



JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

448 E. 1st Street, Room 190 Salida, Colorado 81201

March 06, 2023 - 6:00 PM

AGENDA

Please register for the City Council Work Session

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8054749917914710285>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- [1.](#) Studio Seed Presentation on South Arkansas Neighborhood Survey
- [2.](#) Parks and Recreation Annual Report



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DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Community Development	Bill Almquist - Community Development Director Studio Seed (South Ark Neighborhood Plan Consultants)	March 6, 2023

ITEM

Presentation of feedback/results from the January 31st South Ark Neighborhood Plan open house and related online community survey conducted 1/31/23 – 2/15/23

BACKGROUND

The City officially kicked off the South Ark Neighborhood Plan process with an open house-style meeting at the SteamPlant Ballroom on January 31st, 2023 which was attended by approximately 300 people. Individuals were provided with some basic background information on the site and were asked to indicate their preferences using sticker dots regarding a variety of questions related to overall use(s) of the 100-acre City-owned property. They were also asked more detailed questions about potential specific uses, including: housing, recreation fields/facilities, educational facilities, natural open space, and other uses/attributes. The meeting corresponded with the release of an online survey that covered much of the same information and questions, and provided additional space for comments. Approximately 900 online surveys were submitted (over 10% of the City population, which is a very good response rate/sample size).

From the demographic data collected, the responses represent a fairly good representation of the overall community, though as is typical for most surveys, it is weighted a bit heavier towards the more affluent and home-owner portion of the population. Our consultants on the project, Studio Seed, have amassed all the comments and responses to the questions into a variety of graphs and summary slides that they will present and discuss at the work session with both Planning Commission and City Council (presentation attached).

There were also numerous opportunities to provide additional comments in the survey, and the entirety of those comments (and other raw data) are/will be available on the City's project website and StoryMap page, accessed at: <https://www.cityofsalida.com/commdev> by Monday, March 6th. Overall, there were a wide array of interests/desires/values for the site expressed both at the in-person meeting and via the online survey. Though not posed as a specific question, it is estimated that approximately 3 in 10 participants/respondents indicated a desire to leave the site entirely or undeveloped. As a reminder, there is already an overall development plan for the site (from 2011) which anticipates a variety of uses, including up to 400 dwelling units, 25,000 SF of non-residential development, and approximately 32 acres of natural open space (not including athletic fields). Staff has also determined that approximately 8-10 additional acres are not recommended for any type of development (including athletic fields) due to their likely wetland nature or other hydrologic or topographical features/constraints. This leaves approximately 55-60 acres for other potential use (including athletic fields).



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Staff and Studio Seed appreciate Planning Commission and City Council's review and consideration of these results, as well as additional guidance/direction on options that can be eliminated from the myriad possibilities. The next round of public engagement regarding the site is slated for the **week of March 27-30**, and will likely include guided tours of the entire site, formal presentations, opportunities to provide recommendations on site design, and another open house-style meeting to provide feedback on 2-3 preferred site alternatives created by the design consultants based upon public input and direction of City Council. A calendar of events is anticipated to be advertised in various locations, in print and online, beginning the week of March 13th.

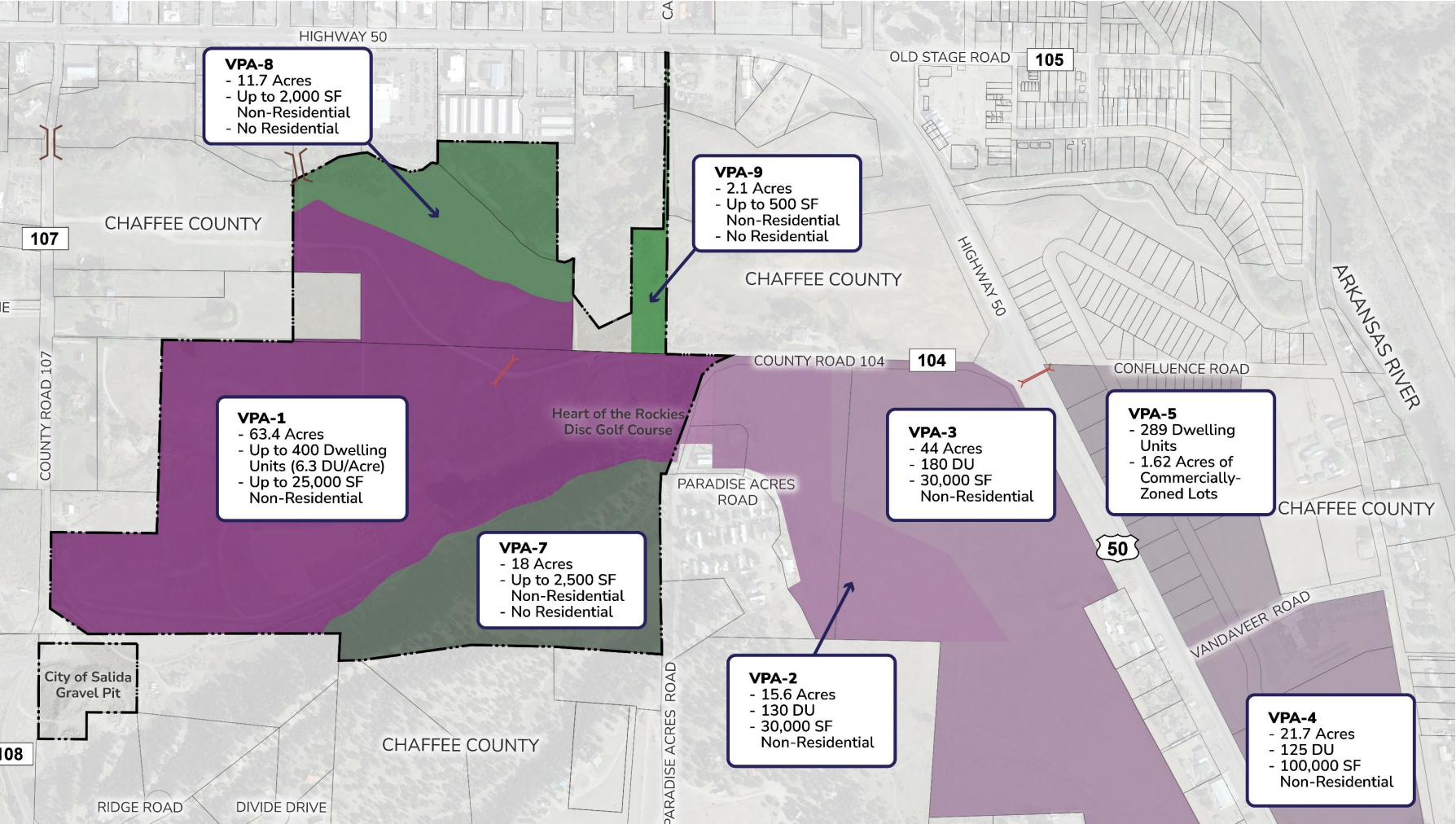
Attachment

Studio See PowerPoint Presentation/Summary of Responses

SOUTH ARK VISIONING SURVEY RESULTS

Online Survey – January 31, 2023 – February 15, 2023
Community Open House Inputs – January 31, 2023

PROJECT OVERVIEW



What's Currently Allowed in the ODP

ONLINE SURVEY PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

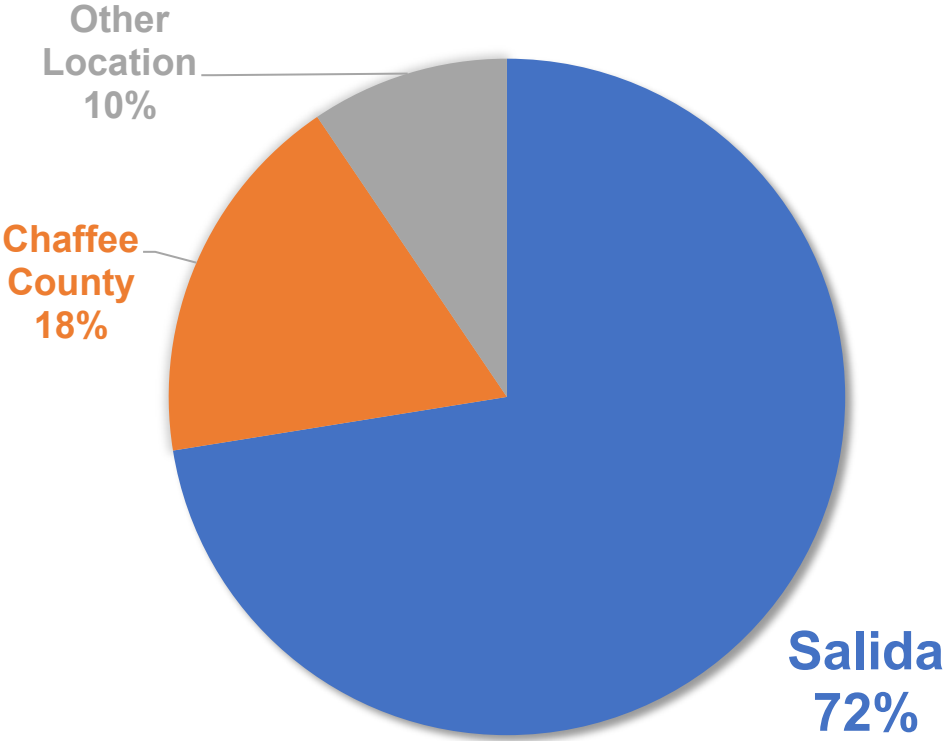
Total Respondents = 898

WHERE DO YOU RESIDE FULL-TIME?

**~ 11%
OF SALIDA
POPULATION TOOK
SURVEY**

2021 Population Est.
= 5,812
Salida Residents in Survey
= 650

ONLINE SURVEY RESPONDENTS
(897)

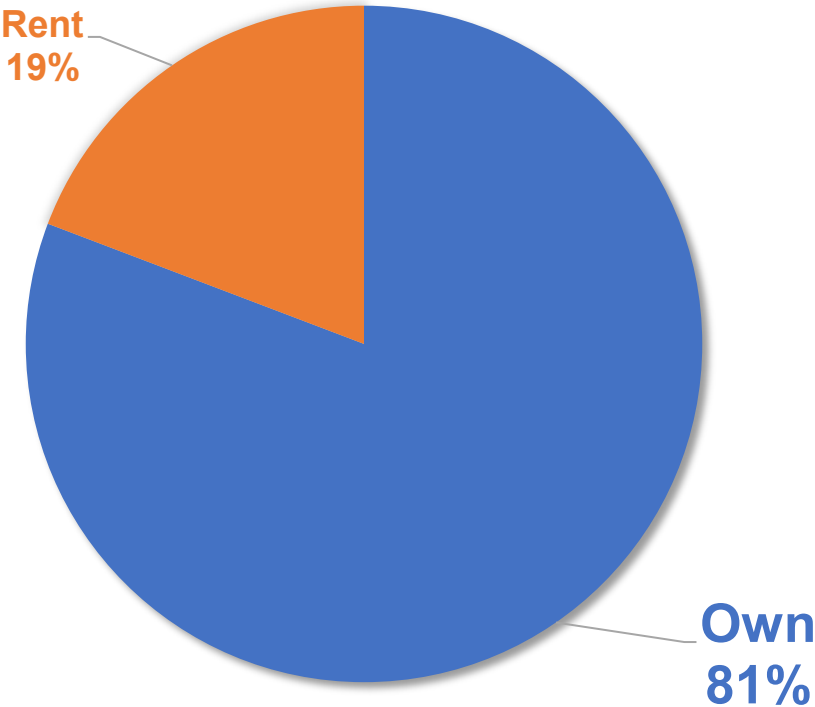


DO YOU CURRENTLY OWN OR RENT?

ONLINE SURVEY RESPONDENTS
(895)

81%
OF RESPONDENTS
ARE HOMEOWNERS

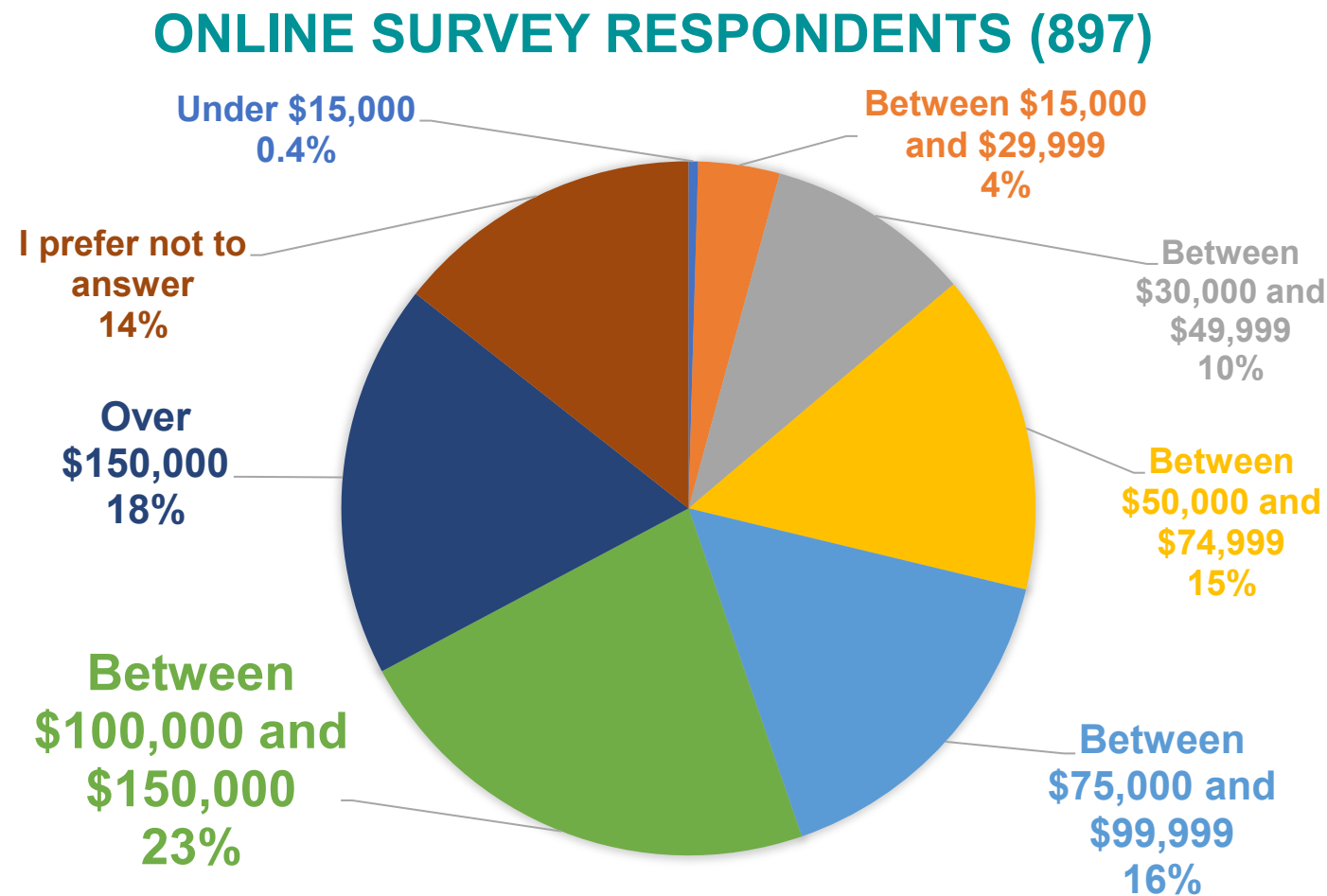
Owner-Occupied Housing
Rate in Salida (2017-2021) =
64.5%



WHAT IS YOUR COMBINED HOUSEHOLD INCOME?

57%
OF RESPONDENTS
HAVE A COMBINED HH
INCOME OF >\$75K

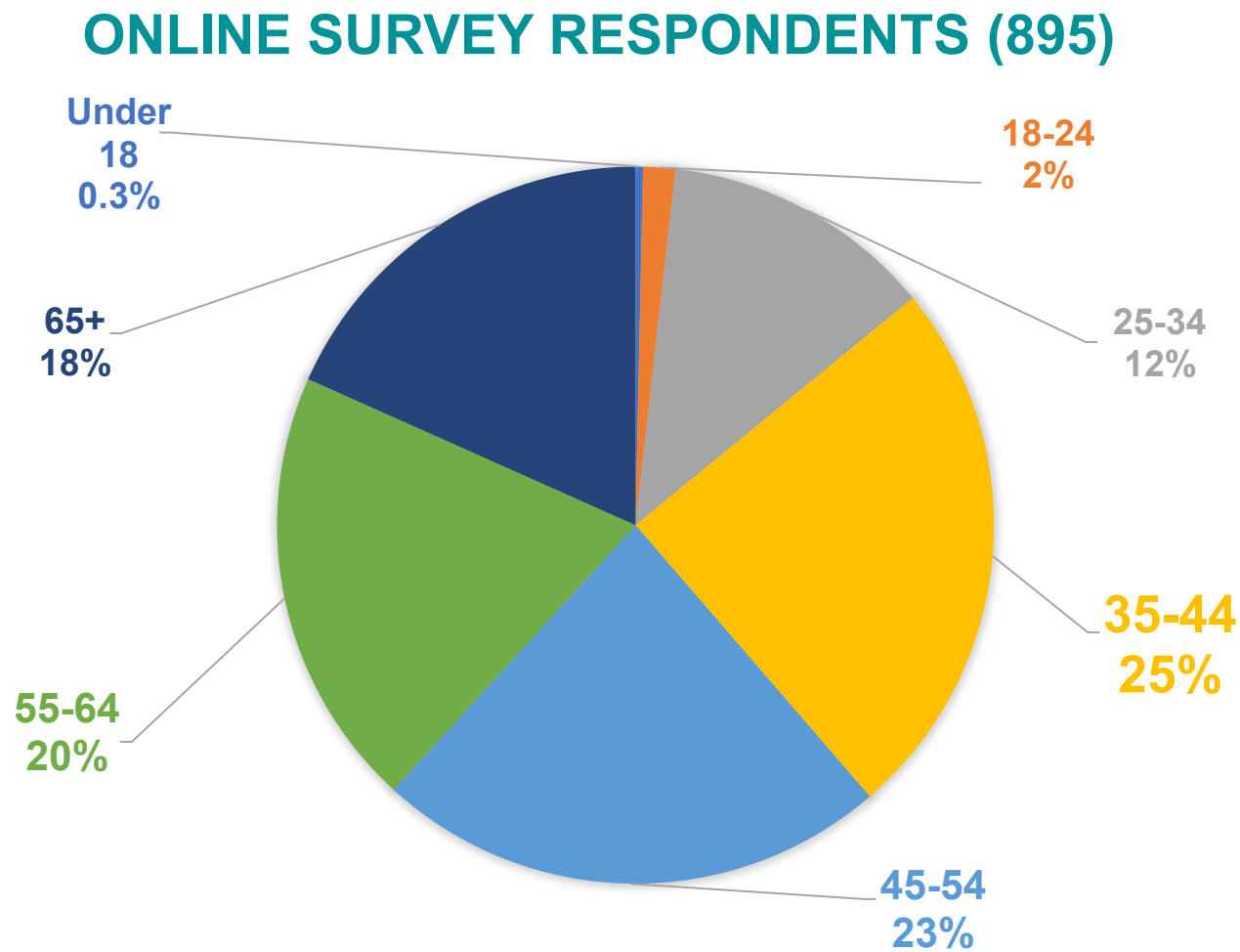
Median HH Income in Salida
(2017-2021) = \$62,668



WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

68%
OF RESPONDENTS
WERE BETWEEN 35-64

Median Age of Salida
= 44 years

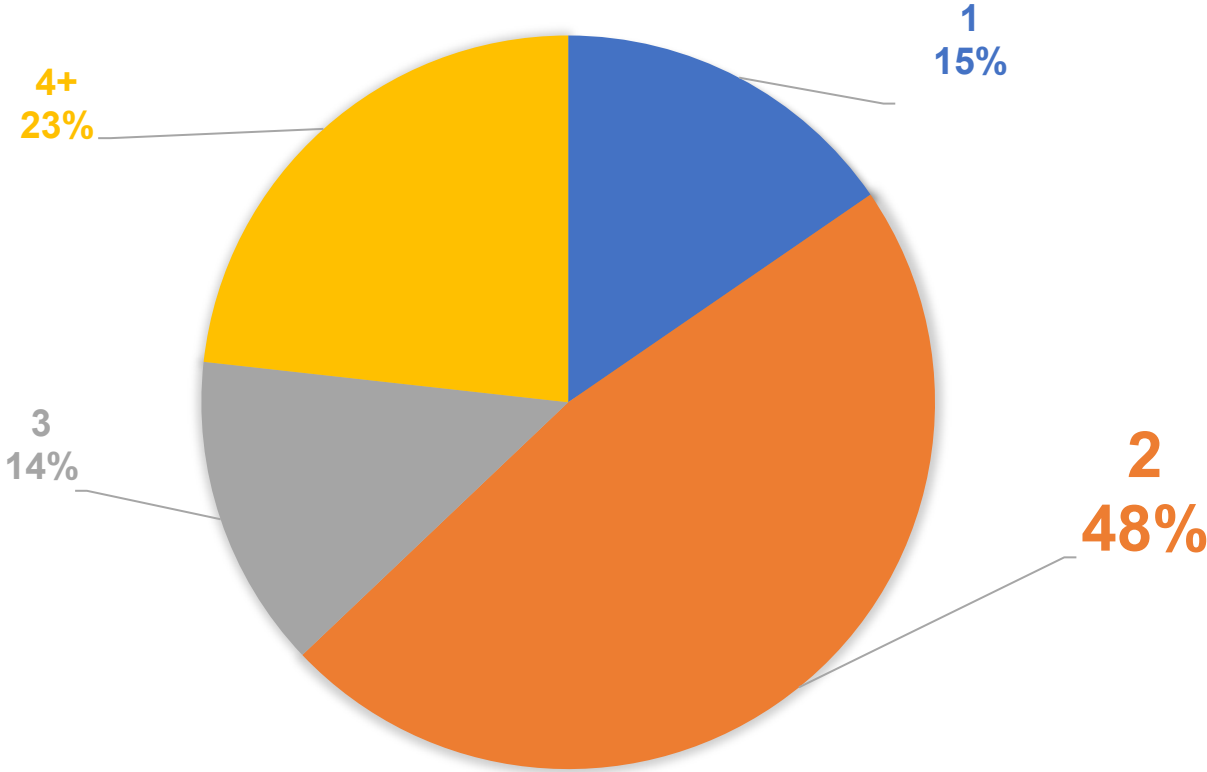


WHAT IS YOUR HOUSEHOLD SIZE?

48%
OF RESPONDENTS
HAVE A HOUSEHOLD
SIZE OF 2 PERSONS

Average Household Size in
Salida = 2.3

ONLINE SURVEY RESPONDENTS (895)

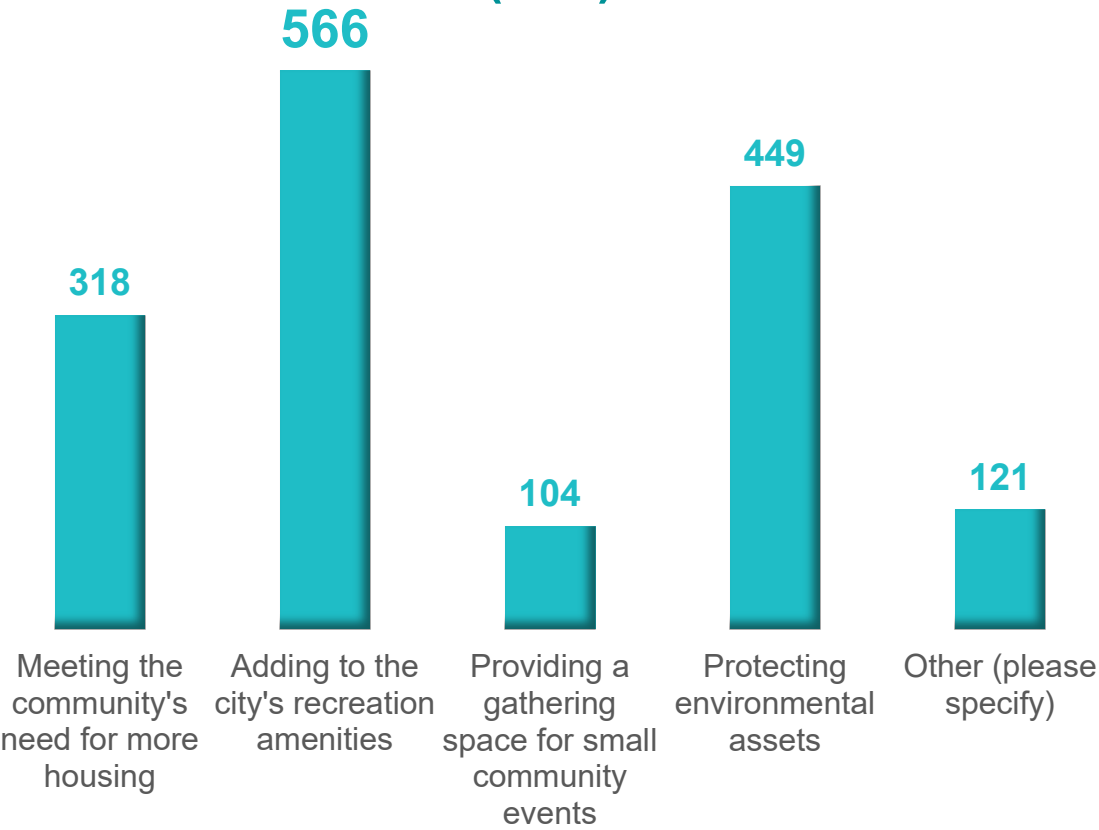


PRIORITIES & CONCERNS

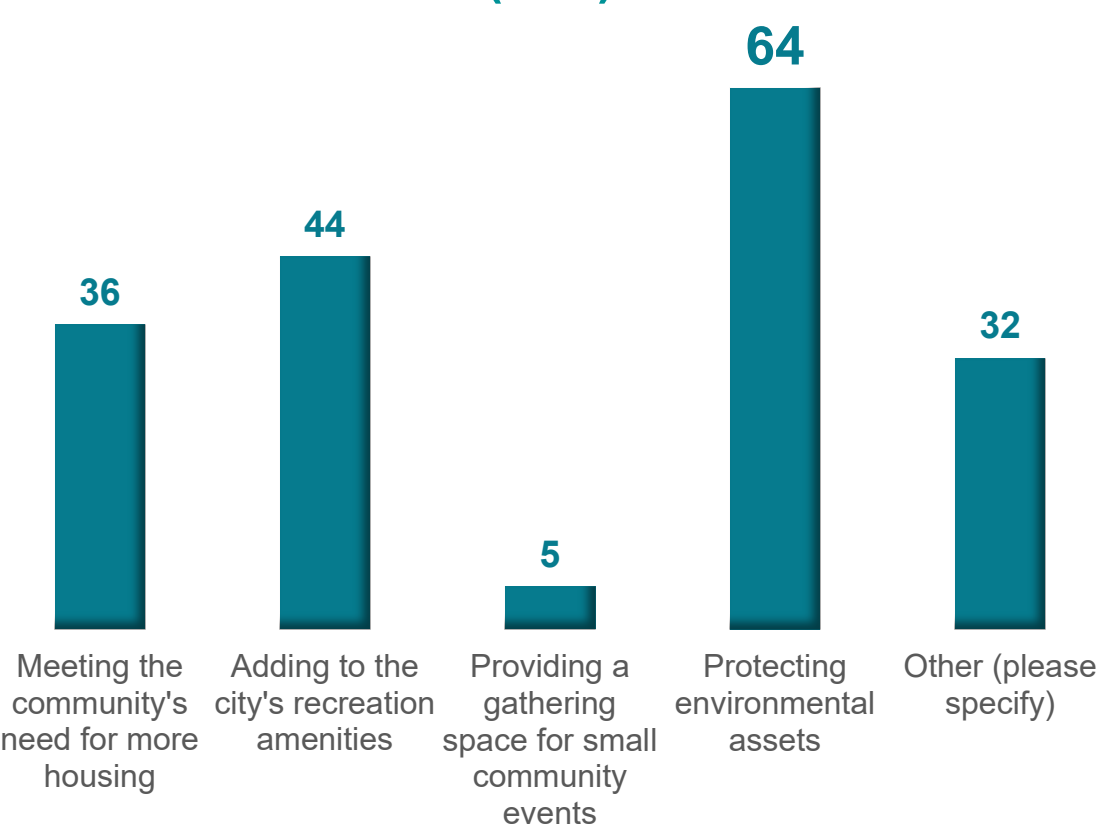
WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ARE THE TOP TWO PRIORITIES FOR THE SITE? *(SELECT UP TO TWO)*

Item 1.

ONLINE SURVEY RESPONDENTS (832)



OPEN HOUSE RESPONSES (181)



WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ARE THE TOP TWO PRIORITIES FOR THE SITE?

Item 1.

- Consistent Themes in Online Survey & Open House “Other” Responses:

“Colorado Mountain College (CMC) Campus”

“AFFORDABLE housing. Key word – AFFORDABLE”

“All of the above! I feel like this can all be accomplished!”

“Open undeveloped space”

“DO NOTHING!”

“This is such a beautiful open space, migration area. I'd love to see it remain so; a beautiful welcome into the city limits”

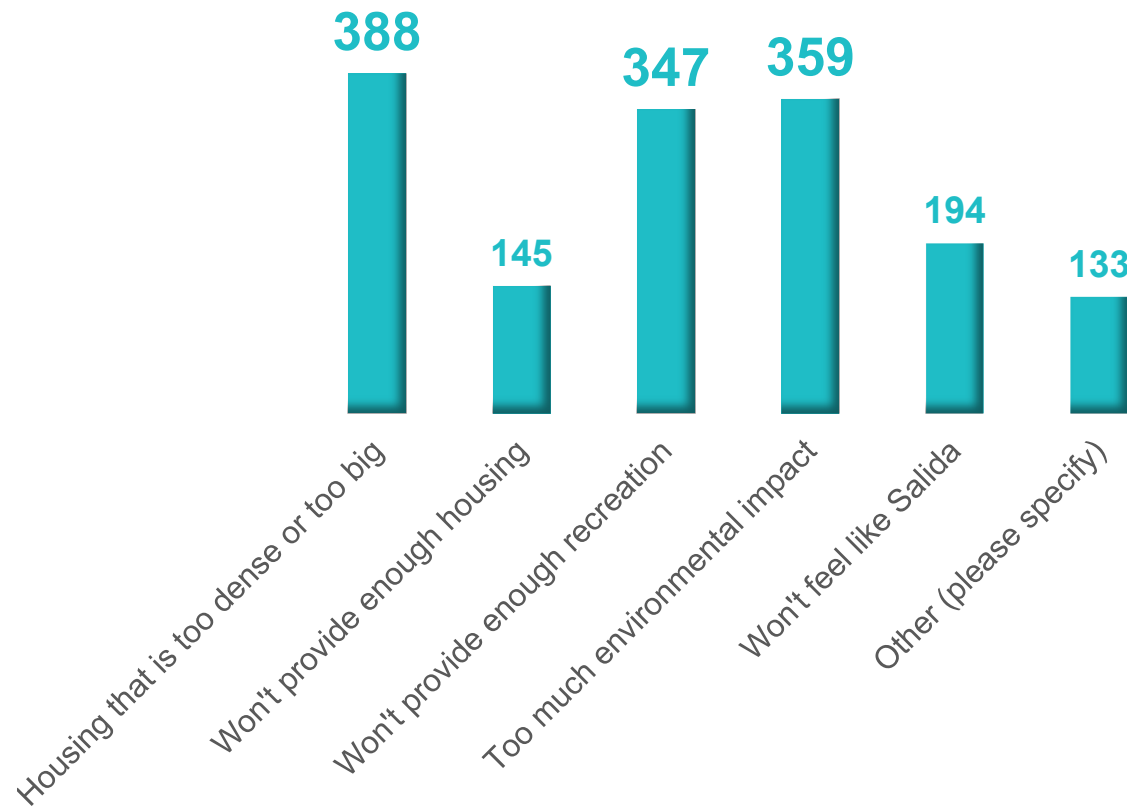
“Off leash dog area”

“Assisted Living / Senior Housing”

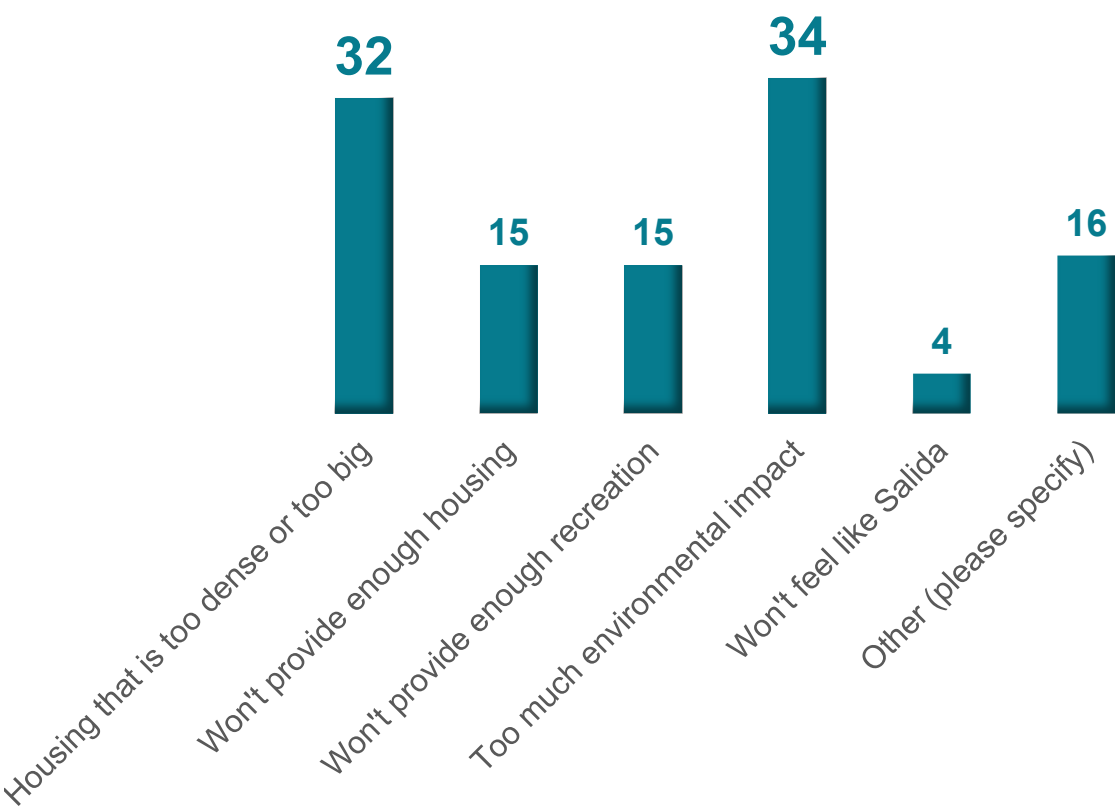
WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ARE THE TOP TWO CONCERNS FOR THE SITE? *(SELECT UP TO TWO)*

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ONLINE SURVEY RESPONDENTS
(828)



OPEN HOUSE RESPONSES
(116)



WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE ARE THE TOP TWO CONCERNS FOR THE SITE?

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- Consistent Themes in Online Survey & Open House “Other” Responses:

“Not Adequate Water for Resources Planned”

“Not actually “affordable” housing”

“The housing won't be targeted for local residents and employees”

“Not enough connectivity between town and the Methodist Mountain Trail System”

“Will take too long to make a decision on what to do & do it”

“Will put undue stress on already overstressed utilities”

“I really don't have any concerns”

“Compatible with Salida feel”

RECREATION AMENITIES & FACILITIES

Location Prioritization

CENTENNIAL PARK PREFERENCES:

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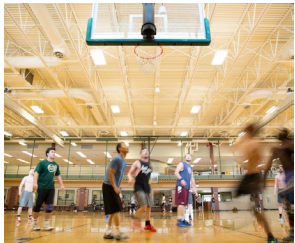
OUTDOOR POOL(S)
(SOAKING, FAMILY-STYLE)

604
Centennial Park



FITNESS CENTER
(WEIGHT ROOM, YOGA/EXERCISE CLASSES, ETC.)

416
Centennial Park



INDOOR SPORTS COURTS
(BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, PICKLEBALL, FUTSAL, ETC.)

386
Centennial Park
301
South Ark



OUTDOOR SPORTS COURTS
(BASKETBALL, TENNIS, PICKLEBALL, ETC.)

365
Centennial Park
333
South Ark

MARVIN PARK OR SOUTH ARK PREFERENCES:

Item 1.



SMALL OUTDOOR COMMUNITY GATHERING/FLEX SPACE
(AMPHITHEATER, PAVILION, ETC.)

347
Marvin Park
246
South Ark



ATHLETIC FIELDS
(BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, SOCCER, FOOTBALL, LACROSSE, ETC.)

438
South Ark
312
Marvin Park



MOUNTAIN BIKE PUMP TRACK / BMX SKILLS COURSE

347
South Ark
238
Other Location

MIXED OPINIONS ON LOCATIONS:

Item 1.



ICE RINK (ICE SKATING, HOCKEY, CURLING)

**Mixed Opinions
for Ice Rink
Location**
*(Hockey Club prefers
Marvin Park)*



FLEXIBLE INDOOR COMMUNITY SPACE (COMMUNITY EDUCATION, MEETING SPACE, CRAFTING, ETC.)

**Mixed Opinions
on Indoor
Community
Space Location**



TRAINING AREA (INDOOR TURF, CLIMBING WALL, TRAMPOLINE, FOAM JUMPING PIT, ETC.)

**Mixed Opinions
on Training Area
Location**

PREFERRED SPORTS FACILITY TYPE FOR THE SOUTH ARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Item 1.



FLEXIBLE FIELD AREAS

305

ONLINE SURVEY

31

OPEN HOUSE



INDOOR FIELD HOUSE

269

ONLINE SURVEY

18

OPEN HOUSE



OUTDOOR COURTS INC.
WITH DEVELOPMENT

150

ONLINE SURVEY

73

OPEN HOUSE

PREFERRED COMMUNITY GATHERING / EVENTS TYPE FOR THE SOUTH ARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Item 1.



379
ONLINE SURVEY
16
OPEN HOUSE

267
ONLINE SURVEY
25
OPEN HOUSE

210
ONLINE SURVEY
13
OPEN HOUSE

PREFERRED BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS TYPE FOR THE SOUTH ARK NEIGHBORHOOD

Item 1.



463

ONLINE SURVEY

29

OPEN HOUSE



211

ONLINE SURVEY

12

OPEN HOUSE

PREFERRED CHILDREN PLAY TYPE FOR THE SOUTH ARK NEIGHBORHOOD

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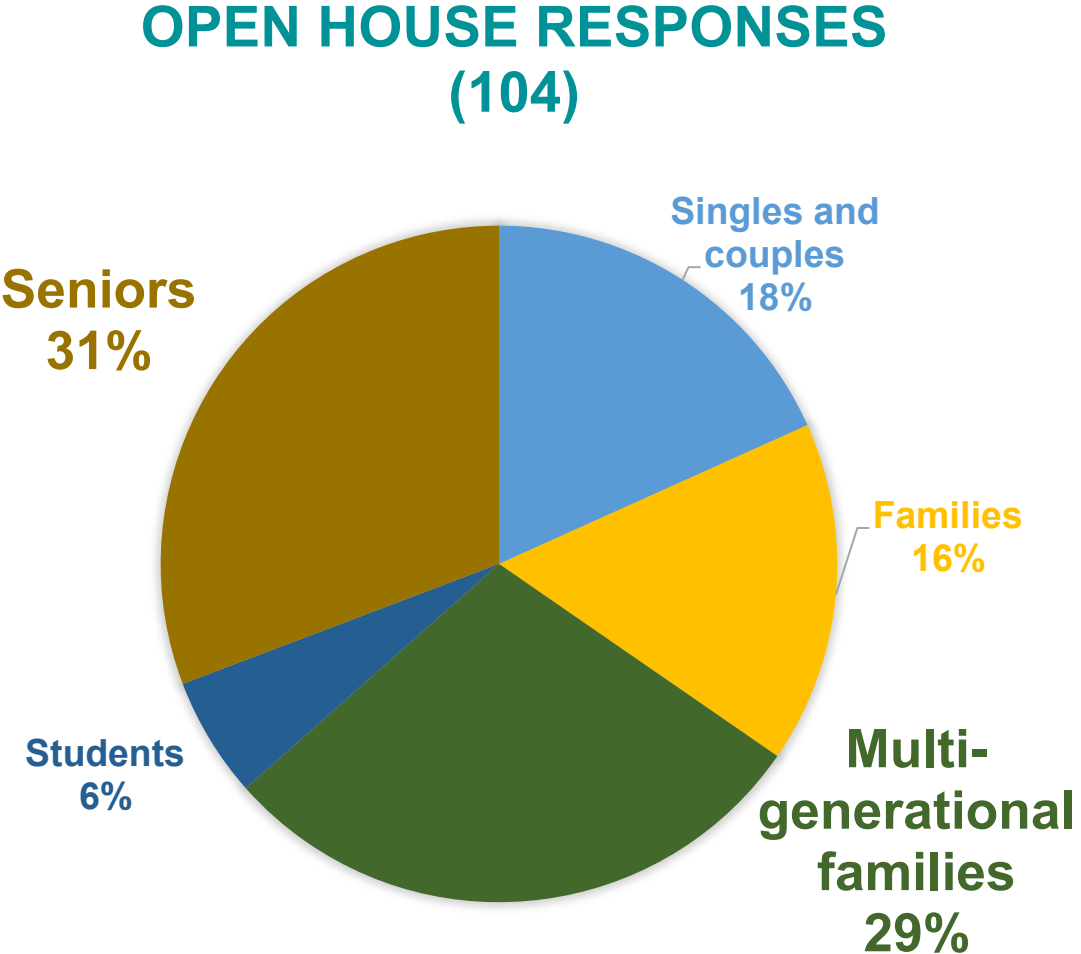
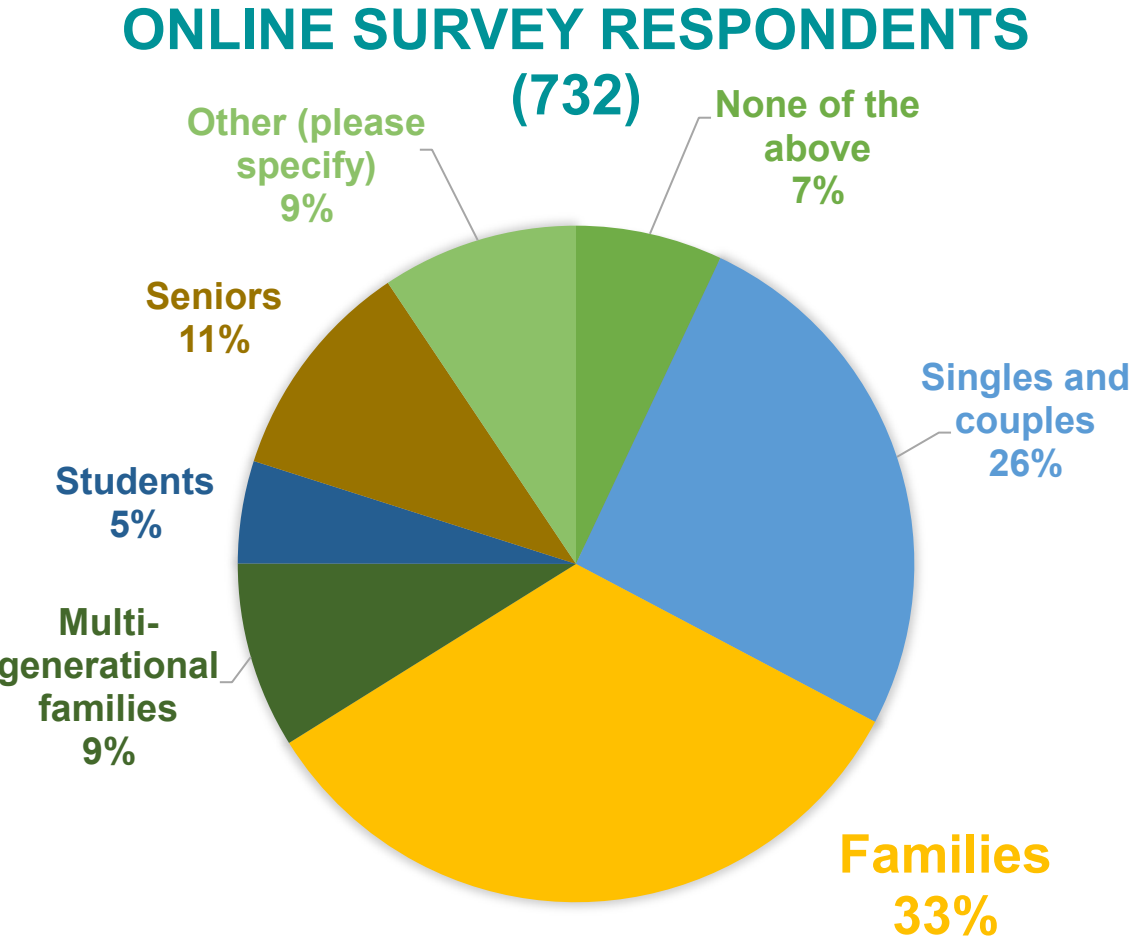
NATURAL PLAY AREA

531
ONLINE SURVEY
34
OPEN HOUSE

HOUSING

Housing Type Preference

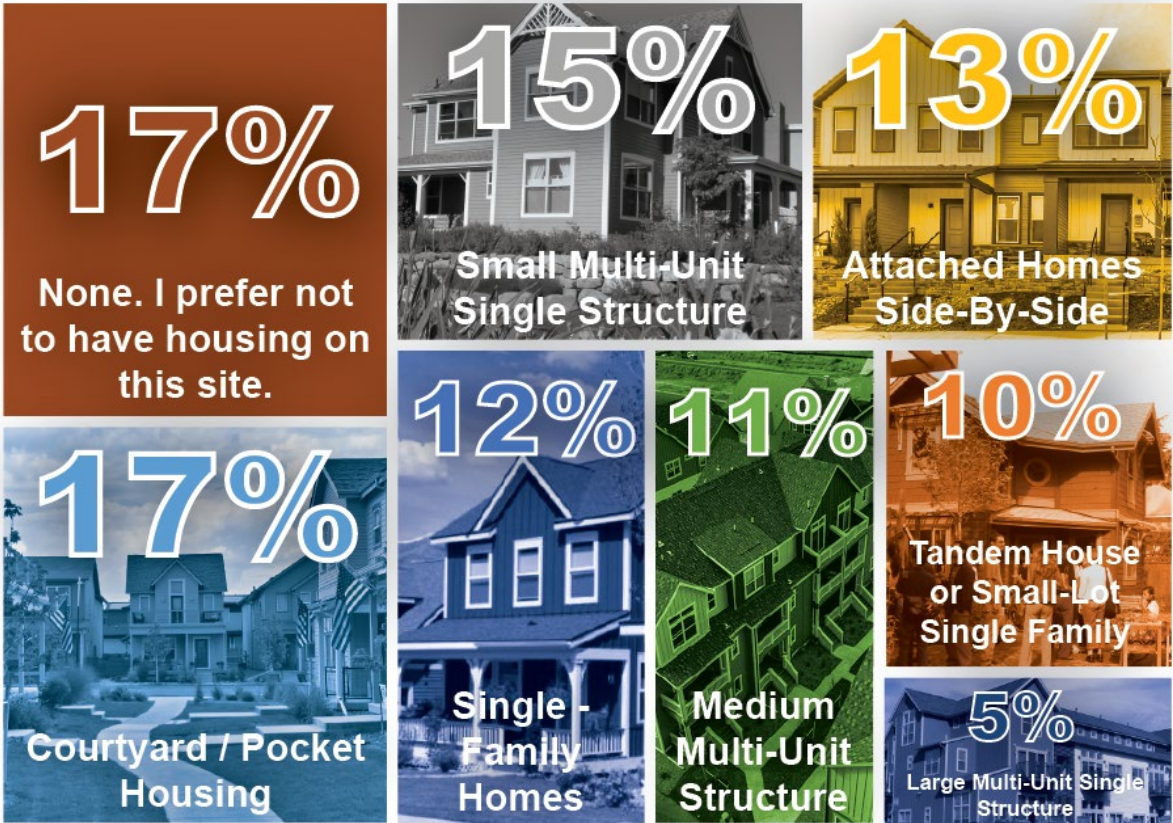
WHO SHOULD SOUTH ARK HOUSING BE DESIGNED TO SERVE? *(SELECT UP TO TWO)*



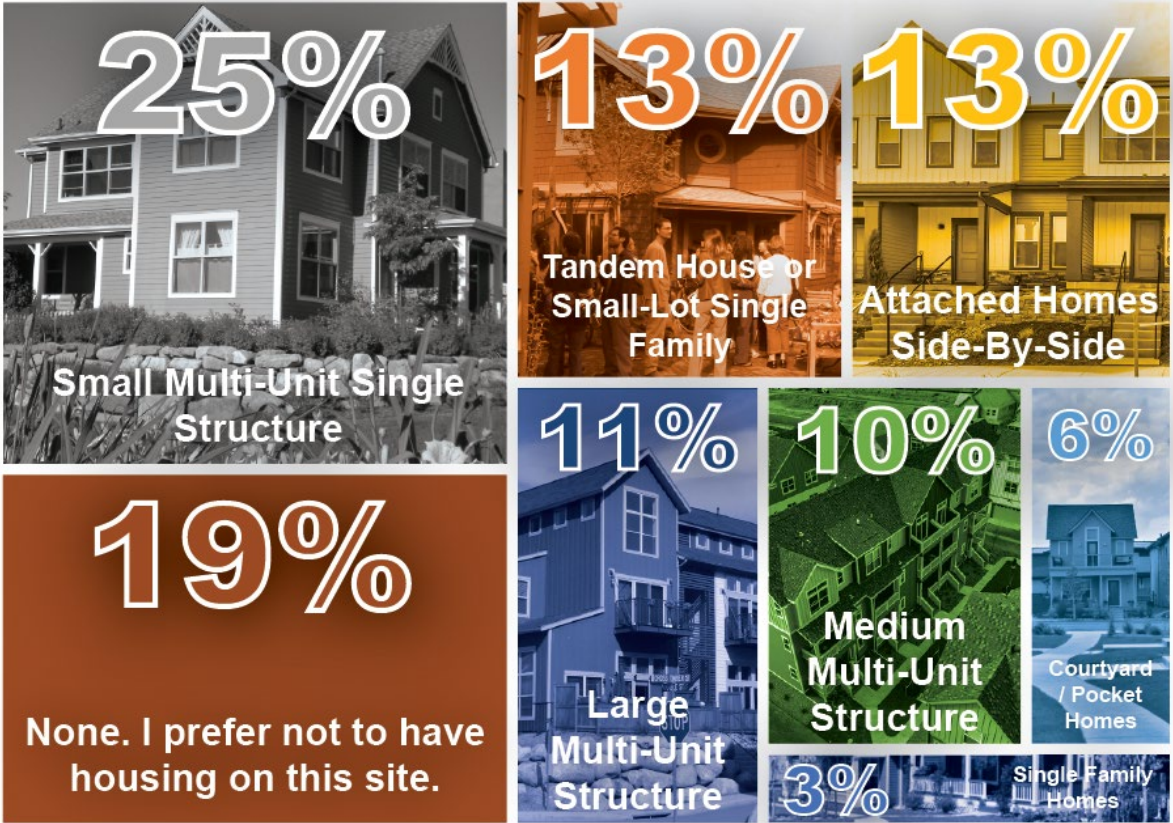
WHAT TYPES OF HOUSING ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE SOUTH ARK NEIGHBORHOOD? (SELECT UP TO THREE)

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ONLINE SURVEY RESPONDENTS (732)



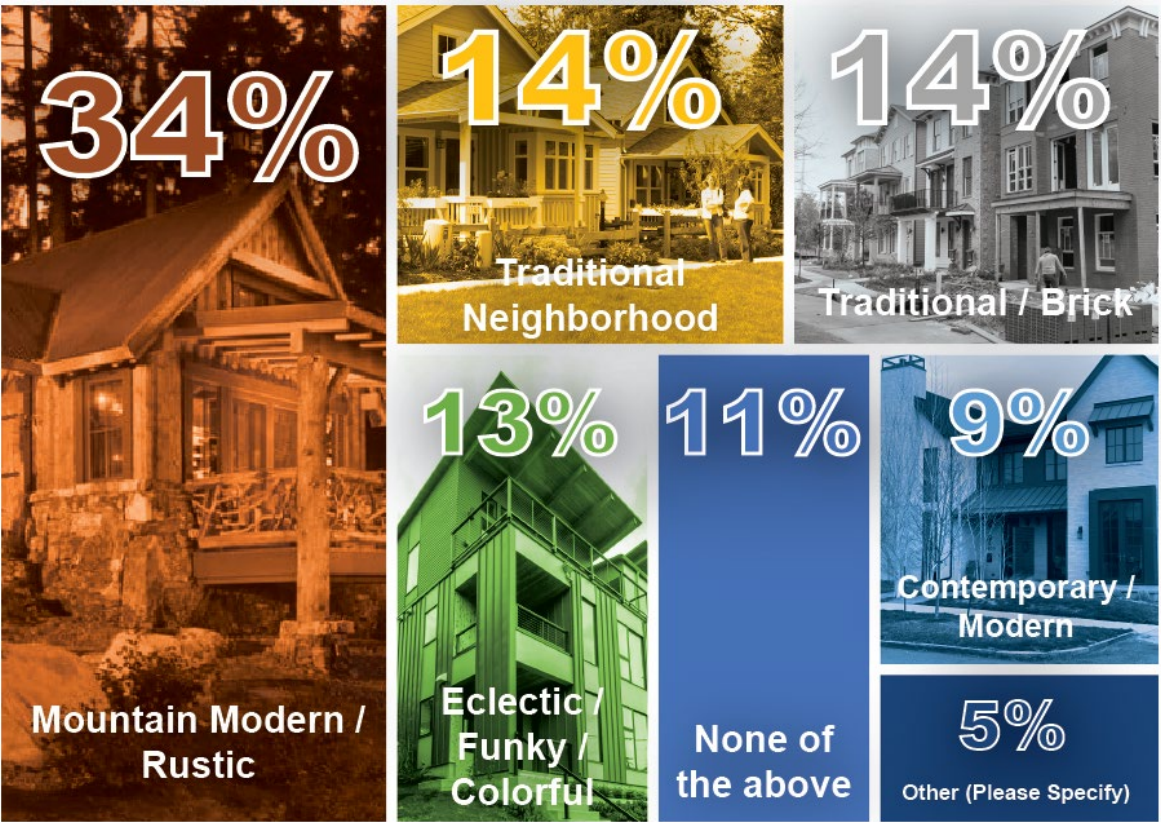
OPEN HOUSE RESPONSES (123)



WHAT STYLE(S) OF ARCHITECTURE ARE YOU DRAWN TO FOR THE SITE? (SELECT UP TO TWO)

Item 1.

ONLINE SURVEY RESPONDENTS (731)



OPEN HOUSE RESPONSES (134)



ADDITIONAL USES

Other Use Preferences

WHAT OTHER TYPES OF USES ARE DESIRED AND APPROPRIATE FOR THIS LOCATION? Item 1. *(SELECT UP TO THREE)*



216

ONLINE SURVEY

28

OPEN HOUSE



156

ONLINE SURVEY

14

OPEN HOUSE



143

ONLINE SURVEY

12

OPEN HOUSE

WHAT ARE YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL PREFERENCES FOR THE SITE? *(SELECT UP TO TWO)*

Item 1.



49

OPEN HOUSE



41

OPEN HOUSE



30

OPEN HOUSE



29

OPEN HOUSE

WHAT ARE YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL PREFERENCES FOR THE SITE? *(SELECT UP TO TWO)*

Item 1.

ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN OF BUILDINGS (GEOTHERMAL, SOLAR, PASSIVE DESIGN, HEAT PUMPS GREYWATER SYSTEMS)	LESS CAR USE (WALKABLE, BIKEABLE, TRANSIT USE)	NATURAL LANDSCAPES (BIOCHAR, XERISCAPE, NATIVE PLANTS)	HEALTHY PLACES (COMMUNITY GARDENS, EXERCISE AREAS, TRAILS, ETC.)	ECO-CONSCIOUS (RECYCLE, COMPOSTING, ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING ETC.)
	LEAVE AS IS (NO DEVELOPMENT)	PROTECT WILDLIFE HABITAT (PROTECT RIVER AND WETLANDS AS NATURAL, INCORPORATE INTO DESIGN OF FUTURE DRAINAGE)		ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (COLLABORATE WITH GARNA, TROUT UNLIMITED, CCC, ETC.)

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

WHO ELSE WE’VE HEARD FROM:

Adjacent Property Owners:

- Ongoing – have met with 10 neighbors so far.
- Clifton Jones meeting with staff on Jan. 12

Education:

- Colorado Mountain College
- Salida School District

Chaffee County:

- Planning Director

Salida:

- City Council
- Planning Commission

Affordable Housing:

- Chaffee Housing Authority
- Chaffee Housing Trust
- More on our list – will contact when have alternatives.

Parks and Recreation:

- PROST Board
- SPOT
- Soccer Club
- Disc Golf
- Hockey Club
- Pickleball Club

Economic Development:

- Economic Development Corporation
- Also plan to contact Chamber of Commerce

Environmental:

- Trout Unlimited
- GARNA
- Fluvial Morphologist
- Central Colorado Conservancy
- Chaffee County Heritage Advisory Board

NEXT STEPS



MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/6/23

FROM: Parks and Recreation

TO: Salida City Council

SUBJECT: 2022 PROST update and Department Annual Review

Background Information:

The Department of Parks and Recreation has presented an annual review since 2021. Diesel Post and Jessica Downing will be present to answer any question and contribute to any discussion.



PARKS AND RECREATION ANNUAL REPORT

Item 2.

2022





MISSION

To offer park and recreation services which are essential to the health and well-being of those who live, work and play in Salida. We do this through the provision and facilitation of parks, recreation, open spaces, and trails while working cooperatively with other service providers in order to maximize our common resources.

OVERVIEW

Item 2.

To summarize 2022 from the perspective of the department of Parks and Recreation would be to say that post-COVID Salida is a busy and exciting place.

All use of the P&R system increased from pre-pandemic levels. There was increased use of the river park, the Aquatics Center, Vandaveer, and participation in our recreation programming and leagues. **Recreation program participants grew by 1000%, from 266 in 2020 to 2,689 in 2022!**



OBJECTIVE

Our year-end review highlights the accomplishments and steps the Department is taking towards our goals. These goals were set out by the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan and are laid out in detail over the next few pages. These goals include **Organizational Resilience, a Healthy Salida, Quality Infrastructure, Access and Equity, Connection through Recreation, and Community/ Collaboration.** We believe that these goals will improve the lives of all who live, work and play in Salida and would like to highlight the progress we've made towards all of those achievements this year.

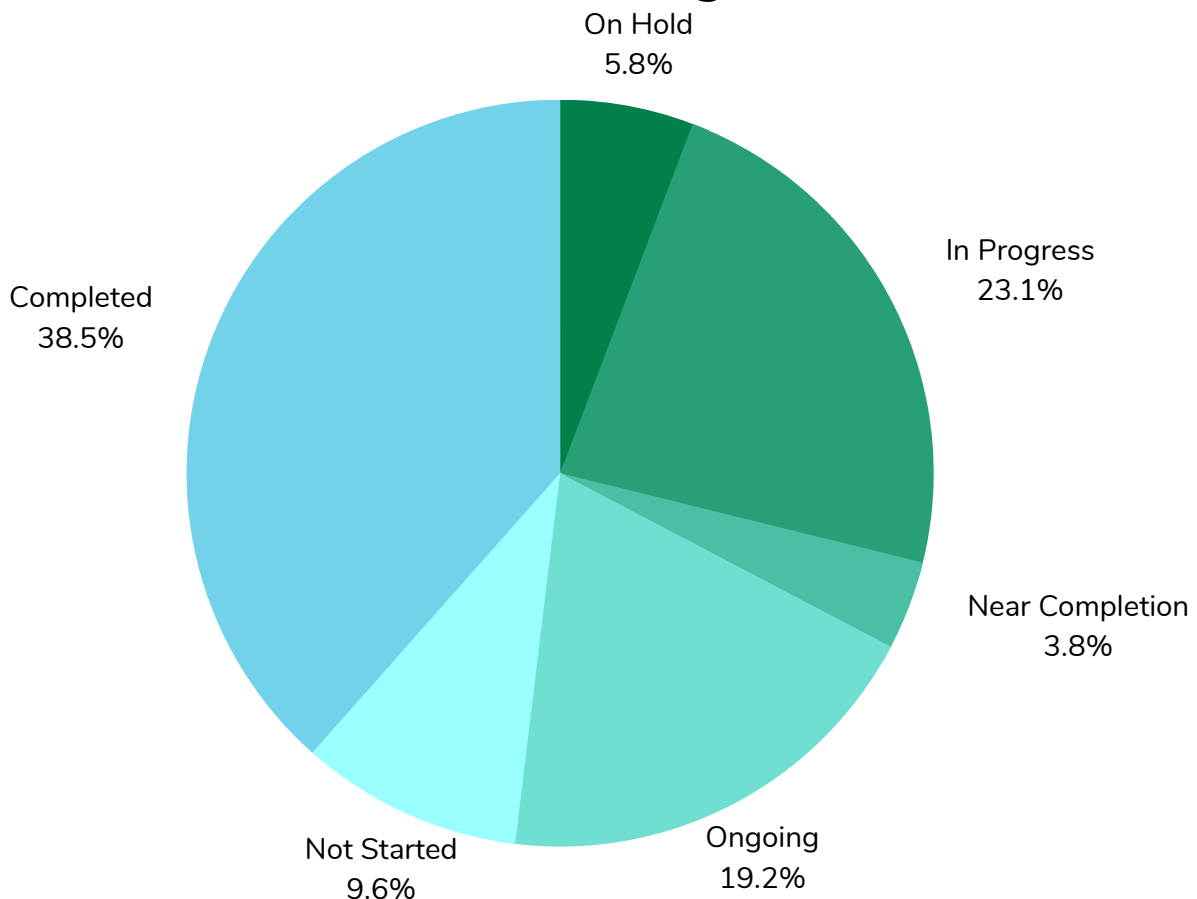
In January of 2020, Salida adopted a new Master Plan for our Parks, Recreation Open Space, and Trails. The City of Salida and the consulting company, 110%, worked together for 8 months to put together this Master Plan that will provide a vision and direction for the future of Salida.

This Master Plan was influenced by four public meetings with over 350 attendees, 12 staff and community focus groups, an online survey with more than 400 responses, and work sessions with Department staff members.

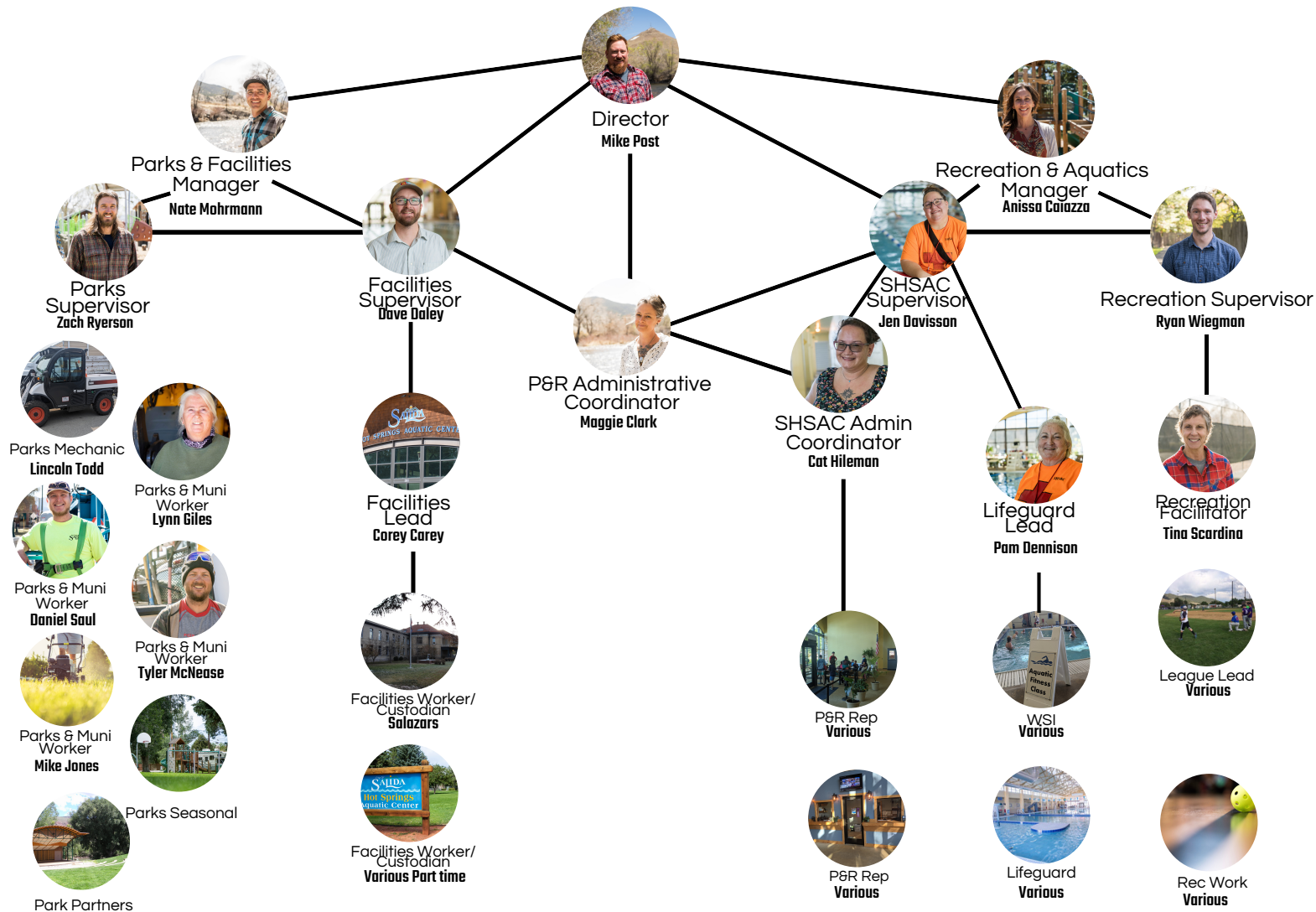
The 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan includes an analysis of the community's Parks and Recreation system's key issues. It includes the current conditions as well as demographic factors and trends; six recommended operating principles that emerged from the planning process including policy statements; concept plans for the City's two gateway parks, Centennial and Marvin; and a three-year action plan with desired outcomes to create momentum and set the stage for the future.

Essentially, the Master Plan was designed to be a flexible, high-level framework from which the Department can begin to best serve the community's needs and interests and be responsible stewards of resources including physical assets and tax dollars.

Master Plan Progress



ORGANIZATIONAL RESILIENCE STAFF



This year, Salida Parks and Recreation continued to work with the financial support model that was introduced in 2020. This model continues to guide the department into a financially stable future by determining pricing for programming continues the department's commitment to responsibly spending sales tax dollars.

Organizational Values

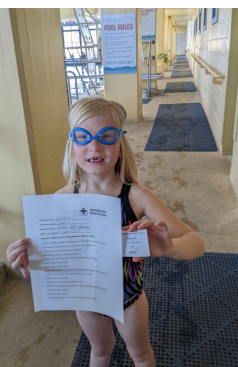
1. High standards of excellence & quality service delivery
2. Coalition building/partnering with community agencies to effectively and efficiently utilize resources
3. A commitment to access and social equity
4. Integrity in our work as park and recreation professionals
5. Our work contributes to the community's economic vitality
6. Highly competent and professional staff who are committed to on-going training and development
7. Effective communication through all organizational levels and to our community and customers
8. Responsible and accountable financial management practices that provide strength and resilience
9. Focused efforts on the physical and social health and well-being of our community

A HEALTHY SALIDA

Item 2.

The Department offered program specifically to address the health and well-being of the community including:

- River safety programs
- Mobile Recess
- Community Gardens
- Aqua Fitness classes
- New Year's Day 5K
- 10K a day
- FIBArk Hill Cimb
- FIBArk 5K
- Swim Lessons
- Adult Coached Swimming Workout
- Trail Maintenance
- Avalanche Awareness class



QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Item 2.



Parks Improvements:

- Centennial Splash Pad
- Scout Wave improvements
- Picnic table pads
- Mountain Heritage Park completion
- Forest Service Tree Plan

Parks Maintenance:

- Mowing
- Trash collection
- Restroom cleaning
- Irrigation repair
- New wood fiber mulch in all playgrounds
- Boat ramp Bathroom repair

Other notable projects:

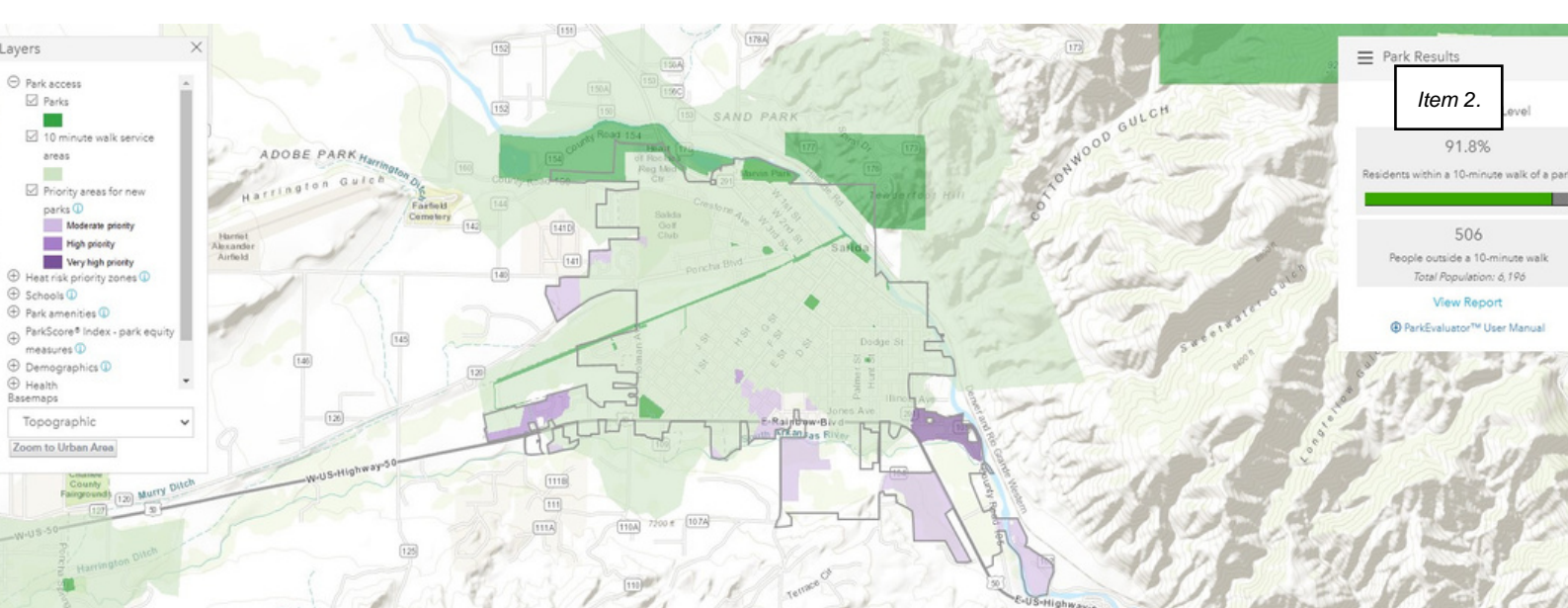
- City-wide ADA Transition Plan
- Hired an on-call design services

Aquatics Center

- Annual Shut down
- Boiler replacement
- Digital Chemical readout and controls
- Digital and automated temperature controls

Coming in 2023:

- Pump track
- Coors boat ramp to beach conversion
- South Arkansas Neighborhood Sports complex planning
- Community/Recreation Center planning



ACCESS AND SOCIAL EQUITY

- Increased Parks and Recreation scholarships
- Safe Outdoor Space creation
- Park Partner Program for High school Students
- CO State Forest Service Tree Inventory and plan
- PROST Board meetings with digital options
- Community Gardens
- 91% of Salidian are in a 10-minute walk of a park



CONNECTION THROUGH RECREATION

Item 2.

2022 City-run leagues and programs:

- Kickball
- Dodgeball
- Girl's softball
- Woman's softball
- Women's Volleyball
- Youth Paddling
- Kayak roll session
- Kayak Polo
- Youth Basketball
- Men's Softball
- Ski Bus
- Youth Volleyball Camp
- Adult drop-in basketball
- Camp Friday
- Mobile Recess
- Babysitter Training Class
- Community Gardens
- 10K a day,
- Youth Tennis Lessons
- Swim Lessons
- Aquatic Fitness Classes

Communications:

- Social Media posts
- Local advertising - Mt. Mail, 3 eagles, flyers
- Summer and Winter community resource guide
- Parks and Recreation e-newsletter

City run events:

- New Year's Day 5k
- FIBArk land races
- Underwater Easter Egg Hunt
- Salida Bike Fest
- Heart of the Rockies Rampage World Cup Skateboarding Competition
- Monarch Skate Jam
- Halloween/Thriller Dance
- Floating Pumpkin Patch

City assisted Leagues and Programs:

- Youth Baseball
- Youth Wrestling
- Youth Football
- Salida Cyclones
- Avalanche Awareness
- Line Dancing
- Rafting and River Safety



COMMUNITY AND COLLABORATION Item 2.

The city worked on projects in collaboration with local community organizations:

- Salida-area Parks Open-Space and Trails
- Salida Mountain Trails
- GARNA
- Guidestone
- the Salida School District - Student park clean up days
- Colorado Mountain College
- Chaffee County Fair Grounds
- Heart of the Rockies Discgolf Club
- Peak to Peak Pickleball Club
- Salida Tennis Club
- Monarch Mountain

The Department recieved donations from community partners in 2022:

- \$25,000 from Friends of Salida Skateparks for skatepark improvements - lights
- \$20,000 from FIBArk to run the Youth Paddling Program

Volunteers

Over 50 volunteers helped to make all of Salida Parks and Recreations Events, Programs and Parks Maintenance possible.

Thank you all for contributing to services that enhance the wellbeing of all that live and visit our community!





PROST Advisory Board

Jessica Downing - Chairperson

Rob White - Vice-chair

Kristy Falcon

Jon Terbush

Jess Smith

Connor Maher

Stacy Falk

2023 PROST Priorities

Admin Projects

- Investigate a Recreation District
- Complete the Department's standard operating procedures
- Research the process and needs for planning to build a Recreation/Community Center/Pool(s)/Sports facility/P & R headquarters, by 2029, primarily with a bond or District funds
- Evaluate and address routine asset and infrastructure management
- Finalize agreement with CPW and allocate resources and funds to manage the area

Short-term Capital Projects

- Build and upgrade bathrooms with primarily City funds
- Develop an open space and trails master plan
- Build and install an information kiosk at Vandaveer with solely City funds
- Build a pumptrack with City and partner funds
- Build a basketball court with City and grant funds

Long-term Capital Projects

- Build an outdoor Recreation/Community Center/Pool(s)/Sports facility/P & R headquarters with primarily city funds, grants and/or a bond
- Build an ice rink with primarily District or City and partner funds

Maintenance & Improvement

As is usually, there are a few larger scale maintenance needs.

Annual Trail Maintenance
\$75,000



Downtown Skatepark Maintenance
\$35,000



Buildings and Grounds



City flowers, digital irrigation, "S" mt. maintenance

Per the goals of the Master Plan and post COVID community engagement; the department wants to increase recreational programming again in 2023.

Programming

\$30,000 → \$45,000

Leagues, Classes, Camps and Programs
2022 priorities and costs



Services

On call planning and design
\$80,000

FIBArk assistance

Sports Complex planning

Cleora park planning and build

Porta Potties

SHSAC consulting
\$15,000

Rec Center planning

Budget request:

- \$70,000 for services related to planning, design, and maintenance that the City does not have the capacity to complete - Porta potties cleaning, civil engineering, concept design, etc.
- \$80,000 to retain a team of architects, engineers, and designers to facilitate the immediate and long-term needs of the City.

Capital improvement

Automated Temp controls
\$25,000



Scout wave improvements



\$100,000

Marvin Park Transition and Boat Ramp



\$2,000,000

ADA Compliance Plan



\$80,000

SHSAC Boiler



\$120,000

Pumptrack



\$30,000

Outdoor pool(s)



\$2,000,000

Splash Pad



\$350,000

River park upgrades



\$350,000 -

Grant

dependent

Park Bathroom upgrades



concession/3 stalls men's and women's = \$500K

Transmission line replacement



\$200,000

Park Signs



\$75,000

BY THE NUMBERS

Item 2.

The Parks and Recreation Department continues to grow and expand to provide services for the community. The numbers below reflect the work that we have been putting into making Salida a better place for everyone!

\$68,720

Revenue from recreation programs and events

2,103

Recreation program participants

13

Leagues managed and assisted

\$528,781

Revenue from SHSAC

53,069

Pool Visitors

6,351

Social media followers

806

Hours mowing

\$1,701,500

In capitol projects managed

95

Trash cans emptied daily

360

Acres of open space

17

Parks managed and maintained

123

Park Rentals booked

726

Sprinkler head maintained

62

Picnic tables cleaned and maintained

128

Trees trimmed by city staff

