pending Joint Master Plan 2025-2028	Shoreline/ Water Access	Groveland Beach	Bulkhead Replacement and Beach Upgrade	Replace existing concrete bulkhead with a larger bulkhead at a higher elevation and create a zero-entry beach. The existing bulkhead is undermined and is difficult to secure sufficiently. Groveland Beach likely needs a comprehensive planning process to address multiple infrastructure needs.	2,205,000	2	1	2	1	2	2	31
PA0154	Pending Joint Master Plan 2025-2028	General/Other	Groveland Beach	General Park & ADA Improvements	Replace picnic tables and benches. Upgrade trail to the north upper picnic area to address erosion. Repair asphalt beach path and replace the chain gate to improve access. Replace or upgrade the restroom building. Consider opportunities to improve ADA access to upper park, full ADA access to the beach is challenging due to steep slopes. Update park signage. Groveland Beach likely needs a comprehensive planning process to address multiple infrastructure needs.	1,325,000	2	2	2	1	1	2	31
PA0155		Playground	Groveland Beach	Playground Replacement	Resurface existing basketball court and replace aging playground equipment. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2012 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards. Groveland Beach likely needs a comprehensive planning process to address multiple infrastructure needs.	400,000	0	1	2	1	1	0	14
PA0156	Pending Joint Master Plan 2025-2028	Shoreline/ Water Access	Groveland Beach	Dock Replacement	Design and construct the replacement for the existing pier at Groveland. Further repairs to the existing structure are not feasible. The timeline for the replacement is 2028. This pier could be replaced in-kind, or an alternative substitute could be considered, such as a large swim float. Groveland Beach likely needs a comprehensive planning process to address multiple infrastructure needs.	1,700,000	2	1	2	1	2	2	31

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PA0157	2023-2024	Planning Document	Groveland Beach Park and Clarke Beach Park	Joint Master Plan for Groveland Beach Park and Clarke Beach Park	Conduct a joint master planning process for Groveland Beach Park and Clarke Beach Park to establish a long-term vision and plan to address aging infrastructure at both parks. Planning for beach sites and shoreline areas requires technical expertise and there will be efficiencies in conducting both plans jointly.	200,000	2	2	2	1	1	0	29							
PA0115	2024-2025	Trail	Hollerbach Open Space	SE 45th Trail System (Phase 1)	Construct a new trail from 90th Ave SE eastward to Cedars East Rd. through Hollerbach Park. There is no public access to Hollerbach Park. This trail would provide connectivity from East Mercer Way to the top of the island. Boardwalk and bridge.	462,000	0	0	1	2	1	0	10							
PA0158		Trail	Hollerbach Open Space	92nd Ave SE trail (Phase 2)	Design and construct a new trail connection from SE 46th Street north to connect with the SE 45th trail PA0115.	150,000	0	0	1	2	1	0	10							
PA0159		Playground	Homestead Park	Playground Replacement	Resurface existing basketball court and replace aging playground equipment. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2012 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards.	375,000	0	1	2	1	1	0	14							
PA0116	2025-2026	Athletic Field	Island Crest Park	South Field Lights and Backstop Replacement and Upgrade	Replace existing metal halide lights on wood poles with LED lights on metal poles. Upgrades meet current standards and improve user safety.	1,100,000	2	1	2	0	1	0	24							
PA0117A	2022-2023	Athletic Field	Island Crest Park	North Infield Turf and Backstop Replacement	Replace synthetic turf in the north infield to match the cork and shock pad system used in the rest of the field. The turf was installed in 2012 and has an estimated 10-year life span. Replace backstop with taller chain link structure. Thirty-five year old facility; foul balls land around a busy parking lot and gathering area. A sinking fund covers part of the turf replacement cost. Recommend to combine with South Field Backstop Replacement Project (PA0117B).	1,000,000	2	1	2	0	1	0	24							
PA0117B	2022-2023	Athletic Field	Island Crest Park	South Field Backstop Replacement	Replace backstop with taller backstops. Upgrades meet current standards and improve user safety. Recommend to combine with North Field project work (PA0117A).	100,000	1	1	2	1	1	0	20							
PA0160		Athletic Field	Island Crest Park	South Field Synthetic Turf	Install new synthetic turf on the south field similar to that at the north field. This provides greater all-season playability, increases revenue and reduces maintenance.	1,650,000	0	2	2	2	0	2	18							

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PA0161		Restroom	Island Crest Park	Restroom Upgrades	Upgrade restroom facility to include new toilets, sinks and other fixtures. Address ADA access to facility.	300,000	1	1	2	1	1	2	22
PA0119	2024-2025	Sport Courts	Luther Burbank Park	Tennis Court Upgrade or Conversion to Pickleball	Install new asphalt surface on court area and configure new courts to include pickleball and other games, or convert two tennis courts to dedicated pickleball. Fifty year old facility. Existing surface is failing and does not drain.	500,000	2	2	2	1	1	0	29
PA0120	2023	General/Other	Luther Burbank Park	Parking Lot Lighting	Provide energy efficiency lighting for a portion of the main parking lot, including ADA stalls, that connects to the main walkway. Some conduit already is in place. Project enhances security at park facility.	125,000	2	1	1	1	1	0	23
PA0121	2024-2026	Shoreline/ Water Access	Luther Burbank Park	Swim Beach Renovation	Renovate swim beach, restrooms and provide ADA access from the south parking lot. Fifty year old facilities need renovation. Shoreline erosion needs to be addressed.	1,025,000	2	1	2	1	1	2	28
PA0122	2023-2024	Shoreline/ Water Access	Luther Burbank Park	Dock and Adjacent Waterfront Improvements	Renovate north pier. Replace south piers with floating dock and breakwater. Improve shoreline access and renovate adjacent waterfront plaza. Fifty year old facility no longer meets current recreational needs.	3,750,000	2	1	2	1	2	2	31
PA0124B	2027-2028	Recreation Facility	Luther Burbank Park	Boiler Building Full Renovation (Phase 2)	Construct a boating facility inside the boiler building including boat storage, office, classroom and an ADA accessible route from the main parking lot, according to a 2017 study. Will support expanded boating programs at the waterfront.	3,200,000	0	0	2	2	1	2	15
PA0162		Art	Luther Burbank Park	The Source Fountain Renovation	Implement restoration on The Source landform sculpture. Design, permit and construct a lake water plumbing system that would supply it with sufficient water to run irrigation and the center fountain. Current fountain system gets clogged with weeds and has other technical issues. May be feasible to tie into the lake water rights development project PA 0104. Should be designed/constructed in conjunction with PA 0121 Swim Beach Renovation. May be eligible for arts grant funding.	250,000	0	0	2	0	1	2	11
PA0163		General/Other	Luther Burbank Park	Maintenance Facility Improvements	Design and construct improvements to the yard area around the existing Caretakers House to improve storage and vehicle access. The existing storage area encroaches into the wetland buffer and should be set back. Storage needs are ongoing. Placeholder cost estimate only, needs to be further evaluated.	360,000	1	1	2	0	2	0	21

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PA0164		General/Other	Luther Burbank Park	Picnic Shelter at the Meadow	Design and construct a new picnic shelter along the north side of the meadow per the Luther Burbank Park Master Plan.	275,000	0	0	2	2	1	2	15
PA0165		Special Use	Luther Burbank Park	Fishing Pier Renovation	Renovate fishing pier, replace rotting timbers and reinforce bracing. Fifty year old facility is at the end of its lifecycle.	275,000	2	1	2	0	2	2	29
PA0166	2025	Special Use	Luther Burbank Park	Amphitheater Renovation	Design and construct renovations to maintain outdoor theater needs. Fifty year-old facility has rot, electrical problems that need to be addressed. Project cost estimate is a placeholder pending design discussions.	800,000	2	1	2	0	1	2	26
PA0167	TBD	Special Use	Luther Burbank Park	Bike Skills Area Improvements	Improve bike skills area at Upper Luther Burbank Park. Improvements limited to current footprint, final scope of work TBD.	215,000	2	1	1	1	1	2	25
PA0168		Special Use	Luther Burbank Park	West Hill ("Kite Hill") Gardens	Design and construct pathways and landscaping to provide a garden facility according to the master plan. Cost reflects disposal and replacement of existing fill dirt.	825,000	0	0	2	2	1	2	15
PA0169		Special Use	Luther Burbank Park	P-Patch Renovation	Regrade P-Patch and reset plots with permanent no-till plots and annual till plots in separate sections. Install deer fencing. Improve entrance trail.	215,000	0	1	2	0	1	2	14
PA0170		Special Use	Luther Burbank Park	Off leash Area Improvements	Complete master plan improvements including adding small shelter and seating.	50,000	0	1	1	1	1	2	13
PA0171		Trail	Luther Burbank Park	South Park Entrance Improvements	Design and construct crosswalks, wayfinding, and pavement treatments at SE 26th St and 84th Ave SE. Provides signature park identifiers and directions at a point where park users encounter the park.	190,000	2	1	1	0	1	0	21
PA0172		Trail	Luther Burbank Park	Main Entry Plaza at 84th and 24th	Design and construct intersection improvements and park entrance path at SE 24th and 84th Ave SE. Use pavement treatment, raised crosswalk, and overlook feature to draw in active recreation traffic. Current entry path is steep and pedestrians often walk down the driveway instead.	400,000	2	0	1	0	1	0	18
PA0173		Trail	Luther Burbank Park	Central Campus Trail Connections	Improve trail connections to the Community Center, P-Patch, Hawthorn Trail, and picnic areas. Address safety improvements and ADA access to park amenities.	180,000	1	0	1	1	1	0	14
PA0174		Art	Luther Burbank Park/Aubrey Davis Park	Downtown Entry Improvements	Construct placemaking improvements in the green space at Island Crest Way and SE 28th according to the Luther Burbank and Aubrey Davis Park Master Plans. Activates valuable Town Center open space. Cost estimate is a placeholder, scope of work TBD.	250,000	0	0	1	2	1	2	12

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PA0175	2027-2028	Trail	Mercerdale Hillside	Trail Renovation	Remove timber steps and replace them or reroute trails to improve walkability and reduce ongoing maintenance of trails. The trails in Mercerdale Hillside were constructed with many flights of steps, some of which do not function well. The wood stair structures, including the long hillside stairway, are decaying and need to be rebuilt. Longer-lasting building materials should be considered for these new structures.	600,000	2	2	2	0	1	0	27
PA0126	2022	Planning Document	Mercerdale Park	Mercerdale Park Master Plan	Conduct a master planning process ahead of the sewer line replacement project. The sewer replacement project was identified in the 2003 and 2018 General Sewer Plan. The sewer line runs approximately north to south through the middle of the park and is recommended for replacement. The sewer line replacement project will impact much of the park and this is a good time to revisit the comprehensive plan for this park facility.	200,000	2	1	2	1	1	0	26
PA0176		Special Use	Mercerdale Park	Mercerdale Skate Park Renovation	Replace existing skate park, maintain existing footprint. The existing "street course" is dated and limited in skate park feature type. Most public courses include bowls and pipes as well as street features. The skate park was originally constructed in 1994 and was expanded in 2002. Recommend community engagement via master planning process (PA0126) to consider future design.	1,100,000	1	1	2	1	1	2	22
PA0127	2023	Planning Document	MICEC	MICEC Annex Facilities Plan	Develop facilities assessment, policy, business model, and long-range plan for the Annex Building. The building needs major renovation. It was intended to last only until 2009. Include potential MICEC facility improvements and modifications in planning process.	200,000	2	2	2	1	1	0	29
PA0178	2023	General/Other	MICEC	Entryway Parking lot Asphalt Replacement	Replace aging asphalt at MICEC entryway and improve surface water drainage at facility.	150,000	2	1	2	0	1	0	24
PA0179		General/Other	MICEC	Parking Lot Planter Bed Renovation (LID)	Renovate and improve soils in planter beds in the MICEC parking lot. Existing soils are predominantly the leftover construction fill. Plantings have performed poorly. LID features should be used, including techniques to address stormwater runoff.	200,000	0	1	2	0	2	0	15

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PA0180		Playground	MICEC	Playground Replacement	Replace aging playground structures at MICEC and Annex facilities. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2010 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years.	275,000	1	1	2	1	1	0	20
PA0181	2027	Recreation Facility	MICEC	Generator for Emergency Use	Current generator only runs essential circuits. Expand generator capacity to improve service during emergencies. May be eligible for emergency management grants.	400,000	2	1	2	2	1	2	30
PA0182	2027-2028	Trail	MICEC	Stair replacement between MICEC and Luther Burbank Park Parking Lot	Replace deteriorating concrete and wood stairway between MICEC and LBP Parking Lot and improve pedestrian safety. Include pedestrian route through Luther Burbank Park parking lot.	190,000	2	2	1	0	1	0	24
PA0128		Trail	Pioneer Park	Bike Trail Path Lighting	Provide bollard lighting for wayfinding along the asphalt path on the east side of Island Crest Way from SE 63rd to SE 68th St. This route is functionally a sidewalk along a major arterial. There is no alternate route. The lack of lighting and overhanging tree canopy make this section too dark to walk especially in winter. This project is within the zone of the Island Crest Way Safety Corridor Analysis and should be included in the analysis.	100,000	2	0	1	1	1	0	20
PA0183		Shoreline/ Water Access	Proctor Landing	General Park & ADA Improvements	Install benches, bike rack, and signage. Renovate dock, add ADA parking spot and path to benches.	420,000	1	1	2	1	1	0	20
PA0130A	2027-2028	Playground	Roanoke Park	Playground Replacement	Replace playground equipment and provide ADA access from identified parking. Install new fence along North Mercer Way. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2004 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards. Recommend to combine with general park improvement project (PA0130B).	400,000	2	1	2	1	1	0	26
PA0130B	2027-2028	General/Other	Roanoke Park	General Park & ADA Improvements	Install a park sign and a new bike rack. Install new benches near the tennis court and stairs leading to the court. Address landscaping on the east side of the tennis court, consider removal or thinning. Resurface tennis court and consider striping for pickleball. Improve paths for ADA access. Recommend to combine with playground replacement project (PA0130A).	100,000	1	1	2	1	1	0	20

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PA0184		Trail	SE 47th Open Space	EMW Trail Connection	Acquire easements, design and construct a new trail from East Mercer Way to 90th Ave SE through the SE 47th St Open Space. Project is included in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan. Creates a pedestrian connection from East Mercer Way to the top of the island. One easement has already been obtained.	450,000	1	0	1	2	1	0	16						
PA0185		Shoreline/ Water Access	SE 56th St Landing	General Park & ADA Improvements	Replace existing bench, install entryway sign, trail signage, landscape plan & plantings. New ADA path.	120,000	0	1	1	1	1	0	11						
PA0186		Trail	SE 56th St Landing	SE 56th & WMW Trail Improvement	Construct a new trail from West Mercer Way through unopened right-of-way to SE 56th Landing. Provides a visible pedestrian connection to the lake from West Mercer Way for the broader neighborhood.	215,000	1	0	1	2	1	0	16						
PA0187	2027	Playground	Secret Park	Playground Replacement	Replace playground equipment and provide ADA access from nearest public ROW. Coordinate with nearby playground replacements to diversify play opportunities. Playground equipment was installed in 2007 and normal lifespan is 15-20 years. A renovation project is required to meet ADA standards.	450,000	2	1	2	1	1	0	26						
PA0188		Planning Document	Slater Park	Landscape and Stormwater Plan	Develop a landscape plan for Slater Park. The current landscape was converted from an estate. The site needs to be rehabilitated. Addressing stormwater runoff due to the adjacency of the lake is a priority.	45,000	0	2	2	0	2	0	18						
PA0131	2023	Athletic Field	South Mercer Playfields	Synthetic Turf Replacement & Ballfield Backstop Upgrade	Replace synthetic turf in three softball infields. The turf was installed in 2010 and has an estimated 10-year life span. A sinking fund covers part of the turf replacement cost. This project also includes replacement of existing backstops with new structures that are higher. Foul balls fall into spectator area and parking lot.	1,600,000	2	1	2	0	1	0	24						
PA0189	2025	General/Other	South Point Landing	General Park Improvements	Install benches, improve trail to include stairs, install park sign, and supplement plantings with native plants.	140,000	1	1	1	0	1	0	15						
PA0104	2024-2025	General/Other	System-Wide	Lake Water Irrigation Development	Develop lake water irrigation at Groveland Beach, Clarke Beach, and Luther Burbank Park. Using lake water will expand irrigation to high use beach areas and other park landscapes.	200,000	0	2	2	0	1	2	17						
PA0132	2026	Trail	Upper Luther Burbank Park	Ravine Trail Phase 2	Continue the ravine trail from the stream in Luther Burbank Park to Shorewood. This new trail will provide a pedestrian walking route from Shorewood to Town Center.	325,000	0	1	1	2	1	0	13						

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PA0190	2026-2027	Trail	Wildwood Park	ADA Perimeter Path & General Park Improvements	Install park sign on Island Crest Way. Add ADA perimeter path along 86th Ave SE and around grass area to access park amenities. Potential to extend ADA access to Island Crest Way through a trail connection.	200,000	0	1	1	1	1	0	11

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REMOVE		General/Other	72nd Ave SE Landing	General Park Improvements	Install benches and park sign. (Note: Will be funded through minor capital budget).	7,000	0	1	1	0	1	0	9
REMOVE		General/Other	Fruitland Landing	General Park & ADA Improvements	Install one ADA parking stall and add signage. Replace park sign. Coordinate other upgrades with new pump station LS11 project. (Note: This project is not feasible and was removed from the CFP list).		0	1	1	1	1	0	11
REMOVE		Recreation Facility	Luther Burbank Park	Boiler Building Roof and Seismic Retrofit (Phase 1)	Stabilize smoke stack and other brick masonry. Replace flat roof membrane to protect the structure from water damage. This work preserves the building for future use as a boating facility per Luther Burbank Master Plan. Current building is being impacted by water damage and could fail in an earthquake. (Note: Project removed from the list, this project is already funded in the 2021-2022 CIP).	365,000	2	1	2	0	1	2	26
REMOVE		Planning Document	MICEC	MICEC Facility Plan	Develop 20-year Facility Plan to plan for and address facility improvements, upgrades, and replacements. (Note: Project was removed from the list, this type of planning document is not needed.)		1	2	2	0	1	0	21
REMOVE		Recreation Facility	MICEC	Entrance Awning Replacement	Replace awning glass at the end of useful life. (Note: Project removed, no longer a priority).		2	1	2	0	1	0	24
REMOVE		Recreation Facility	MICEC	Entrance Door Replacement	Replace glass entry door and improve accessibility and safety. (Note: Project removed, entryway door replacement not needed).		2	1	2	0	1	0	24
REMOVE		Recreation Facility	MICEC	Mercer Room Deck Installation	Design and construct a new deck off the south side of the Mercer Room to provide additional usability for this popular rental space. (Note: Project removed, project no longer a priority).		0	2	2	2	1	2	21
REMOVE		Recreation Facility	MICEC	New Vendor Staging Area	Install concrete pad near the Mercer Room and back steps of the MICEC to expand vendor opportunities (i.e. food trucks, ice-cream trucks, etc.) (Note: Project removed, no longer a priority.)		0	2	2	2	1	0	19
REMOVE		Recreation Facility	MICEC	Mercer Room Floor Replacement	Replace Mercer Room floor. (Note: Project removed, floor replacement not needed).		1	1	2	0	1	0	18

Mercer Island PROS Plan - Capital Facilities Plan (20-Year Project List - by Location)
WORKING DRAFT - Updated 10-08-21

Rating Scale						0, 1, 2	0, 1, 2	0, 1, 2	0, 1, 2	0, 1, 2	0, 2	MAX
Weighting						6	3	3	2	3	1	36
Project Title	Project Description	Revised Cost Estimate (2021)	Safety / Liability	Operating Budget Impact	Extends Useful Life	Expands Opportunities	Environment/ Sustainability Impact	Unique Feature	TOTAL			
90th Ave SE Trail connection	Acquire easements, design and construct a new trail from Pioneer Park to Salem Woods Open Space. Provides access to a large neighborhood to the north of Pioneer Park that currently has no direct trail connection. (Note: Project removed, acquisition projects to be addressed through another process).		0	0	1	2	1	0	10			
Synthetic Turf Replacement (shared \$) & Ballfield Backstop Upgrade	Replace synthetic turf in three softball infields. The turf was installed in 2010 and has an estimated 10-year life span. A sinking fund covers part of the cost. (Note: Project combined with PA0131).		2	1	2	0	1	0	24			
Comprehensive Playground Replacement Plan	Develop a comprehensive playground replacement plan. Includes development of a system-wide approach to developing playground themes, selecting equipment styles, special features, and ADA/universal play strategies. Many Mercer Island playgrounds are the same age and at the end of their useful life. This approach will streamline the replacement process. (Note: Project removed at recommendation of staff. Public support was only modest for this approach and there are higher priority planning projects in the queue).	225,000	2	1	2	2	1	0	28			
Signage & Branding Graphics Plan	Develop branding and signage plan for Parks system. (Note: Project removed, if this is a future priority it will be handled through the General Fund, not the Capital Fund).		1	1	0	0	1	0	12			
ADA Access Trail to Basketball Courts	Construct an new ADA path from West Mercer Way to the basketball courts according to the master plan. Recommend to combine this project with the Lid B Restroom Project. (Note: Project combined with ADP Lid B Restroom project PA0106B).	83,000	0	0	1	1	1	0	8			
North Infield Replacement	Replace synthetic turf in the north infield to match the cork and shock pad system used in the rest of the field. The turf was installed in 2012 and has an estimated 10-year life span. (Note: Project combined with PA0117).	380,000	2	1	2	0	1	2	26			

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WORKING DRAFT - Updated 10-08-21

Rating Scale	0, 1, 2	0, 1, 2	0, 1, 2	0, 1, 2	0, 1, 2	0, 2	MAX
Weighting	6	3	3	2	3	1	36

ID#	Proposed 2023-2028 CIP	Project Type	Project Location	Project Title	Project Description	Revised Cost Estimate (2021)	Safety / Liability	Operating Budget Impact	Extends Useful Life	Expands Opportunities	Environment/ Sustainability Impact	Unique Feature	TOTAL
REMOVE		Trail	North Mercerdale Hillside (Combine)	Trail Renovation	The long hillside stairways, constructed with timber crib steps, are decaying and need to be rebuilt. Longer-lasting building materials should be considered for these new structures. Other wood stairways in this park should be removed or replaced, or the trail should rerouted to reduce future trail maintenance and improve walkability. (Note: Project combined with the Mercerdale Hillside Trail Project PA0174).	150,000	2	2	1	0	1	0	24
PA0177		Environment & Sustainability	MICEC	Solar Panel Expansion	Install additional solar array on MICEC roof or at the facility to help offset ongoing electric costs. (Note: Project removed until roof can be re-evaluated. May be reconsidered upon completion of the Climate Action Plan.)		0	2	2	0	2	2	20

PROS: Capital Project Prioritization Criteria – Revised July 2021

A preliminary list of six criteria have been identified to be applied to the draft capital project list.

Criteria	Rating Scale	Rating Definitions	Weighting Factor	Max. Score
Safety & Security: projects that address safety and security needs in order to provide safe public park spaces that are accessible to all, with a higher rating applied for projects with high risk of safety concern or amenities at the end of their useful life.	(0, 1, 2)	0: No / Low risk (Note: Playground age less than 10 years) 1: Moderate risk of safety or failure to be addressed (Note: Playground age 10 to 13 years) 2: High risk of safety or failure to be addressed (Note: Playground age 14+ years)	6	12
Operating Budget Impact: assesses the project impact on the operating budget.	(0, 1, 2)	0: Increase to operating budget (i.e., >5% impact for park site/amenity) 1: Nominal or no material change to operating budget (i.e., <5% budget impact for park site/amenity). 2: Decrease in operating budget at park site/amenity.	3	6
Extending Useful Life / Enhancing Level of Service: projects that repair or replace existing amenities that improve levels of service or function of facilities that are used heavily and/or where cost of project is evaluated against the volume of usage. If new amenity, rank based on life expectancy of new asset or improvement.	(0, 1, 2)	0: Nominal / No extension of life or enhanced service. If new amenity, life expectancy is five years or less. 1: Moderate extension of useful life (i.e., 5-10 years) or modest improvement to level of service for users. If new amenity, life expectancy is 5 to 10 years. 2: Significant extension of useful life (i.e., 10-20 years) or significant improvement to level of service for users. If new amenity, life expectancy is more than 10 years.	3	6
Expanding Opportunities: projects that offer new or expanded recreation opportunities and/or projects that improve ADA/universal access.	(0, 1, 2)	0: No new recreational amenity or opportunity. 1: Moderate / Minor improvement to recreational opportunity (i.e., small trail connections, modest ADA enhancements). 2: Significant / New recreational improvements (i.e., newly added features, new amenities, new trail, major ADA upgrades).	2	4
Environmental/Sustainability Impact: projects that maintain or enhance environmental characteristics of the site.	(0, 1, 2)	0: Significantly impacts or diminishes existing environmental characteristics (i.e., removes substantial number of trees, hardens additional shoreline, requires substantial mitigation, adds significant impervious surface.) 1: Nominally impacts or maintains existing environmental characteristics. 2: Enhances or improves environmental characteristics, includes sustainability projects (i.e., reforestation, substantial invasive species removal, removes hardened shoreline, serves as mitigation bank, improves water quality, energy efficiency projects, etc.)	3	6
Unique Recreation Feature: projects that are high value and unique amenities, such as docks, piers, all-weather turf, splash pad, bike skills areas, or other specialized uses.	(0, 2) Binary	0: Does not pertain to a unique amenity 2: Does pertain to a unique amenity	1	2

2023-2028 SIX-YEAR PARKS CIP (PRELIMINARY DRAFT - PROJECTS ONLY)

Working Draft - Updated 10-08-21

ID	Location	Description	Target Completion Date	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	TOTAL
GB0102	MICEC	Building Repairs	ONGOING	327,000	337,000	348,000	359,000	370,000	382,000	2,123,000
PA0127	MICEC	Annex Facilities Plan	2023	200,000						200,000
PA0133	MICEC	Technology and Equipment Replacement	ONGOING	60,500	63,000	65,000	67,000	70,000	73,000	398,500
PA0178	MICEC	Entryway Parking Lot Asphalt Replacement	2023	150,000						150,000
PA0179	MICEC	Parking Lot Planter Bed Renovation	2024					200,000		200,000
PA0181	MICEC	Generator for Emergency Use	2027					400,000		400,000
6		GENERAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC BUILDINGS TOTAL		150,000	-	-	-	-	-	3,471,500
N/A	Not Assigned	Property Acquisition - Placeholder	ONGOING			500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	2,000,000
N/A	Multiple Locations	Beaches and Shoreline Project Placeholders	TBD			750,000	2,250,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	7,000,000
PA0100	Multiple Locations	Open Space Management (3% Escalator)	ONGOING	338,000	349,000	360,000	371,000	383,000	395,000	2,196,000
PA0101	Multiple Locations	Recurring Parks Minor Capital (3% Escalator)	ONGOING	140,000	145,000	150,000	155,000	160,000	165,000	915,000
PA0103	Multiple Locations	Trail Renovation and Property Management (3% Escalator)	ONGOING	55,000	57,000	59,000	61,000	63,000	65,000	360,000
PA0104	Multiple Locations	Lake Water Irrigation Development	2025		75,000	125,000				200,000
PA0106A	Aubrey Davis Park	Lid B Playground Replacement and ADA Parking	2027				200,000	700,000		900,000
PA0106B	Aubrey Davis Park	Lid B Restroom and ADA Path	2027				200,000	1,000,000		1,200,000
PA0107	Aubrey Davis Park	Outdoor Sculpture Gallery Improvements	2026		30,000	60,000	170,000			260,000
PA0108	Aubrey Davis Park	Luther Lid Connector Trail	2025		150,000	750,000				900,000
PA0110	Aubrey Davis Park	Lid A Backstop Replacement	2028					80,000	560,000	640,000
PA0111	Aubrey Davis Park	Vegetation Management (3% Escalator)	ONGOING	115,000	119,000	123,000	127,000	131,000	135,000	750,000
PA0115	Hollerbach Open Space	Hollerbach SE 45th Trail System	2025		85,000	377,000				462,000
PA0116	Island Crest Park	South Field Lights Replacement and Upgrade	2026			90,000	910,000			1,000,000
PA0117A	Island Crest Park	North Infield Turf and Backstop Replacement	2023	1,000,000						1,000,000
PA0117B	Island Crest Park	South Field Backstop Replacement	2023	100,000						100,000
PA0119	Luther Burbank Park	Tennis Court Renovation/Convert to Pickleball	2025		100,000	400,000				500,000
PA0120	Luther Burbank Park	Parking Lot Lighting (could move)	2023	125,000						125,000
PA0121	Luther Burbank Park	Swim Beach Renovation	2026		116,600	30,000	875,400			1,022,000
PA0122	Luther Burbank Park	Dock Repair and Reconfiguration	2024	500,000	3,250,000					3,750,000
PA0123	Luther Burbank Park	Minor Capital Levy	-							-
PA0124B	Luther Burbank Park	Luther Burbank Boiler Building Roof and Seismic Retrofit	2028					200,000	3,000,000	3,200,000
PA0126	Mercerdale Park	Mercerdale Park Master Plan	2023	200,000						200,000
PA0129	Pioneer Park/Engstrom	Open Space Forest Management (3% Escalator)	ONGOING	200,000	206,000	213,000	220,000	227,000	234,000	1,300,000
PA0130A	Roanoke Park	Playground Replacement	2028					50,000	350,000	400,000
PA0130B	Roanoke Park	General Park & ADA Improvements	2028					25,000	75,000	100,000
PA0131	South Mercer Playfields	Synthetic Turf Replacement & Ballfield Backstop Upgrade	2023	1,600,000						1,600,000

ID	Location	Description	Target Completion Date	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	TOTAL
PA0132	Trail - North Island	Upper Luther Ravine Trail Phase 2	2026			100,000	225,000			325,000
PA0141	Aubrey Davis Park	Tennis Court Resurfacing/Conversion to Pickleball Shared Use	2024		110,000					110,000
PA0143	Aubrey Davis Park	Mountains to Sound Trail Pavement Renovation	2023	95,000						95,000
PA0145	Aubrey Davis Park	MTS Trail Lighting from Island Crest Way to Shorewood	2028					50,000	250,000	300,000
PA0144	Aubrey Davis Park	MTS Trail Connectino at Shorewood Drive	2025			75,000				
PA0148	Deane's Children's Park	Playground Replacement (Castle/Swings/Climbing Rock)	2025		50,000	200,000				250,000
PA0151	First Hill Park	Playground Replacement and Sport Court Resurfacing	2027				75,000	225,000		300,000
PA0157	Groveland and Clarke	Clarke Beach and Groveland Beach Joint Master Plan	2024	50,000	250,000					300,000
PA0166	Luther Burbank Park	Amphiteater Renovation (Design Only)	2025			75,000				75,000
PA0175	Mercerdale Hillside	Trail Renovation	2028					100,000	600,000	700,000
PA0182	MICEC	Stair Replacement between MICEC and LB Parking Lot	2028					30,000	160,000	190,000
PA0187	Secret Park	Playground Replacement	2027				75,000	375,000		450,000
PA0189	South Point Landing	General Park Improvements	2025			140,000				140,000
PA0190	Trail - Wildwood Park	ADA Perimeter Path & General Park Improvements	2027				50,000	150,000		200,000
41		PARKS, RECREATION, & OPEN SPACE TOTAL		4,518,000	5,092,600	4,577,000	6,464,400	6,449,000	8,489,000	35,515,000
PA0150	Ellis Pond	Aquatic Habitat Enhancement		18,000						18,000
1		STORMWATER TOTAL		18,000	-	-	-	-	-	18,000
PA0142	Aubrey Davis Park	Intersection and Crossing Improvements	ONGOING	75,000	78,000	81,000	84,000	87,000	90,000	318,000
1		STREETS, PEDESTRIANS, & BICYCLE FACILITIES TOTAL		75,000	78,000	81,000	84,000	87,000	90,000	318,000
49		TOTAL		\$ 4,761,000	\$ 5,170,600	\$ 4,658,000	\$ 6,548,400	\$ 6,536,000	\$ 8,579,000	\$ 39,322,500



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Parks & Recreation Commission

October 14, 2021

2 Survey #2 Highlights

- Designed in coordination with staff and Park & Recreation Commission
- August 23rd – September 17th
- Mailed to 2,500 randomized addresses
- 505 responses (20% response rate)
- Online survey available to entire community (824 responses)
- Survey datasets kept separated



City of Mercer Island

2021 Community Survey on Parks and Recreation

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Dear Mercer Island Resident:

The City of Mercer Island began updating the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan in early 2020. The PROS Plan will help inform parks and recreation priorities for the next 6 to 10 years. Work on the PROS Plan was suspended in early 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and resumed in early 2021. For more information on the PROS Plan, please visit the Mercer Island Let's Talk page (<https://letstalk.mercergov.org/miprosplan>).

In early 2020, the City facilitated a community survey on parks and recreation and now is conducting a second PROS Plan survey to better understand local priorities for improvements to the parks system. We understand that COVID-19 may have impacted your ability to visit parks and trails this past year. We ask that you consider the future orientation of the parks plan as you evaluate needs and priorities for the parks and recreation system. Your opinions are important to the City.

You can return the survey in the reply-ready envelope provided or with this QR code:



1,329 completed surveys!

How often do you visit or use Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities (parks, trails, etc.)?

- ☐ A few times over the year
☐ Do not visit facilities / parks / open space
☐ Don't know

How satisfied are you with Mercer Island Parks & Recreation facilities, parks, trails?

- ☐ Somewhat dissatisfied
☐ Very dissatisfied
☐ Don't know

☐ Somewhat satisfied

3. How has the COVID-19 Pandemic impacted your use of Mercer Island parks, trails and open space?

- ☐ Use increased during the COVID-19 Pandemic
☐ Use decreased during the COVID-19 Pandemic
☐ Use was about the same during the COVID-19 Pandemic

4. What do you think are the most needed improvements to the current City of Mercer Island parks system, including trails and open space areas? Select UP TO 3 items. (Responses with more than three items selected will not be recorded.)

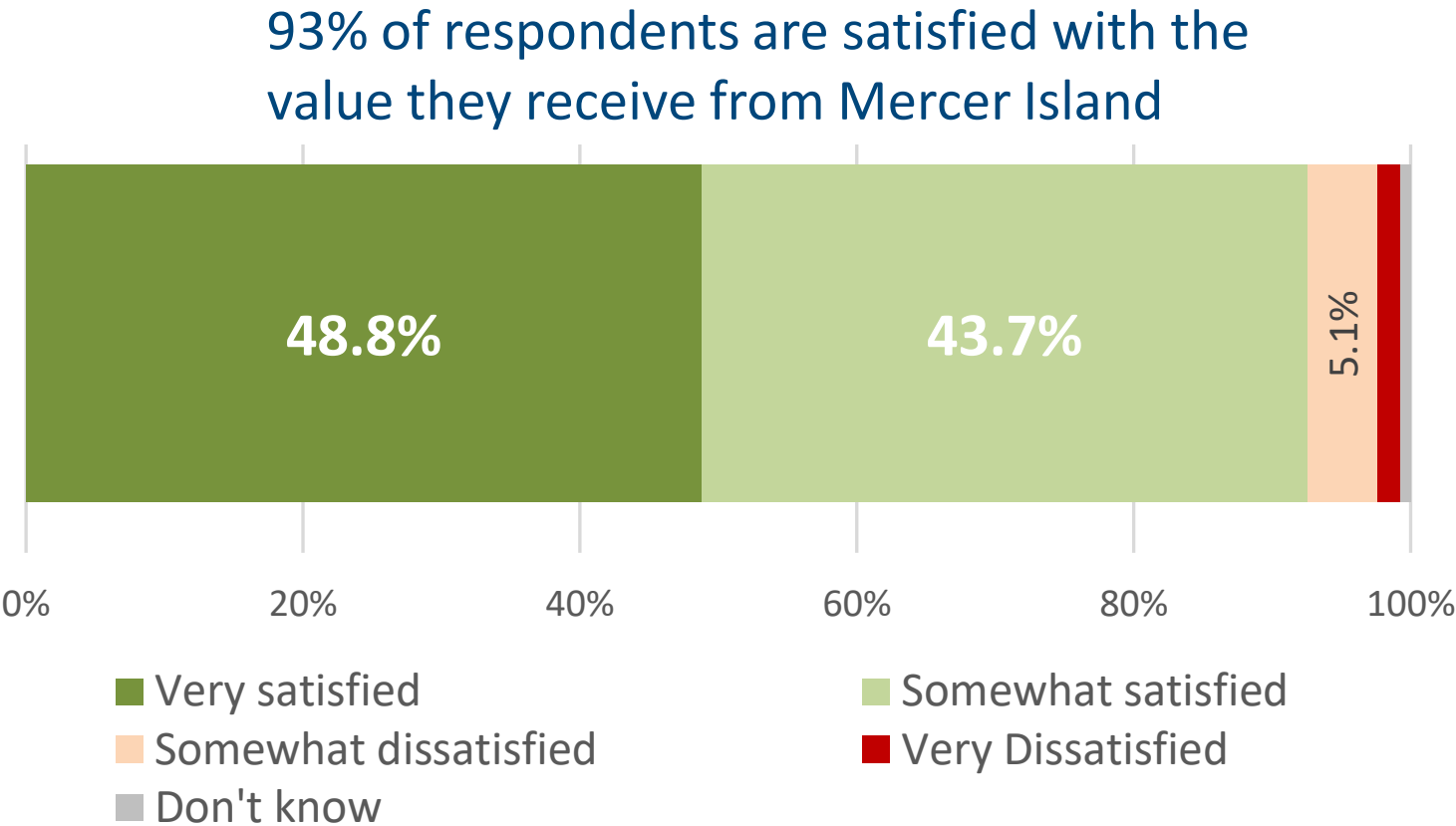
- ☐ Improve or expand picnic shelters / picnic areas
☐ Improve or expand parking options for water and trail access areas
☐ Improve restroom facilities / expand availability of restroom facilities
☐ Improve universal access / ADA access at park facilities, including playground upgrades
☐ Repair or upgrade waterfront areas, including docks and beaches
☐ Upgrade athletic fields for improved playability, diverse usage and access
☐ Connect gaps in the trail system to create a complete trail network
☐ Upgrade / replace the skate park
☐ Expand maintenance and restoration of open space and natural areas
☐ None of the above are needed improvements
☐ Other: _____

Survey #2 Highlights

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Satisfaction

Level of satisfaction in parks & recreation is same as in 2020 survey



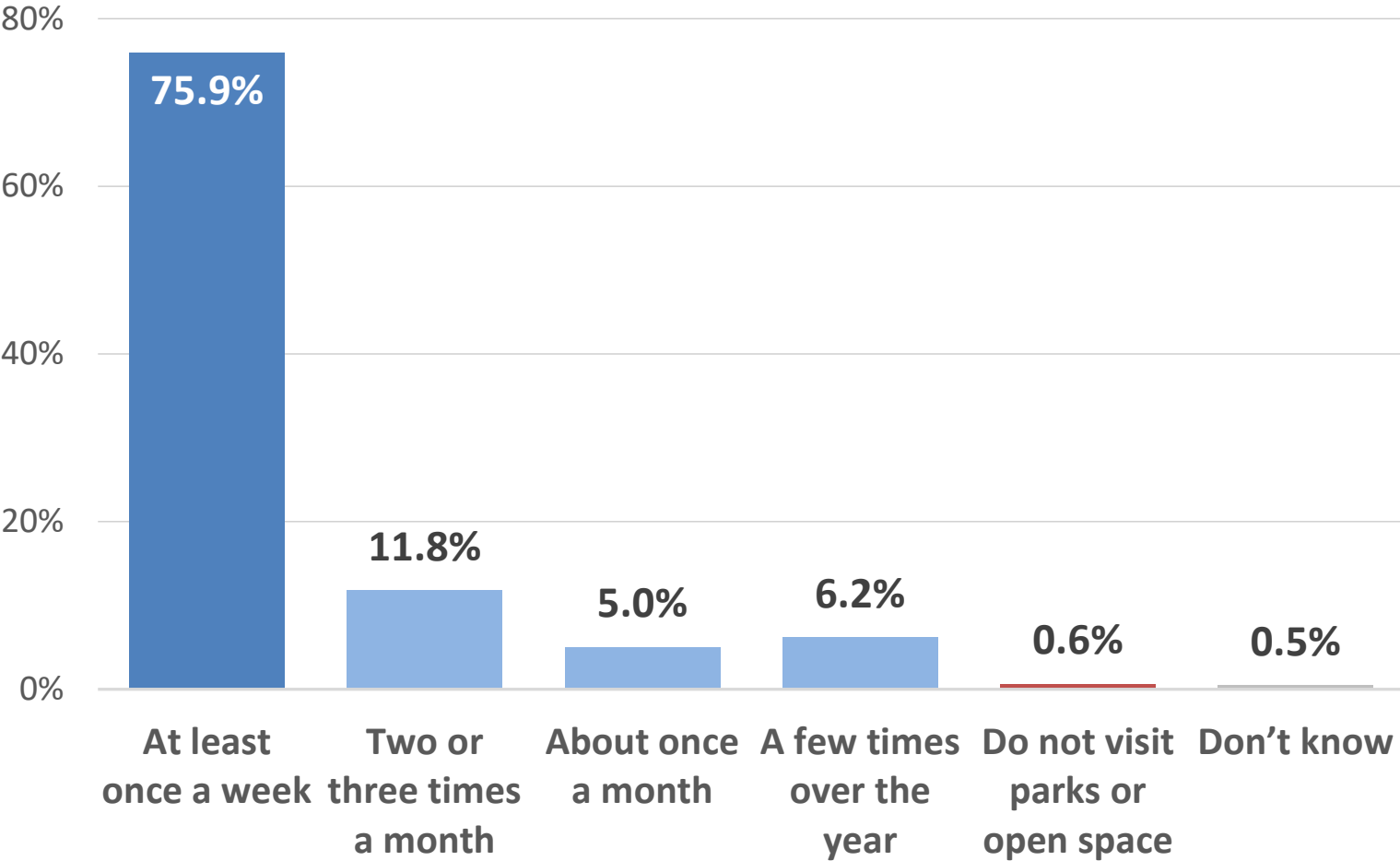
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Visitation

- ↗ **51% - Usage increased**
- ↔ **31% - Usage stayed same**
- ↘ **18% - Usage decreased**

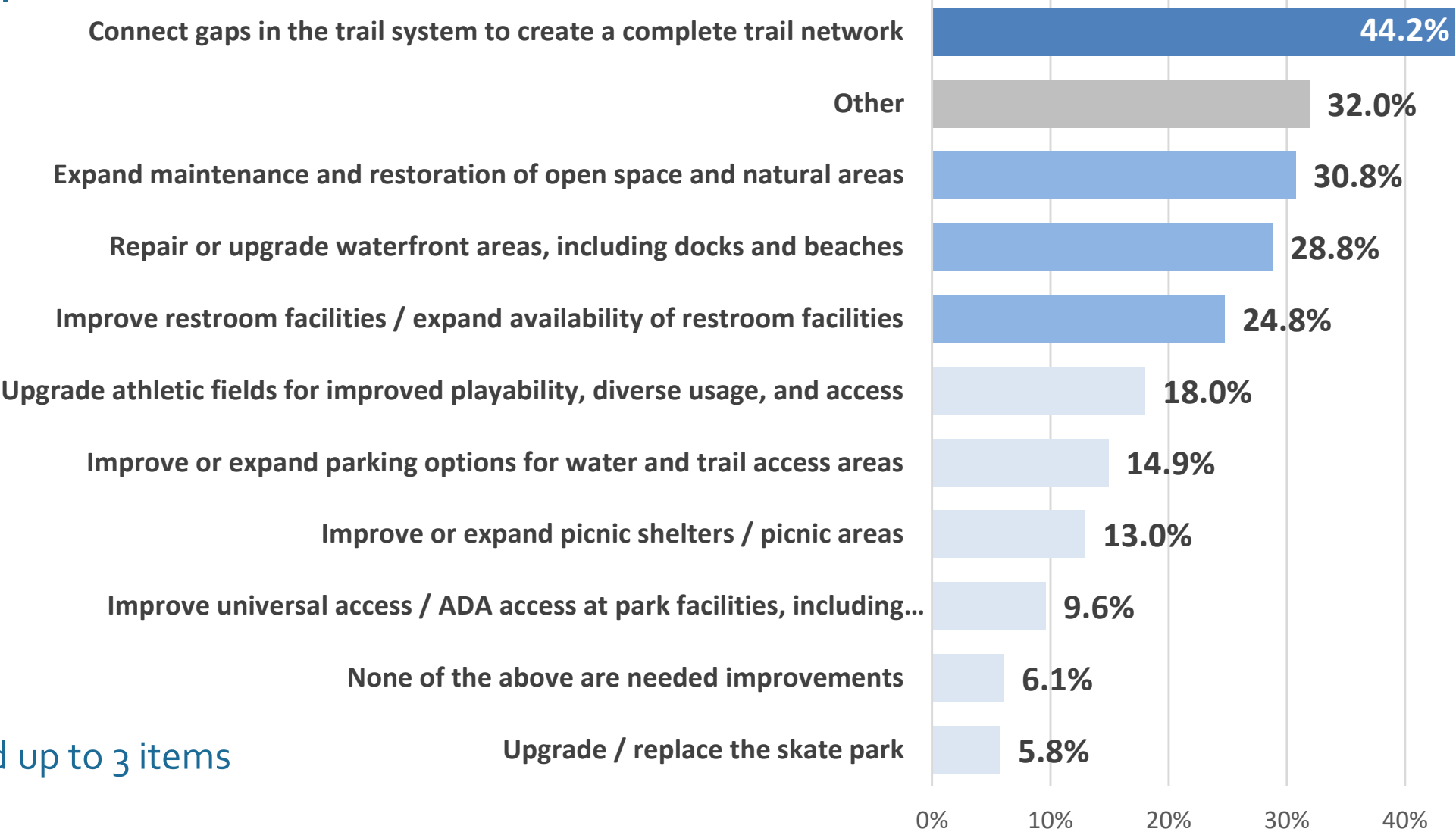
- Nearly identical between mail & online-only surveys
- 95% monthly usage (2020) vs. 93% monthly usage (2021)



Survey #2 Highlights

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Most Needed Improvements



* Respondents selected up to 3 items

Survey #2 Highlights

Most Needed Improvements

‘Other’ includes:

- Add pickleball courts; convert tennis and/or basketball courts to pickleball
- Enhance maintenance, to include playground replacements, trail maintenance, pathway repaving and invasive plant management
- Off-leash dog management and leash law enforcement
- Enhanced trash management, such as adding more trash cans and more frequent waste hauling
- Security and safety management, including managing for homeless encampments

Survey #2 Highlights

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Most Needed Improvements

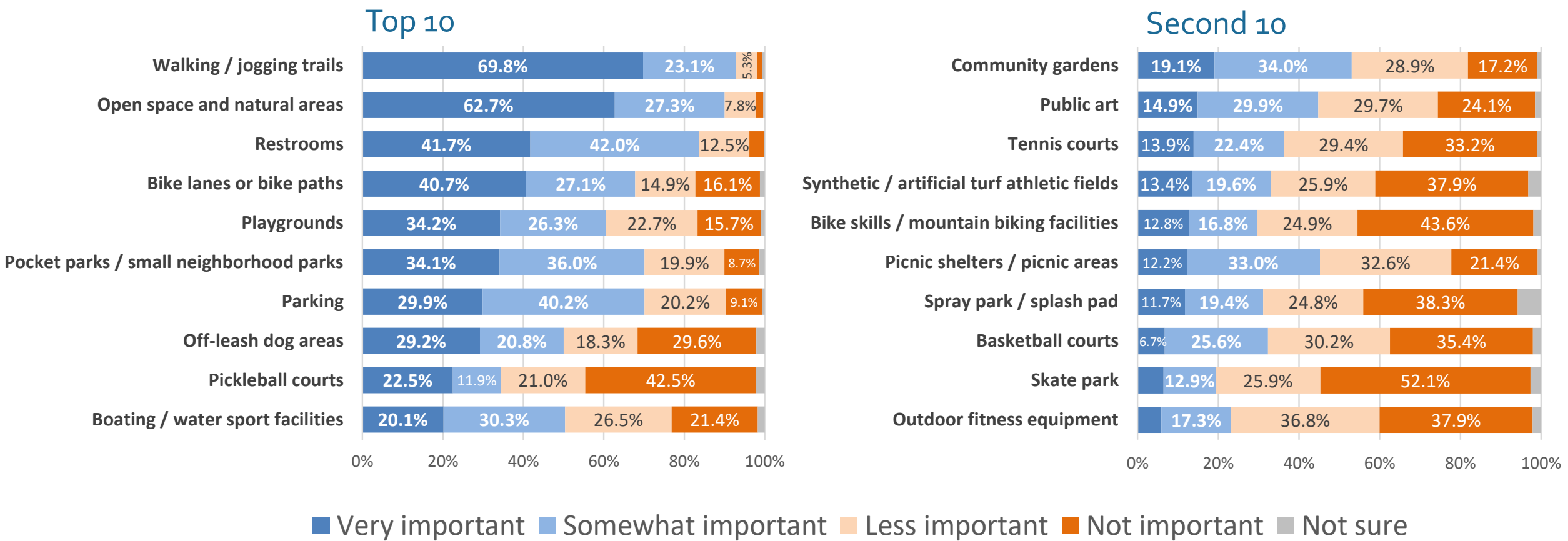
1. Connect gaps in the trail system to create a complete trail network
2. Repair or upgrade waterfront areas, including docks and beaches
3. Expand maintenance and restoration of open space and natural areas
4. Improve restroom facilities / expand availability of restroom facilities



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Important Recreational Amenities



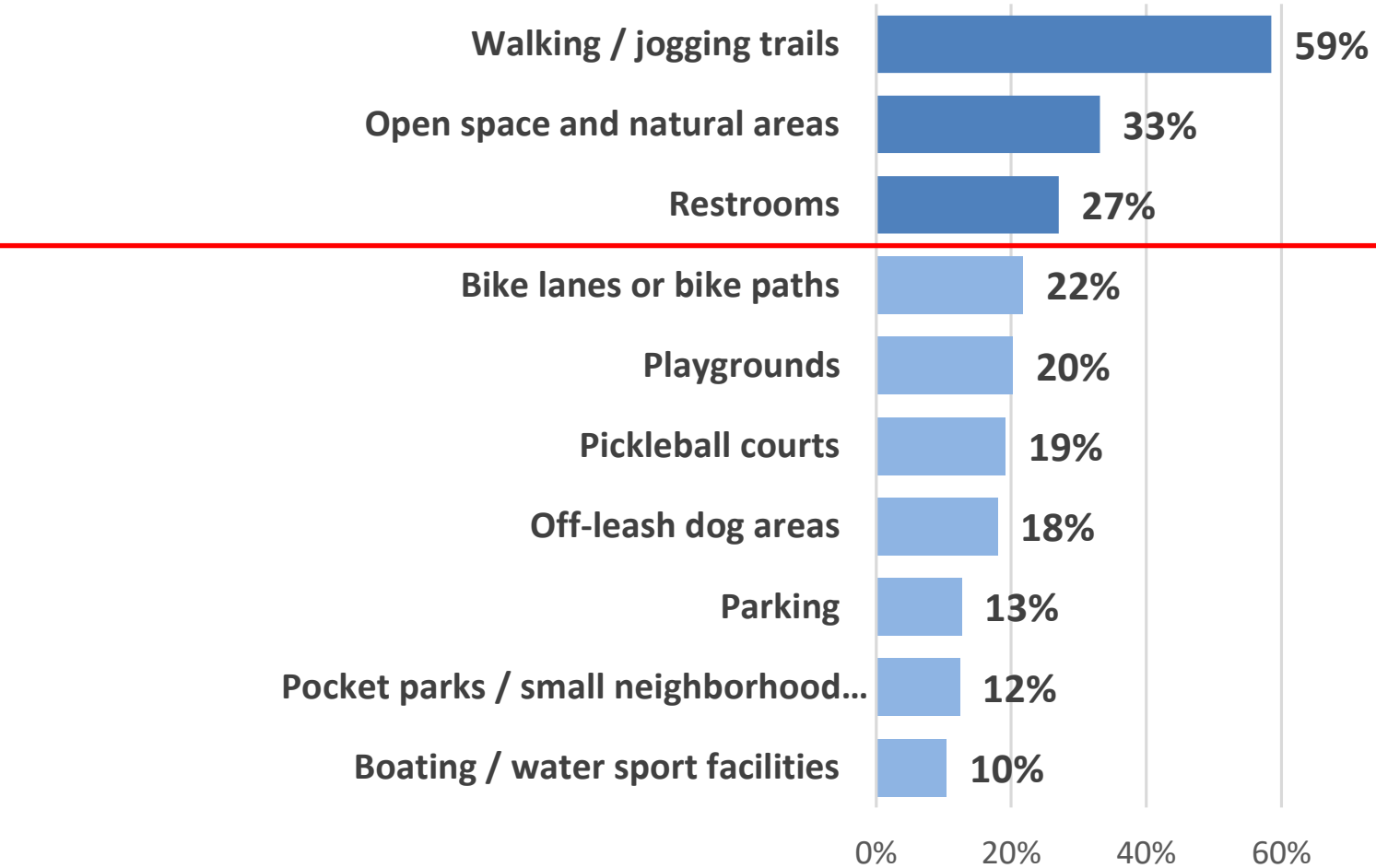
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Important Recreational Amenities (Select top 3)

Top 3

- Top 3 same as full list
- Top 10 same as full list
- Pickleball interest outpaced any other field or court sport facility by at least 2X



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High Interest Water-oriented Options



Kayak / paddleboard rentals or other watercraft rentals

Water-oriented summer camps (sailing, kayaking, etc.)

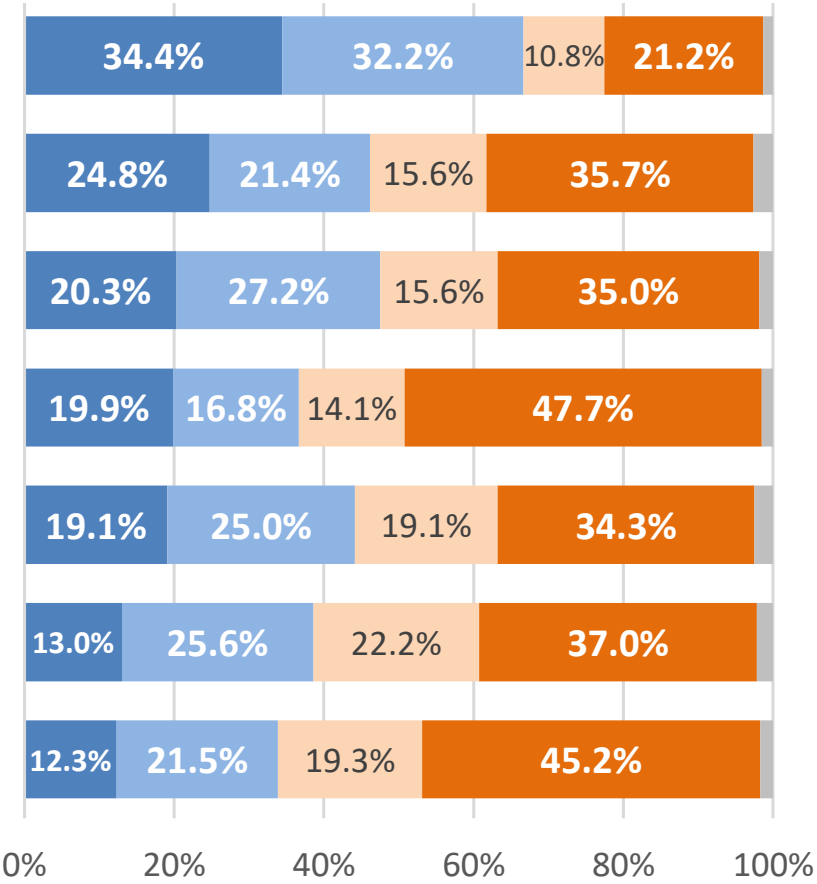
Sailing classes

Swimming lessons

Rowing or crew programs

Water-oriented special events such as dragon boat races, sailing races, etc.

Fishing programs (classes, casting practice, derbies)



Very interested Somewhat interested Less interested Not interested Not sure

Survey #2 Highlights

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High Interest Recreation Programs

- Water: boating & swimming
- Youth: sports, summer, after-school camps
- Fitness
- Arts

Boating programs (sailing, kayaking or paddle boarding)

Youth sports / athletics programs and camps

Swimming & water safety (classes or for fitness)

Performing arts (music, dance or theater)

Fitness programs (yoga, aerobics or sports training)

Youth after-school programs or summer day camps

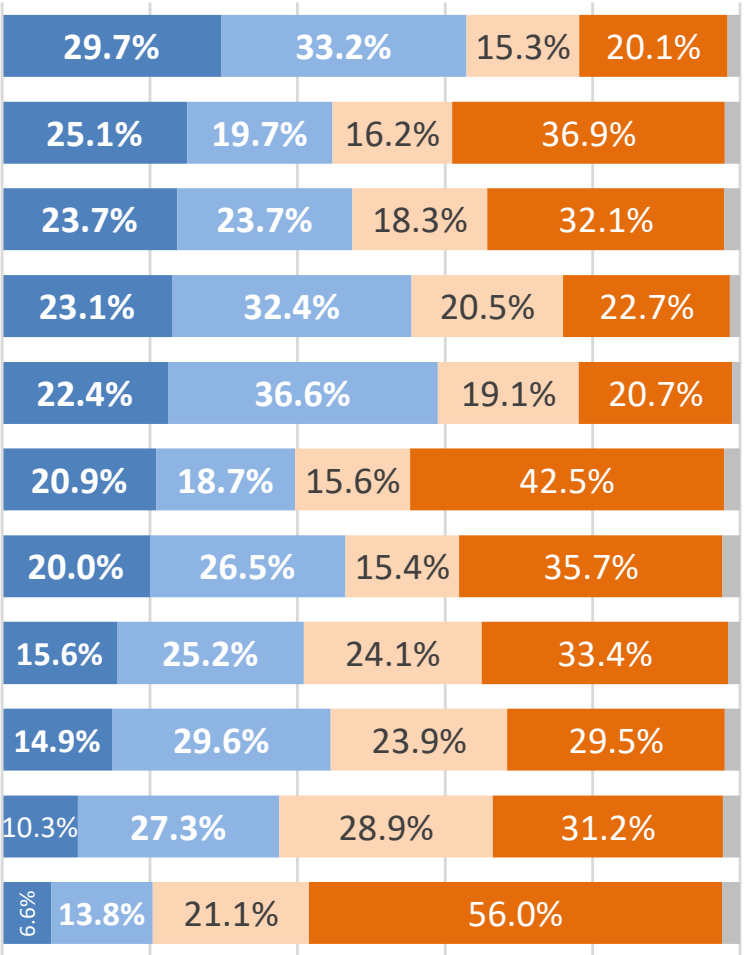
Programs for adults 55+ (drop-in activities, trips)

Arts & crafts programs

Outdoor classes (fishing, environmental or orienteering)

Educational classes (technology, safety or health)

Computers, gaming or e-sports



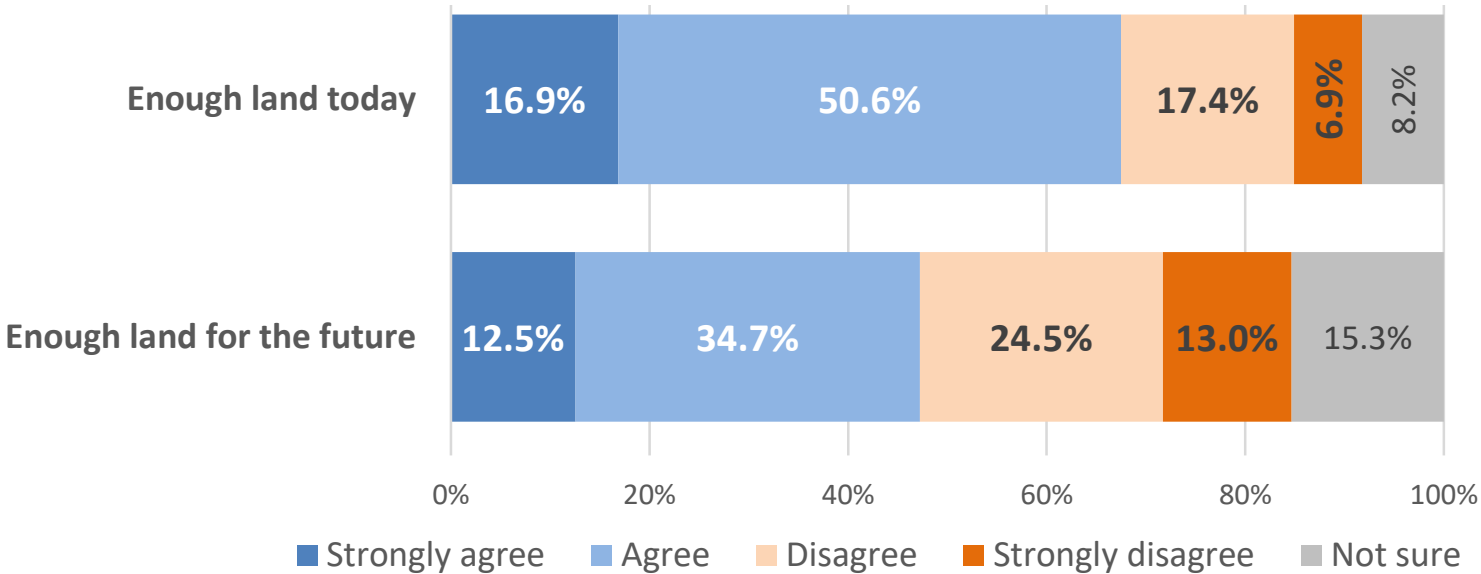
0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

Very interested Somewhat interested Less interested Not interested Not sure

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Is There Enough Parkland Today and in Future?



Forced Ranking for Acquisitions:

1. Preserve habitat and open space areas (can include walking / jogging trails)
2. New or expanded waterfront access
3. Active recreation such as athletic fields and playgrounds
4. Pocket parks or small neighborhood parks
5. Indoor recreation facilities, like gyms

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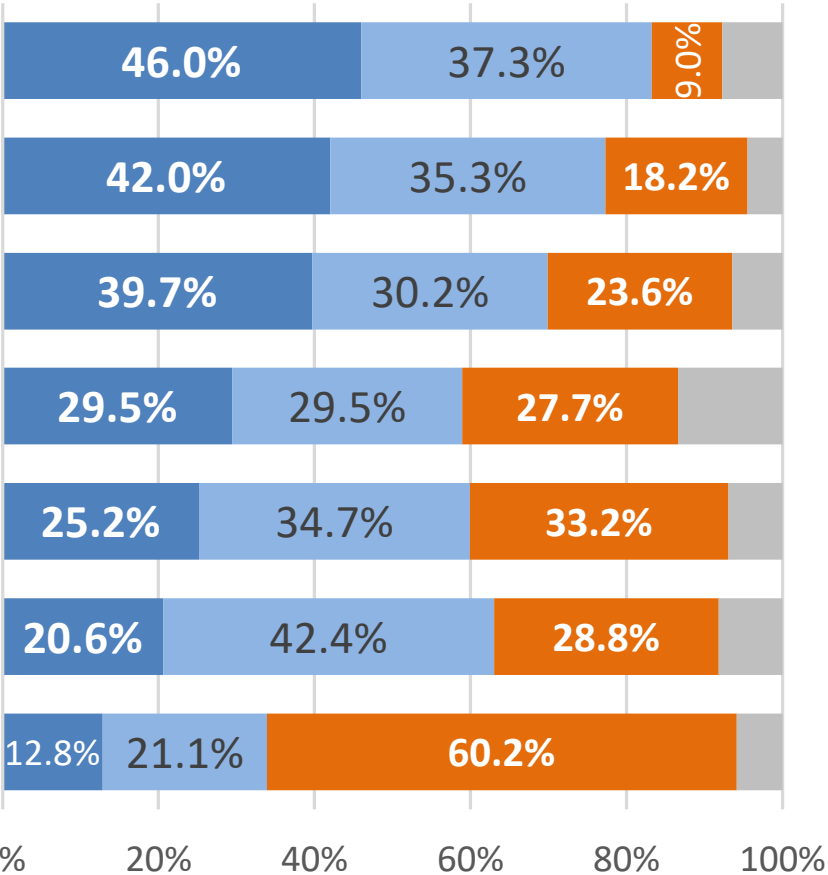
Support for Revenue Options

Strong majority support



- Increase rental scheduling at the Community Center for private events and gatherings
- Institute / expand concessions, such as vending or food carts
- Charge fees for outfield fence banners or other advertisements at athletic fields
- Sell limited term (5 to 10-years) naming rights at park facilities
- Institute a paid reservation system for tennis and pickleball courts at heavily used parks
- Install and rent additional picnic shelters
- Institute a seasonal, paid parking program at Luther Burbank Park

Majority not supportive



Very supportive Somewhat supportive Not supportive Not sure

Survey #2 Highlights

The 'One' Improvement Residents Would Make

Write-in responses:

- Improve maintenance of existing parks, trails, and open space
- Create more trail connections and linkages
- Provide pickleball
- Acquire additional open space
- Provide additional beach or waterfront access
- Provide more/larger playgrounds, splash pads and restrooms
- Replace the Luther Burbank Park dock
- Provide additional off-leash parks and trails, and enforce leash laws
- Upgrade sport fields

Public Feedback Take-Aways

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Waterfront Infrastructure

- Consistent, strong support for replacing docks & piers
- Top 3 improvement / 86% important public meeting
- Aligns with sentiment to ‘maintain what you have’
- Interest in improved & additional waterfront access, including street ends, and for water-oriented programming

Parks & Open Space

- Openness toward providing a variety of recreational opportunities (e.g., pickleball, splash pad)
- Playground renovations & replacements, to include inclusive play
- Address concerns about bike skills area
- Address concerns about leash law enforcement

Trails & Paths

- Improve maintenance of existing trails
- Create more trail connections and coordinate with planning for right-of-way linkages
- Signage, wayfinding

User Convenience & Support Amenities

- Upgrade / expand restrooms
- More, larger, different playgrounds
- Concessions for kayak, boat, SUP rentals
- Signage, wayfinding

Discussion

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Capital Planning

Guided by community input

Guided by known physical needs or deficiencies

Guided by adopted site master planning efforts

Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)

- 6-year project list
- Reasonably funded
- First two years of CIP adopted into City Budget
- Needed for grant applications
- Informs Park Impact Fee rates

Capital Facilities Plan (CFP)

- 20-year project list
- Includes creating new facilities or new additions to current
- Informs long view of financial needs / impacts
- May inform Park Impact Fee rates

Capital Planning

Considerations

- 'Soft costs' included, such as planning, design, engineering, permitting, project management and inflation escalation
- Deferral of known maintenance, renovation or repair projects results in higher future costs
- Forced or planned decommissioning of in- or over-water infrastructure may result in non-replacement, future permitting uncertainty & very high cost

Examples

- Some do's and don'ts

Status Update

Plan Document Development

October

Draft Plan Content

- Introduction
- Community Profile / Demographics
- Community Outreach
- Classifications & Inventory
- Recreation
- Appendices

In-Progress Content

- Goals & Objectives
- Capital Plan

November

Draft Plan Content

- Open Space & Conservation
- Parks & Active Use Areas
- Trails
- Operations & Stewardship

In-Progress Content

- Goals & Objectives
- Capital Plan
- Implementation

December

Draft Plan Content

- Goals & Objectives
- Capital Plan
- Implementation

Draft PROS Plan composite for final review

* Plan structure guided by RCO requirements