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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHAT IS THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN?

A Recreation and Parks Master Plan is a strategic document that serves as a guide for policy decisions: prioritizing and balancing demands and opportunities, and providing a framework for park and facility improvements and other expenditures.

In 2008, the Carmichael Recreation and Park District developed a comprehensive vision for its park system, based on an assessment of community needs via a community survey and evaluation of the existing levels of service for park and recreation facilities. The plan included proposed standards, specific recommendations for park improvements, and an implementation strategy.

This Update will collect and analyze data regarding the state of current conditions, evolving demographics, and emerging needs in order to amend and modernize the recommendations to improve the District's network of parks and recreational services for the future. The Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update will provide a long-term vision for the District's park system that will enable multi-year planning for capital investments, as well as specific policies and standards to direct day-to-day decisions. It will set forth a framework that allows the District to respond to new opportunities as they arise, and ensures the continued provision of adequate parks, facilities, and recreation.

Based on the 2008 Master Plan, the District has carried out extensive renovations in many of its parks, including the development of Patriots Park, O'Donnell Heritage Park, and Jan Park. Jan Park has seen amenity improvements such as a new playground, dog waste stations, drinking fountains, new picnic areas, and improved signage. At the La Sierra Community Center, basketball courts were relocated and a new playground was installed. Both Sutter-Jensen Community Park and O'Donnell Heritage Park received trail system improvements. Additionally, new playgrounds were added at Carmichael Park and Del Campo Park.

Incorporating community input, the District developed design visions to guide future improvements at Capra Park, Carmichael Park, Jan Park, O'Donnell Heritage Park, Patriots Park, and Sutter-Jensen Park.

2021 Community Needs

In the years since the 2008 Master Plan, the community served by the District has continued its slow, steady growth. The population has continued to age, new families have begun to arrive, and the community has become more ethnically diverse.

Based on community input, in 2021 the community continues to place a high priority on access to nature. Neighbors want to protect the natural areas within parks while improving pathways, adding seating areas and incorporating educational signage into these spaces. A demand for more active recreation uses has also emerged. Dog park improvements, especially with the increase in pet adoptions during the COVID-19 pandemic, are a priority. There is a rapidly growing interest in pickleball courts. Youth and their parents want to see a skate park and bike pump track added to the system. Sports user groups expressed desires for improved field conditions.

The 2008 Master Plan prioritized the development of an Aquatic Facility. A swim complex was proposed in the Carmichael Park Master Plan. In 2020, the District began partnering with DART Swimming Sacramento and the

Carmichael Parks Foundation to provide swim lessons and water safety education through DART. The Carmichael community continues to value recreation opportunities for “water play” in the parks. However, due to both the initial construction costs and ongoing operations costs to construct a pool complex, the community feels that a destination spray park at Carmichael Park and smaller water play features at select neighborhood parks would more appropriately address water play needs.

District staff would also like to invest in a number of infrastructure improvements and facility repairs, which will reduce maintenance costs. Potential improvements include but are not limited to implementing ADA-accessible site amenities like benches and picnic tables, and replacing problematic irrigation and turf.

Implementation Strategy

During the 2008 Master Plan outreach process, the community indicated a willingness to support a bond or tax measure to fund park improvements and maintenance. In 2014, property owners voted in support of a special assessment for these improvements. However, in 2016 the assessment procedure was invalidated, and consequently, many of the improvements prioritized by the community could not be funded.

The recent community outreach meetings revealed a growing support for an assessment and/or bonds to fund the much needed park improvements.

With community support, the District has continued to move park system improvements forward with limited resources.



INTRODUCTION



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Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update

INTRODUCTION

OVERVIEW

This Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update is intended to provide a road map to guide the District's decision making in maintaining, managing, and developing the envisioned park system and providing the community with the recreational opportunities they desire. The Update assesses the existing park system and draws upon extensive community engagement to identify a planning blueprint to expand, improve and protect these assets for the future.

PURPOSE OF THE DOCUMENT

The Carmichael Recreation and Park District has undertaken a coordinated planning effort in order to ensure that it provides an adequate park system for its current and future residents and visitors. This Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update is a part of that coordinated effort, and lays out the District's vision for the future of its parks and recreation facilities, and related services.

The Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update is a strategic document. It studies the existing park system and guides the District in expanding, improving, and protecting its network of parks as the District continues to grow.

This Master Plan Update process is similar to many strategic plan processes: the planning context is analyzed, demographic analysis is conducted, resources are inventoried, community input and guidance is solicited, a needs assessment is performed, standards are proposed, goals and recommendations developed, and an implementation plan is adopted. This plan builds on itself, section by section, with each chapter using the previous chapter(s) information to define steps required to address the issues that have been identified.

The Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update provides:

- background and context for evaluating the existing parks and recreation system;
- an inventory of existing parks;
- an analysis of the appropriate standards that will meet the needs of the current and future population;
- recommendations for maintaining and improving the existing park and recreation system;
- recommendations for acquiring or obtaining access

- to additional properties for future park uses;
- an approach for implementation of improvements and long term maintenance; and
- a record of the community involvement in developing the plan.

The Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update provides both a long-term vision for the District's park system, and specific policies and standards to direct day-to-day decisions. It sets forth a framework that will allow the District to respond to new opportunities as they arise, and to ensure that new development provides adequate parks and recreation facilities to meet the needs of Carmichael's future residents.

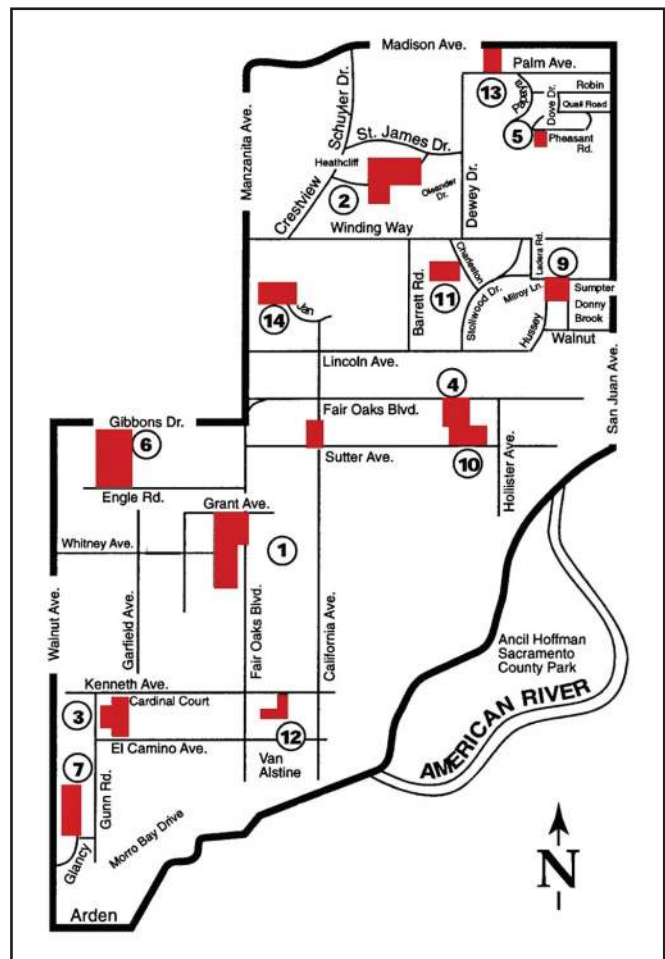


Figure 1-1: District Boundary and Parks

ROLE OF PARKS & RECREATION

Parks meet the diverse recreational needs of the community. They promote health and wellness at a time when lifestyles are tending to become more sedentary. They help people deal with the stress of daily living, and support positive social interactions. The Recreation and Park District provides spaces and programs that focus on health and wellness for everyone.

A high quality park system provides economic benefits. It enhances community character and identity, creating a more attractive place to live, work, and visit. This in turn raises property values, which can help to attract quality employers and generate revenues for local businesses.

PLANNING CONTEXT

This Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update will create a road map for the maintenance and development of Carmichael's parks and its recreation programs for the next 10 years. The Master Plan should be compatible with the District's existing plans



MISSION

The mission of the Carmichael Recreation & Park District is to satisfy the recreation needs of the community by providing a wide range of facilities and opportunities to enrich the quality of life.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Age Distribution

The population in Carmichael has aged in recent years as baby boomers reach retirement, with the 18-65 year old bracket declining by 5.5%. Between 2010 and 2019, the number of residents in Carmichael over the age of 65 increased by 1.5%, as those under 18 increased by 4%.

Race / Ethnicity

Historically, Carmichael is a predominantly Caucasian community, with 2.3 times more white (non-Hispanic) residents than any other race or ethnicity. However, per Figure 1-3 Carmichael has become slightly more diverse, with 14% of the population identifying as Latino in 2019.

RECREATION TRENDS

Public Health and Wellness

According to the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the nation’s public parks and recreation are leaders in improving the overall health and wellness of the nation. They are essential partners in combating some of the most complicated challenges our country faces – poor nutrition, hunger, obesity, and physical inactivity. Park and recreation agencies effectively improve health outcomes and thus should be supported through national and community level funding and policies that enable them to continue to expand their efforts in making a positive change in the health and wellness of our nation.

Public park and recreation agencies have potential to create healthy communities and play a fundamental role in enhancing the physical environments in which we live. Through facilities, outdoor settings, and services provided, they support good health for people of all abilities, ages, socioeconomic backgrounds

POPULATION		
	2010	2019
AGE:		
Under 18	16%	20%
18-65	66.5%	61%
Over 65	17.5%	19%

Figure 1-2: Population Changes 2010 vs. 2019

ETHNICITY		
	2010	2019
RACE:		
Caucasian	75%	70%
African American	4%	4%
Latino	11%	14%
Asian	5.5%	5%
Other/mixed	4.5%	7%

Figure 1-3: Ethnicity Changes 2010 vs. 2019

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION		
	2010	2019
Born outside USA	12.6%	20%
English as a 2nd language	16.4%	18%
Has computer access	Unavailable	94%
Has Internet access	Unavailable	89%

Figure 1-4: Household Composition Change 2010 vs. 2019

and ethnicities. There is opportunity to foster change through collaborative programs and policies that reach a vast population to:

- Help reduce obesity and incidence of chronic disease by providing opportunities to increase rigorous physical activity in a variety of forms;
- Provide a connection to nature which studies demonstrate relieves stress levels, tightens interpersonal relationships, and improves mental health;
- Aid in reducing hunger in America and increasing access to nutritious food options (i.e. Senior Nutrition Programs, Community Food Pantry); and
- Foster overall wellness and healthful habits, such as becoming tobacco free and engaging in enrichment opportunities that add balance to life.

Public parks and recreation are the gateways to a healthier America, and they ensure that communities are truly livable.

Reconnecting with Nature

Country-wide, there is a movement to reconnect with nature and the outdoors. This is a response to the recent COVID pandemic as well as the decreased time people spend outdoors compared to previous generations. The negative physical and mental health impacts are many and well-documented. People of all ages are voicing their concerns about the ill effects of a sedentary lifestyle, screen time, and lack of exploratory, unstructured outdoor activities. Public health organizations and parks and recreation departments are working to reverse these negative impacts.

Let's Get Connected

Californians spend more recreation time outside on trail-related activities such as walking, hiking, biking, and running than the rest of the country. The desire for

these trails to be available at public park and recreation areas is at an all time high.

Active Aging Population

Baby boomer and millennial generations are the largest population segments driving outdoor recreation trends. As people live longer and in multi-generational housing, the population we call 'seniors' includes a range of ages that are less interested in typical 'senior center' activities. Instead, they are seeking leisure activities for older adults or multi-generational parks and programs that they can enjoy with their younger family members.

Get Online

With Carmichael's proximity to Sacramento, technology and tech culture have a large impact on the District's residents and working populations. People want to be able to connect to Wi-Fi in parks, connect to an interactive workout program, or have the opportunity to take their work outside.



REPORT SUMMARY

1. INTRODUCTION

This chapter gives an overview of the purpose and value of the Master Plan process, and a summary of the document. It discusses the role of parks and recreation in a community, and the factors which influence the vision and priorities addressed in the Master Plan Update. It describes the demographics of the Carmichael community, current trends in park use and recreation programming, and attitudes toward parks and recreation.

2. COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This chapter reviews the process used to analyze the Carmichael community's needs and priorities, now and in the future. It describes the extensive community participation in the development of this Plan, as well as benchmarking and survey information that informed the Master Plan. It summarizes some of the immediate needs and deficiencies.

3. GOALS & RECOMMENDATIONS

This chapter sets out the goals, standards, and recommendations for the Carmichael Recreation and Parks system. It addresses acreage and access standards, sports field and facility standards, and considerations regarding locations and components of future community parks.

4. IMPLEMENTATION

This chapter includes an approach for assessing the District's priorities for park and recreation expenditures. It further discusses options for financing park improvements, and provides an Action Plan for implementation of future improvements.

APPENDICES

- Community Outreach





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COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW

The Carmichael Recreation and Park District (CRPD) oversees planning, implementation, and management of 176.8 acres of parkland, recreation facilities, programs, and events. With significant input and participation from District staff, an engaged and informed community, and the CRPD Advisory Board and County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors, the needs of the community were identified.

The following is a summary of the community engagement efforts, peer community comparisons and a needs and deficiencies analysis for this Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

METHODOLOGY

The community outreach efforts were organized into three rounds, each with an overarching goal.

ROUND 1: Where are we now? What do we want?

ROUND 2: How can we meet our needs?

ROUND 3: How do we get there?

The first two rounds used a combination of an in-person pop-up booth at the Farmer’s Market, an online survey, five virtual focus groups and a virtual town hall. Round 3 used the information from the initial two rounds to develop goals and recommendations based on trends and community desires that arose. Findings and summaries were posted on both the project website and District website, and a document link was emailed to both past event attendees and project website subscribers. A total of 900+ community members provided input through the various means of outreach.

OUTREACH ADVERTISEMENT

Print and digital methods were used to increase awareness of the Master Plan Update process and events. In addition to the project website, the online survey and all outreach events and updates were communicated through the following channels:

MEDIA

- District & Project Website*
- District Social Media*
(Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Print Media*
(Carmichael Times, Flyers, Mailers)
- Park Signage*
- District Email Lists*





BOARDS

- Advisory Board*
- Board of Supervisors*

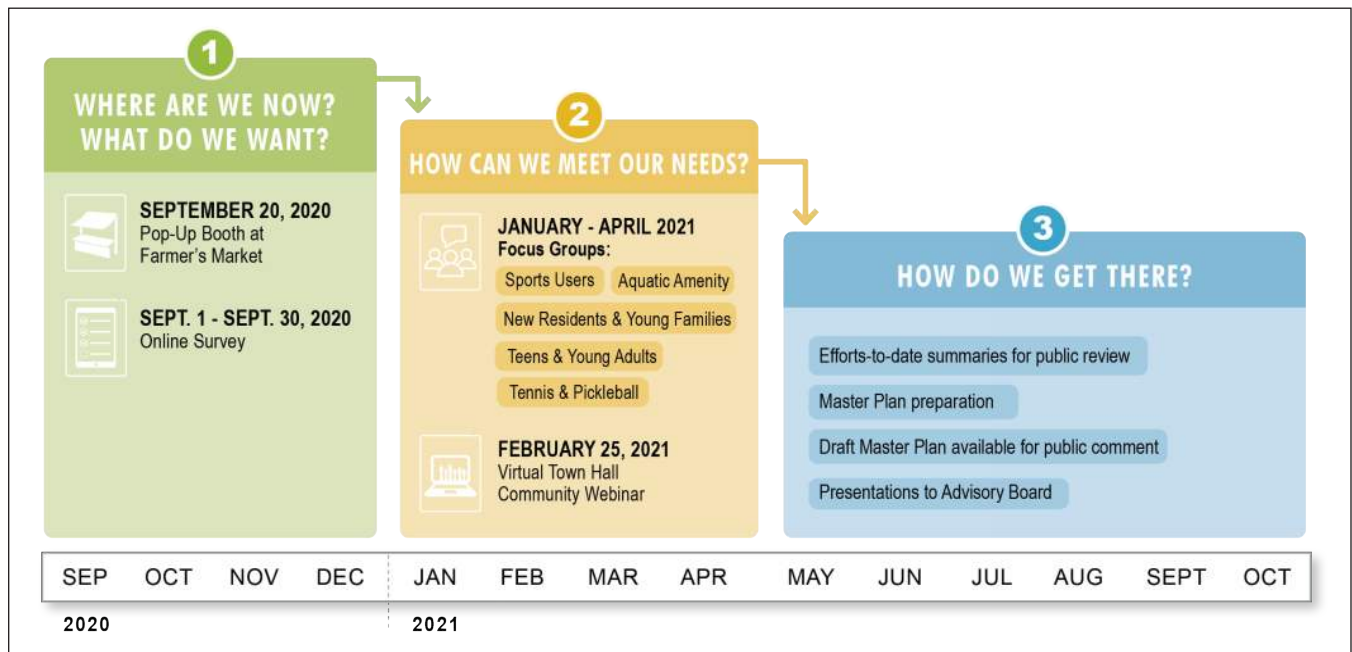


Figure 2-1: Outreach schedule

ROUND 1 ENGAGEMENT

The goal of the first round of engagement was to get a broad sense of the community’s vision for their parks and recreation system. Our team asked what they liked about the existing amenities and what they wished to see addressed in regards to future park improvements and recreational facilities.

Online Survey

An online survey was available from September 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020. Community members were asked to rank and provide input on existing park amenities as well as amenities they would like to see added to their parks or improved upon. 730 individuals took the online survey.

Pop-Up Booth

A pop-up booth was held on September 19, 2020 at the Farmer’s Market at Carmichael Park to encourage people to take the survey. Interested participants were encouraged to take the survey on the spot, or scan a QR code which took them directly to the survey. Participation increased by 30+ in the week following the pop-up booth.

The collective comments and expressed desires helped to develop initial feedback themes, which are illustrated in Figure 2-2 below.



Figure 2-2: Round 1 Outreach Summary

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SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON OUR ONLINE SURVEY!
Comparta sus pensamientos sobre nuestro ¡ENCUESTA EN LINEA!

Which parks do you like?
¿Qué parques te gustan?

What are barriers to you using the parks?
¿Cuáles son los obstáculos para que usted use los parques?

What amenities would you like to see more of?
¿Qué facilidades te gustaría ver más?

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La encuesta está disponible hasta **Septiembre 30**



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TAKE THE ONLINE SURVEY AND LET US KNOW!

ROUND 2 ENGAGEMENT

The next round of engagement sought to build upon, clarify and prioritize the themes that emerged from the initial round. From January 2021 to April 2021, this round included a virtual town hall and several focus groups that drilled deeper into the community’s wants and needs.

- **Focus Groups:**
 - **Sports Users & Groups** – Jan 12, 2021
 - **Teens & Young Adults** – Jan 13, 2021
 - **New Residents & Young Families** – Jan 14, 2021
 - **Aquatic Amenity** – Jan 20, 2021
 - **Tennis & Pickleball** - April 15, 2021
- **Virtual Town Hall** - Feb 25, 2021

Focus Groups

Each of the five focus groups was comprised of between 8 and 15 participants. The groups allowed the project team to educate the community about the Master Plan Update process, and provided a space for people to ask questions and share opinions about the District’s parks and amenities. These more intimate venues allowed for organic conversation, community brainstorming and opportunities for park-specific feedback from the groups who know the facilities best. These firsthand insights helped the project team develop a clearer understanding of both barriers to various groups using and enjoying the parks, as well as learn about the unique needs and desires of groups across a range of ages, life stages, special needs, and interests.

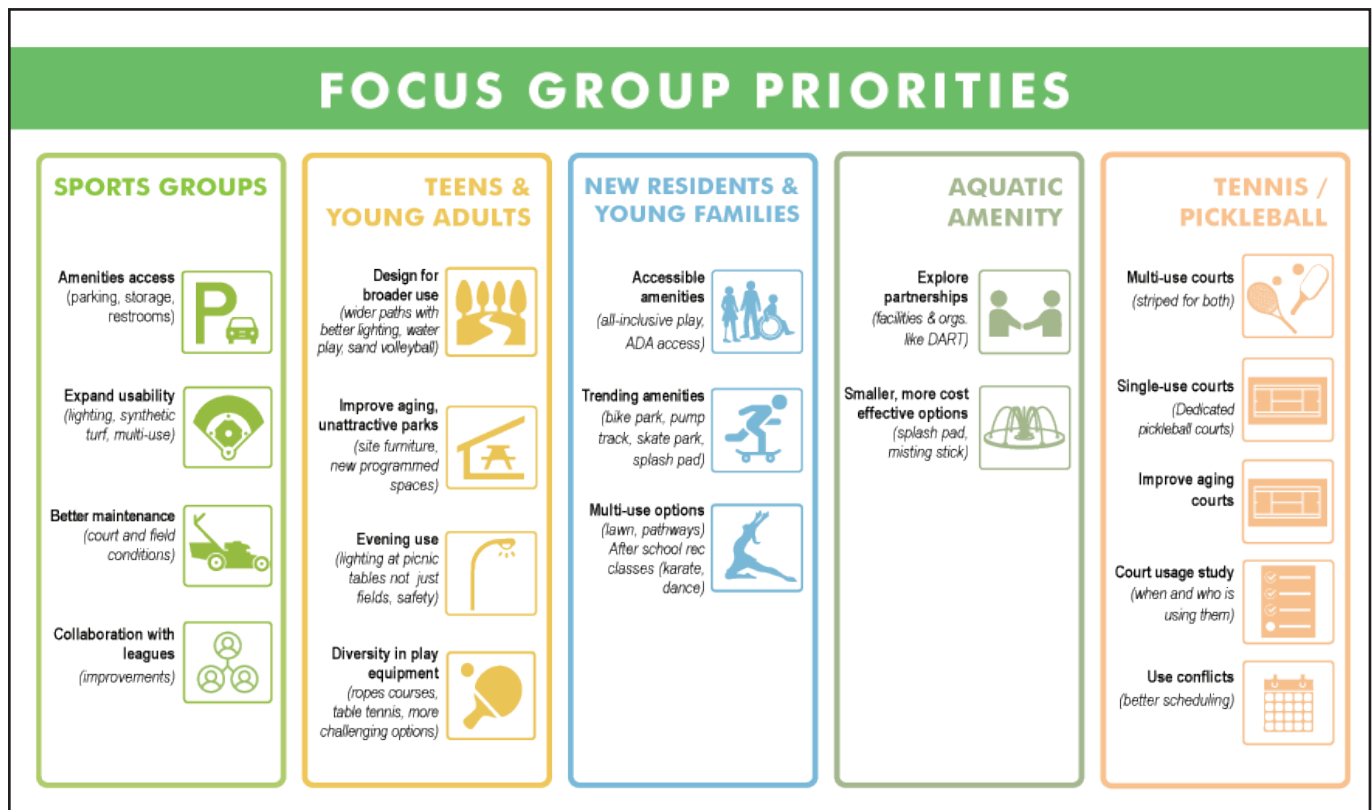


Figure 2-3: Focus Group Priorities

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Virtual Town Hall

A community-wide virtual town hall meeting was held on February 25, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom webinar. The town hall was advertised on all District social media channels, project website, via mailers directly to Carmichael residents within a 1-mile radius of the parks, and on signage placed in parks. The town hall meeting had over 150 participants and included a presentation summarizing the efforts-to-date, polling questions with real time voting, and a Q&A session. Trends in feedback revealed an interest in incorporating a skate and/or bike park at Carmichael Park, community willingness to pool resources (labor and donations) for maintenance and park upgrades, desire for dedicated pickleball courts and a need to provide more safety measures for park users (lighting, restroom use, sight lines).



Figure 2-4: Town Hall Priorities

ROUND 3 ENGAGEMENT

“How do we get there?” was the guiding question for the third round of engagement. Using the outreach data and trends, community priorities were developed and helped to inform the goals, recommendations and implementation plan in the following chapters. Postcards sent directly to Carmichael residents within a 1-mile radius of the parks, signage placed in parks and District social media channels were used to inform residents of the Draft Master Plan and the public comment period. Postcards sent to residents of within a 1-mile radius of each park, advertised the Updated Draft Master Plan for review and the Advisory Board Meeting on 10/21/2021. In total, 9,934 postcards were mailed to Carmichael residents and more than 50 unique comments were received during the draft master plan public comment period.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Through all public engagement opportunities during the master plan process, Carmichael residents indicated they have a high level of satisfaction with the District’s parks, facilities, and community events. Feedback also indicated that people regularly use parks, facilities, and recreation programs, especially those at Carmichael Park. They value the usability of parks and typically use parks in groups of two or more. They use parks for relaxing outdoors, sports, playing with kids, and for community events.

Community priorities that emerged from the public engagement process include:

- **Spaces and Programs for All** - Community members prioritize inclusiveness, so that people of all ages, genders, abilities, and recreation interests can find a place in parks, recreation facilities, and programs.



- **Access to Nature** - In keeping with national trends regarding connecting with nature, residents would like additional opportunities to connect with nature in District parks.
- **More Amenities** - Community members would like multi-use paths, a skate and or bike park, pickleball courts, and a water amenity such as a splash pad.
- **Safety** - The community identified a need for enhanced safety through lighting, natural surveillance, and safe routes.
- **Increased Maintenance** - Community members would like to see more focus on better maintaining the current park sites and amenities.
- **Aesthetics** - There is an interest in upgrading parks (especially playgrounds and site furnishings) and in integrating local character and identity.
- **Sustainability** - The community values sustainability and would like the park system to demonstrate environmental stewardship and sustainable design and operations.
- **Philanthropy** - The community values their parks and are willing to provide man hours and power to maintain and improve their parks. Support for a bond assessment is also high.

BENCHMARKING

PARKS AND FACILITIES

To provide additional context for Carmichael Recreation and Park District's (CRPD) parks and outdoor facilities, the District was compared with four other Sacramento County Recreation and Parks Districts. These districts were chosen for their relatively similar characteristics to CRPD as well as for their proximity to the District. The comparable districts are shown on the following page in Figure 2-5, Sacramento County Parks District Map, and generally described in Table 2-1.

The benchmarking process provides insights into how the CRPD compares to other peer districts. The benchmarking data from peer communities regarding parks and facilities can be used to measure how well CRPD provides these amenities to its community, to establish goals for improvement, and to develop action plans.

DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

The districts chosen are all within Sacramento County. Three are directly adjacent to CRPD. Fulton-El Camino is adjacent to Mission Oaks, and only 2 miles from the CRPD boundary. Although the five districts vary in size from 4.6 to 27 square miles, their population densities are relatively similar, ranging from 4,674 to 7,176 persons per acre. The resulting ratio of acreages of parkland per population ranges from 1.72 to 3.4 acres per 1,000 residents.

Parks Acreage

The comparable districts fall within a similar range of acres of park per 1,000 residents, however, there are slight differences in the accounting of available parkland. CRPD's parks are all owned and operated by the District. The acreage noted includes two sites that are primarily nature areas, minimally developed with trails and limited amenities. Arcade Creek includes school district property that is leased by the district. A small district, with only 2.25 acres of park per 1,000 residents, its master plan acknowledges that residents have access to a considerable number of parks that are owned and operated by other agencies within their district boundaries or within 1/4 mile of their district boundaries. Fulton-El Camino's acreage does not include school properties, but their master plan acknowledges that an additional 42.5 acres of school property that is available to the community for recreation purposes. Mission Oaks manages four school park sites, and includes them in their park acreage. Sunrise, the largest district, counts only district owned properties, including approximately 100 acres of open space recreation sites.

CRPD provides the **highest ratio** of district-owned or managed parks per 1,000 residents, and is the only one of the examined districts that provides over 3 acres per 1,000 residents.

COMPARABLE DISTRICTS

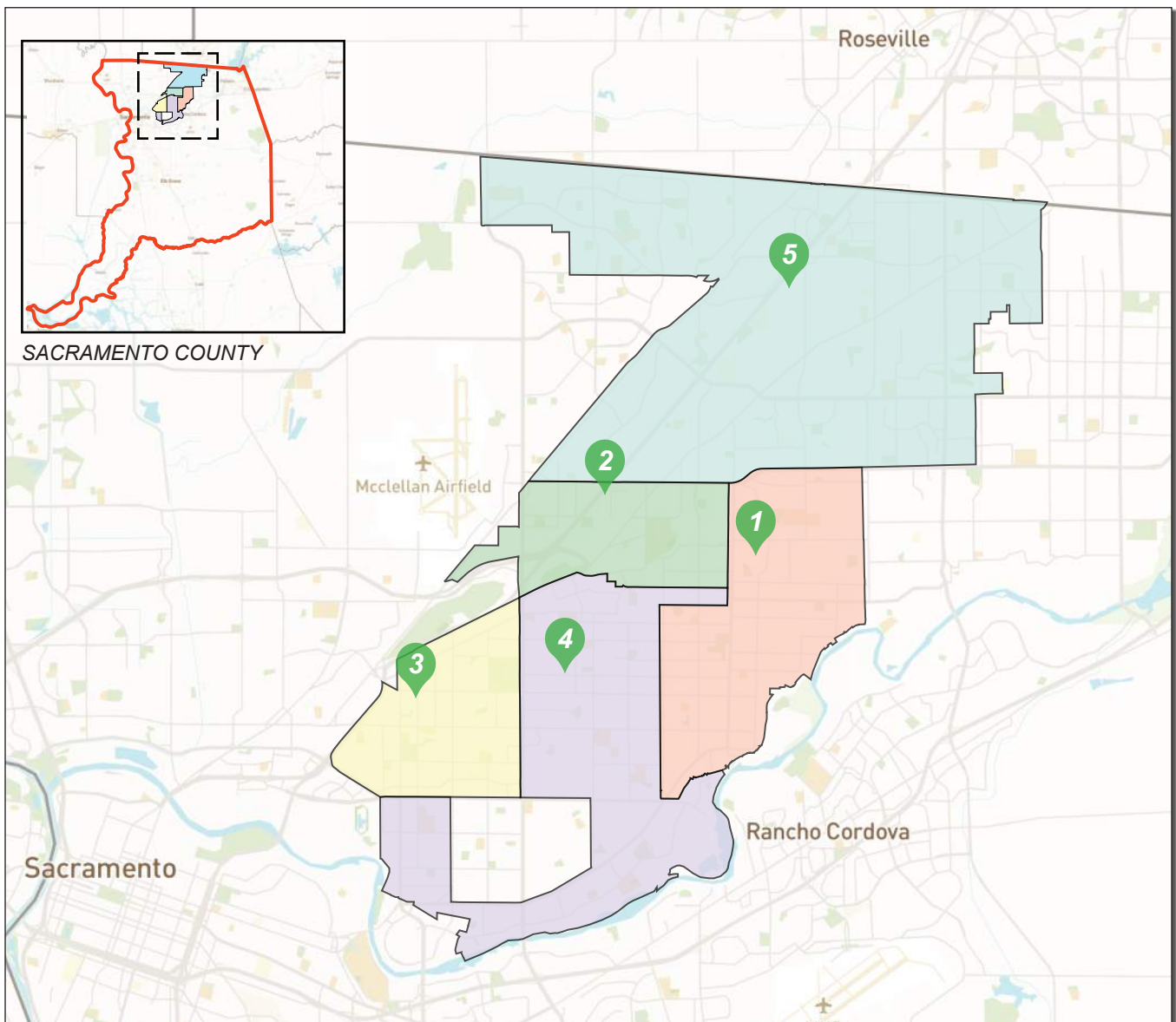


Figure 2-5: Comparable Districts

- 1 Carmichael
- 2 Arcade Creek
- 3 Fulton El Camino
- 4 Mission Oaks
- 5 Sunrise

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	SIZE (sq. mile)	POPULATION*	DENSITY (per sq mile)	NUMBER OF PARKS	PARK ACREAGE	ACRES PER 1,000
DISTRICT						
Carmichael	9.25	42,408	4,585	13	176.8	4.17
Arcade Creek	4.6	21,500	4,674	6	48.5	2.25
Fulton-El Camino	5.25	30,000	5,714	7	72.8	2.43
Mission Oaks	8.5	61,000	7,176	16	105	1.72
Sunrise	27	165,000	6,111	43	488	2.96

Table 2-1: District Characteristics

*Based on latest available population data

Park Facilities

The districts offer a range of active and passive facilities in their parks. For active sports, all districts provide soccer fields, basketball, tennis and volleyball courts, and all besides Arcade Creek provide baseball/softball fields. For passive enjoyment, all of the districts have nature areas or open space with trails. For informal play and socializing, all have open lawn spaces, children's playgrounds, and reservable group picnic areas. All have at least one off-leash dog area. See Table 2-2 for details.

CRPD provides some facilities that are lacking in other districts, such as disc golf, a botanical garden and a community garden, theater, and an art center. Facilities that are offered in other districts that CRPD lacks include spray park/splash pad, skate park, futsal, and outdoor pickleball.

LEVELS OF SERVICE

The levels of service provided by the districts for specific types of facilities vary considerably. Although CRPD has the highest acreage of parkland per 1,000 residents, its level of service for specific facilities is mixed relative to neighboring districts. Table 2-3 shows

the ratios of residents served by each type of facility in each district, as well as the average of the neighboring comparable districts.

CRPD provides about twice as many ball fields for its residents as the comparable average. It provides relatively comparable levels of service for basketball courts, playgrounds, and dog parks.

CRPD provides a much lower level of service than its neighboring communities for soccer fields, tennis courts, and volleyball courts. Opportunities may be available to locate tennis or volleyball courts in the District's existing underdeveloped parks. It may be possible to accommodate youth soccer, or informal practice on some of the District's informal open lawn areas or overlaid on baseball outfields. While the District's parks generally include picnic tables, the District has only about a quarter of the reservable group picnic spots as the comparable districts average.

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	BASEBALL / SOFTBALL FIELDS	SOCCER FIELDS	BASKETBALL COURTS	TENNIS COURTS	PLAYGROUNDS	RESERVABLE PICNIC AREAS	VOLLEYBALL	HORSESHOES	DOG AREAS (OFF-LEASH)	DISC GOLF	COMMUNITY GARDEN	SPRAY PARK	SKATE PARK
DISTRICT													
Carmichael	12	2	1F, 5H	6	11	1	1	3	1	1	1		
Arcade Creek		4	2	6	7	5	2	4	1				
Fulton-El Camino	4	2	3	10	10	14	2	1	1	1		1	
Mission Oaks	3	5	5F, 5H	13	13	10	7	3	1			1	
Sunrise	29	29	11F, 4H	29	57	15	6		2				1

Table 2-2: District Park Facilities

	BASEBALL / SOFTBALL FIELDS	SOCCER FIELDS	BASKETBALL COURTS	TENNIS COURTS	PLAYGROUNDS	RESERVABLE PICNIC AREAS	VOLLEYBALL	DOG AREAS (OFF-LEASH)
DISTRICT								
Carmichael	1 / 3,534	1 / 21,204	1 / 7,068	1 / 7,068	1 / 3,855	1 / 42,408	1 / 42,408	1 / 42,408
Arcade Creek	0	1 / 5,375	1 / 10,750	1 / 3,583	1 / 3,071	1 / 4,300	1 / 10,750	1 / 21,000
Fulton-El Camino	1 / 7,500	1 / 15,000	1 / 10,000	1 / 3,000	1 / 3,000	1 / 2,143	1 / 15,000	1 / 30,000
Mission Oaks	1 / 20,333	1 / 12,200	1 / 6,100	1 / 4,692	1 / 4,692	1 / 6,100	1 / 8,714	1 / 61,000
Sunrise	1 / 5,690	1 / 7,857	1 / 11,000	1 / 5,690	1 / 2,895	1 / 11,000	1 / 27,500	1 / 82,500
Average of Comparables	1 / 8,500	1 / 10,000	1 / 9,500	1 / 4,000	1 / 3,500	1 / 6,000	1 / 15,500	1 / 58,000

Table 2-3: Levels of Service
(Population served per facility)

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GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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GOALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERVIEW

In order to develop an integrated recreation and parks system that is tailored to the needs and priorities of the community served by the Carmichael Recreation and Park District, a comprehensive set of goals and recommendations for the parks system has been developed. This chapter establishes goals and quantifiable standards for elements of the parks system, as well as recommendations for improvements specific to each of the District's parks.

VISION FRAMEWORK

The Master Plan vision is to create, enhance, and sustain a comprehensive, well-maintained system of parks and facilities that nurture and inspire the Carmichael Community. The graphic to the right includes three elements:

The Carmichael Recreation and Park District Mission, which describes the purpose of the District.

The Recreation & Parks Master Plan Vision, a statement that embodies the community's desire for the parks and recreation system.

Six Park and Recreation Goals, which provide a strategic framework for achieving the vision.

Together, this vision and the 6 overarching goals below provide a guiding framework for allocating District resources and investments over the next 10 years.

- 1. Strategically plan and implement parks and programs** to provide comprehensive recreation opportunities and amenities to meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents.
- 2. Create an inclusive park system** with recreation programs and events that meet the needs of all residents, including the most vulnerable and under served members of the community.
- 3. Provide community health and wellness** by providing places that support social interaction, connections to nature, and physical fitness.
- 4. Expand partnerships** with public agencies, non-profit and community organizations, and private entities to enhance the District's ability to meet community park and recreation needs.
- 5. Advance sustainable management and stewardship** of an environmentally resilient park system.
- 6. Utilize a diverse palette of funding** resources to support park and recreation needs.





GOAL 1

Strategically plan and implement parks and programs to provide comprehensive recreation opportunities and amenities to meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 Monitor recreation trends and continue to engage with the Carmichael community, including new residents, teens, young families, and the aging population to ensure improvements and investments reflect their needs.

1.2 Expand and promote additional recreational opportunities and programming in parks other than Carmichael Park, as appropriate.

1.3 Where feasible, provide flexible use spaces that can accommodate multiple functions and can adapt to future recreation needs.

1.4 Re-purpose low-use and single purpose areas by strategically layering more activities into existing parks to accommodate additional park users.



GOAL 2

Create an inclusive park system that meets the needs of all residents, including the most vulnerable and under served members of the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Incorporate principles of inclusive design in any renovations or new park construction.

2.2 Explore collaboration with local businesses and organizations, to offer a wide range of programs and trainings to all members of the community.

2.3 Promote park usage by designing safe and welcoming park environments using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) best practices.

2.4 Continue to offer a diverse selection of events that are open to all community members.

2.5 Include features to welcome teens into parks, including amenities such as a skate park, outdoor table tennis, pump track, and areas for teens to gather.

2.6 As appropriate, develop paths so that multiple uses can occur without conflict. Pave existing decomposed granite path with concrete to ensure accessibility and improve usability.

2.7 Provide adequate, conveniently-located comfort features such as shade, seating, drinking fountains and restrooms.



GOAL 3

Provide for community health and wellness by providing places that support social interaction, connections to nature, and physical fitness.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Protect and enhance natural areas in parks to provide opportunities to connect with nature.

3.2 Provide climate control features, such as wind breaks and shade structures, to encourage year-round use of parks.

3.3 Provide a variety of amenities in parks to engage a range of fitness levels.

3.4 Design parks to facilitate casual social interaction at a variety of locations.

3.5 Respond to evolving Carmichael recreation trends (pickleball, spray park, dog parks) to continue to encourage residents to utilize the parks.



GOAL 4

Expand partnerships with other public agencies, non-profit and community organizations, and private entities to enhance the District's ability to meet community park and recreation needs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Expand collaborations with local organizations and non-profits whose missions will contribute to range of amenities and programs available to Carmichael residents (e.g. Friday night skate).

4.2 Facilitate collaboration with other recreation providers, including Sacramento County, San Juan Unified School District (SJUSD), neighboring towns and other public agencies. (An example is the partnership with DART and Carmichael Parks Foundation (CPF) to meet the community's swim program needs.)

4.3 Continue to utilize and enhance volunteer and stewardship opportunities for residents to contribute to the District's maintenance and programming efforts.



GOAL 5

Advance sustainable management and stewardship of an environmentally-resilient park system.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1** Prioritize the repair and maintenance of existing parks and amenities.
- 5.2** Identify the long term maintenance and operations costs when considering new park amenities.
- 5.3** Use ecologically sustainable best practices. Use low water use, climate-appropriate vegetation and minimize use of maintenance-intensive selections. Where appropriate, incorporate “smart” technology into park facilities including water-efficient irrigation management systems and renewable energy resources such as electric vehicle charging stations.
- 5.4** Integrate storm water treatment management and green infrastructure into overall park designs.
- 5.5** Consider durability, maintenance requirements and impacts on environmental systems when selecting materials and site furnishings.
- 5.6** Invest in facilities that are of high quality materials, which reduce overall facility maintenance and operations requirements.
- 5.7** Convert underutilized turf areas to low water use planting.



GOAL 6

Utilize a diverse palette of funding resources to support park and recreation needs. As part of capital improvement projects, prioritize repairs and system improvements which can reduce current maintenance and operations costs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** Explore new funding mechanisms such as a bond or tax assessment.
- 6.2** Encourage donations of land, facilities, equipment, services, and gifts that are consistent with this Master Plan’s goals and objectives and benefit the larger community.
- 6.3** Explore opportunities to add revenue-generating facilities to parks where appropriate, such as concessions, rental equipment, and group rentals (e.g. picnic shelters).
- 6.4** Re-evaluate the prioritization of and timeline for the implementation of projects within the park system, as part of the annual Recreation and Parks Capital Improvement Budget development.
- 6.5** Monitor opportunities to enhance cost recovery of various recreation programs.
- 6.6** Periodically review and update park impact fees.
- 6.7** Leverage and expand partnerships that support stewardship and fundraising efforts for the Carmichael Recreation and Park District. Continue to work with Carmichael Parks Foundation (CPF).
- 6.8** Continue to explore use of grant programs.

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PARKS AND FACILITIES

PARKS	ADDRESS	RESOURCE TYPE	PARK SPACE (ACRES)
Bird Track Park	<i>Pheasant Rd.</i>	NP	1.0
Capra Park Site	<i>6600 Kenneth Ave.</i>	SPU	6.7
Cardinal Oaks Park	<i>El Camino Ave. near Garfield Ave.</i>	NP	7.4
Carmichael Park	<i>5750 Grant Ave.</i>	CP	38.0
Del Campo Park	<i>Heathcliff Dr.</i>	CP	26.1
Glancy Oaks Park	<i>5292 Glancy Dr.</i>	NP	3.0
Jan Park	<i>4310 Jan Dr.</i>	NPU	13.6
Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden	<i>8520 Fair Oaks Blvd</i>	SP	3.0
La Sierra Community Center	<i>5325 Engle Rd.</i>	CP	37.0
O'Donnell Heritage Park Site	<i>6618 Rappahannock Way</i>	NPU	9.4
Patriots Park and Wall of Honor	<i>6827 Palm Ave.</i>	NP	3.6
Schweitzer Grove Nature Area	<i>Milroy Lane</i>	NA	17.2
Sutter - Jensen Community Park	<i>Sutter Ave. near Hollister Ave.</i>	CPU	10.8

RESOURCE TYPE

Neighborhood Park (NP):

Neighborhood Parks are typically pedestrian oriented parks that serve their immediate neighborhoods. These parks typically contain play equipment, seating, picnic areas, limited sports courts, and small gathering spaces. A standard of 2 acres per 1,000 residents is recommended.

Community Park (CP):

Community Parks are destinations for the greater Carmichael area. These parks typically contain regulation size ball fields and courts, and organized sports, as well as picnic areas, gathering spaces, and passive recreation areas. A standard of 1 acre per 1,000 residents is recommended.

Natural Areas (NA):

Natural Areas are largely undeveloped. They have minimal site amenities and are meant for hiking, dog walking, and passive recreation. A standard of ½ acre per 1,000 residents is recommended.

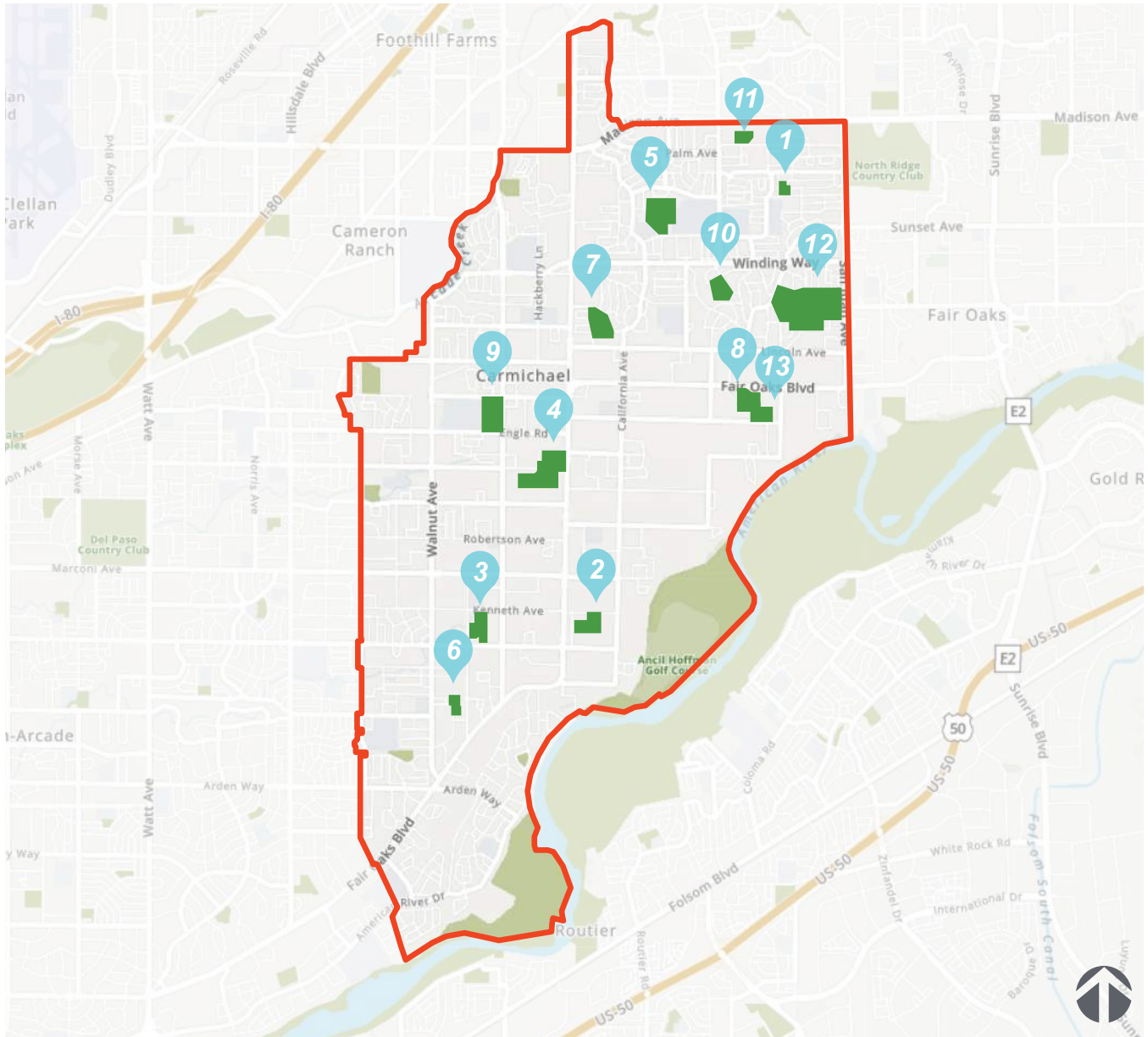
Special Purpose Park (SP):

Special Purpose Parks have very defined, specialized uses and cater to a specific user group, such as dog parks, water parks, and botanical gardens.

(U):

A “U” denotes that this park has significant areas of undeveloped land with no amenities, structures, or pathways. It may include large areas of woodland or open field.

PARKS AND FACILITIES MAP



PARKS

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|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 Bird Track Park | 6 Glancy Oaks Park | 11 Patriots Park and Wall of Honor |
| 2 Capra Park Site | 7 Jan Park | 12 Schweitzer Grove Nature Area |
| 3 Cardinal Oaks Park | 8 Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden | 13 Sutter-Jensen Community Park |
| 4 Carmichael Park | 9 La Sierra Community Center | |
| 5 Del Campo Park | 10 O'Donnell Heritage Park Site | |

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BIRD TRACK PARK

Pheasant Rd.

Type: NP

Size: 1.0 Acre

Date Acquired: 1972

Date Developed: 1981 & 1997

PARK OVERVIEW

Bird Track Park is a small park nestled in the San Juan Heights neighborhood. The park features a play structure, open lawn, a picnic table, benches, a new drinking fountain and a horseshoe pit. An accessible concrete path provides access to all amenities. One accessible parking stall is provided off Pheasant Rd. The site is well-maintained, however the amenities and play structure are aging. Lighting is not standardized throughout the park.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Accessibility:

- No ADA accessible benches, picnic tables, or ground level play equipment are provided.

Furnishings:

- Wood benches are in poor condition.
- Concrete picnic tables are in fair condition with some graffiti and fading.
- Drinking fountain is in fair condition.
- Horseshoe pits are in poor condition.

Landscape:

- Lawn is in fair condition.
- Trees around perimeter of site are in fair condition.
- Planting areas on the east side of the site are bare.

PARK MAP



- PLANTING AREAS
- HORSESHOE PITS
- PICNIC TABLES
- BENCHES
- PLAY EQUIPMENT
- ACCESSIBLE PARKING STALL

LEGEND

-  Bench
-  Picnic Table
-  Play Structure

BIRD TRACK PARK PROPOSED SITE PLAN



LEGEND

- | | |
|--|--|
|  Bench |  Picnic Table |
|  Play Structure |  Restroom |

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CAPRA PARK SITE

Kenneth Ave. & Arboreta Ct.

Type: SPU

Size: 6.7 Acres

Date Acquired: 1974 & 1976

PARK OVERVIEW

The Capra Park Site is a horse ranch established in the 1940's by Mary and Claude Capra. The couple sold the land to the Carmichael Recreation and Park District with the desire to provide a place for the public to recreate.

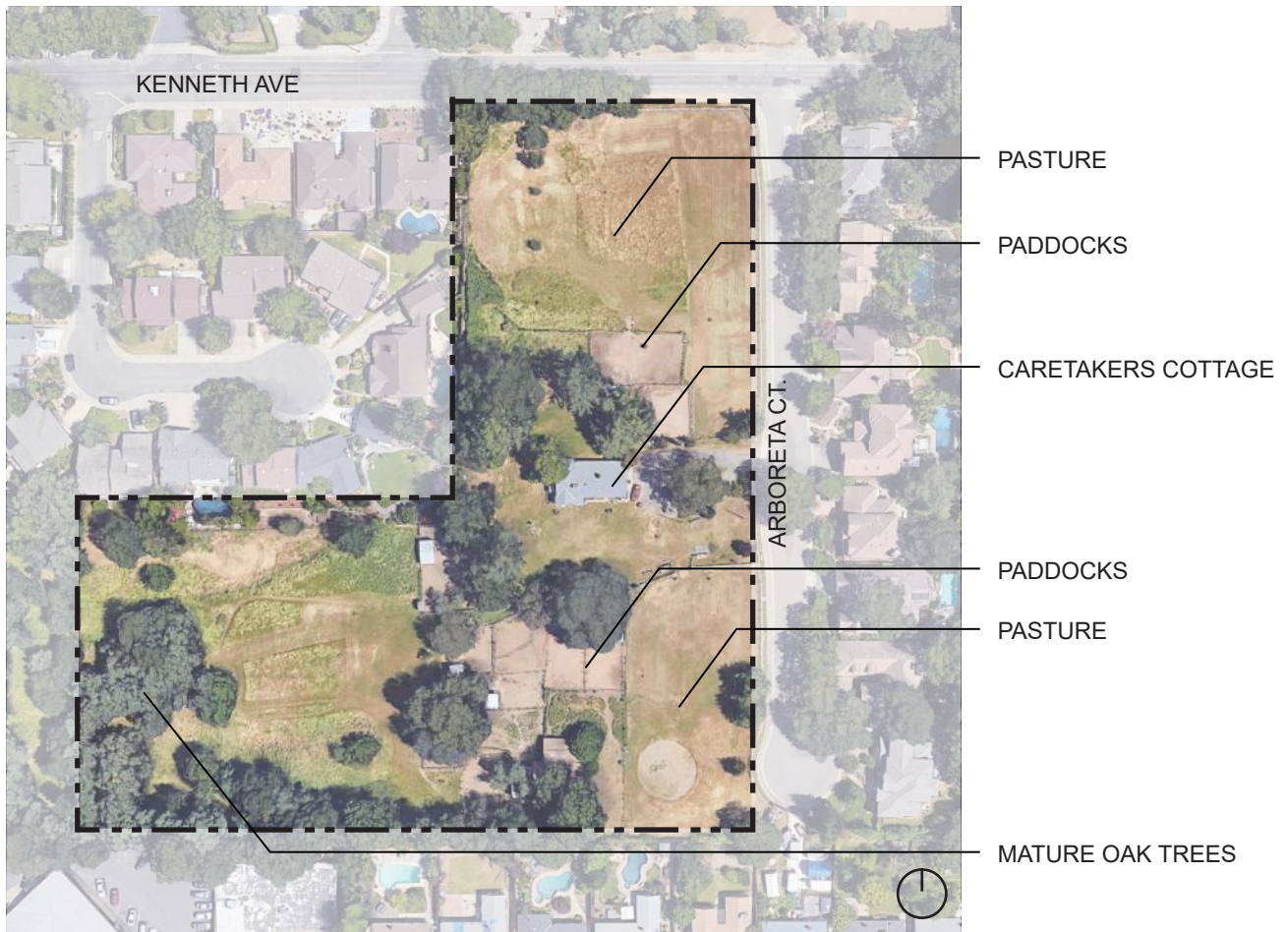
Currently, the site is maintained by a caretaker who boards horses and oversees daily operations. The property is not currently accessible to the public.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

The site is not currently accessible to the public. It is operated as a horse ranch with several paddocks, outbuildings, pastures and a caretakers home.

PARK MAP



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CAPRA PARK SITE PROPOSED MASTER PLAN

A Master Plan was completed for Capra Park Site in 2008 which includes low-intensity public use in order to retain its natural amenities and includes a small working farm.



(A)	New street improvements along Kenneth Avenue frontage - approximately 80 lineal feet.	(M)	Open turf area around Outdoor Education Center.
(B)	Park sign with decorative plantings at intersection of Kenneth Avenue and Arborea Court.	(N)	Controlled vehicular access.
(C)	Equestrian turnout area. Supplement existing three rail fencing with new fencing.	(O)	New landscape improvements along Arborea Court.
(D)	New equestrian paddocks	(P)	New caretaker's residence - prefabricated structure with new utilities provided to location.
(E)	Equestrian staging area with small gazebo shade structure, bench seating and hitching rails.	(Q)	New barn structure - prefabricated structure with internal animal stalls and storage area.
(F)	Park entry with new access gates at existing entry to site.	(R)	Maintenance and service vehicle access.
(G)	New parking area - 11 spaces, including accessible parking.	(S)	Historical farm equipment display area with associated interpretive signs.
(H)	New residential lot along Kenneth Avenue - 2 lots. Developer of lots to make remaining street improvements along Kenneth Avenue.	(T)	Small animal outdoor paddocks.
(I)	New residential lot along Arborea Court - 1 lot.	(U)	Small animal staging area with small gazebo shade structure, bench seating and hitching posts.
(J)	Existing caretaker's residence to be demolished.	(V)	Interpretive garden and row crop display with associated entry trellis/ gazebo and interpretive signs. Garden managed by district.
(K)	New Outdoor Education Center structure - prefabricated, open sided structure with educational sign panels. Style to match ranch/ farm theme. Portable public restroom to be located adjacent to structure.	(W)	Multi use path through site.
(L)	Relocated Capra monument adjacent to Outdoor Education Center.	(X)	Interpretive fruit tree grove utilizing existing olive trees with educational displays.
		(Y)	Pedestrian footbridges.
		(Z)	Access to adjacent elderly care facility.
		(aa)	Turnout / Training arena.
		(bb)	New fence along park property.

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CARDINAL OAKS PARK

El Camino Ave. near Garfield Ave.

Type: CP

Size: 7.4 Acres

Date Acquired: 1974

Date Developed: 1976

PARK OVERVIEW

Cardinal Oaks Park is a large linear park flanked by residential on both sides. Parking is provided on the north side, shared with surrounding residences.

The park is primarily open lawn with a central pathway connecting Kenneth Ave. to the north and El Camino Ave. to the south. The central area offers a play area with a swing set, wood picnic tables, horseshoe pits and a practice baseball field. Lawn areas are used for pick up volleyball games with portable nets brought by park users.

The south side of the site is undeveloped with the exception of a walking path to El Camino Ave. With bus access from El Camino and an existing portable restroom, this area has potential for future park expansion.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Accessibility:

- No ADA accessible benches or picnic tables are provided. All tables are set on lawn and have no accessible path of travel.
- No ground level play equipment, accessible entry or transfer station is provided. Fibar level is low.
- Concrete path is cracked and heaving in places, no longer ADA compliant.

Furnishings:

- Site furnishings are aging and in disrepair.
- Lighting is not standardized and insufficient throughout the park.
- Signage at entry from Kenneth Ave. is not District standard, and monument sign at El Camino Ave. is in poor condition.

Landscape:

- Mature trees throughout are in good condition.
- Turf is in good condition on the north end of the site.
- South portion of site is undeveloped, with no planting or grass, only bare soil.
- Drainage issues exist at lawn and play area.

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PARK MAP



LEGEND

-  Play Structure
-  Picnic Table
-  Restroom

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CARDINAL OAKS PARK PROPOSED SITE PLAN

Add 5' wide concrete pathways. Add security lighting to pathways and park core

Update picnic area to include group picnic areas.

Remove horseshoe pits



Multi-use area for informal games.

Relocate playground to central area. Add water play element.

Incorporate sand volleyball area.

New parking

LEGEND

-  Play Structure
-  Picnic Table



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CARMICHAEL PARK

5750 Grant Ave.

Type: CP

Size: 38.0 Acres

Date Acquired: 1945

Vets Hall Built: 1951

Office & Clubhouse Built: 1970

PARK OVERVIEW

Carmichael Park is the largest park in the District, serving as the main event center in town. The park features the Great Wall of Carmichael, a 100' mural created by artist Hugh Gorman celebrating all that makes Carmichael great. The Community Clubhouse, Veterans Building, and the Daniel Bishop Memorial Pavilion for the Performing Arts host concert series, performances, award ceremonies, and graduations.

The park has five ball fields, three playgrounds, six tennis courts, disc golf, volleyball and a horseshoe pit. Large shaded group picnic areas as well as single family barbecues and tables are provided. The park also features passive recreation lawns and a fenced "Canine Corral" for off-leash dog play. Restrooms are located near the Daniel Bishop Memorial Pavilion and in the Community Clubhouse.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Accessibility:

- No ADA accessible benches or picnic tables are provided. Many tables and amenities are set on lawn and have no accessible path of travel.
- Pathways are generally accessible and level; some areas do not have accessible paths of travel.
- ADA stalls at parking lot are non-compliant. Paving is cracked and uneven with extensive drainage issues.
- No bleachers are accessible.
- No tennis courts are accessible.
- Busy intersection at the park frontage.

Furnishings:

- Most site furnishings are aging. Wood benches are in poor condition, barbecues are rusting and several drinking fountains are non-operational.
- Newer concrete and metal picnic tables are in fair condition.
- Lighting is outdated and not standardized throughout the park.
- Shade structures and trellises at picnic areas are in good condition.
- Dog area lacks unified furnishing scheme, little dog play equipment is provided.
- Play areas are new and in good condition.

Sports Courts / Fields:

- Tennis courts are in fair condition with some fading and cracking of the surfacing. Windscreen is in poor condition. The ball wall is in poor condition.
- The baseball fields are in fair condition; fencing, backstops and infield are well maintained. The bleachers are in poor condition and not ADA accessible.






Landscape:

- Mature trees throughout are in good condition.
- Turf areas are generally in good condition with some bare or under-watered areas.
- There is no landscaping, mulch or grass at the Canine Corral.

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LEGEND

-  Ball Field
-  Picnic Table
-  Dog Area
-  Play Structure
-  Restroom

SITE IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed Carmichael Park Master Plan (see following page) will be implemented in phases based on available district funding and the need to maintain a high level of service for the community throughout construction.

The park has been fully redesigned to improve upon all existing features and amenities while adding additional sports fields, play areas, event spaces and water play elements.

Improved pedestrian circulation along with additional parking and drop-off areas streamline access to the park for all users.

CARMICHAEL PARK PROPOSED SITE PLAN



PLAN LEGEND

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| 1 Memorial Plaza | 14 New Basketball Court | 25 Opportunity Area, Future Park Space / Explore opportunity for bike park |
| 2 Events Pavilion | 15 New Play Areas/Potential Additional Parking (~20 spaces) | 26 Renovated Tot-Lot |
| 3 Promenade | 16 New Group Picnic Area | |
| 4 Open Lawn Area | 17 New Amphitheater | |
| 5 Water Oriented Play | 18 Vehicular Roundabout | |
| 6 Rental Facility | 19 New Maintenance Facility | |
| 7 Skate Park | 20 New Softball Field | |
| 8 New Parking Lot | 21 New Lighted Softball Field | |
| 9 Renovated Parking Lot | 22 Relocated Batting Cage | |
| 10 Pickleball Courts, Gathering Area | 23 New Concessions Building | |
| 11 Disc Golf Course | 24 (2) New Bocce Ball Courts / Gathering Space | |
| 12 Restrooms | | |
| 13 Renovated Dog Park | | |

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DEL CAMPO PARK

Heathcliff Dr.

Type: CP

Size: 26.1 Acres

Date Acquired: 1971

Date Developed: 1976

PARK OVERVIEW

Del Campo park is a large community park adjacent to Thomas Kelly Elementary School and Del Campo High School. The park is 12 acres of developed land and approximately 10 acres of undeveloped Oak Woodland.

The developed area is primarily lawn with a concrete walking loop. A playground, portable restroom, and an un-stripped soccer field are provided with a seasonal creek running past the playground. A restroom building re-purposed for storage and utilities is located across the creek from the play area.

Access is provided by a gravel parking lot to the west and an asphalt parking lot on the east side.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Accessibility:

- No ADA accessible benches or picnic tables are provided.
- The playground provides a PIP transfer station to at-grade elements.
- Concrete paths are accessible throughout the site.

Furnishings:

- Two benches and an accessible drinking fountain at the playground are in good condition.
- Lighting is not uniform throughout site.

Sports Fields:

- A full size soccer field with goals is provided. The goals do not have net and the turf is un-striped.



Landscape:

- Mature trees throughout are in good condition.
- Turf areas are generally in good condition with some bare or under-watered areas.
- Invasive plants are encroaching in seasonal creek bed.

PARK MAP






LEGEND

-  Bench
-  Restroom
-  Play Structure

DEL CAMPO PARK PROPOSED SITE PLAN



LEGEND

-  Bike Park
-  Dog Park
-  Play Structure
-  Restroom

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GLANCY OAKS PARK

5292 Glancy Dr.

Type: NP

Size: 3.0 Acres

Date Acquired: 1977

Land Exchange: 1945

Deed Transferred: 1997

PARK OVERVIEW

Glancy Oaks Park is a small park nestled in a quiet residential neighborhood. An open lawn area and concrete walking path is shaded by mature Redwoods and Crepe Myrtles. A small play area with a concrete seat wall and water fountain is located at the south end of the lawn.

An undeveloped area south of the playground is accessed by a dirt walking loop with benches. Two basketball half courts are provided in this area.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Accessibility:

- No ADA accessible benches are provided.
- The playground does not provide any accessible ground level elements or transfer station. Fibar is low and needs to be replenished.
- Concrete paths are accessible throughout the site.

Furnishings:

- Metal benches are in fair condition throughout the site.
- Waste receptacles are various styles and conditions.
- A drinking fountain with pet fountain is provided.

Sports Courts:

- Two concrete basketball half courts are provided. The surfacing needs to be refinished and re-stripped, and the backstop needs refurbishment and a replacement net.

Landscape:

- Mature trees throughout are in good condition.
- Turf areas are generally in good condition on the north side of the site. All turf and planting at south side of the site at the basketball area is dead. No irrigation appears to be provided to this area.

PARK MAP



LEGEND

 Play Structure

GLANCY OAKS PARK PROPOSED SITE PLAN

Add 5' circular concrete path, leave lawn area open

Add small shade structure, and single picnic table

Repair retaining wall

Upgrade playground with seating and shade element.

Formalize entry to park to meet accessibility requirements.

Replace undeveloped space with native butterfly garden.

Resurface and re-stripe basketball court



LEGEND



Play Structure



Picnic Table



Restroom

SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Glancy Oaks Park improvements will focus on upgrading the existing paths, amenities and landscaping with minimal additional features. The playground will be updated with modern equipment and shade, and a small shade structure with a single picnic table will

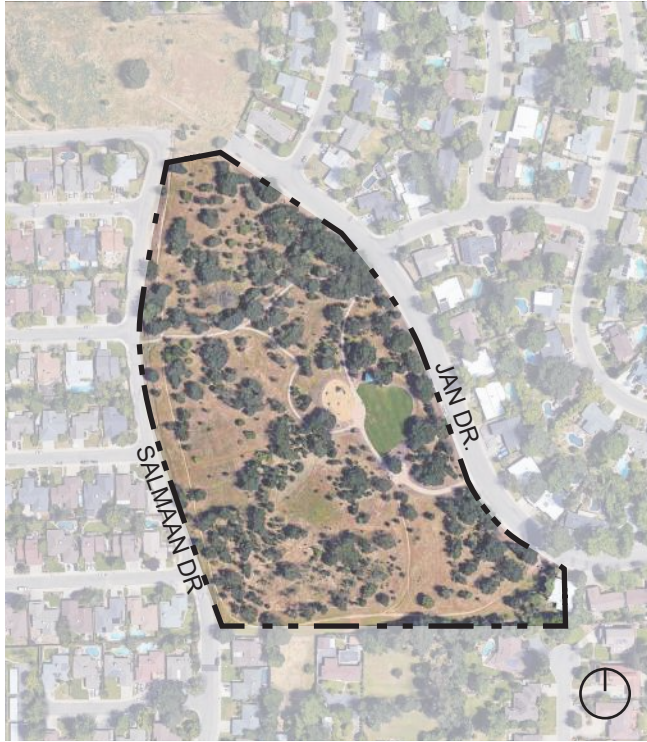
provide seating for small groups. Other renovations include adding a loop path, resurfacing the existing basketball courts and adding a native butterfly garden at the undeveloped southern areas of the park.

- Add picnic area with shade structure and picnic table near playground.
- Repair retaining wall around play structure.
- Replace playground equipment with new play structure and provide a shade structure and seating to increase comfort.
- Implement native butterfly garden on undeveloped southern area.
- Resurface and re-stripe basketball court.
- Formalize entry to park on Glancy Court, west side.
- Add concrete loop pathway.

IMPROVEMENTS COST

	Item	Quantity		Unit Cost	Subtotal
A	Site Improvements				
1	Demolition & Grading	15,000	SF	\$5.00	\$75,000
2	Concrete Pathway (4" Concrete over 6" CL II AB)	4,500	SF	\$20.00	\$90,000
3	Accessible Picnic Table	1	EA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
4	Small Shade Structure	1	EA	\$50,000.00	\$50,000
5	Retaining Wall	80	LF	\$400.00	\$32,000
6	Play Structure (2500 SF)	1	EA	\$175,000.00	\$175,000
7	Rubberized Play Safety Surfacing	2,500	SF	\$24.00	\$60,000
8	Shade Sail at Play Equipment	1	EA	\$50,000.00	\$50,000
9	Park Entry	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000
10	Butterfly Garden (Planting & Irrigation)	12,000	SF	\$12.00	\$144,000
11	Basketball Court (Resurface and Restripe)	1	LS	\$7,500.00	\$7,500
	SUBTOTAL Long Term Park Improvements				\$713,500
	Mobilization - 15%				\$107,025
	Design & Construction Contingency - 30%				\$214,050
	Soft Costs (Design, Administration, Inspection, Permitting) - 45%				\$321,075
				Improvements TOTAL	\$1,355,650

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JAN PARK

4310 Jan Dr.

Type: NP

Size: 13.6 Acres

Date Acquired: 1977

Date Developed: 2011-2021

PARK OVERVIEW

Jan Park is a large natural space nestled among residential communities. It has a play and picnic area as well as hiking trails through an Oak Woodland.

The play and picnic area provides modern amenities, shade structures and an open lawn. There is a portable restroom at the picnic area per District standard. The remainder of the site offers access to the Oak Woodland via dirt hiking trails. Interpretive signage is interspersed along these trails educating visitors about the plant and animal communities found at the park.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

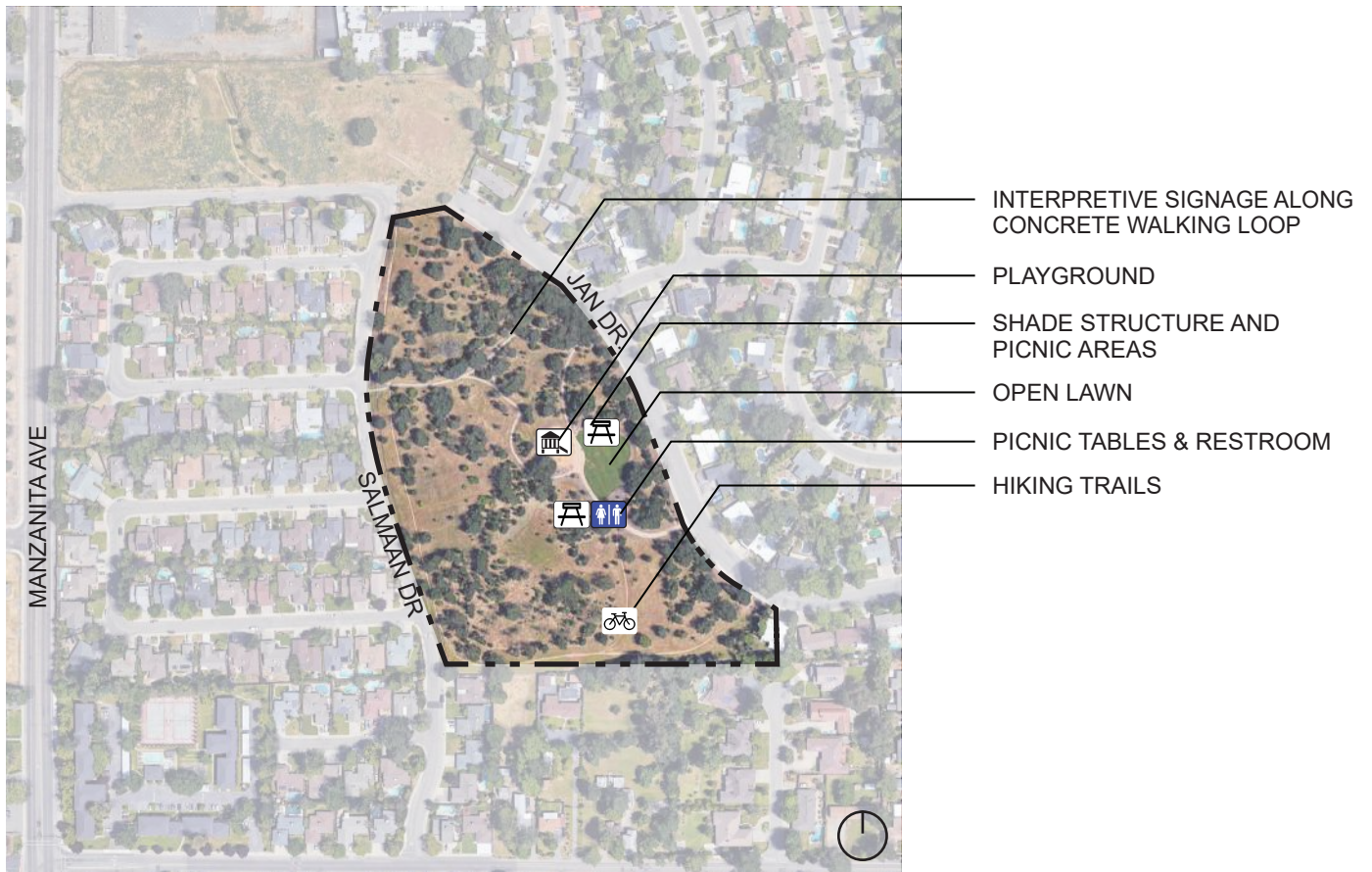
Accessibility:

- No ADA accessible benches or tables are provided.
- The play equipment offers accessible ground level play elements.
- Concrete walking loop path to playground is accessible
- The hiking trails through natural areas are not accessible.




Furnishings:

- Recently installed benches and tables throughout the site are in excellent condition.
- Interpretive signage is outdated and in poor condition.

PARK MAP



LEGEND

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|  | Picnic Table |  | Restroom |
|  | Play Structure | | |

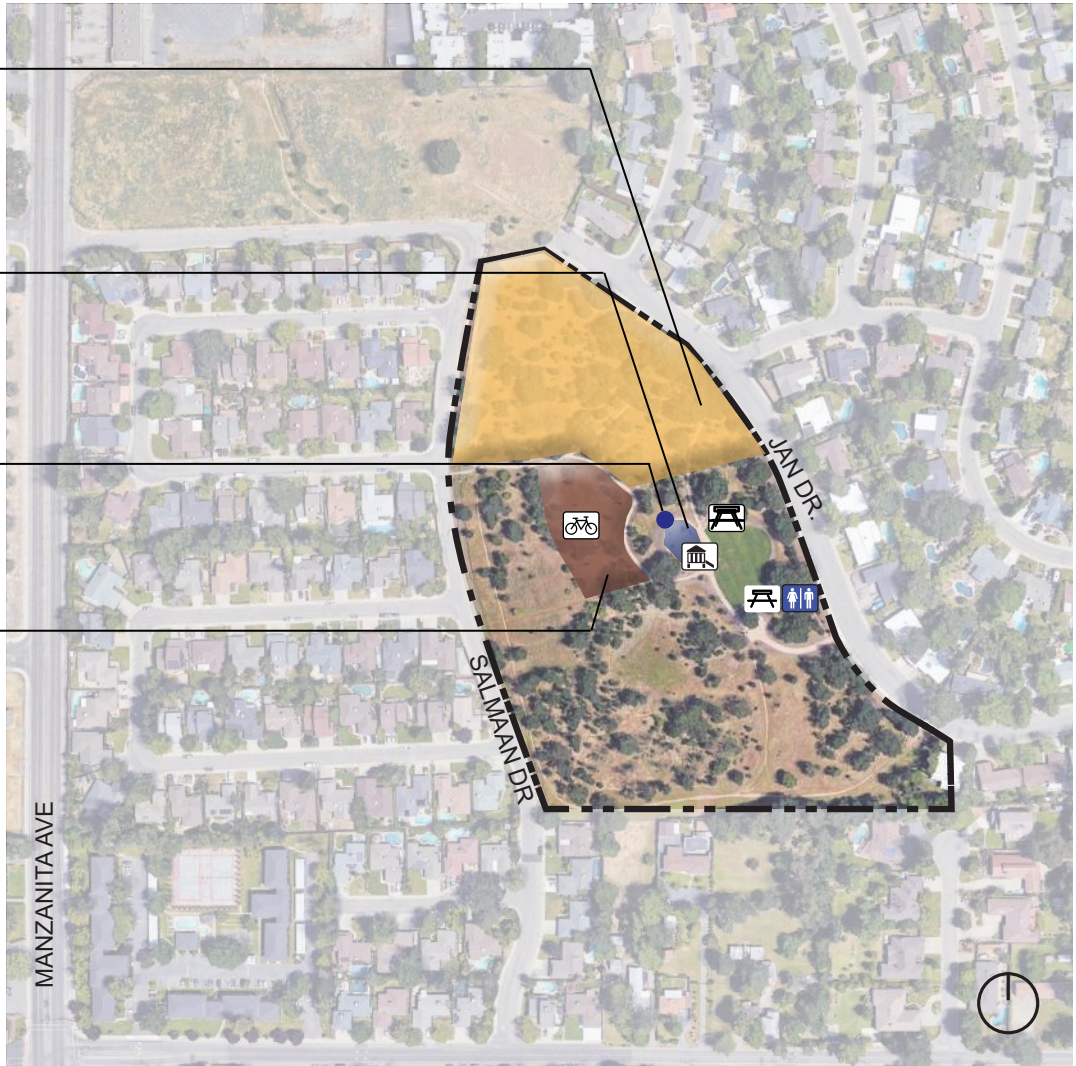
JAN PARK PROPOSED SITE PLAN

Widen multi-use paved paths and trails. Maintain native planting. Formalize interpretive signage program.

Improve playground area with shade structure and more challenging equipment.

Add misting stick near playground.

Alternative bike park location to Del Campo Park



LEGEND

- Bike Park
- Picnic Area
- Play Structure
- Restrooms

SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Jan Park is in good condition with a recently renovated picnic, play and lawn area. Improvements focus on widening and formalizing the existing nature paths and interpretive signage program on the north side of the site. The southern trail network will largely be maintained as natural trails.

Improvements to the play area include adding a shade

- Improve multi-use paved paths and trails on north side of site. Maintain native plantings and protect trees. Formalize interpretive signage program and enhance educational benefits.
- Improve playground area with shade structure to enhance connectivity with picnic area.
- Add parent seating at playground shade structure

structure with parent seating and additional “nature play equipment” such as rock climbing structures and zip lines.

The site is identified as a potential alternative to Del Campo Park for the development of a bike park.

- Expand play equipment with more challenging elements like zip line, rock climbing structure, etc.
- Add misting stick near playground.
- Add ADA accessible picnic table
- Potential alternative location for bike park to west side of park.

IMPROVEMENTS COST

	Item	Quantity		Unit Cost	Subtotal
A	Site Improvements				
1	Decomposed Granite Pathway (5' wide)	24,480	SF	\$18.00	\$440,640
2	Native planting (planting & irrigation)	165,000	SF	\$12.00	\$1,980,000
3	Interpretive Signage	6	EA	\$5,000.00	\$30,000
4	Play Equipment (1000 SF)	1	EA	\$75,000.00	\$75,000
4	Small Shade Structure	1	EA	\$75,000.00	\$75,000
5	Misting Stick	1	EA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000
6	Bike Park (Add Alt)*	30,000	SF	\$10.00	\$300,000
	SUBTOTAL Long Term Park Improvements				\$2,605,640
	Mobilization - 15%				\$390,846
	Design & Construction Contingency - 30%				\$781,692
	Soft Costs (Design, Administration, Inspection, Permitting) - 45%				\$1,172,538
				Improvements TOTAL	\$4,950,716
				(Add Alts) Improvements TOTAL	\$5,250,716
	*Alternative location for Del Campo Bike Park				

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LA SIERRA COMMUNITY CENTER

5325 Engle Rd.

Type: CP

Size: 37.0 Acres

Date Acquired: 1984

Date Constructed: 1955-1958

PARK OVERVIEW

The La Sierra Community Center includes six baseball fields, one full size and one half size outdoor basketball court, unmarked soccer fields, two gymnasiums, a dining/event hall and meeting rooms. The meeting rooms can be used for business meetings, weddings and celebrations, and private and community events. The sports fields are used by the Carmichael Little League and the Capital Valley Youth Soccer League.

The Community Center is also home to the Carmichael Montessori Project, Montessori Children's School (preschool), Sacramento Fine Arts Center, Chautauqua Playhouse, and the Sacramento County Regional Parks - Therapeutic Recreation Program Services.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Accessibility:

- No ADA accessible benches are provided.
- The site and pathways are generally accessible.
- No accessible bleachers are provided.
- The main parking lot and playground lots provide 369 parking spots and 16 ADA accessible spots. The asphalt at lot is cracked, filled with potholes and not compliant.

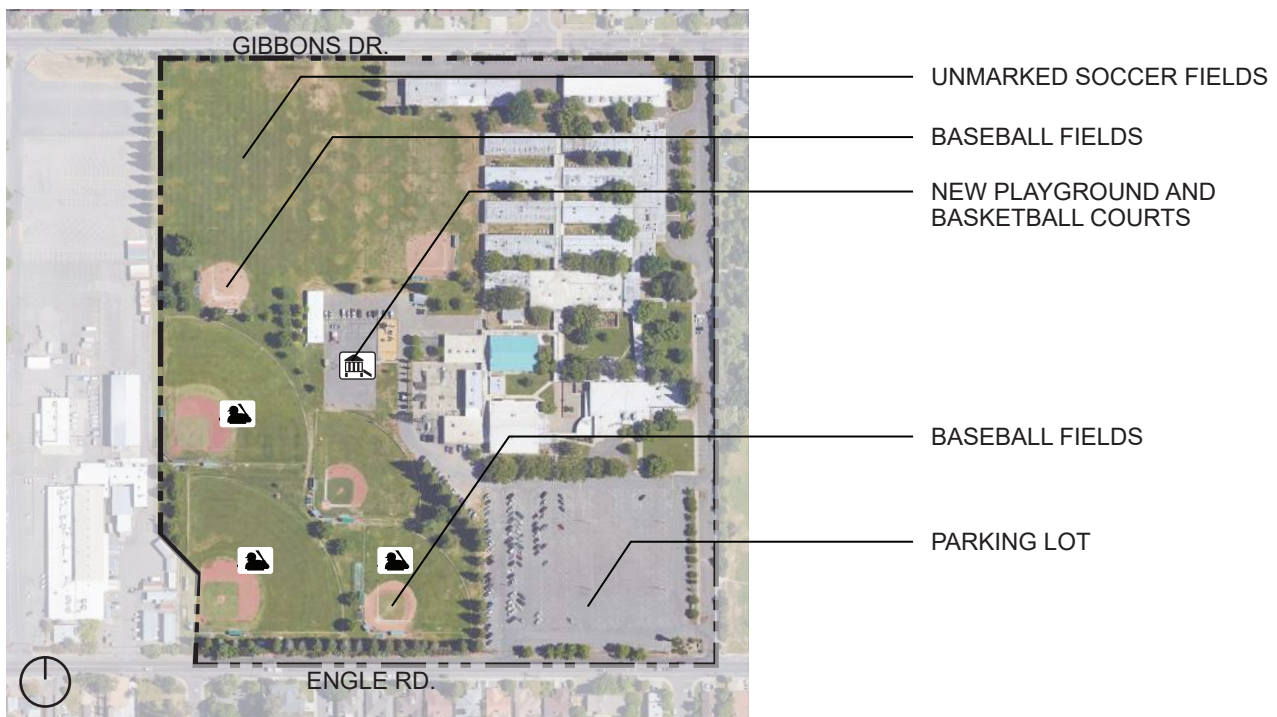
Furnishings:

- Benches and tables throughout the site are in poor condition.

Sports Fields:

- Baseball field outfields are in fair condition. The infields need to be re-skinned and cleared of weeds and vegetation. The player benches, bleachers and wood backstops are in poor condition.
- The soccer fields have drainage issues, and are unstriped. Ther turf is uneven to the point of posing a safety hazard for players.

PARK MAP






LEGEND

-  Play Structure
  Ball Field

LA SIERRA COMMUNITY CENTER PROPOSED SITE PLAN



LEGEND

-  Restrooms
-  Batting Cage w/ Artificial Turf
-  Fenced Pitching Warm-Up Area

SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements at La Sierra Community Center address upgrades and improvements to the existing sports fields and existing accessibility issues. This includes a new synthetic turf field with lighting for soccer use, replacing the existing baseball infields with synthetic turf and updating bleachers, dugouts and player benches, new

sand volley ball courts, and a new concession stand with restrooms and storage space. Other proposed improvements include a work out area, new looped pathway, resurfaced parking lot with lighting and accessible restrooms within the Community Center.

- Add accessible restroom.
- Replace north soccer fields and baseball infields with artificial turf.
- Update bleachers, dugouts and player benches.
- Add Batting cages with artificial turf and a fenced pitching warm up area.
- Provide ADA looped path near artificial turf fields.
- Add covered workout area near playground.
- Install sand volleyball courts with updated lighting.

- Update irrigation at surrounding planting areas.
- Add parking lot lighting
- Replace existing problematic turf and irrigation.
- Light existing ball field adjacent to workout area and playground.
- Replace benches and bleachers for ball fields.
- Incorporate a new two story snack bar with meeting space on second story.
- Upgrade picnic areas.
- Add concrete path throughout park

IMPROVEMENTS COST

	Item	Quantity		Unit Cost	Subtotal
A	Site Improvements				
1	Demolition & Grading	297,500	SF	\$5.00	\$1,487,500
2	Add Portable Restroom (Including Fencing)	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000
3	Synthetic Turf Fields	285,000	SF	\$8.50	\$2,422,500
4	Field Lighting	1	EA	\$750,000.00	\$750,000
5	Concrete Pathway (4" Concrete over 6" CL II AB)	12,500	SF	\$20.00	\$250,000
6	Sand Volleyball Court	2	EA	\$50,000.00	\$100,000
7	Fitness Stations (Including Surfacing & Curb)	1	EA	\$10,000.00	\$10,000
8	Large Shade Structure with Power	1	EA	\$130,000.00	\$130,000
9	Light Parking Lot	1	LS	\$250,000.00	\$250,000
10	Turf Repair	250,000	SF	\$0.50	\$125,000
11	Weed	250,000	SF	\$0.05	\$12,500
12	Bleachers	8	EA	\$24,000.00	\$192,000
13	Dugouts	8	EA	\$35,000.00	\$280,000
14	Batting Cages w/ artificial turf	2	EA	\$30,000.00	\$60,000
15	Fenced Pitching Warmup Area (Chainlink fencing & artificial turf)	1	EA	\$10,200.00	\$10,200
16	Snack Bar - 2 Story	1	LS	\$150,000.00	\$150,000
17	Site Furnishings & Accessories	1	EA	\$100,000.00	\$100,000
	SUBTOTAL Long Term Park Improvements				\$6,354,700
	Mobilization - 15%				\$953,205
	Design & Construction Contingency - 30%				\$1,906,410
	Soft Costs (Design, Administration, Inspection, Permitting) - 45%				\$2,859,615
Improvements TOTAL					\$12,073,930

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O'DONNELL HERITAGE SITE

6618 Rappahannock Way.

Type: NPU

Size: 9.4 Acres

Date Acquired: 1975

Date Developed: 2010

PARK OVERVIEW

O'Donnell Heritage Park is a 9.4-acre neighborhood park including a playground, picnic area, butterfly garden, misting stick, and drinking fountains. There is a portable restroom on site. The majority of the site is undeveloped Oak Savannah with gravel nature paths and interpretive signage.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Accessibility:

- No ADA-accessible tables are provided.
- The playground has ground level accessible equipment and surfacing.
- The concrete pathways at the picnic area and play area is accessible. The gravel nature path is largely accessible.

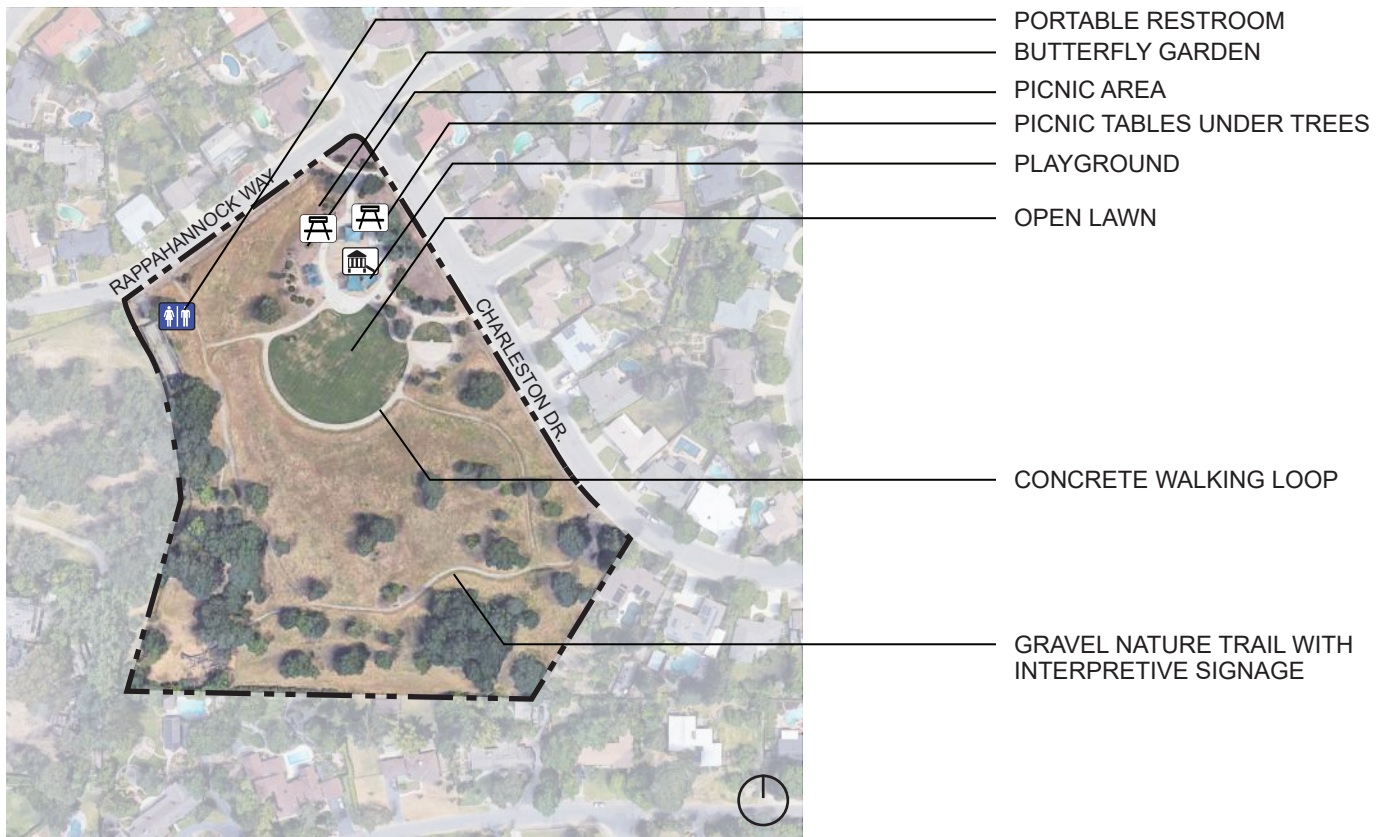
Landscaping:

- The turf lawn is in excellent condition.
- Site landscaping is somewhat sparse, but well maintained. Landscape areas are low on mulch.




Furnishings:

- All site furnishings are in excellent condition.

PARK MAP



LEGEND

- | | |
|--|--|
|  Play Structure |  Picnic Table |
|  Restroom | |

O'DONNELL HERITAGE SITE PROPOSED SITE PLAN

Build sidewalk along Rappahannock Way.

Add new water play elements.

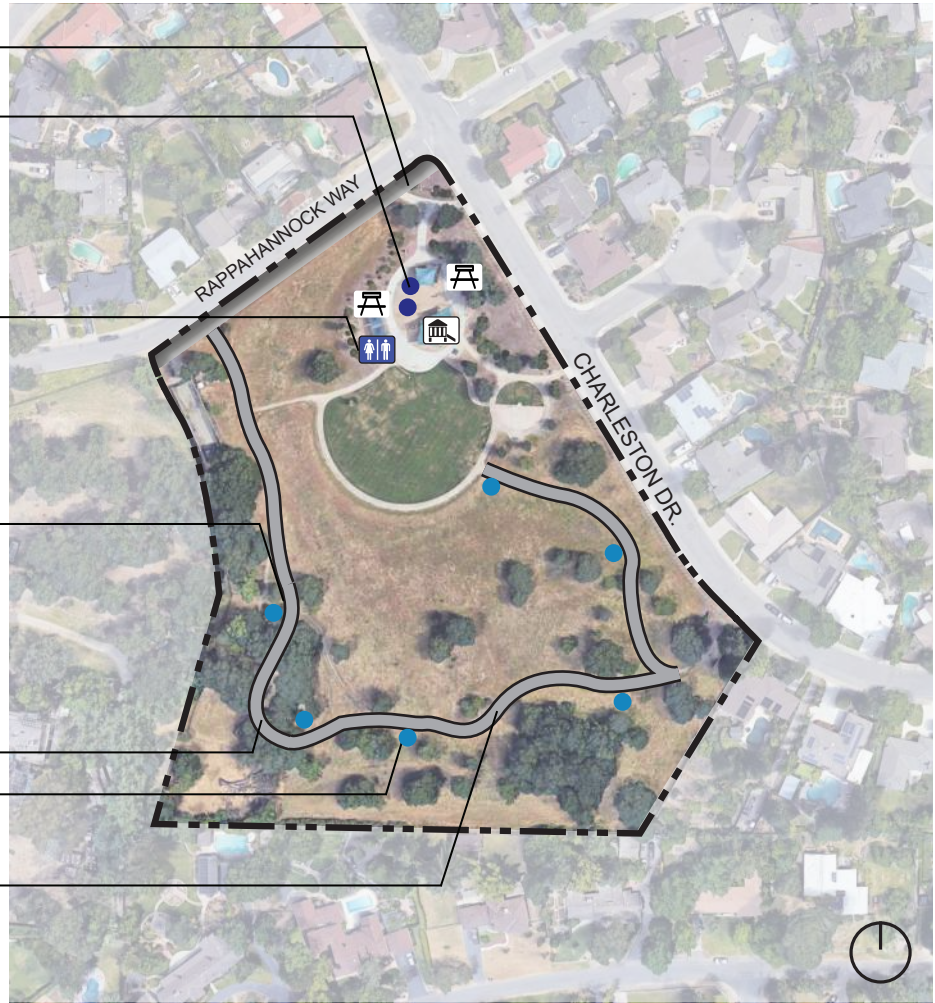
Provide accessible restroom.

Include new 5' concrete loop trail



Complete trail loop.

Add adult fitness equipment along loop trail.

Replace gravel path with concrete path.



LEGEND

 Play Structure
 Picnic Area

 Restrooms

SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements at O'Donnell Heritage Site address existing accessibility issues and minor site amenity improvements.

Existing gravel trails will be paved for accessibility, and adult fitness equipment will be added at the

perimeter loop path. The path will be extended so that it completes a full loop around the park and connects to a new sidewalk along Rappahannock Way. Misting stick(s) will be added at the existing playground.

- Build sidewalk along Rappahannock Way.
- Add new water play elements near existing playground.
- Relocate restroom to picnic and play area
- Complete trail loop.
- Add adult fitness equipment along trail loop.
- Replace gravel with accessible concrete path.

IMPROVEMENTS COST

	Item	Quantity		Unit Cost	Subtotal
A	Site Improvements				
1	Demolition & Grading	8,825	SF	\$5.00	\$44,125
2	Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter	220	LF	\$20.00	\$4,400
3	Water Play Feature	1	EA	\$75,000.00	\$75,000
5	Concrete Pathway (4" Concrete over 6" CL II AB)	8,825	SF	\$20.00	\$176,500
6	Fitness Stations (Including Surfacing & Curb)	6	EA	\$10,000.00	\$60,000
	SUBTOTAL Long Term Park Improvements				\$360,025
	Mobilization - 15%				\$54,004
	Design & Construction Contingency - 30%				\$108,008
	Soft Costs (Design, Administration, Inspection, Permitting) - 45%				\$162,011
Improvements TOTAL					\$684,048



PATRIOTS PARK AND WALL OF HONOR

6827 Palm Ave.

Type: NPU

Size: 3.6 Acres

Date Acquired: 1976

Date Developed: 2009

PARK OVERVIEW

Patriots Park and Wall of Honor is a small neighborhood park providing a play area with shade structures, picnic areas, open lawns, a basketball half court, butterfly garden, dry creek, and the Memorial Wall of Honor.

The Wall of Honor is a monument to veterans or public servants, residents of Carmichael of who gave their lives for country or community.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Accessibility:

- No ADA accessible tables are provided.
- The playground has ground level accessible equipment and surfacing.
- The concrete pathways throughout the site are accessible.

Furnishings:

- All site furnishings are in good condition.

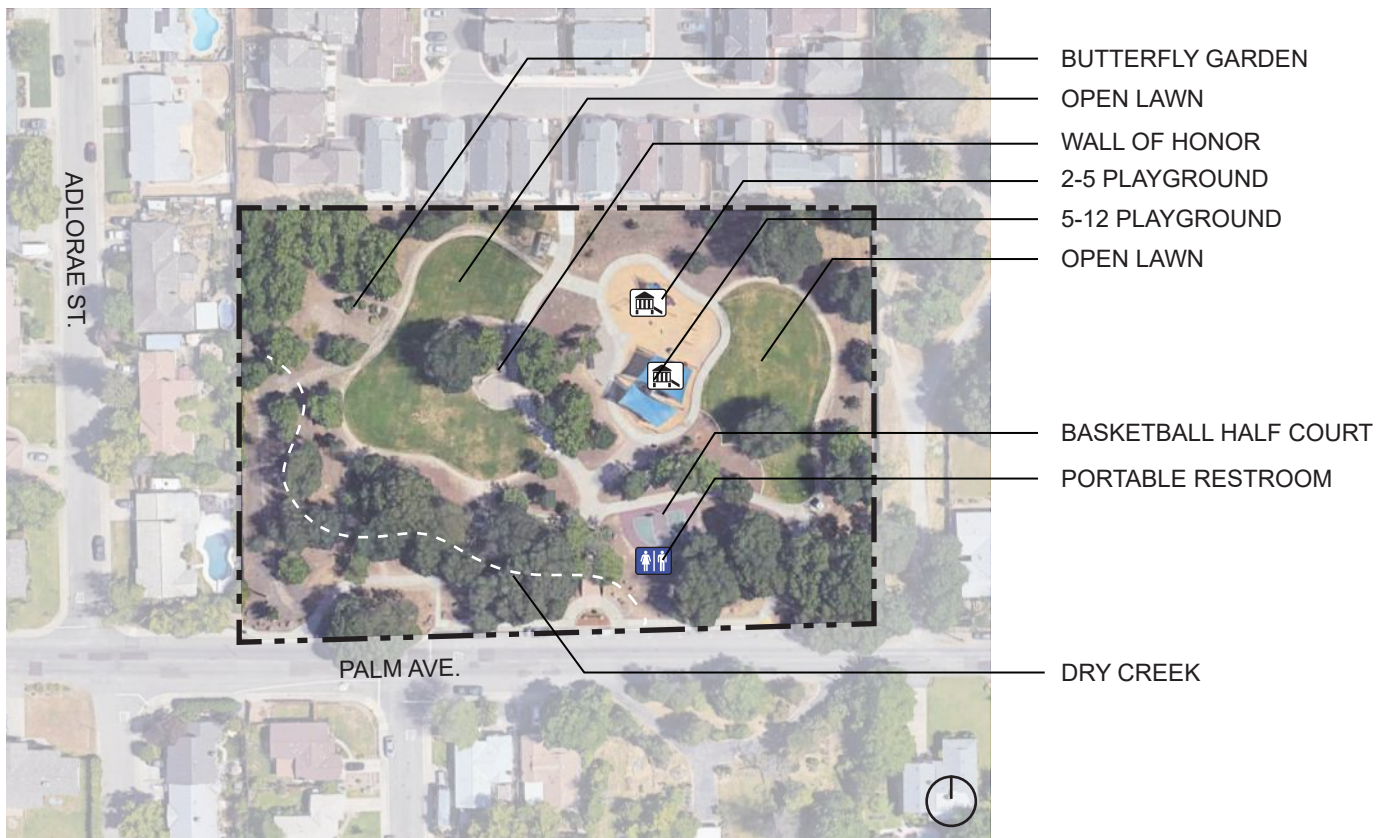
Sports Courts:

- Basketball half court is in fair condition, the backstop is missing the hoop and net, and the striping is fading.

Landscaping:

- The turf lawn is in excellent condition.
- Site landscaping is somewhat sparse, but well maintained. Landscape areas are low on mulch.
- Butterfly garden is somewhat overgrown.

PARK MAP



LEGEND



Play Structure



Restroom

PATRIOTS PARK & WALL OF HONOR PROPOSED SITE PLAN

- Upgrade decomposed granite paths and expand existing loops.
- Add interactive game area
- Add ADA accessible tables.



LEGEND

- Play Structure
- Restrooms

SITE IMPROVEMENTS

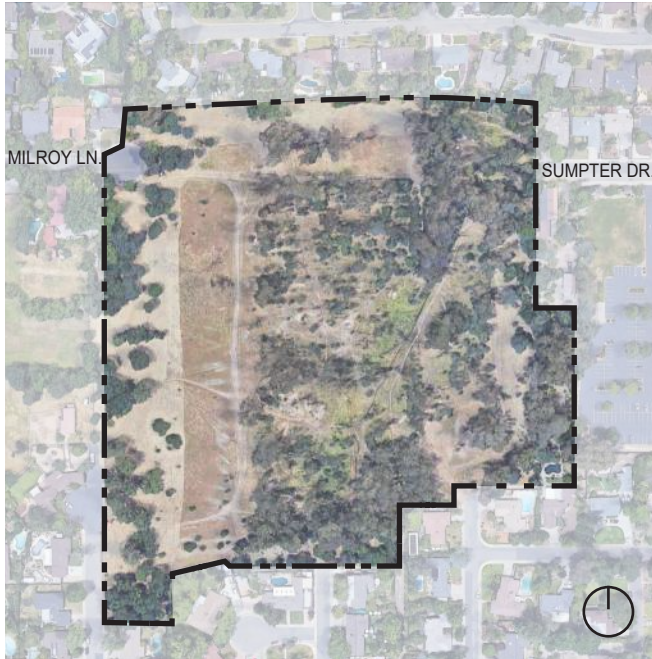
Minor site improvements are proposed including expanded paths, updated lighting and adding ADA tables. The park is overall in good condition with modern amenities and accessible paths.

- Expand existing path network and improve decomposed granite paths.
- Add ADA accessible tables.
- Update lighting for improved security.

IMPROVEMENTS COST

	Item	Quantity		Unit Cost	Subtotal
A	Site Improvements				
1	Accessible Picnic Table	2	EA	\$4,000.00	\$8,000
2	Decomposed Granite Pathway (5' wide)	5,550	SF	\$18.00	\$99,900
3	Site Furnishings & Accessories	1	LS	\$100,000.00	\$100,000
4	Pedestrian Lighting	1	LS	\$150,000.00	\$150,000
	SUBTOTAL Long Term Park Improvements				\$357,900
	Mobilization - 15%				\$53,685
	Design & Construction Contingency - 30%				\$107,370
	Soft Costs (Design, Administration, Inspection, Permitting) - 45%				\$161,055
Improvements TOTAL					\$680,010

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SCHWEITZER GROVE NATURE AREA

Milroy Ln.

Type: NA

Size: 17.2 Acres

Date Acquired: 1971

PARK OVERVIEW

Schweitzer Grove Nature Area is an undeveloped nature area offering passive use trails, wood benches and a restroom off of Milroy Lane. There are five entrances off of Milroy Lane, Castleglen Way, Donneybrook Way, Hussey Drive, and Sumter Drive.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Accessibility:

- No areas of this site are accessible.

Landscaping:

- This site consists of unmanaged Eucalyptus groves.


Furnishings:

- Limited seating is provided.

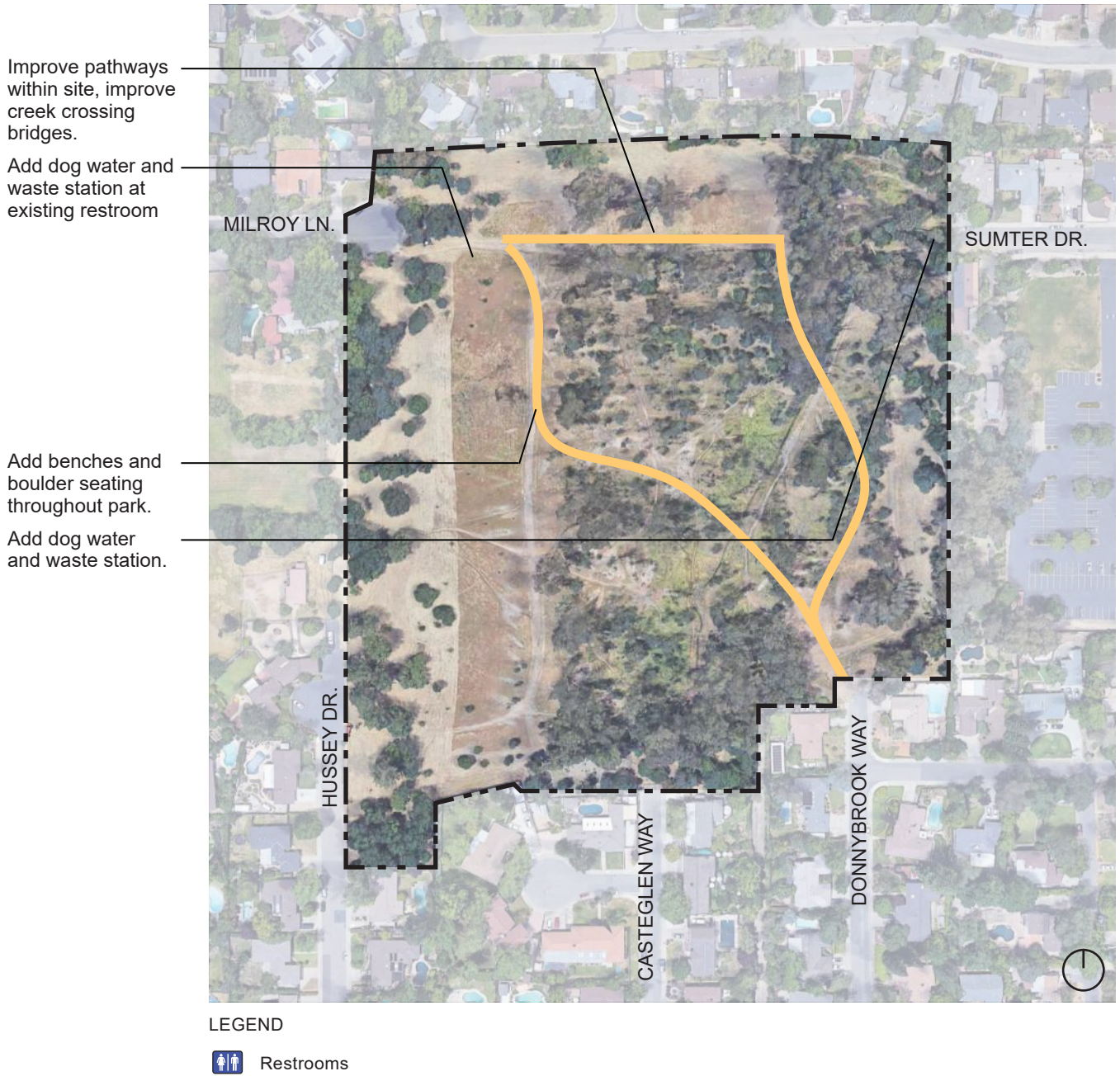
PARK MAP



LEGEND

-  Restroom

SCHWEITZER GROVE NATURE AREA PROPOSED SITE PLAN



SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Schweitzer Grove Nature Area improvements address the existing nature trails and bridges, maintaining the natural experience of the park and adding low impact

amenities. Pathways and bridges repaired/improved as needed for accessibility and safety. Dog stations and new seating will be provided along the pathways.

- Improve existing pathways and improve bridges crossing the creek. Pave with decomposed granite and repair bridges as needed.
- Add benches and boulder seating throughout park.
- Add dog water fountains and pet waste facilities near existing restroom and near Sumpter Drive access.
- District to approach the First Baptist Church on Fair Oaks/Sumter about acquiring a piece of their land for parking if needed in the future.

IMPROVEMENTS COST

	Item	Quantity		Unit Cost	Subtotal
A	Site Improvements				
1	Decomposed Granite Pathway (5' wide)	10,200	SF	\$18.00	\$183,600
3	Dog water fountain	2	EA	\$10,000.00	\$20,000
4	Dog Waste Station	2	EA	\$1,500.00	\$3,000
5	Site Furnishings & Accessories	1	LS	\$70,000.00	\$70,000
	SUBTOTAL Long Term Park Improvements				\$276,600
	Mobilization - 15%				\$41,490
	Design & Construction Contingency - 30%				\$82,980
	Soft Costs (Design, Administration, Inspection, Permitting) - 45%				\$124,470
Improvements TOTAL					\$525,540

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SUTTER-JENSEN COMMUNITY PARK AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

Sutter Ave. near Hollister Ave.

Type: CPU

Size: 13.8 Acres

Dates Acquired: Sutter: 1974

Jensen: 1976

Botanical Garden: 1976

Dates Developed : Sutter Jensen Park: 2018

PARK OVERVIEW

Sutter-Jensen is a large, mostly undeveloped community park connecting to the Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden on the north side. Access to the park off Sutter Ave is provided by a gravel parking lot with one accessible stall. Adjacent to the parking is a large community garden planted and managed by community members with. A wide concrete path leads you north through an olive grove towards the Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden.

Past the olive grove, there is a large open lawn for picnicking and dog walking. The 3.5 acre Charles C. Jensen Botanical Garden on the north side of the site features demonstration gardens showcasing various different California biomes. A nature path for the blind offers a sensory experience for the visually impaired through different plant textures and fragrances. Gravel paths lead through planting areas with shaded seating nooks spread throughout. The garden and adjacent lawn can be rented out for small events.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Accessibility:

- Gravel pathways at Botanical Garden are accessible, if somewhat uneven. The concrete path connecting Sutter-Jensen to the Community Garden exceeds 5% throughout.
- Accessible benches are provided.

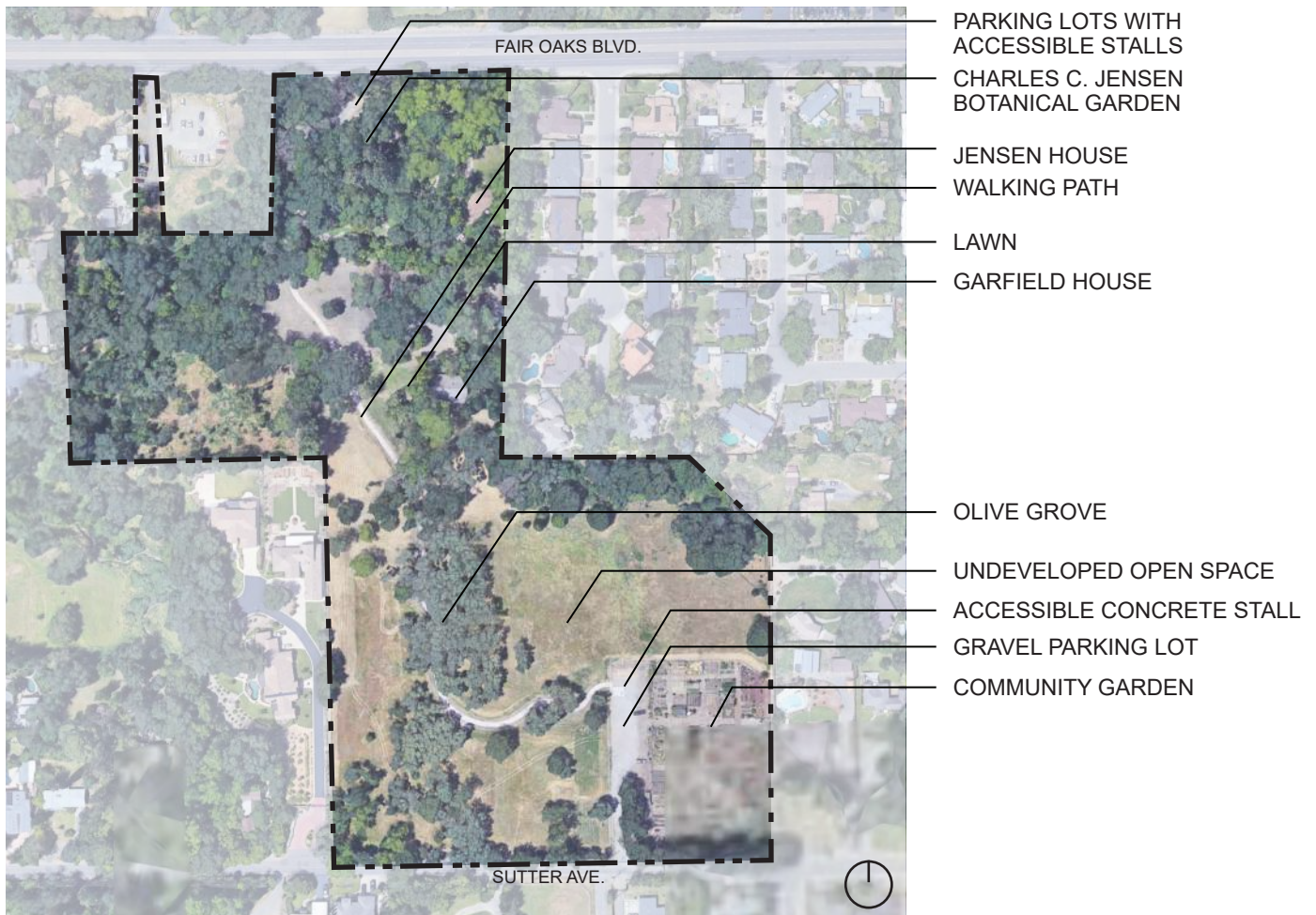
Furnishings:

- Wood tables and benches are in good condition.

Landscaping:

- The open lawn is in good condition.
- Botanical Garden planting is in fair condition. Some weeds are present in the demonstration planters, and there are some bare patches. Mulch is low throughout planting areas.


PARK MAP



SUTTER-JENSEN COMMUNITY PARK AND BOTANICAL GARDEN PROPOSED SITE PLAN



LEGEND

 Play Structure

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CARMICHAEL

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OVERVIEW

This Master Plan is intended to be a living document. Within its 10-year time horizon, circumstances, opportunities, resources and demands will evolve. This chapter provides criteria for evaluating project opportunities in order to prioritize use of resources. It also discusses various funding mechanisms that may be pursued to implement the recommended projects, and includes an Action Plan for implementation of recommended improvements.

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IMPLEMENTATION

In order to provide a range of opportunities, the following implementation strategies may be pursued to increase the level of service:

- **Activate** – Provide programming and community events to bring more people into parks and public spaces as an interim solution in spaces awaiting renovation, and to test community interest in potential future amenities.
- **Connect** – Improve connections between parks and an integrated network of streets, sidewalks and trails.
- **Renovate and Re-purpose** – Rebuild or replace existing park facilities to increase service and usage.
- **Develop** – Provide new parks and/or school district facilities on currently owned unused or underused land.
- **Expand** – Create new parks through acquisition of new land, and provide public access to privately owned recreation areas through the development process.

For all five implementation strategies, the District will seek opportunities to collaborate with partners and alternate providers to improve service levels for parks and open space.

PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

Within the overall park system, prioritization of potential projects is critical to ensuring that CRPD has an accessible, equitable, and sustainable system of parks and open spaces that maximizes the recreational opportunities available to all of the District's residents, workers and visitors.

The Action Plan at the conclusion of this chapter presents the projects that are recommended in this

Plan with suggested time frames for implementation. As the District's demographics and resources change, opportunities arise, and trends evolve, the recommended projects will likely shift in relative importance, and time frames for implementation will need to be adjusted accordingly. The criteria that follow will guide District staff and the Advisory Board's decision making process, and help to determine which projects make the best use of available resources.

- **Funding availability:** Projects or initiatives for which CRPD has identified funding sources should be moved to active status as capacity allows. An additional consideration is whether the costs are one-time or recurring. Multiple benefit projects or initiatives, those that advance the goals, projects, and directions of other District or County plans, often have more sources for funding.
- **Reduces operating costs or generates revenue:** Projects or initiatives that can create additional revenue, improve maintenance or operations efficiencies, and conserve water or reduce water usage should be given high priority to move forward.
- **Time-limited opportunity:** Opportunities that arise may come with a time constraint, such as a property coming up for sale, a new residential or commercial development, or a project being completed by another jurisdiction or agency. Time-limited opportunities that advance the District's goals should be leveraged so as not to be lost.
- **Partnership potential:** Partnerships are an important aspect of CRPD's approach to parks and recreation services. Those projects or initiatives with one or more partners who will help with implementation and/or ongoing operation should take precedence.
- **Quick win:** Some projects can be quickly implemented, demonstrating results to the community and meeting immediate needs. Providing quick wins keeps staff and the community engaged and invested while longer term and more complicated projects are underway.

FUNDING STRATEGIES

The Master Plan Update describes a comprehensive range of park improvements desired by the community to maintain the quality of the current park system and address current unmet needs. In addition to addressing existing park and recreation needs, the projected growth of Carmichael will require additional parkland and recreation facilities to meet the needs of future residents.

FUNDING SOURCES

General Fund

This is the District's primary source for operating revenue and comes primarily from taxes levied on property within the District boundary. Additional funds come from rental of District property, aid from other government agencies, fees for recreation services, and donations.

Park Development Impact Fees

The County of Sacramento has established Park Development Impact Fees to finance the costs of park facilities within its Recreation and Park Districts, including Carmichael Recreation and Park District. The Quimby Act permits the County, on behalf of the District, to require the dedication of land or impose a requirement of the payment of fees in lieu thereof, or a combination of both, for park or recreation purposes as a condition of the approval of a tentative or parcel map. Funds acquired via the Quimby Act can be used for the acquisition of new parkland, for the physical development of new park facilities, or rehabilitating existing neighborhood parks, community parks and recreational facilities that will serve the residents of the new development.

Development Impact Fees are also assessed by the County under the Mitigation Fee Act to provide one-time funds for facilities and infrastructure that serve the needs of the proposed development. These fees may be assessed on developments not covered under the Quimby ordinance. An updated Park Impact Fee Nexus Study has been completed by the District and submitted to the County, to ensure that the Park Development Impact Fees are kept up to date to reflect current park development costs.

Assessments and Bonds

In order to secure additional funding to meet CRPD's needs, the District should explore benefits and costs as well as potential support for development of special assessment districts (Community Facilities Districts or Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts) or a bond measure to fund improvements. An assessment or bond could address funding for much needed improvements to existing community buildings as well. In 2014, property owners voted in support of a special assessment to fund improvements recommended in the 2008 Master Plan. In 2016, the assessment procedure was invalidated, and consequently, many of the improvements that had been prioritized by the community could not be funded. The recent community outreach meetings during this Master Plan process revealed growing support for an assessment to fund the much needed park improvements.

Creation of an assessment district permits a public agency to assess housing units or land parcels. The assessment revenues can be used for park land acquisition, development, and/or maintenance. The agency can choose to use the revenue generated on a pay-as-you-go basis or can sell bonds in order to receive a lump sum amount. The bonds are then paid back from the annual revenue generated from the assessment. Establishment of a district or revision

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to an assessment district requires a vote of property owners. The majority of returned votes must be in favor of establishing the district.

A General Obligation Bond is a voter-approved bond with the assessment placed on real property for a specified period of time (typically 15-20 years). Passage of a General Obligation Bond requires a 2/3 voter majority. The money can only be used for capital improvements, not maintenance.

Partnerships and Grants

This Master Plan Update provides a solid foundation for seeking partnerships, sponsorships, donations and grants to help fund park improvements and expand recreational opportunities for the Carmichael community.

In recent years, corporate philanthropy, individual giving and foundation and grant funding has been increasing significantly. According to the National Recreation and Park Association, this type of funding for city parks increased from \$499 million in 2018 to \$596 million in 2019. The top three private sector employers in the Sacramento area, Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health, and Dignity Health, are potential partners for funding improvements or programs that focus on improving health outcomes. In addition to these large corporations, the District may consider

partnerships with businesses through the Carmichael Chamber of Commerce, who may avail themselves of sponsorship opportunities, such as long or short-term naming rights, that provide visibility and generate good will.

The District's successful partnership with DART Swim School and the Carmichael Parks Foundation to provide subsidized swim lessons to the community is an excellent example of the potential of collaboration to expand recreational opportunities to Carmichael District residents.

The District currently partners with the Carmichael Parks Foundation to provide scholarships to local youth so that they may participate in the many recreation programs offered by the District. Local non-profits and service agencies such as Kiwanis and Rotary are also continuing supporters of the District.

Other public and/or private agencies within the Carmichael area can provide amenities and programs to fill the gap in current District offerings.

FACILITY NEEDS

Although building facilities themselves were not a part of the scope of work for the Master Plan update, as the District considers strategies to fund the improvements identified in the Master Plan, one also needs to consider the deferred maintenance cost associated with the current facilities and infrastructure.

CRPD contracted with KYA Services to identify the full potential costs (hard and soft) to address deferred maintenance in the following areas:

1. La Sierra Community Center

- Roofing
- HVAC
- Asphalt lots

- Exterior Painting
- Boiler Room Abatement

2. Carmichael Clubhouse and District Office:

- Roofing
- HVAC
- Exterior Painting

3. Veteran’s Hall:

- Roofing (rear only)
- Exterior Painting

4. Del Campo Park:

- Asphalt Lots

The cost estimate on replacement or renovation of these areas came to \$8,561,050. This figure was from mid-2021, and one can expect a 10-15% annual increase for the next few years.

One area not covered in the deferred maintenance analysis was adding air conditioning to both gyms at La Sierra Community Center. It should be noted that any work done to install air conditioning in the gyms will

also trigger the needs for accessibility improvements. In March 2020, CRPD obtained estimates to install air conditioning, with updated electrical, at the large gym. The estimate for the large gym was \$1,550,000. Estimates were not prepared for the small gym.

In 2016 when CRPD undertook an ADA analysis, the cost of the upgrades to doors and restroom was estimated at \$250,000.

SUMMARY OF FACILITY NEEDS	
Item	Cost
Deferred Maintenance	\$8,651,500 (2021)
• Air Conditioning - Large Gym @ La Sierra	\$1,550,000 (2020)
Accessibility Ugrades	\$250,000 (2016)
TOTAL	\$10,451,050

Figure 4-1: Summary of Facility Needs

ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan presents each action, indicates the goal or goals it implements, and identifies a time frame for its implementation. The time frames are: completed within one to three years, completed within three to five years, initiated five years or more from the approval of this Master Plan Update, or ongoing.

The Action Plan is a tool that is intended to be updated over the life of this Master Plan Update as circumstances, resources, opportunities and needs change. This version of the Action Plan is a snapshot of priorities as of the time of this Master Plan Update.



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Park	Action	Goals	Timeframe			
			1-3 Years	3-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
All	Accessibility Improvements and Furnishings	2, 5	X			X
All	Landscape Maintenance	2, 3				X
Bird Track Park	Add portable restroom	2		X		
Bird Track Park	Add perimeter pathway	3		X		
Bird Track Park	Add butterfly garden	3, 5		X		
Bird Track Park	Add shade structure and replace site furnishings	2, 3	X			
Bird Track Park	Add multi-use game area	3	X			
Bird Track Park	Replace play equipment	3	X			
Capra Park	Site improvements to transition to functional park	4, 5			X	
Capra Park	Add pedestrian path, signage, lighting, seating	2, 3			X	
Capra Park	Add agricultural education elements	4, 5			X	
Capra Park	Add caretaker residence and animal infrastructure	4			X	
Cardinal Oaks	Add parking lot	2			X	
Cardinal Oaks	Add pedestrian path and site lighting	3	X			
Cardinal Oaks	Add game area, water play element, and volleyball	1, 3		X		
Cardinal Oaks	Update picnic area	2		X		
Cardinal Oaks	Upgrade play structure	3	X			
Carmichael Park	Add and upgrade pedestrian paths	2, 3	X			

Table 4-1: Action Plan

Park	Action	Goals	Timeframe			
			1-3 Years	3-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
Carmichael Park	Upgrade dog park	3			X	
Carmichael Park	Specialty sport courts and activities	3, 4	X			
Carmichael Park	Upgrade event spaces	2, 4, 6		X		
Carmichael Park	Add concession stand with bathrooms	4, 6		X		
Carmichael Park	Modernize maintenance facilities	4, 5		X		
Carmichael Park	Upgrade play structure	3			X	
Del Campo Park	Add to (e) parking lot and relocate portable restroom	2		X		
Del Campo Park	Add pedestrian path and bridge over seasonal creek	3	X			
Del Campo Park	Add bike park	2, 3, 4		X		
Del Campo Park	Add dog park	3			X	
Del Campo Park	Upgrade play structure	3		X		
Del Campo Park	Add sports courts, goal storage, water play element	1, 3		X		
Glancy Oaks Park	Upgrade park entry and picnic area, add shade	2, 3	X			
Glancy Oaks Park	Restripe/Reskin Basketball Court. Add butterfly garden	3, 5		X		
Glancy Oaks Park	Upgrade play area	3	X			
Jan Park	Improve trails and add signage	3, 5		X		
Jan Park	Add play equipment and water play element	1, 3			X	
Jan Park	Bike Park (Add Alt)	1,2,3			X	

Table 4-1 (cont.): Action Plan

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Park	Action	Goals	Timeframe			
			1-3 Years	3-5 Years	5+ Years	Ongoing
La Sierra Community Center	Upgrade parking lot and add lighting. Add restroom	2	X			
La Sierra Community Center	Add looped walking path.	3	X			
La Sierra Community Center	Upgrade soccer field to artificial turf and field lighting	1, 3, 4, 5	X			
La Sierra Community Center	Add volleyball and fitness equipment	1, 3, 5		X		
La Sierra Community Center	Add concession stand with bathrooms	4, 6			X	
La Sierra Community Center	Upgrade baseball fields and bleachers	5	X			
O'Donnell Heritage Park	Complete trail loop and pave	3	X			
O'Donnell Heritage Park	Relocate portable restroom	2	X			
O'Donnell Heritage Park	Add water play element	1, 3			X	
O'Donnell Heritage Park	Add fitness stations.	2, 3		X		
Patriot Park and Wall of Honor	DG walking path.	3	X			
Schweitzer Grove Nature Area	Improve paths. Add seating, signage, and dog items	2, 3, 5	X			
Sutter-Jensen Community Park	Add looped walking paths and signage	3	X			
Sutter-Jensen Community Park	Extend community garden and pave with DG	3, 4, 6		X		
Sutter-Jensen Community Park	Add play structure, and Meeting Space, and path	3	X			
Sutter-Jensen Community Park	Add and expand parking lots	2	X			

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APPENDIX

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The following section contains all the materials used for community outreach, including presentations, boards, marketing collateral, online survey responses, and meeting summaries. This section is organized in chronological order.

OUTREACH EFFORTS SUMMARY BY CATEGORY

(SEPT. 1, 2020 - OCT. 22, 2021)

SOCIAL MEDIA

SURVEY ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINK

Posts 9/1/20, 9/4/20, 9/9/20, 9/12/20, 9/20/20, 9/28/20, 10/1/20

FOCUS GROUPS

Posts **For General Recruitment:** 11/20/20
For Families & New Residents Recruitment: 1/13/21

TOWN HALL MEETING

Posts 2/18/21, 2/25/21

FIRST DRAFT OF THE MASTER PLAN UPDATE OPEN FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Posts 7/15/21, 7/28/21

Paid to Boost Post (analytics from post ») • **We spent:** \$99.99 (average of .22 cents per engagement)
• **Dates:** July 28 - August 13, 2021 (16 days)
• **Reach (impressions):** 2,319 people
• **Post Engagements:** 447
• **Post Reactions:** 413

- **Link Clicks:** 28
- **Landing Page Views:** 13
- **Post Saves:** 4
- **Post Shares:** 2
- **Target Audience:** Ages 18-65+, based on location, those living within 20 miles of Carmichael Park

NEW MASTER PLAN UPDATE DRAFT - OPEN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Posts Currently being planned for October, including a paid boost period (dates TBD by 10/13)

E-NEWSLETTER

SURVEY ANNOUNCEMENT

September 3, 2020 <https://mailchi.mp/carmichaelpark/carmichael-connects-spring-is-in-the-air-8024669>
Master Plan Update

TOWN HALL MEETING

February 2, 2021 <https://mailchi.mp/carmichaelpark/carmichael-connects-spring-is-in-the-air-8101865>
You are Invited! Town Hall Meeting

NEW MASTER PLAN UPDATE DRAFT - OPEN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

October 7, 2021 **New Draft Open for Public Review**

OUTREACH EFFORTS SUMMARY BY CATEGORY

(SEPT. 1, 2020 - OCT. 22, 2021)

YARD SIGNS AT PARKS

TOWN HALL MEETING

- Feb. 19-26, 2021**
- 14 signs
 - Placed at all park locations except Capra

FIRST DRAFT OF MASTER PLAN - OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

- July 22 - Aug. 16, 2021**
- 14 signs
 - Placed at all park locations except Capra

NEW MASTER PLAN UPDATE DRAFT - OPEN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

- Oct. 4 - 22, 2021**
- 24 signs
 - Placed at all park locations except Capra

CARMICHAEL TIMES ARTICLES

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Feb. 17, 2021 <https://www.carmichaeltimes.com/articles/2021/0217-Town-Hall-Master-Plan/index.php?ID=10389>

March 10, 2021 <https://www.carmichaeltimes.com/articles/2021/0217-Town-Hall-Master-Plan/index.php?ID=10389>

NEW DRAFT OF MASTER PLAN UPDATE - OPEN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW & BOARD MEETING

Planned Dates

- 10/9/21
- 10/16/21





SOCIAL MEDIA POSTING SCHEDULE & CONTENT

(SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 30, 2020)

MM/DD/YYYY HH:MM	Message (FB & IG)	Message (TWEET)	Link	Photo	Location Tag	Thumbnails (please find full res photos in the sharefile folder)
9/1/2020 12:00	<p>The Carmichael Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update is jumping off! This plan is a strategic document providing a framework for future park and facility improvements.</p> <p>Our plan is only as good as the community behind the ideas. We need to hear from YOU! Please take a moment to participate in our Recreation and Parks survey. Your input will help us develop a robust plan for the future of YOUR Recreation and Parks system.</p> <p>Survey link in bio. <i>(this line for IG posts only)</i></p> <p><i>#parksandrec #carmichael #survey #community #carmichaelrecreationandparkdistrict #play #shareyourvoice #communitydesign</i></p>	<p>The Carmichael Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update is jumping off!</p> <p>Please take a moment to participate in our Recreation and Parks survey. Your input will help us develop a robust plan for the future of YOUR Recreation and Parks system.</p> <p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p>	<p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p>	<p>IG-1-01 & IG-1-02 (Instagram), FB-1-01 (Facebook & Twitter)</p>	Carmichael, CA	
9/4/2020 14:00	<p>What is your favorite park to visit in Carmichael? What is it about that park that has you returning again and again? We want to hear from YOU about what makes our parks so great, and what we can do to make them even better.</p> <p>Take the Online Survey and let us know your thoughts!</p> <p>Link in bio. <i>(this line for IG posts only)</i></p> <p><i>#parksandrec #carmichael #survey #community #carmichaelrecreationandparkdistrict #play #shareyourvoice #communitydesign</i></p>	<p>What is your favorite park to visit in Carmichael? We want to hear from YOU about what makes our parks so great, and what we can do to make them even better.</p> <p>Take the Online Survey and let us know your thoughts!</p> <p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p>	<p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p>	<p>IG-2-01 (Instagram) TW-2-01 (Twitter & Facebook)</p>	Carmichael, CA	
9/9/2020 15:00	<p>The Master Plan Update will collect and analyze data regarding the state of the current parks, evolving demographics and emerging needs in order to develop recommendations to improve, protect and expand the District's network of parks and recreational services for the future.</p> <p>YOU the community play an integral part in this process. Please take the Online Survey today to share your input!</p> <p>Link in bio. <i>(this line for IG posts only)</i></p> <p><i>#parksandrec #carmichael #survey #community #carmichaelrecreationandparkdistrict #play #shareyourvoice #communitydesign</i></p>	<p>The Master Plan Update will collect and analyze data in order to improve the District's parks and recreational services for the future.</p> <p>YOU the community play an integral part in this process. Please take the Online Survey today to share your input!</p> <p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p>	<p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p>	<p>IG-3-01 & IG-3-02 (Instagram), FB-3-01 (Facebook & Twitter)</p>	Carmichael, CA	
9/12/2020 14:00	<p>We want to hear from YOU about the future of your parks. The Carmichael Parks District offers an array of outdoor opportunities, from sports facilities to open space parks. We want to know what you want to see more of. Better trail systems? More sports courts? Or maybe just new playgrounds?</p> <p>Take the Online Survey today and let us know!</p> <p>Link in bio. <i>(this line for IG posts only)</i></p> <p><i>#parksandrec #carmichael #survey #community #carmichaelrecreationandparkdistrict #play #shareyourvoice #communitydesign</i></p>	<p>The Carmichael Parks District offers an array of outdoor opportunities, from sports facilities to open space parks. What do you want to see more of. Better trail systems? More sports courts? New playgrounds?</p> <p>Take the Online Survey today and let us know!</p> <p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p>	<p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p>	<p>IG-4-01 (Instagram) TW-4-01 (Twitter & Facebook)</p>	Carmichael, CA	

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTING SCHEDULE & CONTENT

(SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 28, 2020)

<p>9/15/2020 12:00</p>	<p>What do you like about your parks? What can be improved?</p> <p>Take the Online Survey today!</p> <p>Link in bio. <i>(this line for IG posts only)</i></p> <p><i>#parksandrec #carmichael #survey #community #carmichaelrecreationandparkdistrict #play #shareyourvoice #communitydesign</i></p>	<p>What do you like about your parks? What can be improved?</p> <p>Take the Online Survey today!</p> <p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p>	<p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p> <p>IG-5-01 & IG-5-02 (Instagram), FB-5-01 (Facebook & Twitter)</p>	<p>Carmichael, CA</p>	
<p>9/20/2020 15:00</p>	<p>Parks are all about getting outside with the ones you love. Whether it is picnicking with the family or a mellow stroll with your partner Carmichael's parks are here for you. We want to hear from you about what your family enjoys about your parks.</p> <p>Take the Online Survey today</p> <p>Link in bio. <i>(this line for IG posts only)</i></p> <p><i>#parksandrec #carmichael #survey #community #carmichaelrecreationandparkdistrict #play #shareyourvoice #communitydesign</i></p>	<p>Parks are all about getting outside with the ones you love. We want to hear from you about what your family enjoys about your parks.</p> <p>Take the Online Survey today!</p> <p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p>	<p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p> <p>IG-6-01 (Instagram, Facebook & Twitter)</p>		
<p>9/24/2020 14:00</p>	<p>Round one of outreach is almost over! Take this opportunity to make your voice heard on the future of your parks. The Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update needs YOU the community to help guide the future of the Carmichael Parks district.</p> <p>Take the Online Survey today</p> <p>Link in bio. <i>(this line for IG posts only)</i></p> <p><i>#parksandrec #carmichael #survey #community #carmichaelrecreationandparkdistrict #play #shareyourvoice #communitydesign</i></p>	<p>Round one of outreach is almost over! Take this opportunity to make your voice heard. The Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update needs YOU to help guide the future of the Carmichael Parks district.</p> <p>Take the Online Survey today</p> <p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p>	<p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p> <p>IG-7-01 (Instagram) TW-7-01 (Twitter & Facebook)</p>		
<p>9/28/2020 10:00</p>	<p>Thank you all for your participation in the Round One of outreach for the Carmichael Recreation and Parks Master Plan Update. Your input is essential, driving the vision of your parks for years to come.</p> <p>If you have not yet had a chance to take the Online Survey, please take the opportunity to do so now and "click the link below" <i>facebook</i> or "find the link in our bio" <i>instagram</i></p> <p><i>#parksandrec #carmichael #survey #community #carmichaelrecreationandparkdistrict #play #shareyourvoice #communitydesign</i></p>	<p>Thank you all for your participation in the Round One of outreach. Your input is essential, driving the vision of your parks for years to come. If you have not yet had a chance to take the Online Survey, please take the opportunity to do so now!</p> <p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p>	<p>https://gatesandassociates.typeform.com/to/TXGHI7Vd</p> <p>IG-8-01 & IG-8-02 (Instagram), FB-8-01 (Facebook & Twitter)</p>		

POP-UP BOOTH AT CARMICHAEL PARK FARMER'S MARKET - PHOTOS

(SEPT. 18, 2020)



POP-UP BOOTH AT CARMICHAEL PARK FARMER'S MARKET - BOARDS

(SEPT. 18, 2020)

TELL US ABOUT YOUR PARKS!

¡CUÉNTANOS SOBRE TUS PARQUES!



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON OUR ONLINE SURVEY!
Comparta sus pensamientos sobre nuestro
¡ENCUESTA EN LINEA!



Which parks do you like?
¿Qué parques te gustan?

What are barriers to you using the parks?
¿Cuáles son los obstáculos para que usted use los parques?

What amenities would you like to see more of?
¿Qué facilidades te gustaría ver más?

CARMICHAELPARKSPLAN.COM

Survey is available now through September 30th
La encuesta está disponible hasta Septiembre 30



POP-UP BOOTH AT CARMICHAEL PARK FARMER'S MARKET - BOARDS

(SEPT. 18, 2020)

YOUR CARMICHAEL PARKS SUS PARQUES

Parks | Parques

1 Bird Track Park <i>Pheasant Rd.</i>	8 Jensen Botanical Garden <i>8520 Fair Oaks Blvd.</i>
2 Capra Park Site <i>6600 Kenneth Ave.</i>	9 La Sierra Community Center <i>5325 Engle Rd.</i>
3 Cardinal Oaks Park <i>El Camino & Garfield Ave.</i>	10 O'Donnal Heritage Park Site <i>6618 Rappahannock Way</i>
4 Carmichael Park <i>5750 Grant Ave.</i>	11 Patriots Park <i>6827 Palm Ave.</i>
5 Del Campo Park Site <i>Heathcliff Dr.</i>	12 Schweitzer Grove Nature Area <i>Milroy Lane</i>
6 Glancy Oaks Park <i>5292 Glancy Dr.</i>	13 Sutter Jensen Community Park <i>Sutter & Hollister Ave.</i>
7 Jan Drive Park Site <i>4310 Jan Dr.</i>	

Carmichael
RECREATION AND
PARK DISTRICT

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+ASSOCIATES
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

(SURVEY AVAILABLE SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 30, 2020)

How often do visit public parks?

725 out of 730 answered

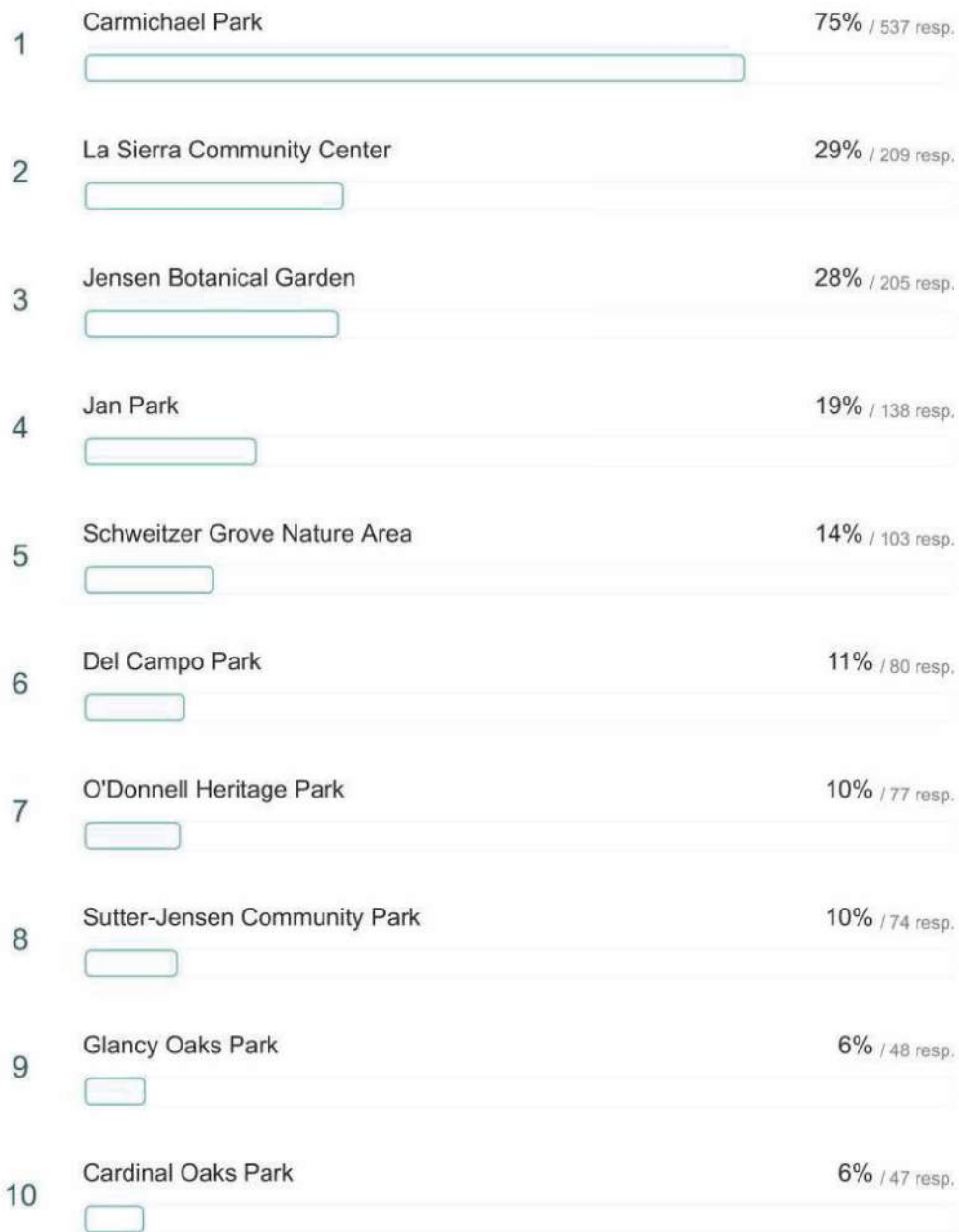


ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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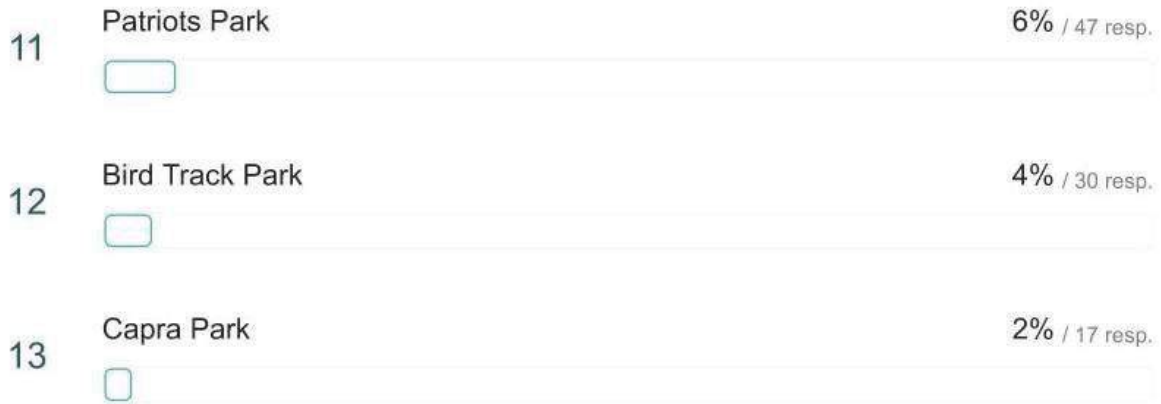
What park or parks do you visit most often in the Carmichael Park District?

710 out of 730 answered



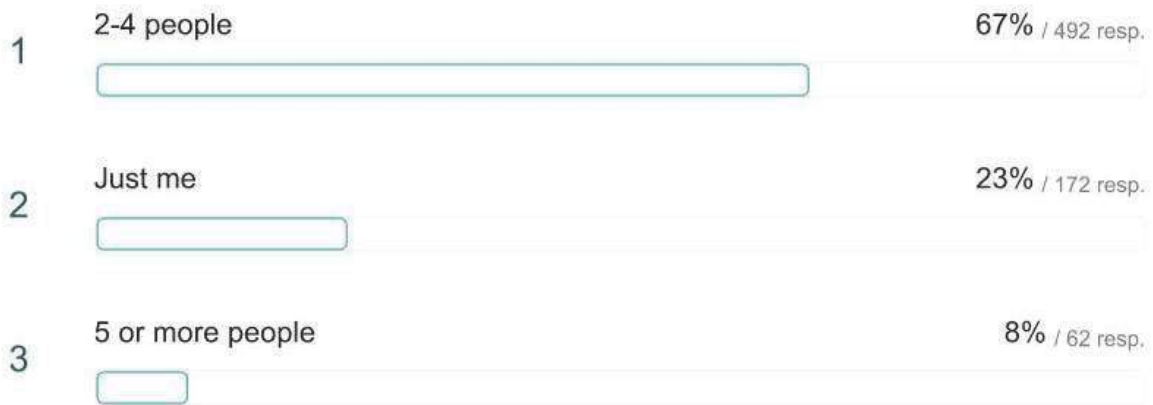
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When using the parks, how many people visit with you?

726 out of 730 answered

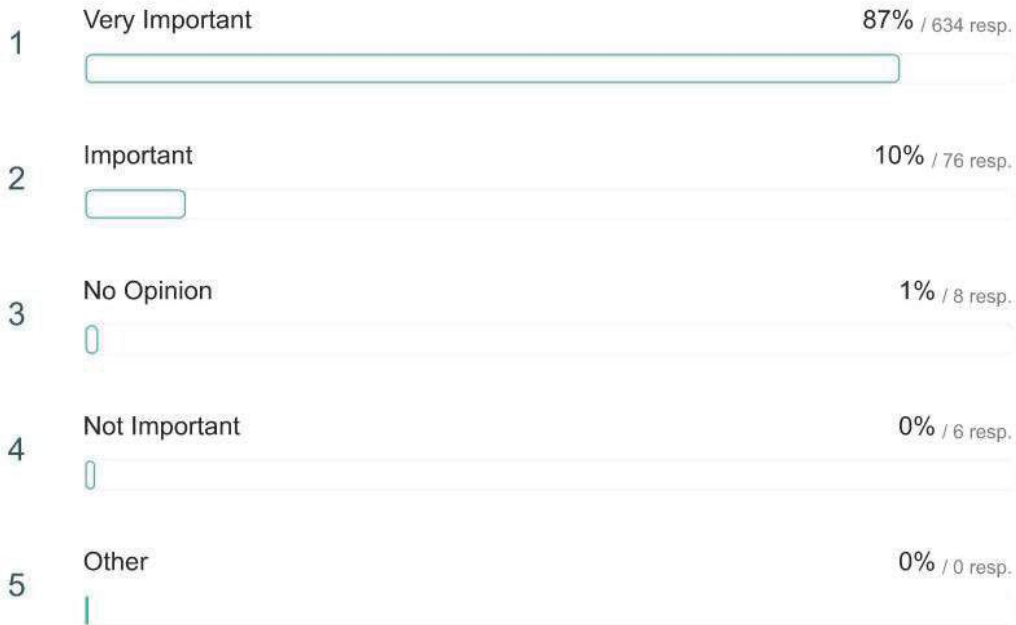


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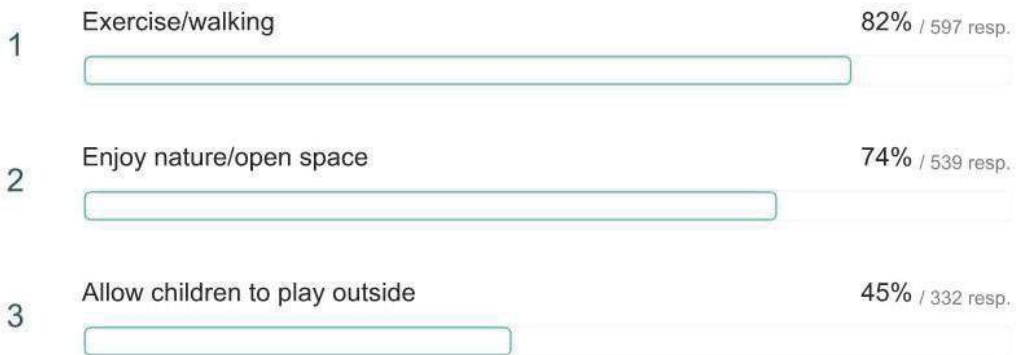
How important are parks and open spaces to Carmichael's quality of life?

724 out of 730 answered



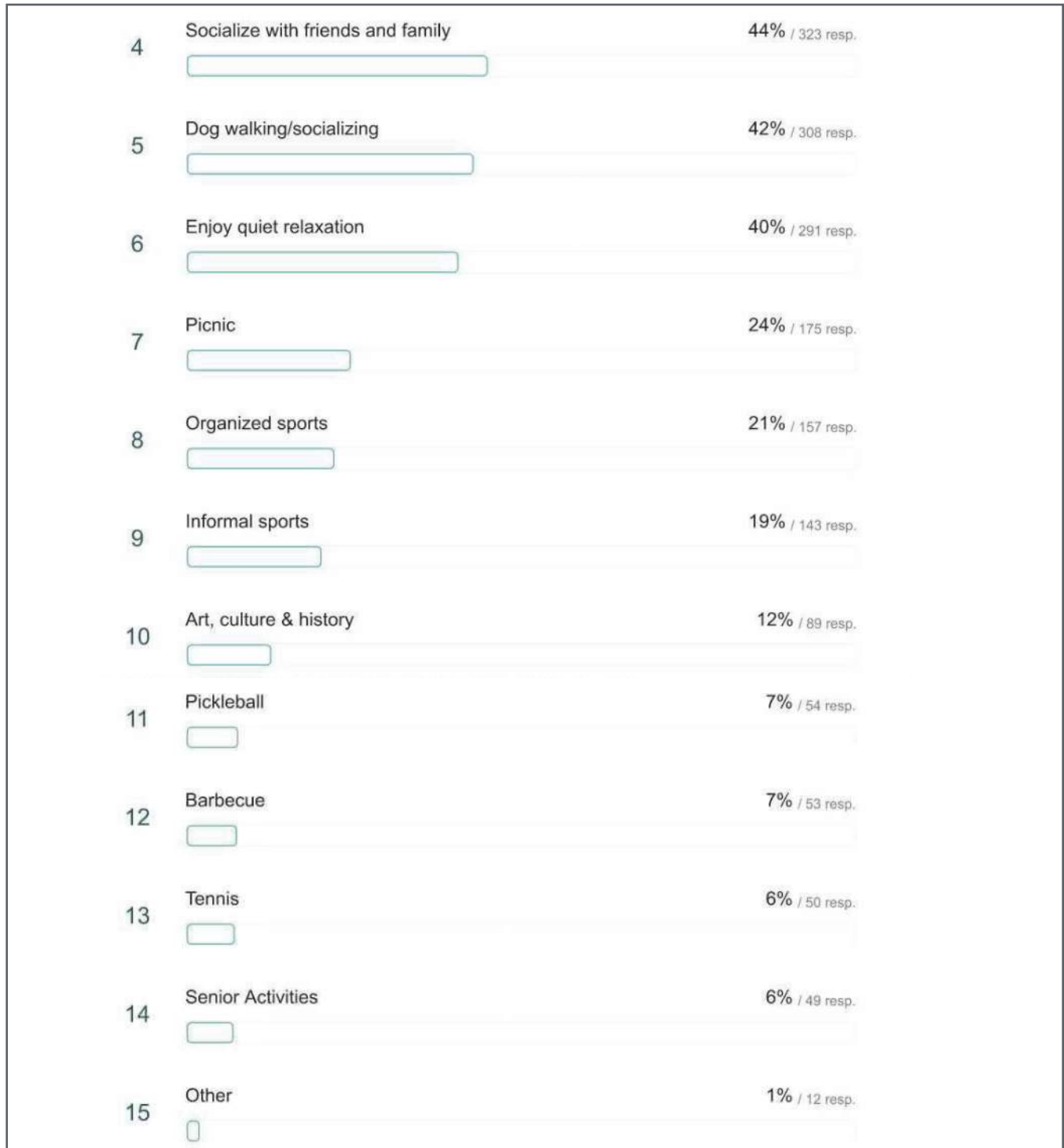
Why do you visit parks?

723 out of 730 answered



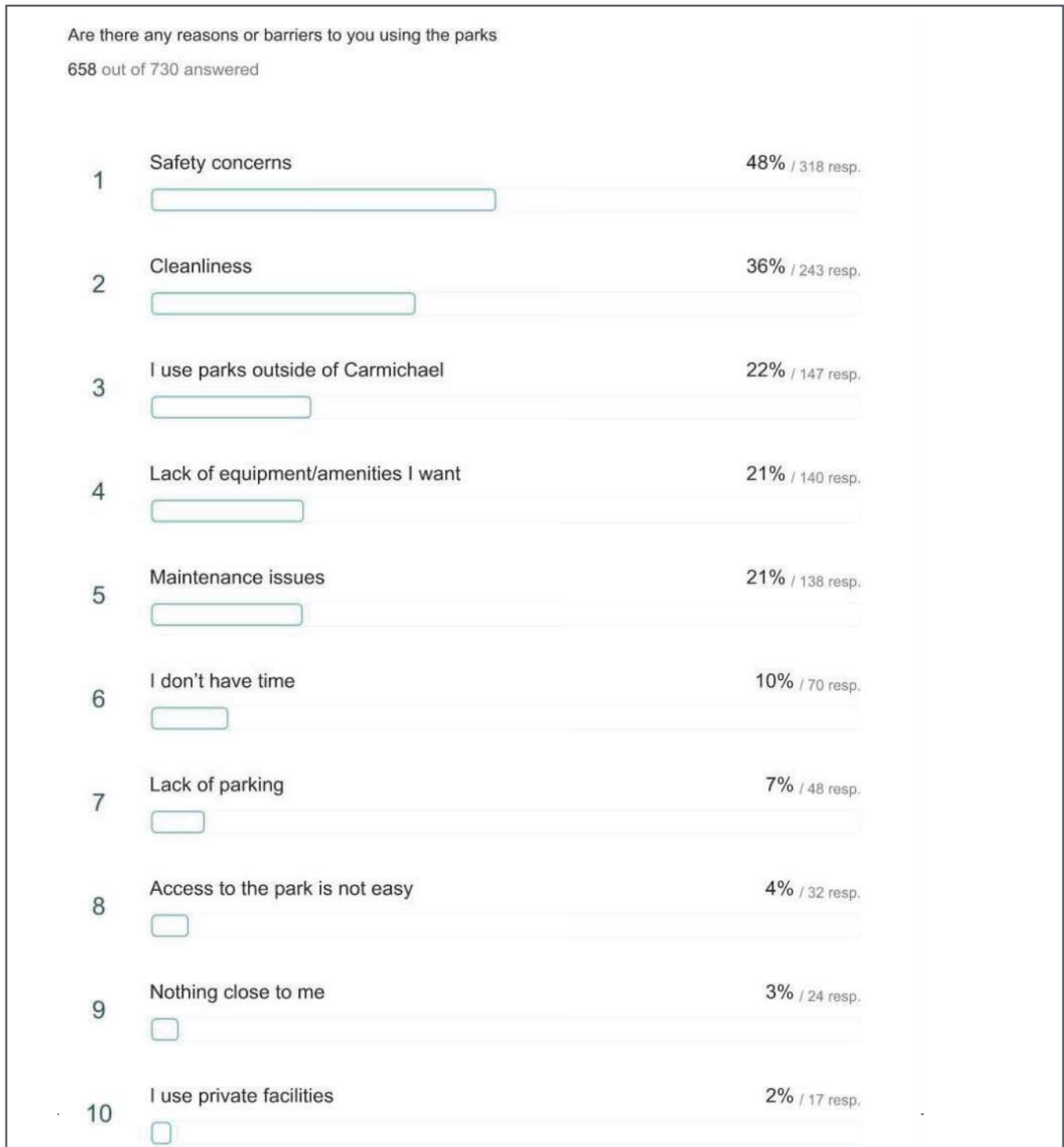
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ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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11 Other 7% / 48 resp.



Unpaved Trails:

725 out of 730 answered

1 Keep as is 41% / 299 resp.



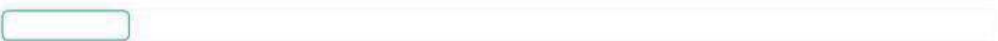
2 Improve condition 27% / 201 resp.



3 Add more 17% / 130 resp.



4 I don't know 12% / 92 resp.



5 Remove from park sites 0% / 3 resp.

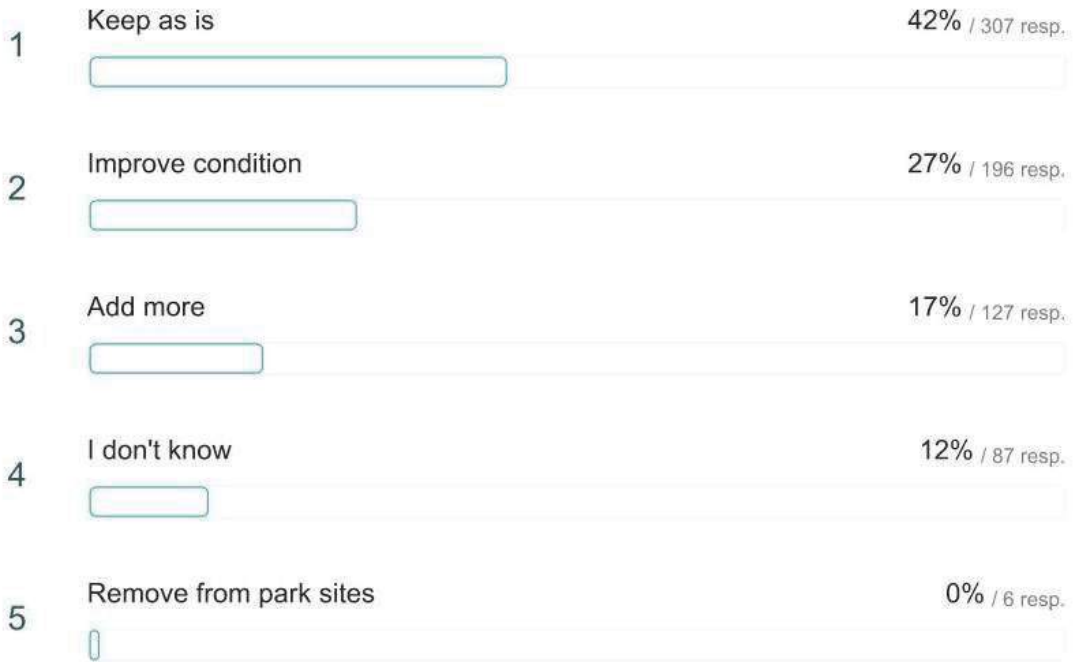


ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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Paved Trails:

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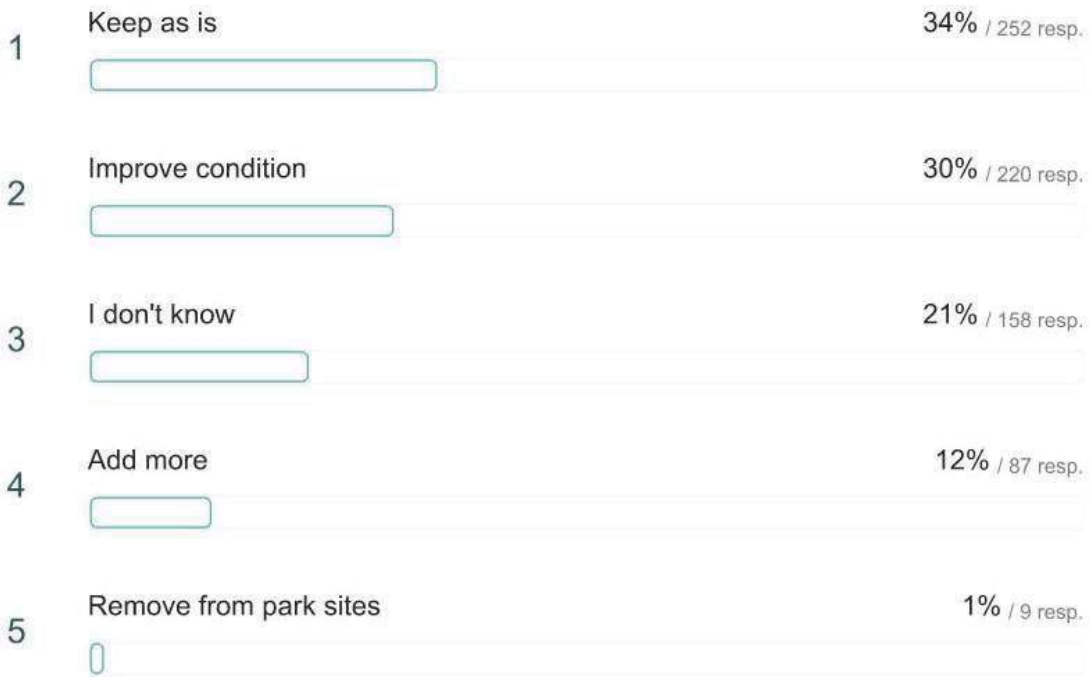


ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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2-5 year old playgrounds:

726 out of 730 answered

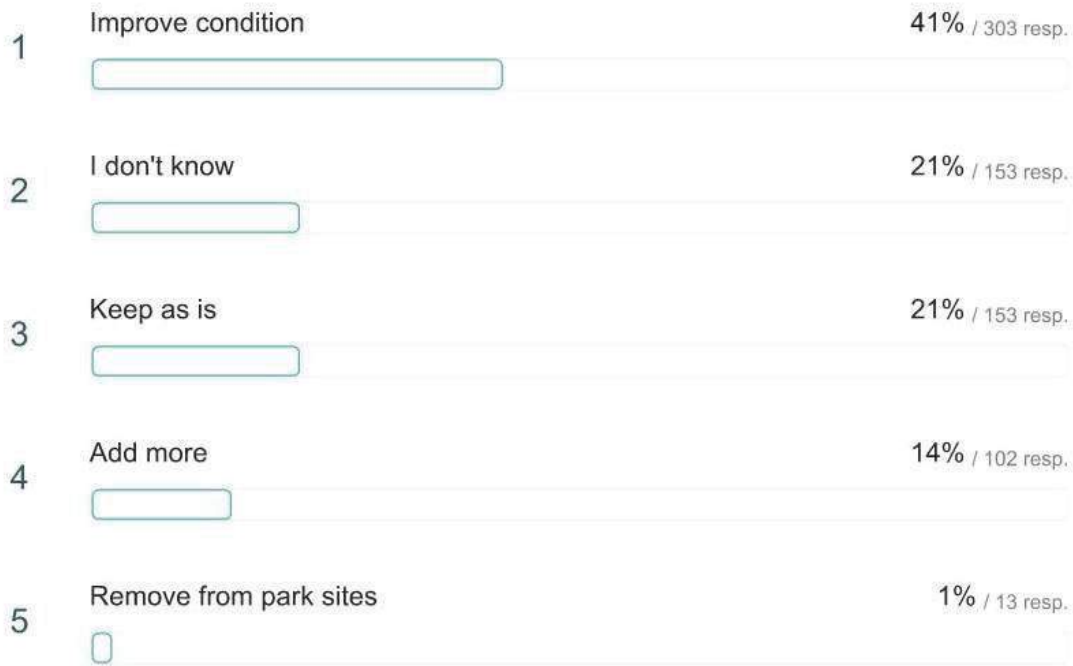


ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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5-12 year old playgrounds

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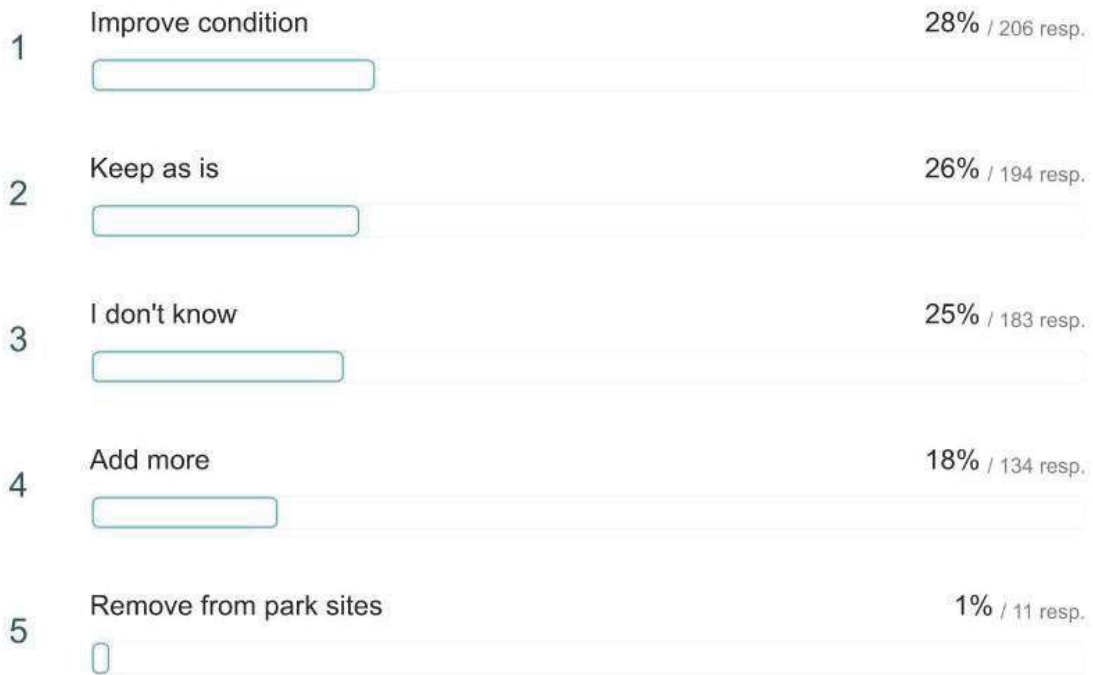


ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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Swings:

728 out of 730 answered

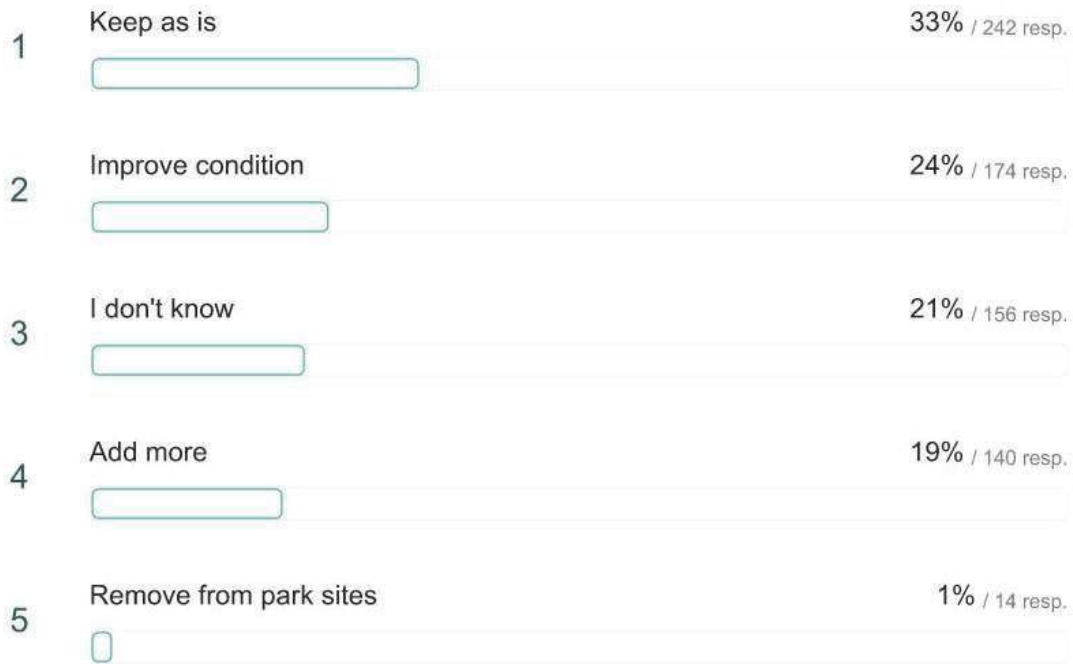


ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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Reservable group picnic areas:

726 out of 730 answered

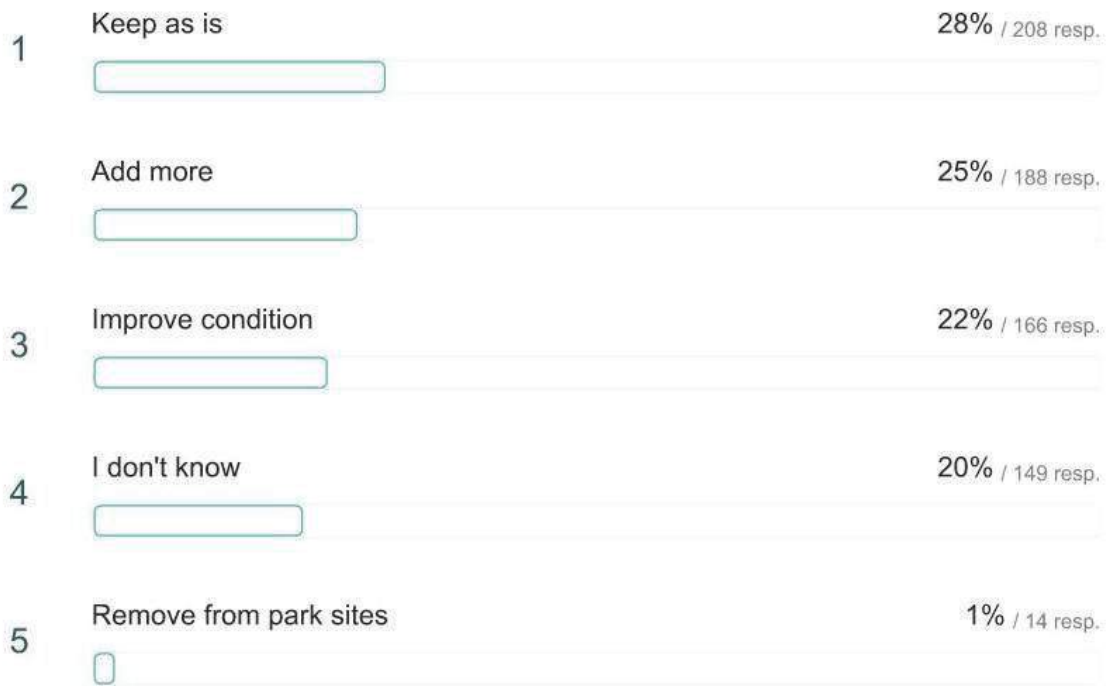


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Drop in picnic tables:

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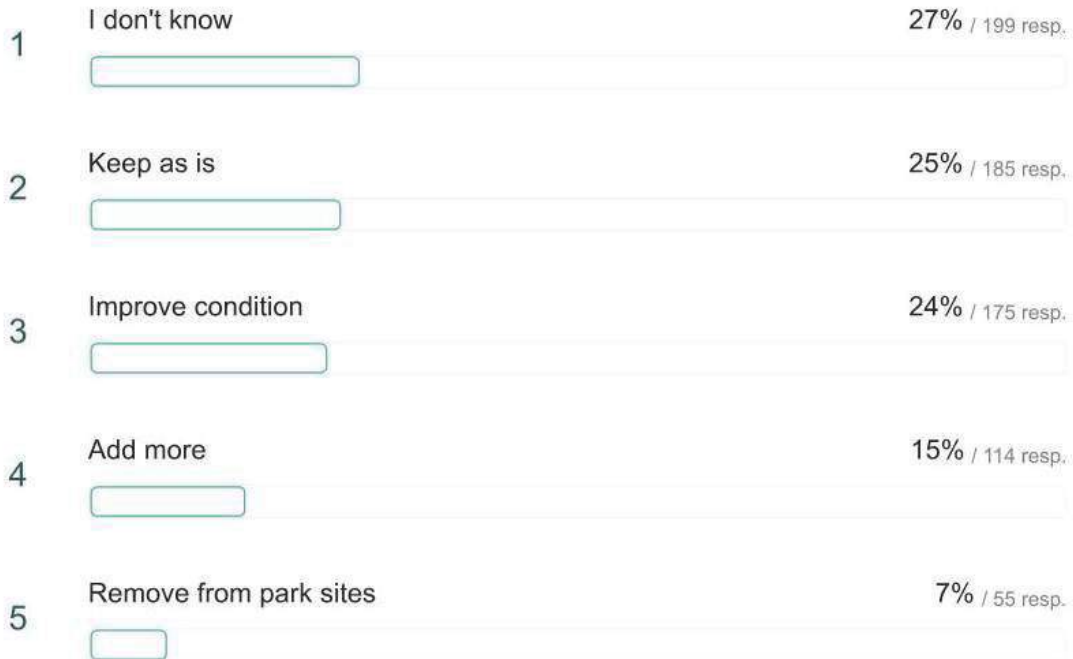


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BBQ's:

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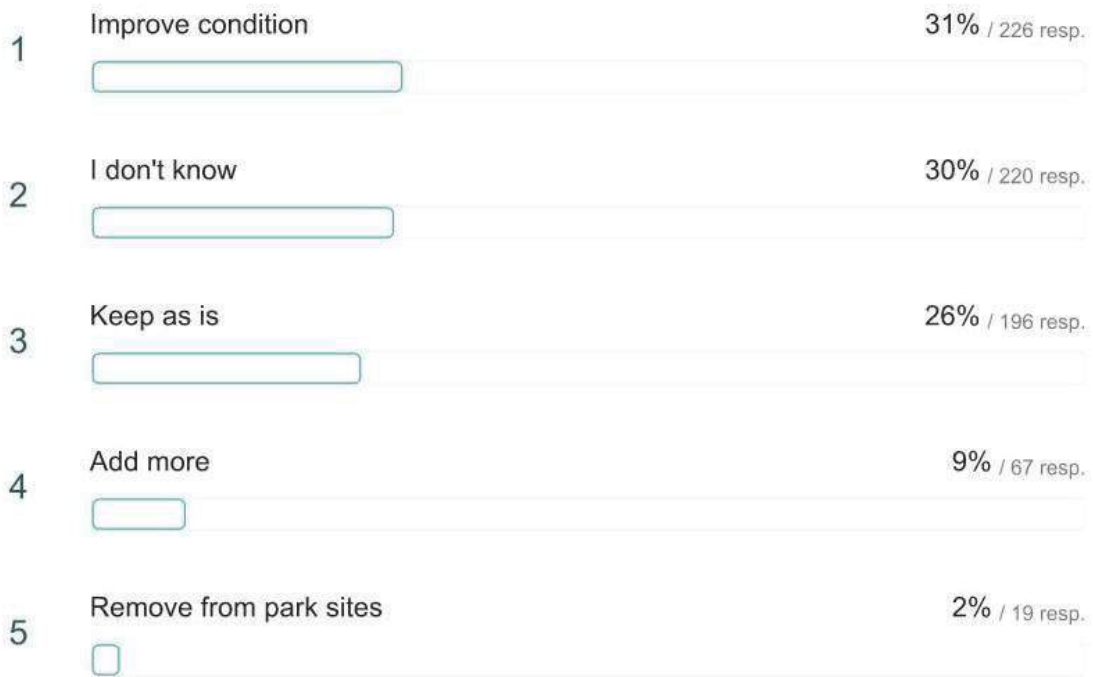


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Basketball courts:

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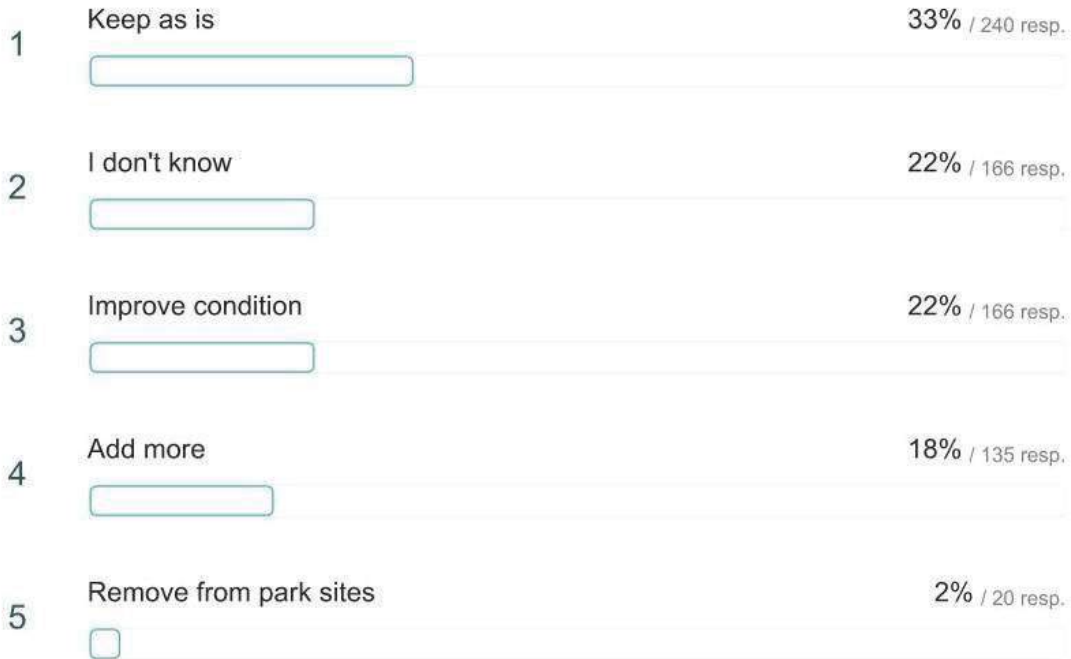


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Fenced dog areas:

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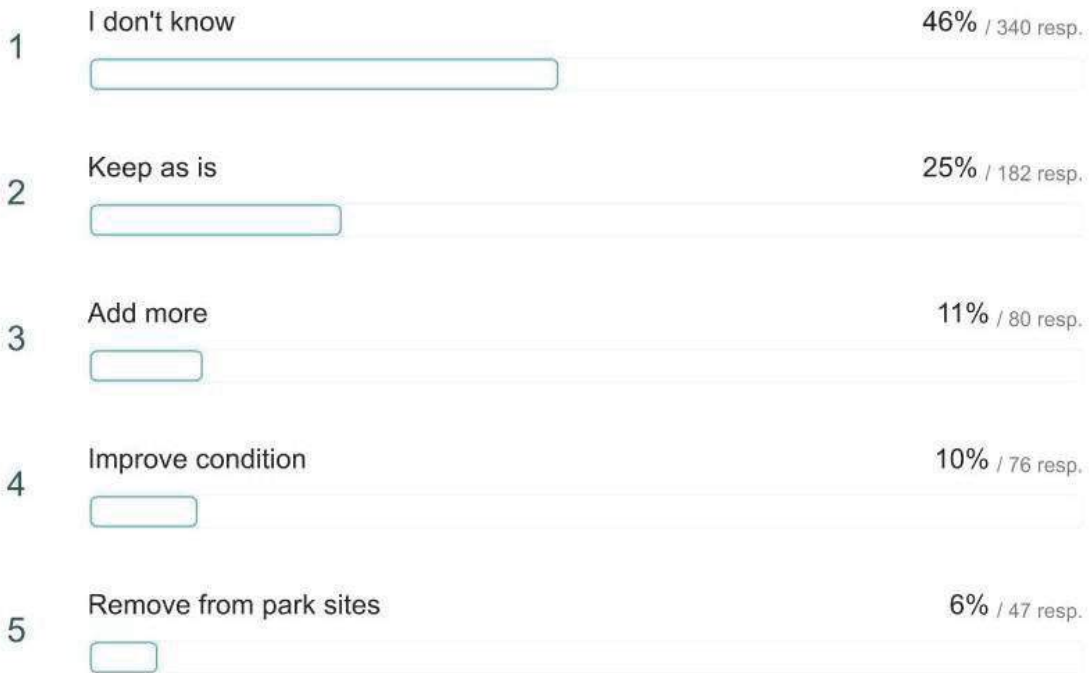


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Horseshoe pits:

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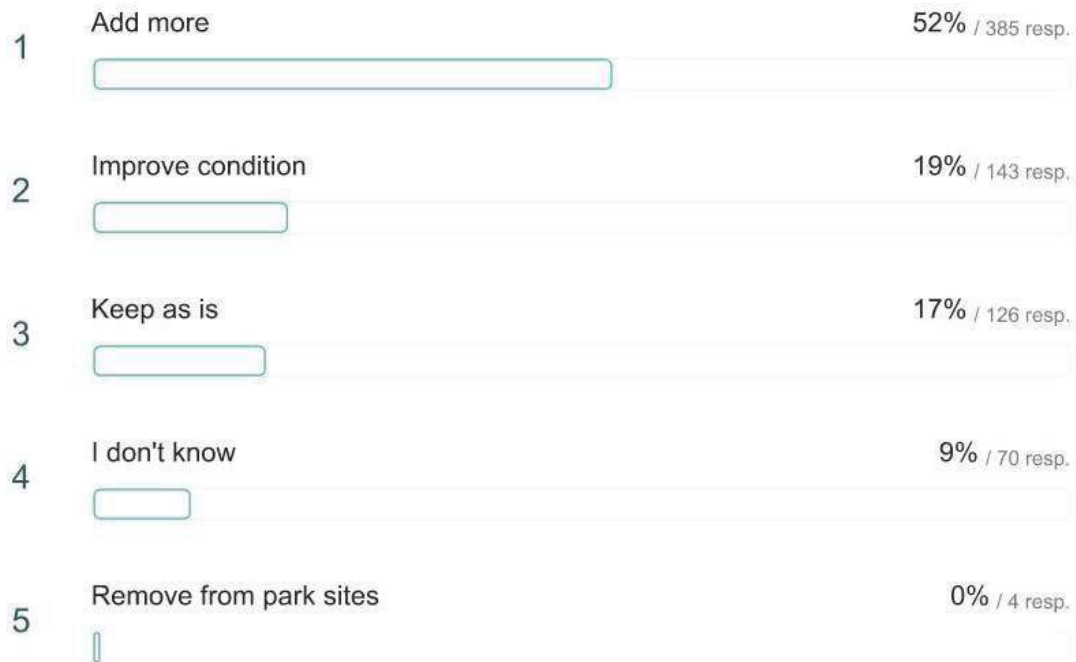


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Shade Structures:

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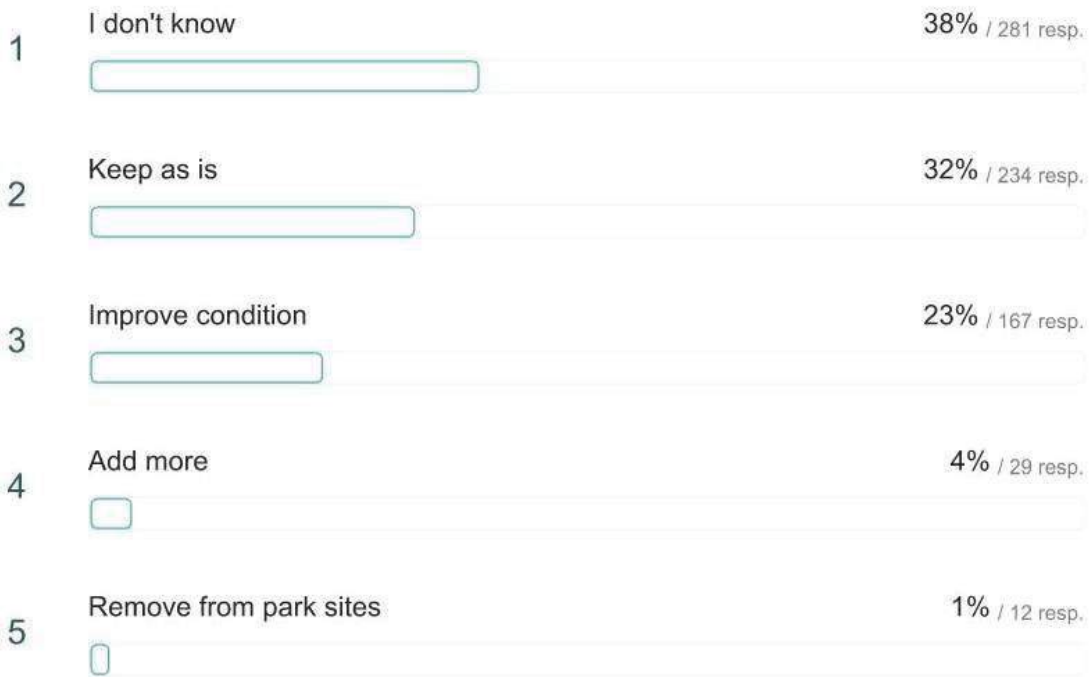


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Softball fields:

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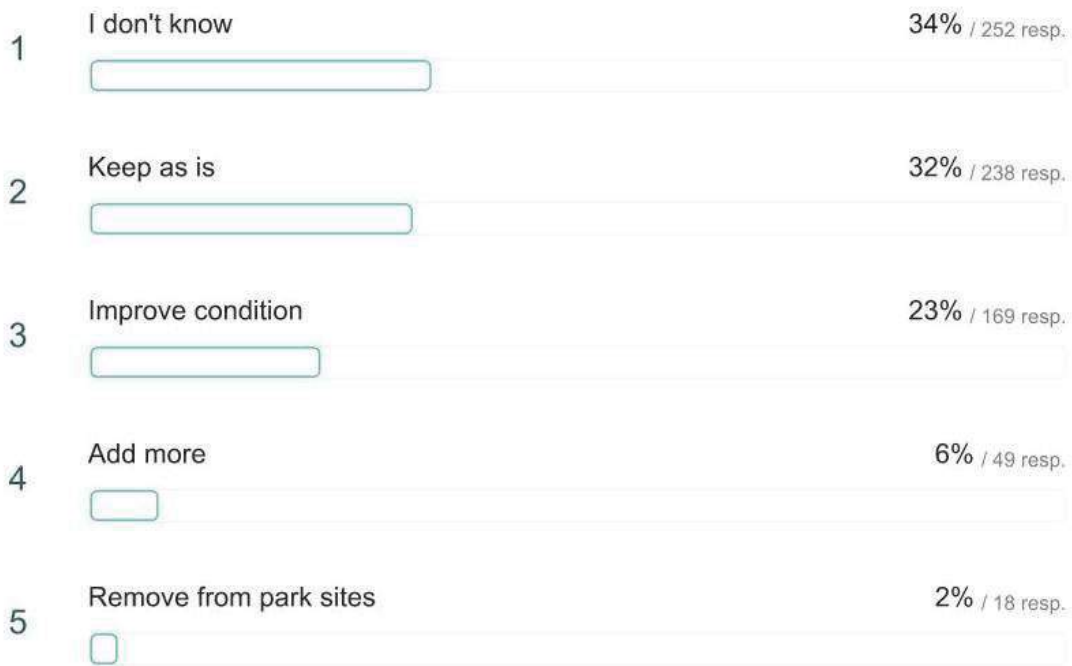


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Tennis courts:

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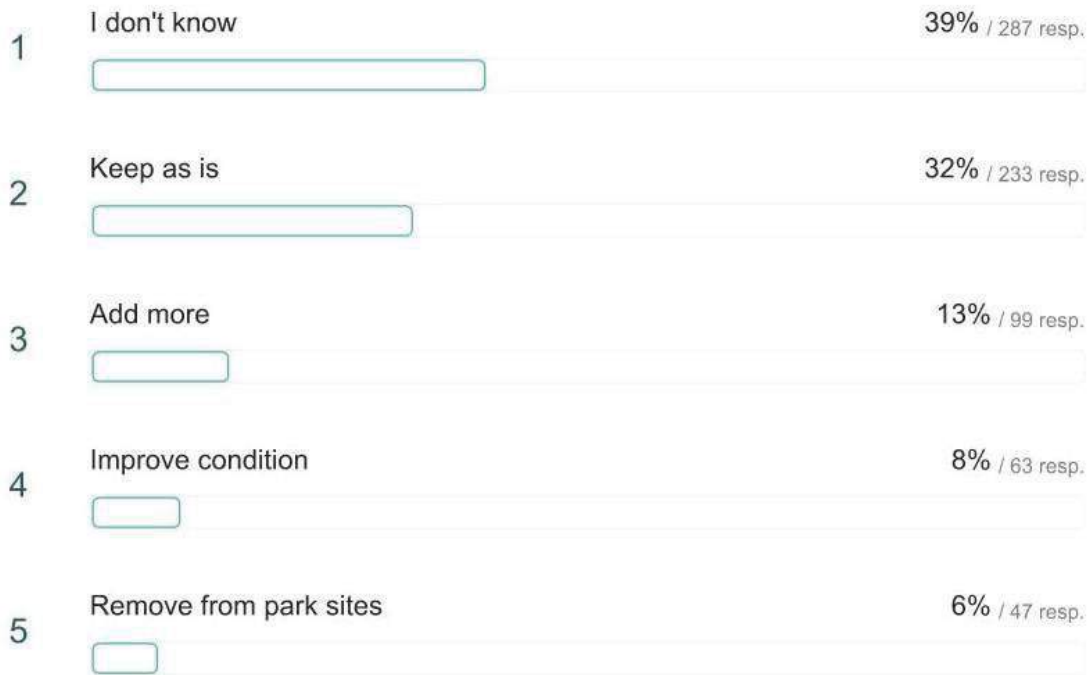


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Disc golf course:

729 out of 730 answered

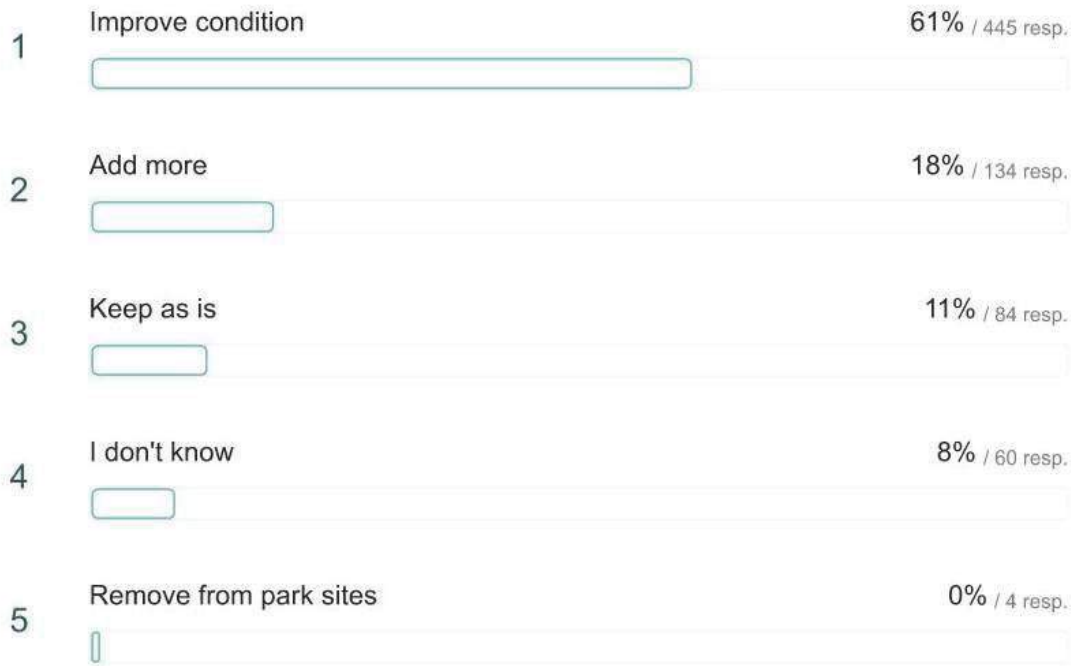


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Restrooms:

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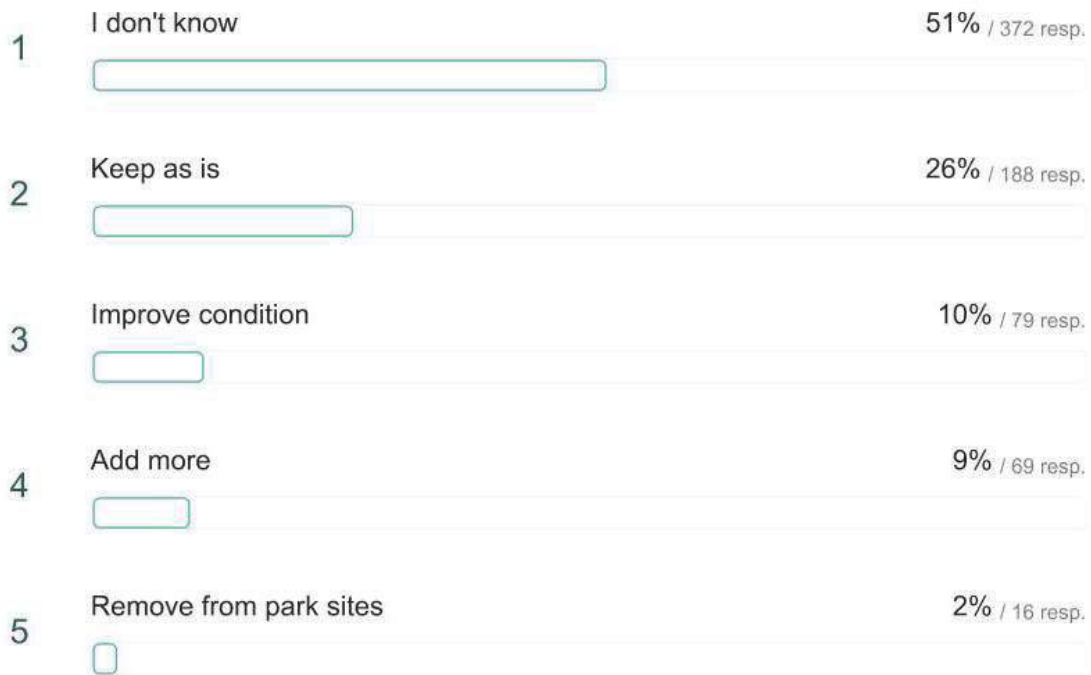


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Volleyball courts:

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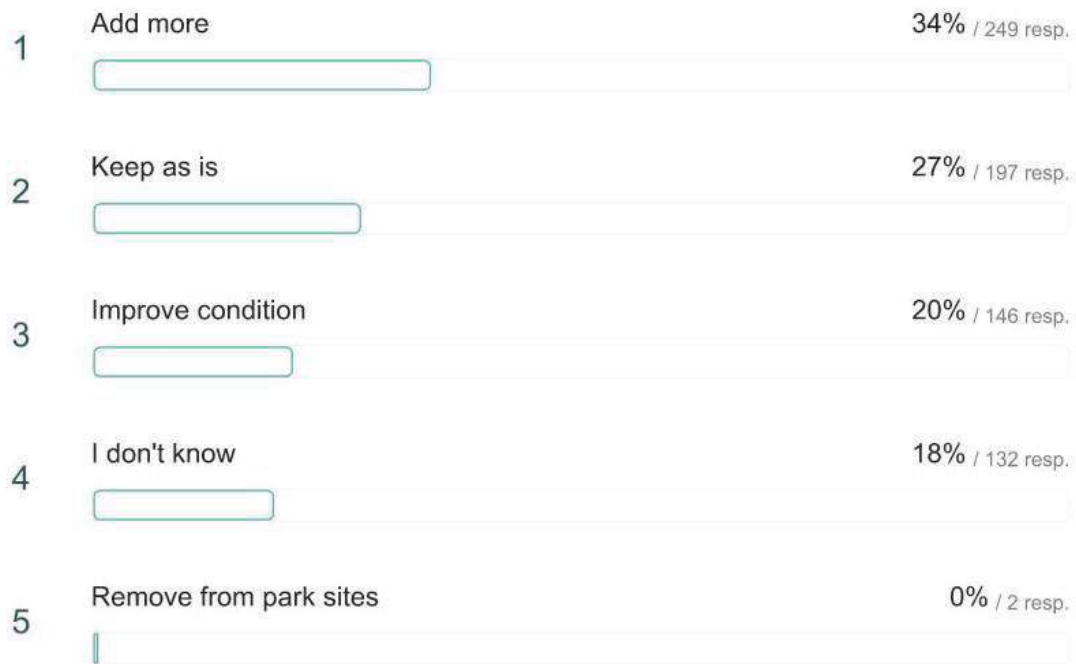


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Botanical garden:

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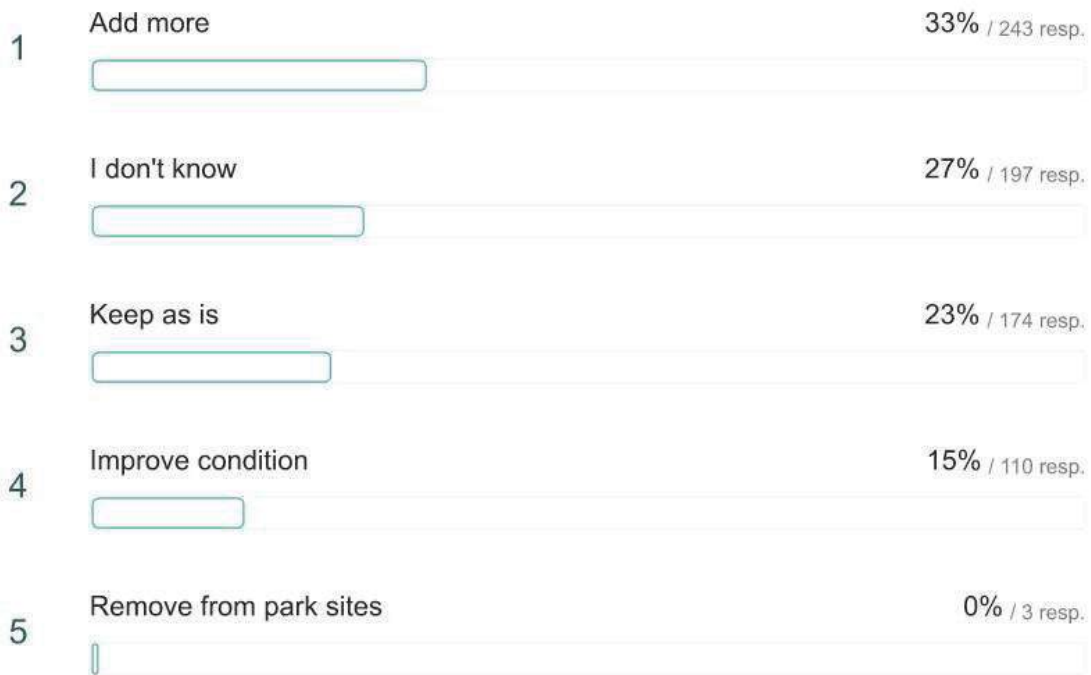


ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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Butterfly garden:

727 out of 730 answered



ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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Community Gardens:

728 out of 730 answered

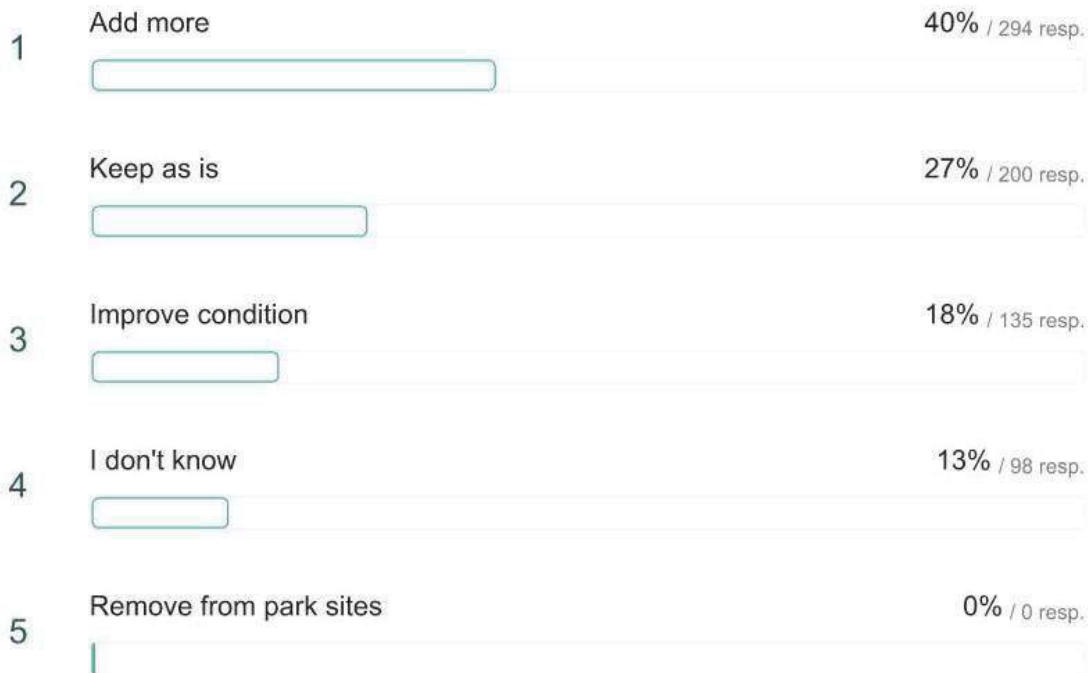


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Nature area:

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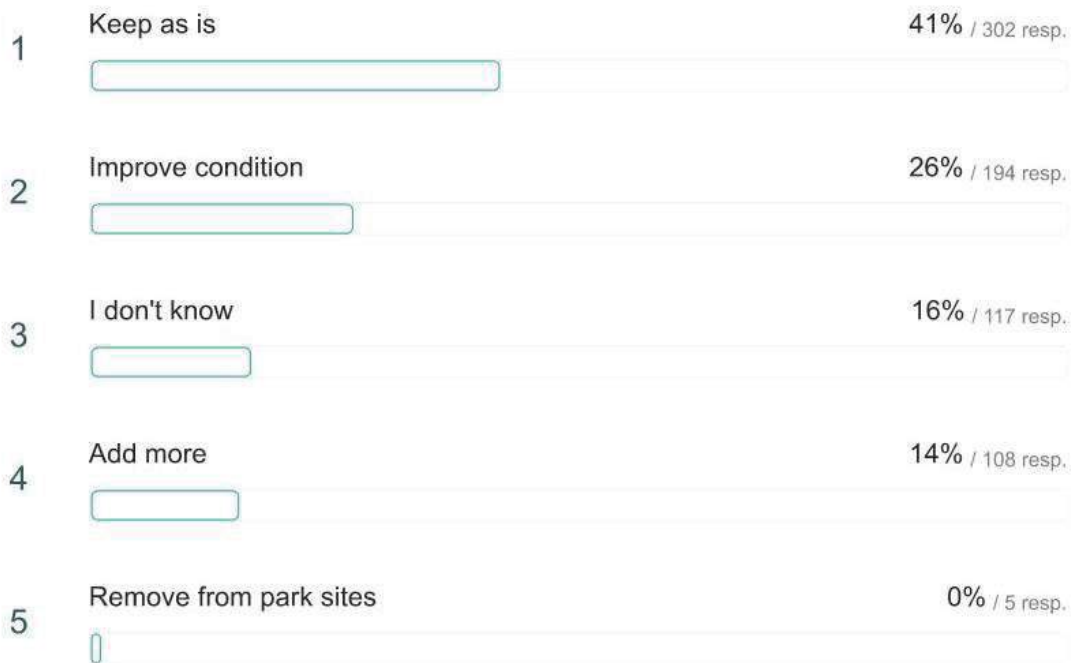


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Multi-purpose lawn areas:

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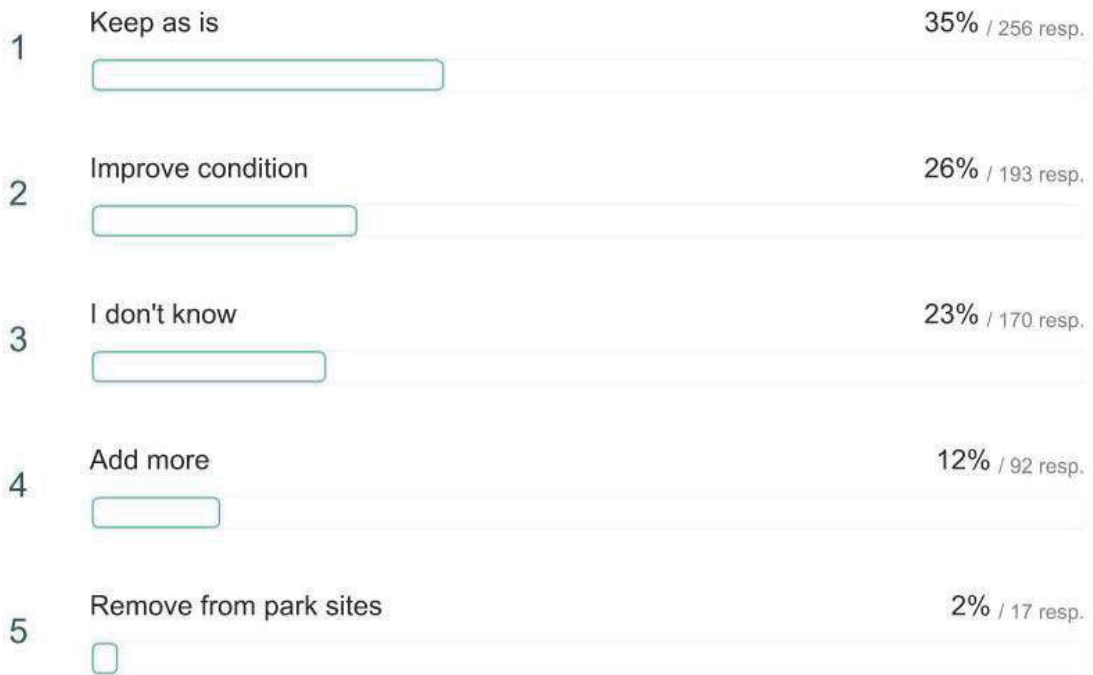


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Bandshell/music pavilion:

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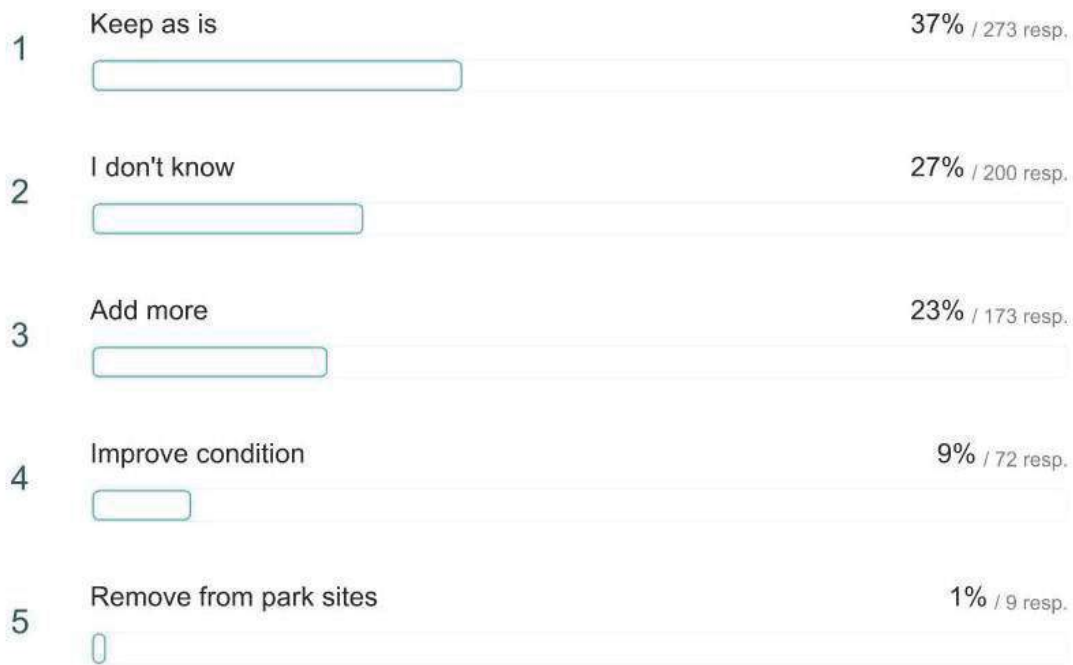


ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

(SURVEY AVAILABLE SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 30, 2020)

Memorials (benches, plaques, etc):

727 out of 730 answered



ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

(SURVEY AVAILABLE SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 30, 2020)

Bike park:

715 out of 730 answered



Skate park:

715 out of 730 answered

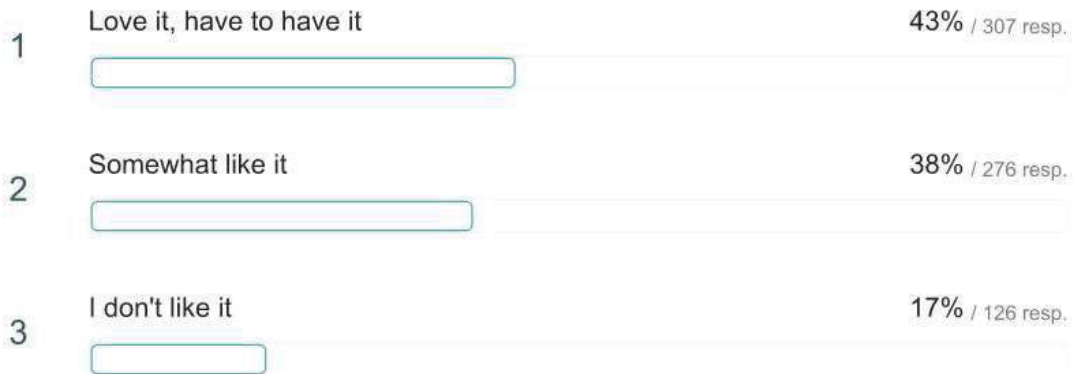


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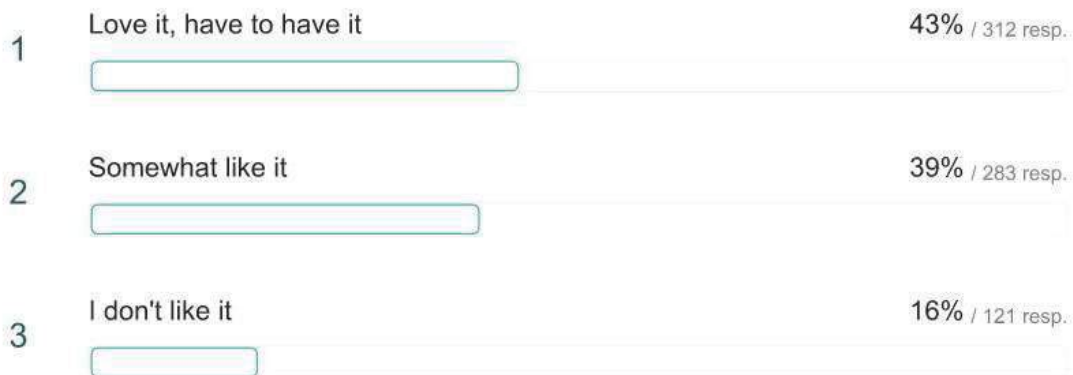
Splash pad:

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Recreational pool:

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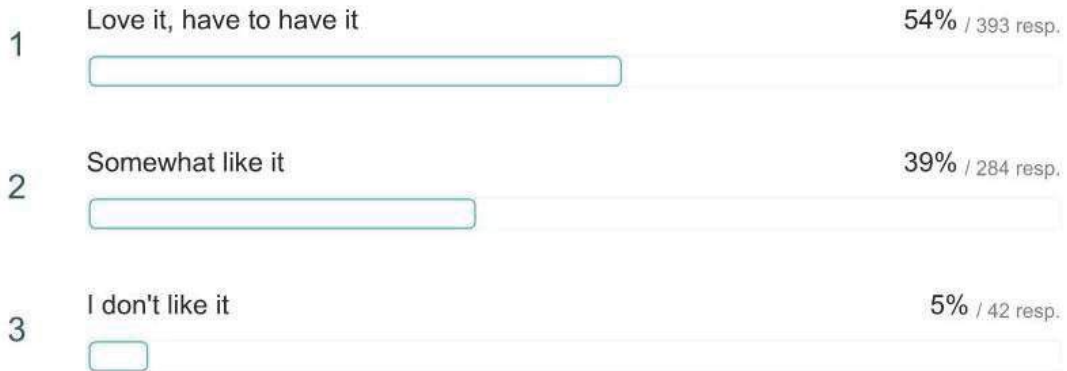


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All-abilities playground:

719 out of 730 answered



Sand volleyball:

711 out of 730 answered



ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

(SURVEY AVAILABLE SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 30, 2020)

Pickleball:

708 out of 730 answered



Cricket:

706 out of 730 answered



ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

(SURVEY AVAILABLE SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 30, 2020)

Bocce ball:

713 out of 730 answered



Fitness area:

718 out of 730 answered



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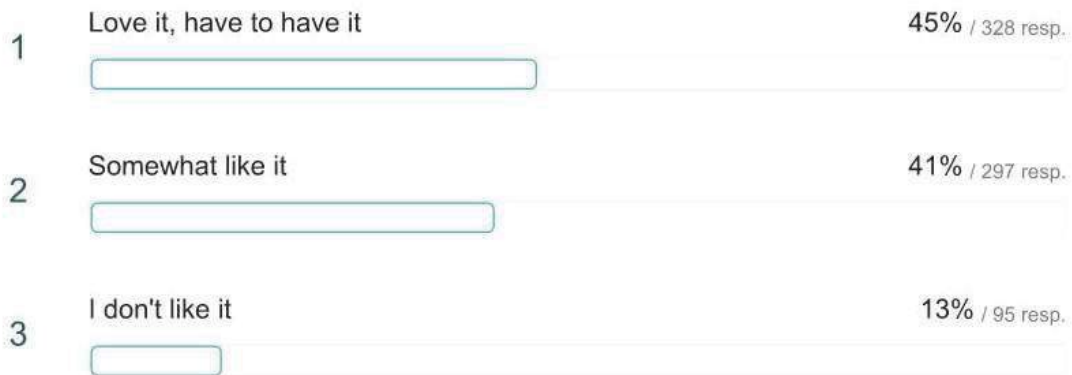
Dirt bike trail:

718 out of 730 answered



Public art

720 out of 730 answered



ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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Demonstration garden:

719 out of 730 answered



Games tables (chess and checkers):

717 out of 730 answered

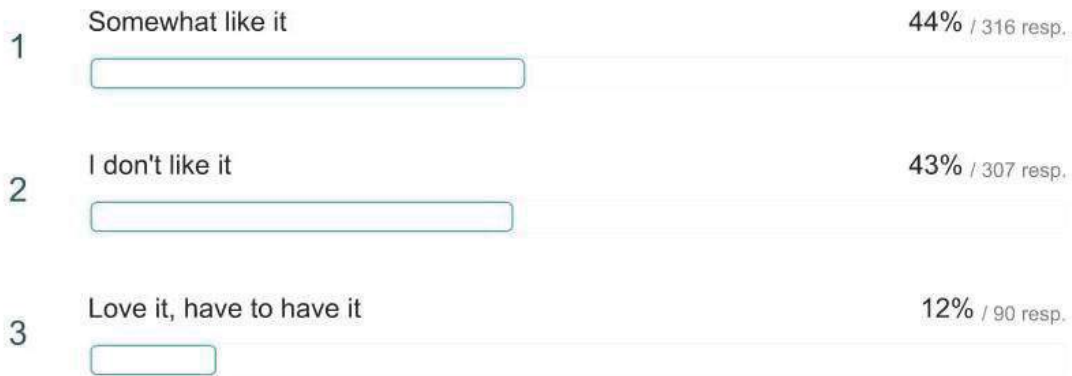


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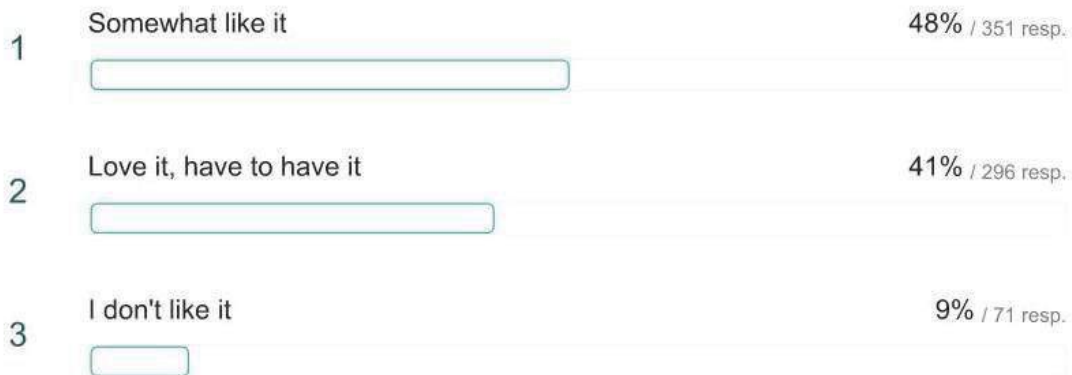
Equestrian Park:

713 out of 730 answered



Outdoor learning areas:

718 out of 730 answered

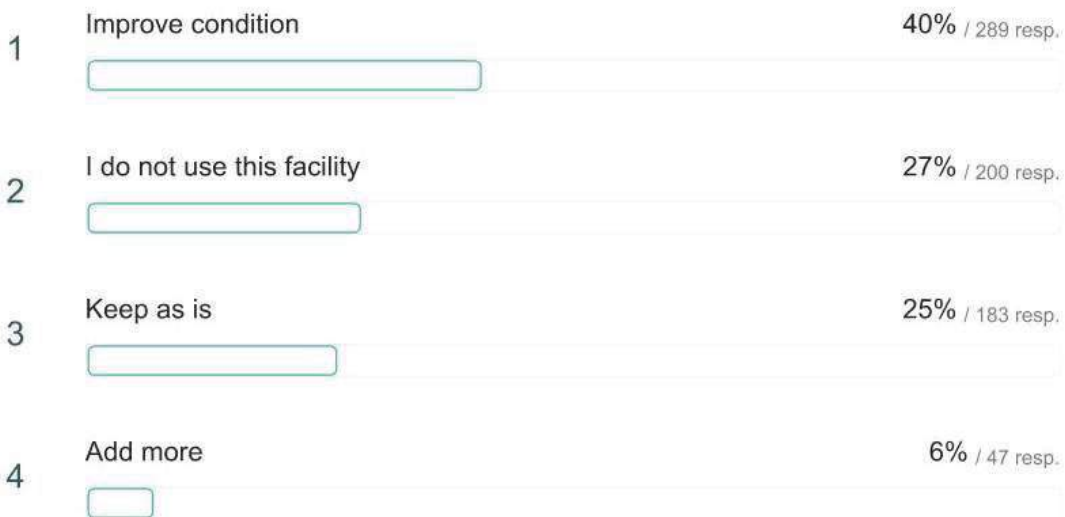


ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

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La Sierra Community Center (pickleball courts, volleyball courts, basketball courts, meeting rooms and kitchen):

719 out of 730 answered

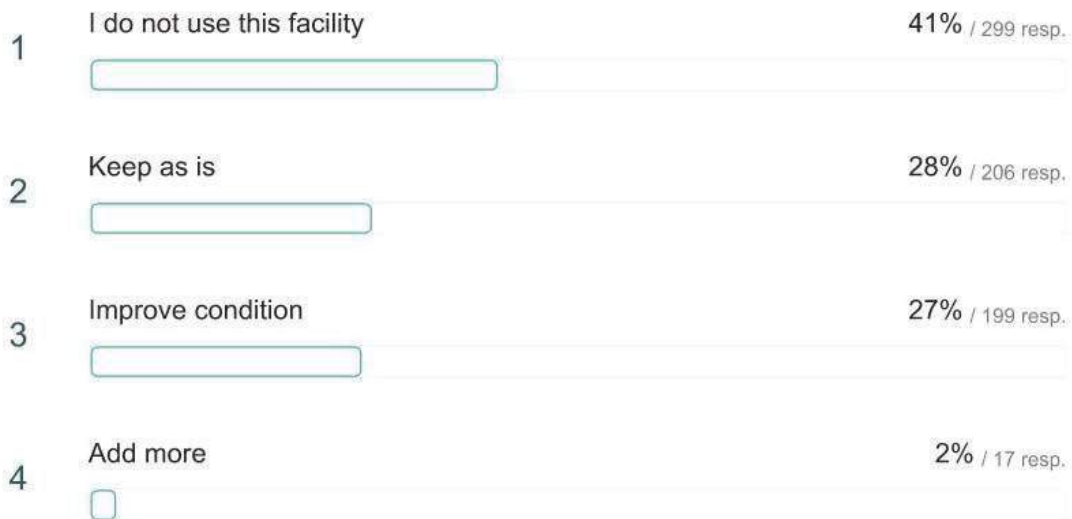


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Community Clubhouse @ District Office:

721 out of 730 answered

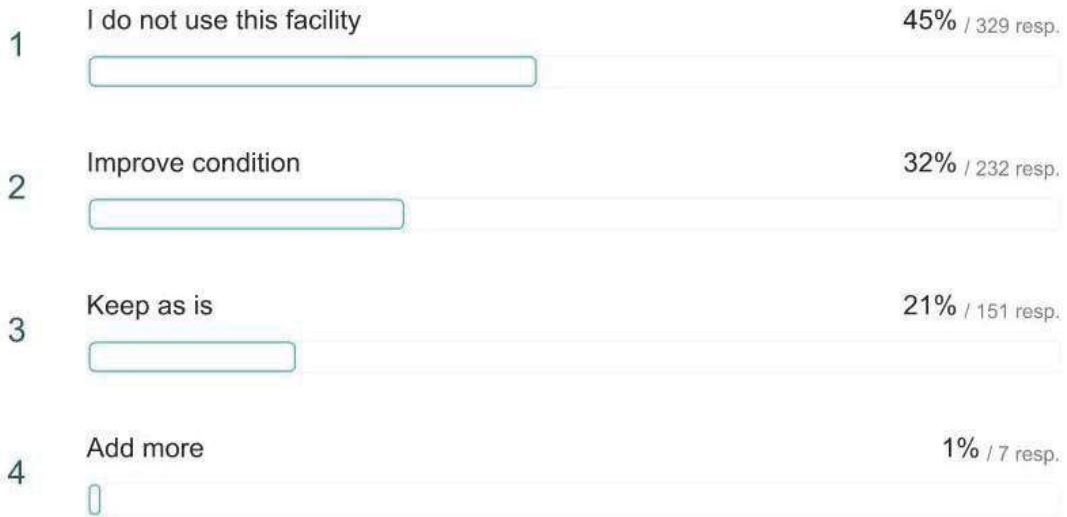


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Veteran's Hall (meeting room and kitchen)

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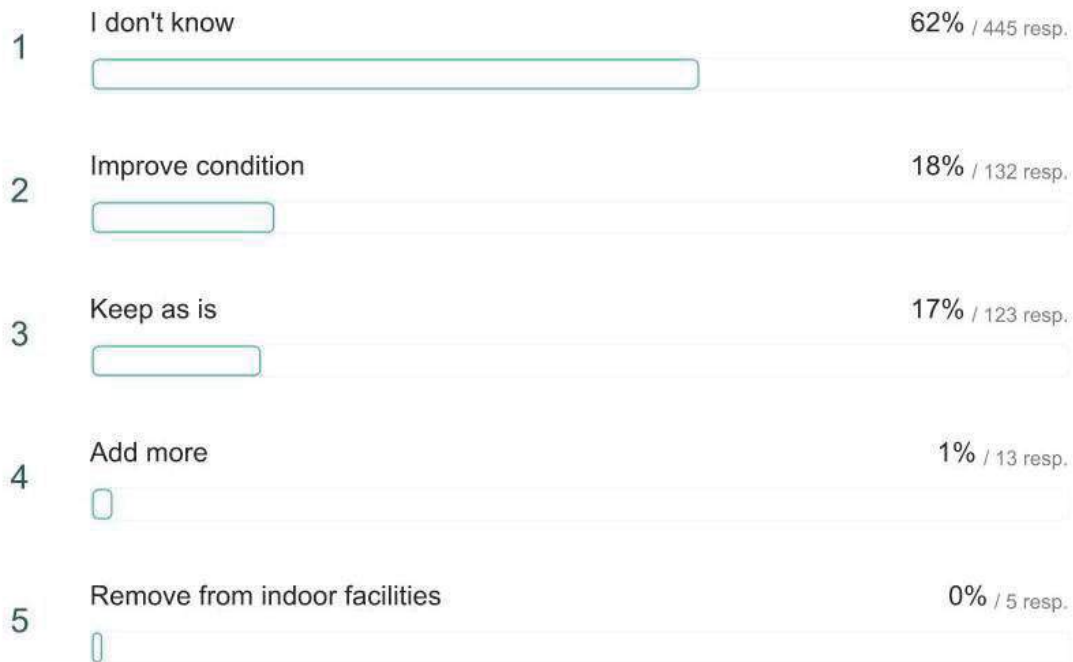


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Garfield house (meeting room and kitchen)

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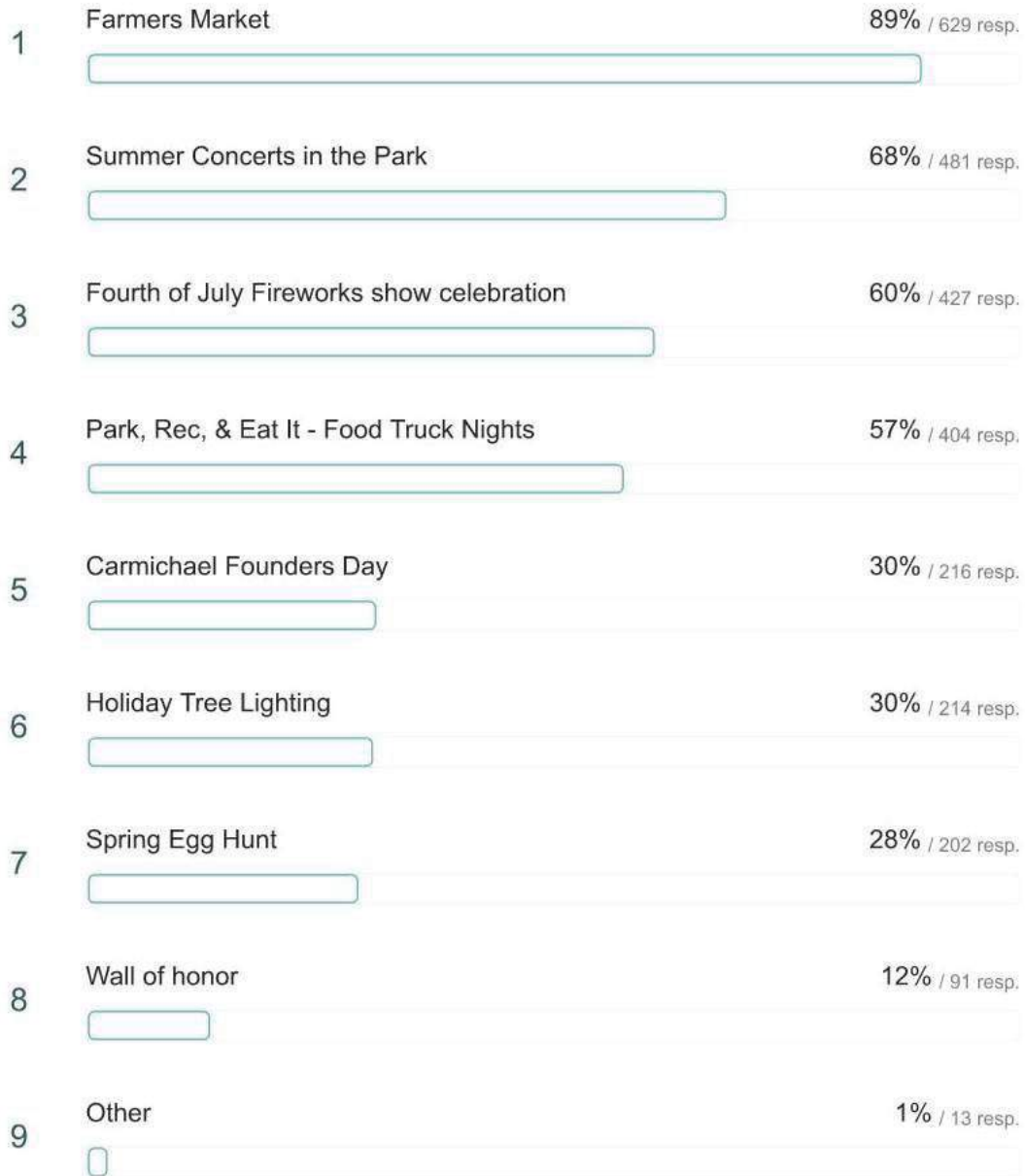


ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

(SURVEY AVAILABLE SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 30, 2020)

What special events held in Carmichael parks have you attended?

705 out of 730 answered

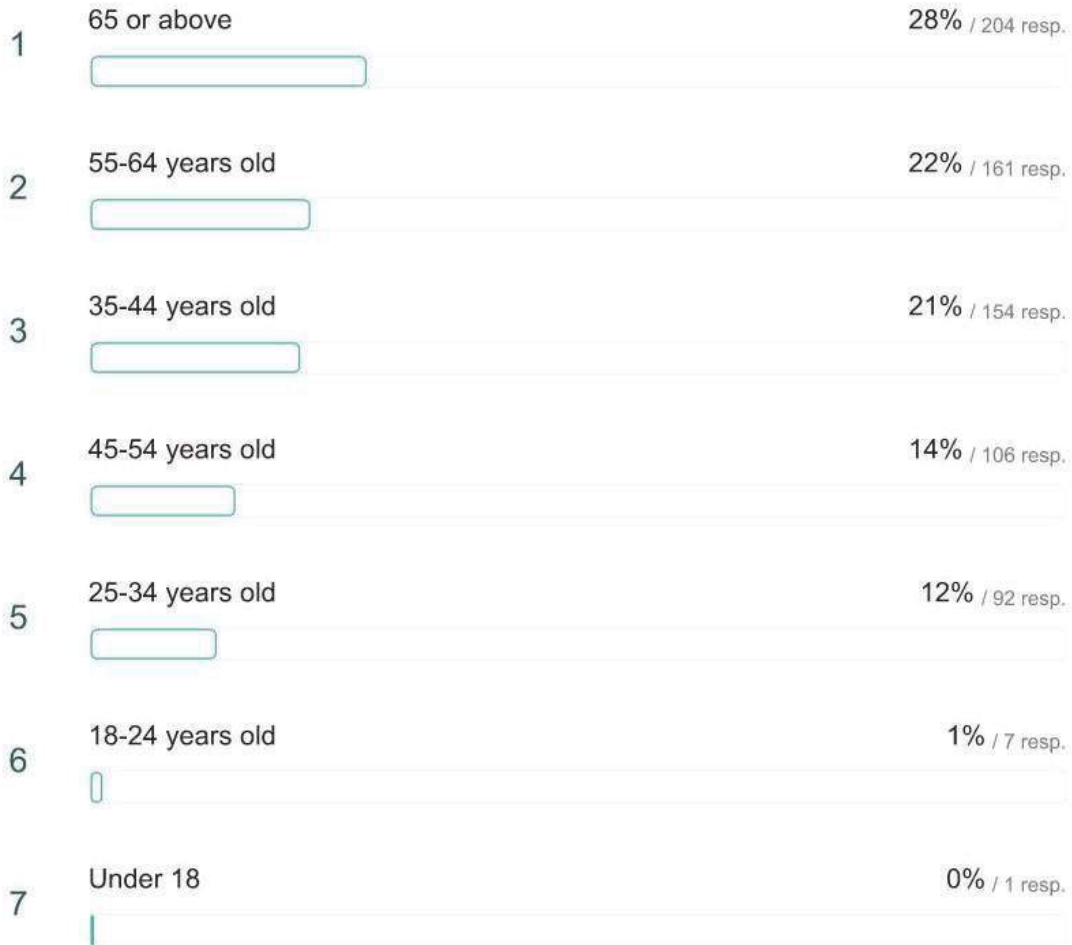


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Which category below includes your age?

725 out of 730 answered

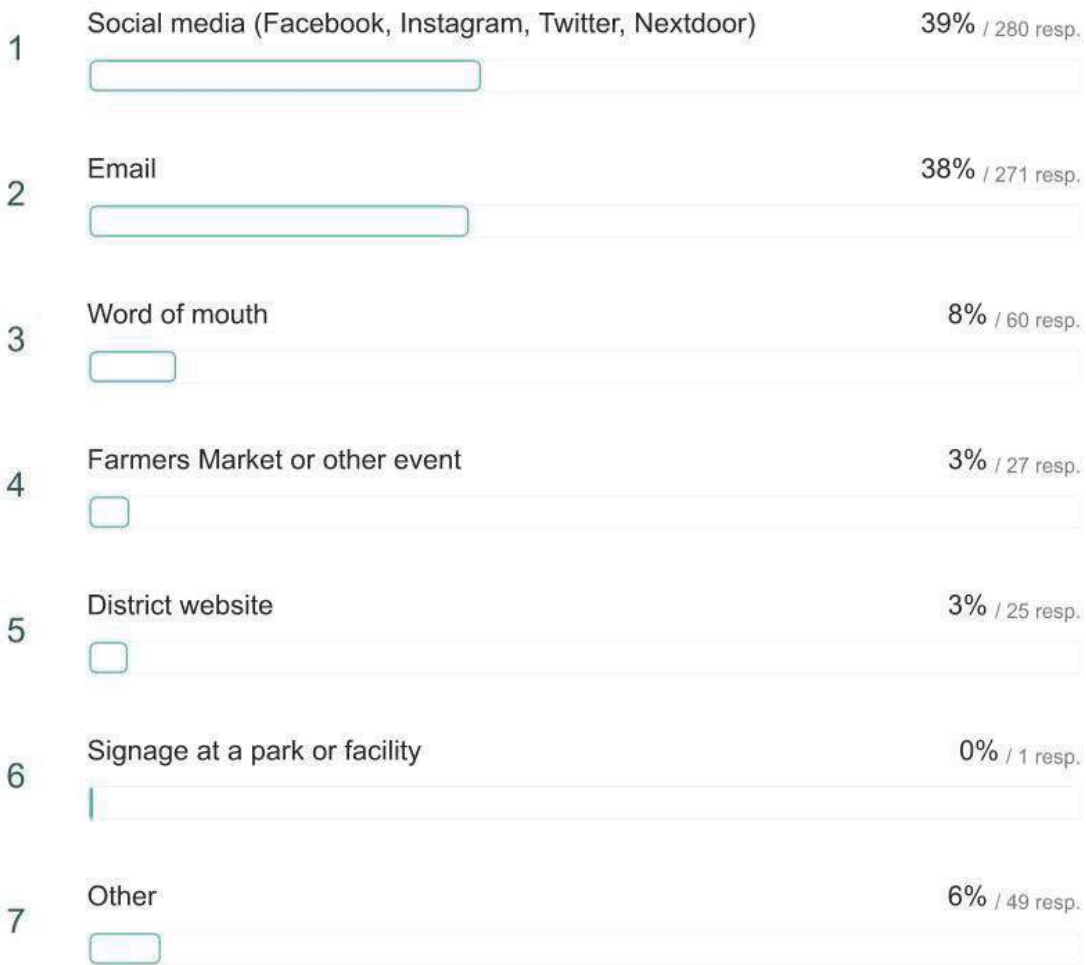


ONLINE SURVEY QUESTIONS & RESPONSES

(SURVEY AVAILABLE SEPT. 1 - SEPT. 30, 2020)

How did you hear about this survey?

713 out of 730 answered



SPORTS FOCUS GROUP - MEETING NOTES

JAN. 12, 2021

SPORTS FOCUS GROUP (1/12/2021) – NOTES

Leagues enjoy working with district on plans/improvements. Number of fields is acceptable, quality of fields are lacking. Great to see playgrounds improved and located near fields. Shade/gathering areas for spectators and in between games.

- **Soccer** - quality of fields for soccer is low. May not need to add fields, but update quality. La Sierra - player tripped on sprinkler mound and broke arm. Encourage improvements to soccer fields. **Footsal** at La Sierra - like the multi-use of fields.
- **Softball fields** - leagues help to maintain, fields are usable. Turf is in need of maintenance/repair (new wood backing and backstops). Carmichael Park: TBall field 5 - somehow find another field closer to center of site and near snack bar. More gathering areas near snack bar (seating, access). Looking to move fence near snack bar due to safety concern.
- **Lighting at Carmichael** - lighting currently on (1) field only. Lights on fields 1 and 2 would be a helpful addition. Field 4 is a nicer field, would be nice to get lighting on that field.

Carmichael Park

- permanent bathroom facility closer to tennis court area
- **softball** - space between backstop and home plate too large
- grass maintenance
- softball - would like to have (2) lit full size fields
- Always opportunities for leagues to fund raise - collaborate on improvements.

Del Campo Park

(2) Clubs use this site for soccer. 1 field, no bathroom access (port - a - potty)

La Sierra Community Center

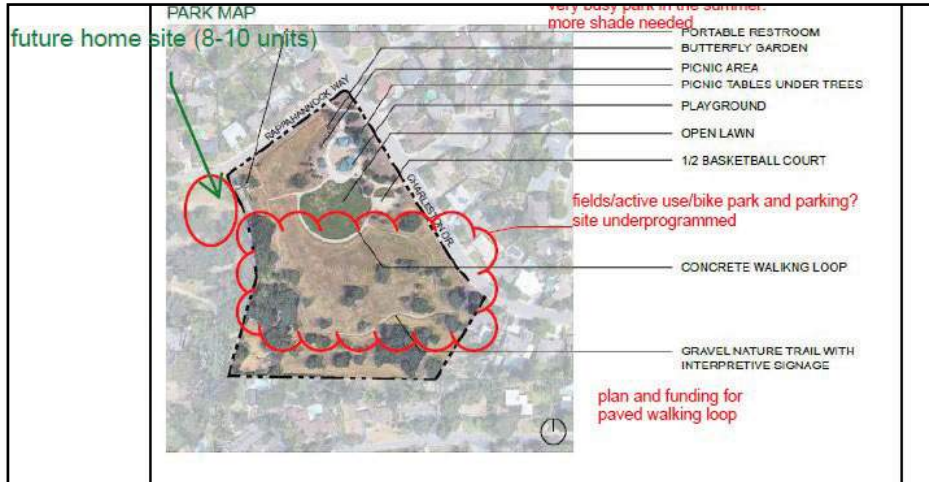
- soccer and Carmichael LL - would like to have lit fields
- Synthetic turf an option?
- public restroom and snack shack(for soccer use)
- Is it feasible to add another small tball field or too close to soccer? Currently some divisions share fields. Ideal to have (1) additional field in future.
- **Indoor courts:** lack of space for amount of kids using the area at the same time. More seating. Crunched for space in general. Can be difficult to rent courts due to popularity. Utilize other courts/reallocate to free up for current users. Opportunity for new space?
- soccer open to other sites for a 'home' or facility
- School sites used for practice due to field quality.

SPORTS FOCUS GROUP - MEETING NOTES

JAN. 12, 2021

O'Donnell Heritage Park

- Well used, maintained park. Basketball is well used - add full court or additional full court. Very busy park in the summer. more shade needed



Sutter-Jensen Community Park & Botanical Garden

- Love this place. Very passive park.
- play structure planned for phase 2

TEEN & YOUNG ADULT FOCUS GROUP - MEETING NOTES

JAN. 13, 2021

TEEN & YOUNG ADULT FOCUS GROUP (1/13/2021) – NOTES

Barriers to using parks:

- Nighttime use - no lighting. lighting at picnic tables, not just at fields
- Carmichael Park: update tables and site accessories, feels tired. Safety concerns due to transient population (stage area, back area by fields).
- O'Donnell park - feels more safe
- wide paths (accommodate traffic in both directions) that are well maintained for broader use (active uses: roller skates, runners, scooters, etc.) that are well lit

What gets you outside?

- wider paths for active uses
- water play: splash pads/play features with picnic areas and stage/sunken seating for families
- food vendors
- sand volleyball (nets provided or bring your own) becoming a more popular high school sport
- diversity in play equip.: rope courses, etc. that provide more challenge for kids of all ages
- kids community garden program/space
- ping pong, corn hole
- Painted blacktop games, large wall for wall ball, art, interaction.
- circuit workout - exercise stations
- Bike Park (Jan or O'Donnell?)

Del Campo Park

- possible sand volleyball court(s) location - close to high school, seems to have the space

Glancy Oaks Park

- Likes open area of this park. Kids/HS use it during free time or each lunch at.
- add/update basketball court

La Sierra Community Center

- perimeter, wide, multi-use path and exercise stations (area) for parents to use while kids are playing/sports

Jan Park

- Bike park location?

O'Donnell Heritage Park

- Possible Bike Park? More shade.

NEW RESIDENT & YOUNG FAMILIES FOCUS GROUP - MEETING NOTES

JAN. 14, 2021

NEW RESIDENT & YOUNG FAMILIES FOCUS GROUP (1/14/2021) – NOTES

What gets you outside?

- Splash park
- Climbing (Carmichael Park triangle)
- Would like to see an official bike track.
- Suggest a splash pad in a high density housing area (apartments).
- ADA-compliant amenities
- Consider playground surfaces w/ safety in mind.
- Like the outdoor rollerskating track/rink (maybe something that can be converted to ice in winter).

Cardinal Oaks Park

- heavily used, mostly children/teens
- needs upgrades
- lots of soccer
- playground heavily used
- apartments w/o yards visit to use facilities

Jan Park

- Potential bike park
- Want more multi-use options

(Either Jan or O'Donnell):

- Bike park with jumps
- Pickleball

O'Donnell Heritage Park

- Good amenities across age groups
- Portable restroom helpful
- Would drive to visit here
- Offers a range of uses
- Pump track or bike area?
- Better utilize the space available.
- Skate spots.
- Futsal courts

La Sierra Community Center

- Nightmare parking lot situation (esp. during baseball/soccer seasons). Prone to clogs. Circulation is not well-defined.
- Brainstorm parking solutions to improve user experience.
- Seeking after school recreation classes available.
- Would like - karate, dance.
- Large facility that seems underutilized (but with potential).

Schweitzer Grove Nature Area

- Suggest a bridge over the creek.
- Want better pedestrian flow.

Sutter-Jensen Community Park & Botanical Garden

- A hidden gem.

AQUATIC AMENITY FOCUS GROUP - MEETING NOTES

JAN. 20, 2021



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE · LAND PLANNING · URBAN DESIGN

Carmichael Aquatic Amenity Focus Group January 20th, 2021

Attendees: Sharon – President of Park Foundation
Scott
Gaye

General

- A pool has been a long-term goal. Senior population wants water aerobics; children need to learn to swim.
- Carmichael District cannot afford to maintain pool.
- Need an assessment or bond to fund; might be better to make other park improvements. Think there is support for assessment bond.
- DART has provided access to pool, park foundation offers scholarships for DART programs.
- Need to have water play for children; many apartment users do not have access to pool.
- Need a destination splash park (Portland Oregon has a nice one) at Carmichael Park.
- Add small 2-3 spray elements with shade at other parks

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL - PRESENTATION SLIDES

FEB. 25, 2021

Virtual Town Hall Meeting

February 25, 2021 - 7:00 pm



Who Are We?

- Carmichael Recreation and Park District
 - Mike Blondino
 - Alaina Lofthus
 - Ingrid Penney
 - James Perry
- Gates + Associates - Landscape Architects & Planners
 - Linda Gates
 - Kelley Lotosky
 - Melonie O'Sullivan

What Are We Doing Today?

Gather input on priorities for enhancement of the Carmichael Park System.

AGENDA

1. Efforts to date
2. Community Discussion
3. Next steps



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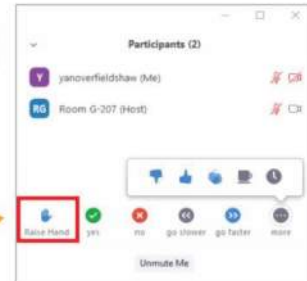
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ZOOM Protocols & Best Practices



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Raise your hand if you have a comment or question!

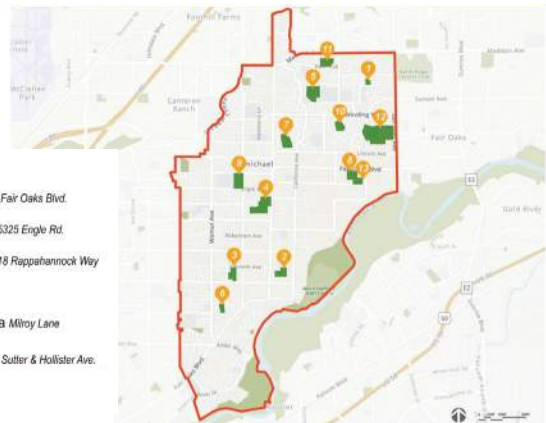


What is a Recreation and Parks Master Plan?

- Strategic document that studies existing park system
- Work with the **community** to identify needs
- Sets forth a framework for the future

Parks | Parques

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| 1 Bird Track Park Pheasant Rd. | 8 Jensen Botanical Garden 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd. |
| 2 Capra Park Site 6600 Kenneth Ave. | 9 La Sierra Community Center 5325 Eagle Rd. |
| 3 Cardinal Oaks Park El Camino & Garfield Ave. | 10 O'Donnell Heritage Park Site 6618 Rappahannock Way |
| 4 Carmichael Park 5750 Grant Ave. | 11 Patriots Park 6827 Palm Ave. |
| 5 Del Campo Park Site Heathcote Dr. | 12 Schweitzer Grove Nature Area Milroy Lane |
| 6 Glancy Oaks Park 5292 Glancy Dr. | 13 Sutter Jensen Community Park Sutter & Hollister Ave. |
| 7 Jan Drive Park Site 4310 Jan Dr. | |



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Poll - How did you hear about this meeting?

- Social Media (instagram, facebook, twitter)
- Carmichael Times Article
- District Website
- Project Website
- Farmers Market
- From a Friend
- Email Blast
- Signage at park
- Postcard
- Other



PROJECT TIMELINE



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Existing Park Assessment

- Visit each park site
- Inventory of all amenities
- Assess condition of amenities



Online Survey

- Open from Sept 1, 2020 - Sept 30, 2020
- 730 completed surveys
- Pop-up booth at Farmers Market in Carmichael Park on 9/20

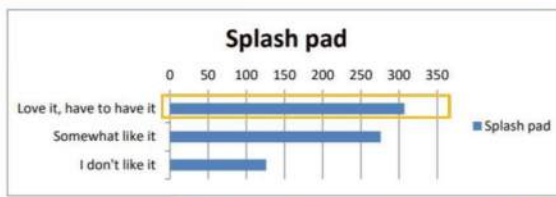
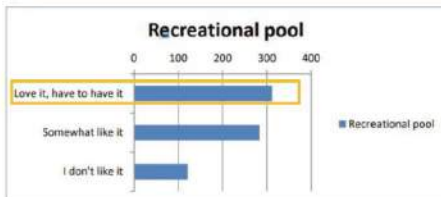


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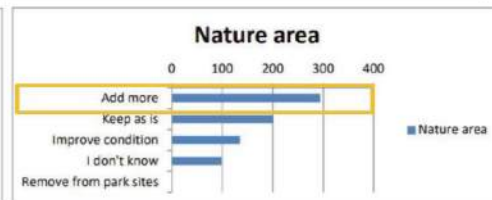
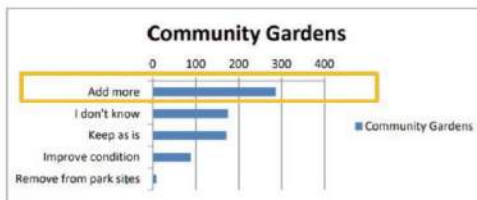
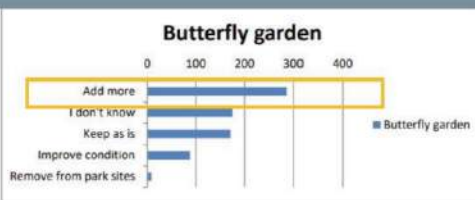
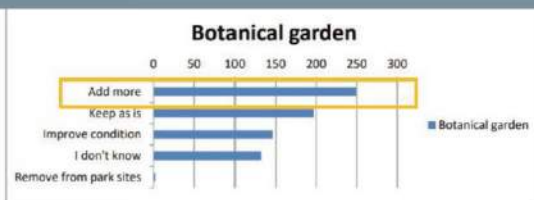
What we learned

- Water play is still a priority for residents



What we learned

- Passive uses a high priority

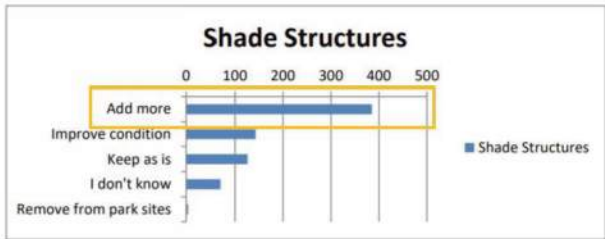


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What we learned

- Shade is a high priority



Focus Group Discussions

- Sports Group
- Youth
- New Residents and Families
- Aquatics Interest



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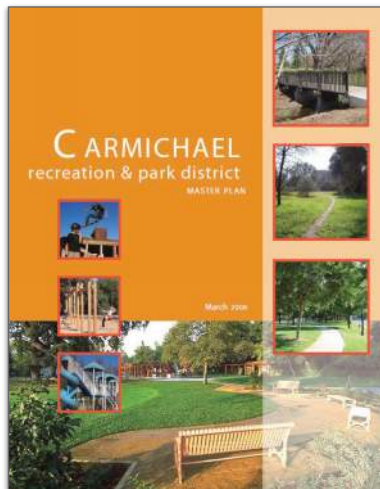
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Potential Improvements Discussion

- Water Play
- Improvements to Existing Parks
- Planned Improvements, Not Yet Built
- Emerging Needs



Water Play : Efforts to Date



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TABLE 3: PROJECTS CAPITAL COSTS

Project	Cost
Capital Projects	
Carmichael Park	\$2,000,000
Acoustic Centre	\$10,000,000
Existing Park Upgrades	
Franklin Park	\$155,000
Cardinal Oaks Park	\$250,000
Glenn Oaks Park	\$265,000
La Sierra Community Center	\$4,065,000
SUBTOTAL	\$4,730,000
EMPHO PARK SITE DEVELOPMENT	
Crocker Park Site	\$500,000
Don Compo Park	\$300,000
Jan DeWee Park Site	\$2,000,000
O'Donnell Heritage Park Site	\$1,000,000
Schwitzer Grove Nature Area	\$200,000
Sunier Jansen Community Park	\$5,000,000
SUBTOTAL	\$9,000,000
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT COSTS	\$13,730,000
MAINTENANCE SINKING FUND	\$4,500,000
TOTAL ALL COST	\$18,230,000

Because the anticipated cost of these projects will exceed the District's financial means, projects were prioritized according to need and funding opportunity. Through this prioritization process, the following two priorities emerged:

- Develop underutilized park sites: Providing park and recreation facilities in underserved areas are a high priority and should be implemented as funds become available.
- Develop an aquatic facility: Replacing the outdoor pool that has been closed for several years is a high priority since it will provide a much-desired benefit to the community. However, a funding source for this project has not been identified.



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Water Play - Current District Efforts

- **DART Sacramento Swim Lessons**
 - Scholarships available
 - Bi-weekly 30-minute sessions @ American River College
 - \$75 per session
 - 4:1 Teacher Ratio
 - Low cost to District
- **Misting stick at O'Donnell Park**



Splash Park vs Splash Pad



Splash Park

- Larger footprint
- Activities on multiple elevations
- Zero entry water activity



Splash Pad

- Smaller footprint
- Ground level activities
- Zero entry water activity



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Water Play - Potential Options

Aquatic Facility with Pool		\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
Splash Park		\$\$\$\$\$\$
Splash Pad		\$\$\$
DART Partnership		€

\$ = \$1 million



Improvements to Existing Parks



Shade Structures



Sports turf Improvements



Multi-use Paths



Update Playgrounds



Convert underutilized turf to native planting



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Planned Improvements but Not Built

Carmichael Park:

- Pavillion
- Additional parking
- Update fields
- Upgrade tennis courts
- Add park lighting
- Add additional restrooms
- Skate park



Carmichael Park



Sutter Jensen Park

- Add playground
- Additional parking

Sutter-Jensen Park



Emerging Recreation Trends



Pickleball



Bike Park/Pump Track



All-Abilities Playgrounds



Community Gardens



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Funding Park Improvements

Existing funding:

- Property taxes
- Park in-lieu
- Foundation
- Grants
- Cost recovery (71%)

Options are:

- Pursue assessment/bond
- Limit improvements based on current funding sources



Next Steps

- Recommendations for each park site
- Please check the Master Plan website for updates:

<https://www.carmichaelparksplan.com/>

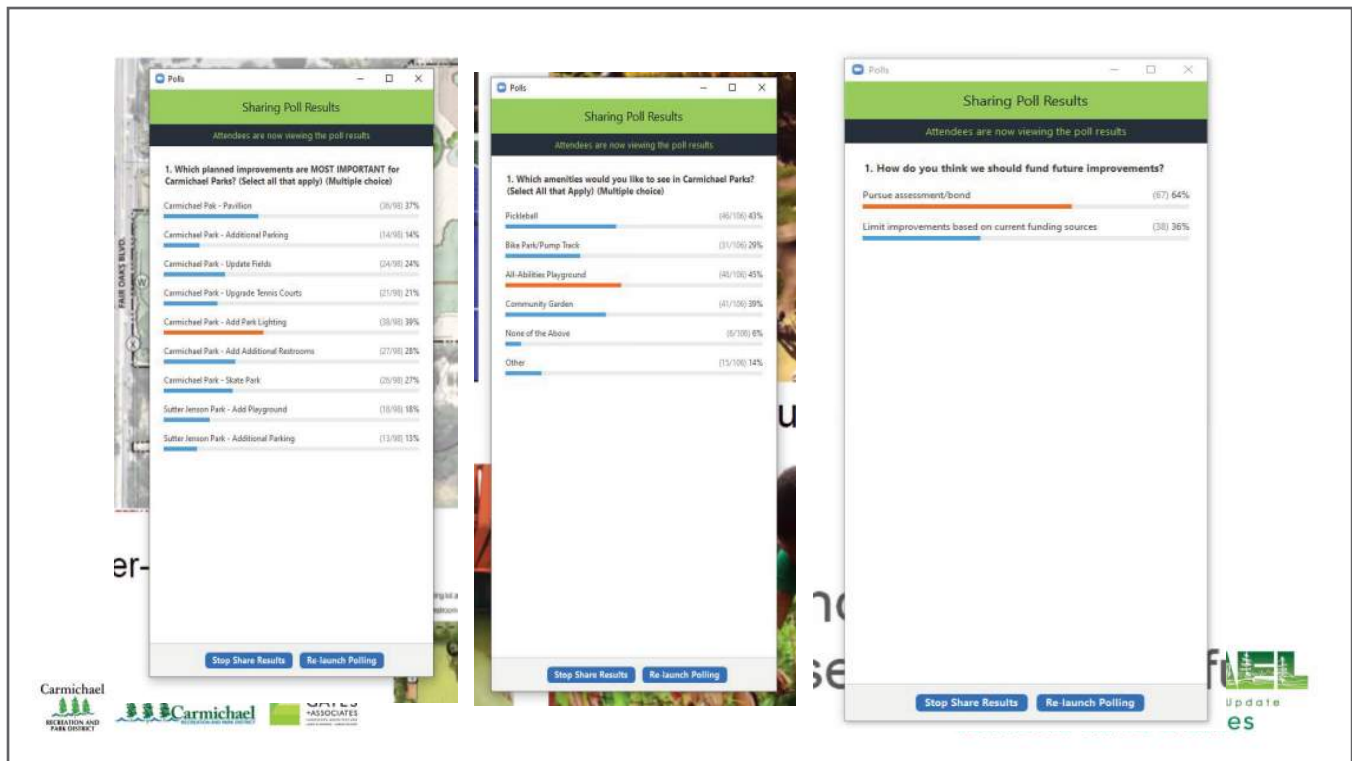
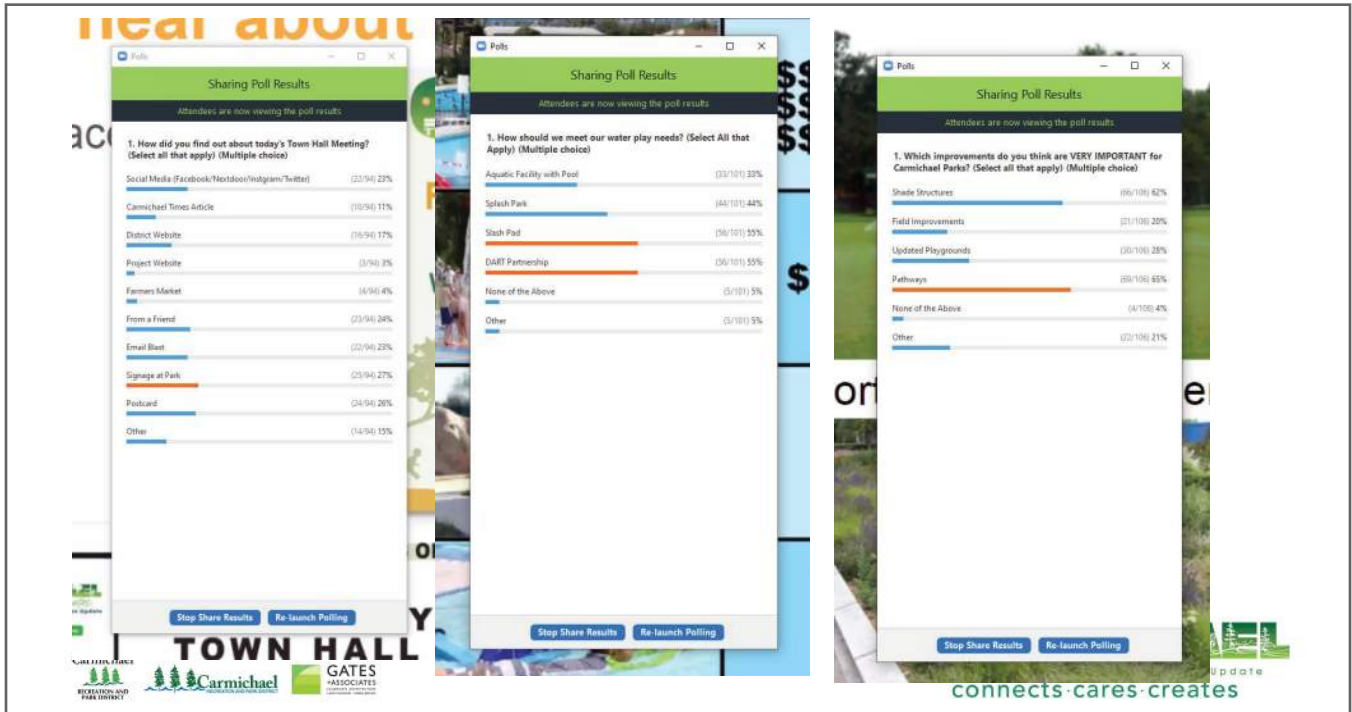
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VIRTUAL TOWN HALL - POLLING RESULTS

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Corey Carskaddon 07:17 PM

Can we get preexisting facilities and path trip hazards corrected before spending money on water play or other expensive enhancements?

A fence dog play area in Del Campo Park would cost less and benefit many residents who like to walk their dogs without leash in the park.

Corey Carskaddon 07:27 PM

What Carmichael Parks yearly Budget Surplus?

Sean LaTour-Jarquin 07:29 PM

Do we have a report about the demographics (age, gender) of the 700+ who filled out the survey? Sorry tried to ask earlier but didnt go through.

Michele Miller 07:29 PM

I would like to have a pool to swim at with my family as I am getting older. I raised my children 22 and 24 that missed having a public pool to use.

Corey Carskaddon 07:29 PM

It is my understanding Carmichael Parks does not have funding to repair the bathrooms that were burnt down in Del Campo Park years ago. So, why is the District wasting time on Water features they do not have funds for?

Corey Carskaddon 07:34 PM

What about converting some underutilized Neighbor sharing gardens?

CRPD maintenance keeps saying they do not have funding to fix the large trip hazard in the path at Del Campo Park, so how can CRPD afford wider paths?

You would like to answer this question live.

Heidi Sanborn 07:36 PM

I want to see the parks stop spraying toxic chemicals like herbicides or use loud and polluting landscaping equipment.

Corey Carskaddon 07:36 PM

Did CRPD install sharps bins near the Carmichael Park playground to my child or others from finding more needles in the playground area?

Corey Carskaddon 07:38 PM

Why is this district mostly focused on Carmichael Park?

Corey Carskaddon 08:20 PM

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL - Q&A LOG

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Does CRPD still have contract with park police? How many times are they to make rounds? Rarely do we seem them at Del Campo Park. Police presence can help deter graffiti, drug deals and vandalism.

Corey Carskaddon 08:25 PM

What about commemorative brick trail to raise funds?

Corey Carskaddon 08:28 PM

How much is a commemorative bench? my family might be interested in purchasing one

Cathy Roberts 08:30 PM

Since there are 6 existing Carmichael Park tennis courts that aren't always used it wouldn't be taking away from the tennis players if two of the tennis courts were converted to pickle ball courts. I understand that there are inside pickle ball courts but when they were open the hours were very limited. Ed Roberts

Corey Carskaddon 08:31 PM

A bike pump track would be great at Jan Park

Dolores Eitel 08:34 PM

I must agree a pool would serve all ages , all families and there is nowhere else to go but the river or private gyms . Kids need to learn to swim.

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Cathy Roberts 08:36 PM

If it took \$150,000 and many years to complete a bocce court, how can Carmichael Park District even consider a water park or pool that costs millions of dollars to build and many dollars to maintain? It just appears that the Park District would never have the funds for something that expensive: EdRoberts

Corey Carskaddon 08:44 PM

There is nothing simple about a pool. They are expensive and can be a health hazard if not maintained properly

Corey Carskaddon 08:53 PM

I agree with you Michael Herte, Del Campo Park is in the same condition. When can we get these cleaned up?

Corey Carskaddon 09:03 PM

is this Mike Blondino?

Amanda Trumbo 09:05 PM

Why is over half of Carmichael Park budget salary and benefits? seems like that money can be reallocated to fund our parks

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Amanda Trumbo 09:05 PM

even just 10%

Corey Carskaddon 09:07 PM

Advertisement for the online survey was inefficient.

Garrett Lane 09:16 PM

Thank you for hosting this meeting

Corey Carskaddon 09:16 PM

says mike is back tomorrow

Amanda Trumbo 07:00 PM

Are all participants muted ? Or how should we ask questions?

This question has been answered live

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 07:02 PM

you can type your question in this box or raise your hand.

Corey Carskaddon 07:04 PM

When are the bathrooms going to be fixed and reopened at Del Campo Park?

This question has been answered live

Laurie Weir 07:07 PM

Does the Parks and Rec Master Plan Update include the Ancil Hoffman Park and Effie Yeaw Nature Center? I am very interested in assuring that the Nature Center be able to continue to thrive and support the Carmichael community through environmental educational programming.

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 07:16 PM

Ancil Hoffman Park is a regional park and not part of the Carmichael Recreation and Park District

Corey Carskaddon 07:07 PM

postcards are not an option?

This question has been answered live

Lily Ng 07:07 PM

The new Pickleball Club informed their members

This question has been answered live

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Is it possible to still take the survey?

This question has been answered live

Sue Ellen Green 07:11 PM

who got the survey?

This question has been answered live

William Baxter 07:12 PM

Will we at sometime be able to view all the results from the survey?

This question has been answered live

Corey Carskaddon 07:12 PM

a lot of problems with water filtering and chlorine at other splash or water features within parks

Linda Gates 07:56 PM

yes this is a consideration

David Rankin 07:12 PM

What was the stats on the skatepark from the survey? We previously had a skatepark at La Sierra which was removed with the promise of a future skatepark at Carmichael Park in the original master plan, where and what is the status on this?

This question has been answered live

John Troiano 07:13 PM

Is this a new plan starting in 2021

This question has been answered live

Corey Carskaddon 07:13 PM

survey would be a biased sampling if it is not out for all to take

Linda Gates 07:56 PM

the survey was available to whole community

Brenda Mock 07:15 PM

if we dont see isurvey results about the dog park from your presentation, can you share that please

Melonie O'Sullivan | Gates+Associates (You) 08:28 PM

the survey results will be posted on the project website by monday.

Raymond Kissinger 07:16 PM

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Any plans to construct Pickleball courts?

This question has been answered live

Anonymous Attendee 07:16 PM

Did the survey include demographics (age, gender etc .) of who completed the survey? Thank you.

Linda Gates 07:57 PM

yes an dyo can see on website

Corey Carskaddon 07:19 PM

Does the Carmichael park district have a California certified water treatment operator for chlorination and filtration?

This question has been answered live

Corey Carskaddon 07:21 PM

misters on a shade structure are safer, do not require power, filtration or a treatment operator

Linda Gates 07:58 PM

interesting idea will share

Dave Ashuckian 07:21 PM

Are the \$\$ signs accurately depictig the cost? # million per splash pad?

This question has been answered live

Joel Levine 07:21 PM

Will Sac County support the expense of a pool or splash park?

This question has been answered live

Dave Ashuckian 07:22 PM

That was supposed to be \$3 Mil per splash pad?

This question has been answered live

Mia Wyant 07:23 PM

What happens during ineviteable drought years when it comes to Splash Pads/Park?

This question has been answered live

David Rankin 07:23 PM

What is the difference between splash pad vs park?

This question has been answered live

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David Rankin 07:26 PM

I would assume the size matters, that you could have a smaller splash park...

This question has been answered live

Joel Levine 07:26 PM

CRPD is a Dependant Park District, where will the funding come from?

This question has been answered live

Brenda Mock 07:27 PM

are the dollars for splash park vs pad accurate in ratios? do we only get 2 pads for 1 park?

This question has been answered live

Michael Herte 07:27 PM

I live on Palm Ave. just east of Patriot Park.

My next door neighbor, Roger, is memorialized on a plaque there because of his hard work in getting the park completed. He and I went to many meetings and walked the neighborhood distributing information and drumming up support for doing the right thing with the property as far back as the 1980's.

So you can see why I'm so disappointed in the park district's lack of care and maintenance of the park. The lights don't work, there's port-o-potty that's now in terrible condition and is routinely vandalized. (It was set up to be locked at night, but that never happens). Doggie disposal cans are damaged, the irrigation system is a wreck and has never been maintained - and the weeds are rampant.

Instead of building new stuff, as nice as it would be build a splash park or other facility, with out maintenance, it would be more wasted moshould be a priority. If I let my house go like the district has neglected the park, I'd likely be reported to code enforcement.

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 08:50 PM

Michael, thank you for your comments and input.

David Stroud 07:28 PM

Can you please provide a link to the draft Parks Master plan? I must have missed the document.

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 07:47 PM

we will talk about the schedule in 'next steps'

Brenda Mock 07:28 PM

are bonds an option for funding?

This question has been answered live

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Cyrena Reynolds 07:30 PM

Is there an option to build a simple pool facility like the previous one rather than a more intricate aquatic park?

Melonie O'Sullivan | Gates+Associates (You) 08:43 PM

Cyrena - thank you for the question, we are looking at all options that support the want for water play that make sense from a cost and reality perspective. All options are still on the table.

Corey Carskaddon 07:30 PM

Most splash pads are off in winter and off many times during the summer when broken

This question has been answered live

David Rankin 07:30 PM

What happened to the taxes that were previously paid? I thought that taxes were previously levied for Carmichael parks. Invalid Property Tax Assessments Remain Unpaid to Thousands of Property Owners in Carmichael?

This question has been answered live

Dolores Eitel 07:30 PM

Where is funding coming from for each of these projects?

And maintenance and water ?

This question has been answered live

Jasmine B 07:30 PM

Could the park first have a better and bigger parking lot? It has a potential to expand it.

This question has been answered live

Heidi Sanborn 07:32 PM

I LOVE the native plantings! I would like to show kids about native flowers and attract native butterflies and bees

Linda Gates 08:26 PM

thank you

William Baxter 07:32 PM

Many years ago donated to refurbish the then existing pool. That boat sailed and was offered the return of the donation which we declined for the \$ to be used in another way. The amount of \$ for water should now probably used in other ways to make best use of those funds that are available.

Linda Gates 08:15 PM

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thank you for comment

Jamie Patterson 07:32 PM

What is "multi-use" as a path?

This question has been answered live

Jacqueline DeLu 07:33 PM

"Other" would be native plants.

Melanie O'Sullivan |Gates+Associates (You) 07:34 PM

correct

Cathy Roberts 07:34 PM

Can we convert some of the existing lighted tennis courts to pickle ball courts due to the large number of pickle ball players?

Ed Roberts

Linda Gates 08:15 PM

appears to be an issue the district needs to study

Michael Herte 07:34 PM

I'd like to see the "convert" option implemented at Patriot Park, but only if the district commits to maintain it! Else they just need to repair and clean up the existing paths, turf and etc.

Linda Gates 08:16 PM

thank you for comment

Garrett Lane 07:35 PM

I don't understand how the percentages of the survey can add up above 100%. Can someone explain?

Melanie O'Sullivan |Gates+Associates (You) 07:35 PM

because you can select more than one option.

John Troiano 07:36 PM

Pickleball is not on the list

This question has been answered live

Corey Carskaddon 07:36 PM

where is the option for other?

This question has been answered live

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Michael Herte 07:37 PM

The current question only applies to Carmichael Park!

This question has been answered live

Anonymous Attendee 07:37 PM

By "upgrade tennis courts" at Carmichael Park, does this include conversion to pickleball courts?

This question has been answered live

Dolores Eitel 07:38 PM

How many residents are attending?

Melonie O'Sullivan | Gates+Associates (You) 07:45 PM

we have 113 participants

John Troiano 07:38 PM

Pickleball is not on the list

This question has been answered live

Michael Herte 07:38 PM

OK, Carmichael and Sutter only?

Melonie O'Sullivan | Gates+Associates (You) 07:40 PM

for this question yes. as they have master plans already developed.

David Stroud 07:38 PM

I may have asked my question improperly. May i be directed to a link that gives me access to the district's Draft Master Plan?

Melonie O'Sullivan | Gates+Associates (You) 07:41 PM

the approved master plan from 2008 is on the project website carmichaelparksplan.com

Brenda Mock 07:39 PM

but the dog park was slated for improvements in last plan and not completed

This question has been answered live

Dave Ashuckian 07:39 PM

What was the idea/details behind upgrading the tennis courts?

Linda Gates 08:17 PM

part of Carmicheal Park master plan

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Corey Carskaddon 07:40 PM

What about solar shade structures, so the district can maybe harvest the sun?

This question has been answered live

John Troiano 07:40 PM

This is disturbing because this process appears to be inadequate to address current improvements such as pickleball

This question has been answered live

John Troiano 07:41 PM

Why have the other park districts been able to address the pickleball needs by constructing courts whereas Carmichael Park is in the planning phase?

This question has been answered live

Bob Kerr 07:42 PM

Will there be a segment where we can talk about the skate park?

Melonie O'Sullivan | Gates+Associates (You) 08:28 PM

bob - thank you for your input!

Corey Carskaddon 07:42 PM

So, the district is still working on a master plan from 13 years ago?

This question has been answered live

Lorine Dionisio 07:42 PM

what location is the loop Track will be located

Linda Gates 08:14 PM

needs to be studied

Dianne Ehrke 07:42 PM

why hasn't the approved master plan been implemented?

This question has been answered live

Scott Armstrong 07:42 PM

Where would bump trackbicycle course go? Seems like a fairly large area is needed.

Linda Gates 08:13 PM

will need to be studied

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Lily Ng 07:42 PM

Convert tennis courts to Pickleball courts like what Rusch Park did

This question has been answered live

Audrey Wiechman 07:43 PM

Why was the skate park at La Sierra closed?

This question has been answered live

David Stroud 07:43 PM

Thank you. When will you be providing a Draft of what is being proposed as amendments/revisions to the Master Plan?

This question has been answered live

Terry Eckhart 07:45 PM

I attended a planning meeting for Carmichael Park 10 years ago.

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 07:50 PM

thank you for your participation then and now!

Corey Carskaddon 07:46 PM

How does the CRPD plan to get more funding? What about a solar farm shade structure?

This question has been answered live

John Troiano 07:46 PM

If all surrounding park districts have identified pickleball as an important priority than why is Carmichael behind the eight ball on this one?

This question has been answered live

Scott Armstrong 07:47 PM

Have you looked at support funds or grants? There are multiple groups like Project Lifelong that would be willing to help find funding, support up keep, and help realize the incredible value of a skate park.

This question has been answered live

William Baxter 07:48 PM

In regards to deferred maintenance specifically at Carmichael park the road/parking lot/multi use trail is a safety hazard, eye sore and dangerous with the multiple uses it requires to access the park The deferred maintenance needs to be begun a long time ago but hopefully now. It would immediately make that park more user friendly.

This question has been answered live

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Joel Levine 07:50 PM

How can we start pursuing an assessment?

This question has been answered live

Michael Herte 07:51 PM

Improvements are nice but maintenance is far more important. I'm not generally a fiscal conservative, but if you don't maintain what you already have, then new stuff will likely be treated the same so it's pointless. The new plan should focus on maintenance and repair before building new stuff.

This question has been answered live

Corey Carskaddon 07:51 PM

maintenance should come before improvements and in many parks it is highly lacking. Volunteers can help with some improvements. Does CRPD have some volunteer days for such?

This question has been answered live

Diane Yasui 07:51 PM

what efforts have been made to fundraise for specific projects, which may interest businesses, volunteers, etc. to provide assistance?

This question has been answered live

David Rankin 07:53 PM

How is a Pickleball court that much different from a tennis court? Why not convert one or two tennis courts...?

This question has been answered live

Teresa Trimble 07:54 PM

Will there be money for security improvements such as cameras?

Linda Gates 08:19 PM

if a community priority will be included in master plan

John Troiano 07:54 PM

Why go through the process?

This question has been answered live

Joel Levine 07:54 PM

Dog park improvement needs to be in the mix.

Linda Gates 08:13 PM

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thank you fot input

Garrett Lane 07:55 PM

I love the idea of volunteering. Are there any sort of organized trash pick up days? I've been going with my kids to pick up trash at Jan Park regularly

This question has been answered live

Donna Jacobson 07:56 PM

I would love to see the needs of both tennis players and pickleball players met by repainting the courts at Carmichael Park so more people may utelize the space.

This question has been answered live

Donna Jacobson 07:57 PM

My family recently discovered the bocce ball courts. Wonderful addition! Thank you!

Linda Gates 08:12 PM

glad you enjoy

John Troiano 07:59 PM

Will you taking my verabal questions?

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 08:01 PM

yes, taking questions from raised hands now

Corey Carskaddon 08:02 PM

Again, when are the bathrooms going to be fixed and reopened at Del Campo Park?

This question has been answered live

David Rankin 08:07 PM

Sounds like the problem has been Covid shutting down the existing Pickleball courts....

This question has been answered live

julie Wood 08:08 PM

It would be very sad to take tennis courts out

This question has been answered live

Garrett Lane 08:09 PM

Thank you, MIke

This question has been answered live

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Dolores Eitel 08:09 PM

The 6 courts are in use most of IMessage!

This question has been answered live

Margaret Lee 08:09 PM

Agree, this should be a friendly chat, no blame.

This question has been answered live

Corey Carskaddon 08:10 PM

two side fields at Del Campo park are unused. What about making an outdoor pickle ball court there?
the other one can be a dog park

Linda Gates 08:19 PM

Idea will be shared with District

Corey Carskaddon 08:11 PM

cameras at Del Campo? They have torched and vandalized the porta pots too.

Linda Gates 08:25 PM

thank you for input

Amy Alexander-carter 08:13 PM

Thank you, Nick

This question has been answered live

Bob Kerr 08:14 PM

My computer was acting weird, I think that it will work, now. Can I please speak?

This question has been answered live

Michael Herte 08:14 PM

Why is maintnence not a serious priority? The lack of care and maintenance at Patriot Park has turned it from a nice neighborhood park to a mess. The lights don't work, the port-a-potty is in terrible condition and is routinely vandalized. (It was set up to be locked at night, but it never happens). The irrigation system is non-fuctional since shortly after it was insstalled and has never been repaired or maintained. Please tell me that you have a plan to catch up on this deferred maintenance.

Linda Gates 08:19 PM

thank you for your comment

William Baxter 08:14 PM

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Obvious for years the funding for the CRPD is lacking without assessment money being available. Has to have deferred maintenance and low cost projects completed before any dreams are answered. That's the real life situation.

Linda Gates 08:24 PM

thank you for comment

Benjamin Wald 08:15 PM

Are there any planned improvements for Cardinal Oaks Park. If so, what are they? In the last couple years the traffic there has increased unbelievably, including using a soccer field and balls banging against my fence which borders the park...

Linda Gates 08:25 PM

thank you for your insights

Corey Carskaddon 08:16 PM

Del Campo park has room for a pump trackbike course

Linda Gates 08:26 PM

thank you for idea

Corey Carskaddon 08:22 PM

The master plan should include all parks and not one or two. One project at each park.

Melonie O'Sullivan | Gates+Associates (You) 08:23 PM

the master plan update will include plans/updates for all parks.

Corey Carskaddon 08:26 PM

or brick supports for shade structure?

Linda Gates 08:28 PM

thank you for all your thoughts we will review

Bob Kerr 08:27 PM

What is the next meeting about?

This question has been answered live

Bob Kerr 08:28 PM

And when?

Melonie O'Sullivan | Gates+Associates (You) 08:32 PM

we are planning for another community meeting in May-June

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Michael Herte 08:31 PM

Since I don't have a mic, I'm not "raising a hand" but, at the risk of seeming argumentative, this was a question not just a comment. Why is Patriot Park not being cared for? Why is maintenance of this part not a serious priority? (These are questions)

I understand that this meeting was to take input for planning, but unless you plan to maintain our parks, there is no point in building anything else. (That's a comment.) Love to have an actual answer...

mherte@comcast.net

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 08:34 PM

Michael - maintenance of parks and planning for both maintaining and future improvements will be included in this master plan. we don't want to plan for new amenities if a) existing parks can't be maintained or b) new amenities can't be maintained.

Corey Carskaddon 08:34 PM

Does CRPD own a tractor or backhoe?

This question has been answered live

Garrett Lane 08:34 PM

Jan Park connects to a HUGE empty lot that is where the old Crestview Bowling Alley was. How much would it cost to expand Jan Park into that lot? That's a lot of space to accommodate a lot of the needs/wants mentioned here tonight. It's been empty for decades it seems.

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 08:49 PM

this is intriguing - we will look into this!

Corey Carskaddon 08:35 PM

or have a rental yard who may work with CRPD for a reduced rate?

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 08:42 PM

we are logging this chat and Q&A and will forward your questions about volunteering to district staff

Michael Herte 08:39 PM

Thank you Melonie... that is a good answer, but the reality on the ground is if the budget isn't there for what needs to be done now - like repairing the lights, locking that toilet and either repairing or removing the broken irrigation hoses that litter the place, what are they spending the money on?

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 08:48 PM

yes, that is an issue that we are working with the district on. they realize there is a need for greater maintenance.

Dave Ashuckian 08:41 PM

Does restriping tennis courts require inclusion in the master plan or can that be implemented quicker?

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Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 08:55 PM

Dave - this will need to be discussed further with the district and balanced with the needs of the tennis courts. but we hear the need for pickleball courts in the immediate future and that there is community support/volunteers to see this happen.

Corey Carskaddon 08:42 PM

For more than 3 years I have been talking about volunteering and CRPD has never done anything with it. I hope this may finally come to fruition

This question has been answered live

Michael Herte 09:02 PM

OK. I appreciate your effort to answer my question. You'll forgive me for being frustrated this park always seems to be low on the list of priorities. I have lived here since it was an abandoned almond orchard I originally fought against establishing a park there because I just knew it would end up like this: neglected. But since it's here - and still salvagable - I hope the district will take my concern seriously and clean it up. I hope you'll forward my concerns to Mr. Blondini. he can reach me at mherte@comcast.net Thank you.

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 09:05 PM

Michael - yes, i have your contact info and i will ensure your comments and concerns are relayed to the district and will work to incorporate into the master plan.

Alissa Paulus 09:03 PM

Both of my boys also participated in Project Lifelong and it is an amazing program. They have connected so many kids. These kids need a place to skate that is safe. Since this has been on the master plan, I really hope some progress gets made soon.

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 09:09 PM

Alissa - thank you for your input!

KATIE WILL

are we supposed to see you as you speak?

This question has been answered live

Melonie O'Sullivan|Gates+Associates (You) 07:06 PM

you should see the presentation first and foremost. there is a side panel with our videos.

Sam Fast

When do you plan installing some pickleball courts and where at???

This question has been answered live

PICKLEBALL/TENNIS FOCUS GROUP - MEETING NOTES

APRIL 15, 2021



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE · LAND PLANNING · URBAN DESIGN

Carmichael Pickleball/Tennis Focus Group April 15th, 2021

Attendees: Alaina
Mike
Ingrid
James Perry

General

- Pickleball use and leagues growing
- Very limited number of tennis courts.
- Tennis players typically use courts in morning.
- Could look at designated hours to share court but do not like shared striping on courts for pickleball and tennis; confusing.
- Gym can be used for indoor pickleball but need AC.
- Not expensive to covert tennis court to pickleball. If we keep existing net placement, can get 4 pickleball courts on tennis court. With relocated nets, can get 6.
- Can Gibbons Park be used for pickleball? Miller Park? Arden Park?
- Pickleball use on adjacent courts can be distracting for tennis players.

Recommendation: As a project - convert 2 tennis courts into 4 pickleball courts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DRAFT MASTER PLAN

JULY 9 - SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

Carmichael Recreation & Park District Master Plan Update

Public comments as of 9/24/2021

Public Review for Draft Master Plan

Please review & comment on the Draft Master Plan by submitting your comments with the form below.

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CONTEXT: The Recreation & Parks AD DRAFT Master Plan Update was made available for review and public comment from July 9 – September 24, 2021.

Input was solicited and received from a range of sources, including but not limited to former CRPD District Administrator Jack Harrison, local organizations like WALKSacramento & the California Native Plant Society (Sacramento Chapter), and numerous Carmichael residents. All comments were reviewed by CRPD staff and the consultant team, and incorporated into the Master Plan document where appropriate. All received comments are documented on the following pages.

Comment: I live at the property bordering the proposed "Bike Park" on Del Campo Park (4780 Del Habra Way.. This is not a good place to put a bike park since it is right against my fence and yard, (my kitchen window looks out over it) and we already have a baseball diamond behind us and security and privacy issues on the park side as it is and a bike park would introduce chaos where it doesn't belong. The area there currently attracts picnics, yoga groups, and outdoor exercise enthusiasts. and should be left as is. If anything it could use a walking path offset from the property line 10'-15' or so since many people walk their dogs or just stroll around the park perimeter there.

A better location would be in the northeast undeveloped area along the seasonal Verde Cruz creek area along Oleander Dr, or north of the seasonal Verde Cruz creek south of the parking lot there, since the kids already use that dry creek area for bike jumps.

Lastly we already have problems with dirt bikes and gas powered go carts riding on the passive lawn area in front so introducing a bike park in that location may be an invitation for more chaos in an area which is normally serene.

Comment: Having been a resident homeowner contiguous to Cardinal Oaks Park wherein my backyard backs up to the East park boundary, I applaud the relocation of the jungle gym apparatus to its proposed more central location in the park however I encourage consideration to move it to even closer proximity to the new proposed parking lot at the south end of the park affording law enforcement closer access to the jungle gym playground as it has consistently in my residency here since 1988 attracted after dark gatherings by youth including drinking, fights, parties, unruly noise, broken glass and so forth well into the early hours of the morning although the park is posted to be closed at sunset. Its juxtaposition closer to El Camino and the new parking lot can afford easier law enforcement access and presence mitigating and perhaps discouraging said activity. Kindly do not completely remove the horseshoe pits as we use them often. Relocating them is fine. Thank you.

Comment: Agree with proposing a bike park. However, the proposed alternative bike park area seems too large in proportion to the rest of the park if the overarching goal is to balance a wide range of community needs.

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Recommend shrinking the proposed area so other needs and preferences can be accommodated while achieving the goal of a bike park for youth / families.

Comment: Very much agree with, and appreciate, this vision framework that encompasses a wide range of community needs and goals, especially balancing between fitness, recreation, connection with nature, emphasis on inclusion, and sustainable management / stewardship. While I support the call for more youth recreation facilities, I also want to see all parks address multiple purposes in a balanced manner.

Comment: All STREET ACCESS by walking and bicycling to parks in the low income neighborhoods and major streets of D3 surrounding the parks need SERIOUS improvements.

Comment: I saw a lot of good ideas. As a Carmichael mom, I find myself driving 30 minutes to rancho Cordova to use their parks- they are clean, have great equipment for both 2-5 year olds and other options for older kids AND so many have splash water parks to beat the summer heat. Having more amenities like this in Carmichael is necessary to keep attracting young families.

Comment: Construction of planned skate park at Carmichael Park should be the District's #1 priority!

Comment: Add a Skate park this should be a number one priority.

Comment: I would like to suggest built an outdoor ping pong concrete table (similar to Cooledge park in Sacramento) in the BBQ shade area in Glancy Oak Park. It can be used as a picnic table when not used but also serve as an outdoor sport structure for fun play.

<https://www.cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRec/Parks/Park-Directory/Land-Park/Cooledge-Park-South>

Comment: My comments are actually for pages V and VI, paragraph 8 - Beginning with "The 2008 Master Plan prioritized the development of an Aquatic Facility" but your form won't accept those page numbers. I'm very disheartened that the district is abandoning the plan to develop a recreational pool, and instead relying on a partnership with DART. Kids in our area have to join out of district swim teams that don't want to provide services to out of district families because their funding is supposed to spent on their residents. Is there a way you can make a partnership with other park districts, like FEC, to ensure that our residents can get a spot on their teams? Plus our seniors need a place to swim also, and splash pads are not going to help them. It seems like you're only providing aquatic options for small children, which is a very small percentage of Carmichael's demographic.

Comment: The section on Patriots Park (pp 76-79) does not mention any effort to remove the accumulated trash on the ground under the oaks along Palm Ave., or to repair the damaged "rules" signs, broken light fixtures and restroom enclosure. (On page 79, the plan states that adding a restroom and fencing will cost \$25000. Is this an additional portable restroom? Why not spend 1/3 that amount to just repair the existing one?)

The plan does not state an intent to remove, repair or replace the useless, vandalized irrigation system hoses that are a trip hazard nor does it mention the vandalized dog waste containers.

Page 77:

I'm not sure what is meant by "furnishings" but if that refers to the tables and benches, I'm not sure that the term "excellent condition" applies. The map on this page mis-locates the portable restroom on the basketball court. Has anyone actually visited the park to see the poor condition of the thing? It's mainly used by homeless people which is fine but it seems to always be in some state of disrepair.

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The lawn is NOT in excellent conditions and only evidence of maintenance for this park is that the lawn is mowed regularly. To be fair, the district has made some effort to ameliorate the graffiti on various sidewalks and the wall around the electrical equipment. However, this is a small investment of time considering the generally worsening condition of the park.

I have never seen a butterfly in or near the butterfly garden. It's overgrown with weeds, the informational signs are deteriorating and there's no evidence that anyone has done anything to improve or maintain it since it was installed.

This neglect continues to make the park less attractive. These items should be addressed before adding or expanding any other facilities.

Page 79:

The list of site improvements and costs states that an improvement would be to expand the d.g. paths. That's all well and good, but since the district finds it impossible to maintain the existing ones, why compound the problem by adding more? Put that \$67,075.00 to better use fixing the existing lights, signs, waste cans and irrigation.

I suggest someone actually visit the park and take a close look at the things I mentioned. "Improvements" should not be done until and unless the overdue repair and maintenance is addressed.

Comment: My home borders Schweitzer Grove on Plantation Dr., I've been there since 2008. Thank you for taking the time to put together these plans, I understand their importance, and appreciate the effort. I support the recommended improvements at the park, but have concerns about the parking lot and restroom facility. As the Health and Safety Officer for State Parks I have spent a lot of time addressing homeless issues. Most of our homeless encampments are within walking distance to a water source and restroom. In parks with high traffic and visibility like O'Donnell, having these amenities isn't an issue. Schweitzer does not have those attributes and the addition of a parking lot that is not patrolled regularly, creates an opportunity for someone to set up an encampment or live out of their vehicle/RV. I know this goes against what Park programs are trying to achieve when it comes to access, but this is the reality we live in right now.

I also wanted to make you aware a program we have that provides grant funding for park development and improvements. It's called the Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1008. I don't work for the program, but some of the proposed projects could be eligible.

Thank you.

Comment: As a tennis player, confusion exists on this item:

Pickleball Courts (pair)

3 courts? or a pair?

\$125,000.00 ea

\$375,000? or \$250,000?

Your plan talks of putting on new dual lines on a pair of courts, which are assumed to be courts 5&6.

The price shown appears to be for resurfacing at a minimum, if not rebuilding. If the plan is to resurface, then courts 1-4 should be done first, and 5&6 just have pickleball lines added. If the plan is merely to add pickle ball lines to courts 5&6, then we taxpayers are paying far too much at \$250,000

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Windscreens and drainage are not indicated in the plan unless I missed it.

I can be reached also by phone

Comment: Environmental resiliency should include the planting of native plants to provide habitat for birds and beneficial wildflie. Please require at least 50% native trees in parks, 90% native trees in natural areas, and consider "rewilding" no functional turf (use of native plants to replace turf). This will also save water.

Submitted on behalf of Sacramento Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

I am the Vice President and a I.S.A. certified arborist.

Comment: Hello,

This is a general comment but relating to the question of what I want to see more of in the parks on page 14.

I highly urge Carmichael Rec and Park Dist. to use native trees and plants whenever and wherever landscape occurs. We are losing too many native birds, bugs, bees, butterflies because of climate change and the lack of native food. These critters are not fond of exotic plants.

Beautiful landscaping can be done using native plants and trees (think shade and lower water usage). Please seriously consider changing to using all native plants and trees in Rec and Park landscaping.

Landscaping can also be used as an educational tool to introduce children and other park users of the importance of native trees and plants to our community and all living things. Thank you.

Comment: I'm providing feedback for Cardinal Oaks Park as a neighboring resident and park patron.

I agree with the majority of the proposed improvements and have several comments.

1. Love the idea of a walking loop (& finally making the existing sidewalk ADA compliant) as walking is the most common activity throughout the day. Although this is a detail to work out if moving forward with this, please keep in mind that some neighboring residents have dogs in their yards, and building the path too close to homes will result in dogs barking as people walk by. Also consider cool pavements. Future considerations would be to incorporate low-water use, native plants between the path and neighboring properties, which would put some distance between fences and park patrons possibly reducing some of the issues we've had in the past (using fences to practice kicking balls, throwing garbage into backyards, climbing fences, etc.)

2. Agree with moving the playground. Consider noise barriers.

3. Disagree with a water play element. Not in alignment with Sac County CAP to reduce water consumption, and may be impacted by potential climate-induced drought usage cutbacks, but park does need a drinking water fountain.

4. Suggest more security lighting within the park and not just "pedestrian lighting." There are dark corners where people party and engage in other lewd behavior and homeless have camped out. It also provides an opportunity to vandalize and enter neighboring properties. Lighting might deter this behavior.

5. Suggest planting more native trees/plants in alignment with the Sac County CAP. Planting around the playground would not only provide shade but also act as noise barriers. Because the park is one long park, sounds travel. You can hear kids screaming at the playground all the way out on Kenneth Ave. Consider more trees around picnic

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areas and along pathways.

6. Disagree with installing a sand volleyball area. The original park assessment was a snapshot in time. The men who were playing volleyball did so for only 3-4 months and have not been in the park for the past 2 months. They were not nearby residents. No one else is playing volleyball. When the men did play, they would often blow a whistle about every 20 seconds, which you could hear all the way out on Kenneth Ave. The spectators also smoked, which residents could smell in their properties – and now the court would be even closer to properties than where the men were playing before. I don't think the court would be used often enough for its intended purpose and would be a waste of money. There are already at least 4 parks and facilities within 1.5-3 miles of this park with volleyball courts (Maddox Park, Gibbons Park, Carmichael Park & La Sierra CC) – and you could also set up a volley net at Ancil Hoffman Park.

7. Agree with parking lot on the south side. This could reduce traffic on Kenneth Ave – a ditch-lined 2-way street often used by walking residents. Details to keep in mind – use cooling pavement if possible and add the minimum 30% shade cover as suggested in the Sac County CAP.

8. Remove horseshoe pit – why bother? This was proposed on the last master plan and never removed. People still use it? It creates very little noise. Spend money elsewhere.

9. Love the group picnic area. Just need to make sure it's well-lit at night to discourage the drinking partiers who hang out at the playground now.

10. Suggest improving/adding signage. Littering is a big problem. Some park patrons leave garbage behind and don't pick up garbage that's in the park. Residents are tired of picking up after them. Signage in multiple languages to educate why parks have garbage cans might help – or any other creative solutions. Adding more garbage cans isn't working. Also improve existing signage at park entrances highlighting park hours in multiple languages – tired of kids screaming in the park at 11PM. Or signage to call the Fulton-El Camino Park Police to report nuisance behavior....

Comment: There is no "existing parking" on Cardinal Court - this is a private road. People usually park at Marvin Marshall School along Kenneth Ave.

Comment: I fully support the bike park at Del Campo Park. It is ideally located next to Del Campo HS and Thomas Kelly Elementary which will make it available to the largest number of kids. Locating it here will also encourage kids to ride their bikes to school so they can use them in the bike park after classes. This will lessen traffic, improve air quality, encourage exercise, and support the transportation goals of the community. Alternate sites have much less exposure to the community youth.

Comment: Jan park is not appropriate for an alternate bike park. The activity of a bike pump track is incompatible with an existing designated nature area. A designated nature area will be hard to be repurposed in a CEQA filing. The Jan park site also lacks all the youth exposure advantages and the community transportation support of the Del Campo park site. Jan park is simply not a good fit for a bicycle park as envisioned by those who would use it. Del Campo Park is a much better location.

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Comment: Glancy Oaks Park: Please NO PORTABLE TOILETS!!!

We would not like any toilets or BBQ pits with seating in the park. This is a small neighborhood park. Everyone has a toilet close by. Everyone has a barbecue grill. We can bring out chairs to the park, if we need seating.

Comment: Regarding the improvement of Glancy Oaks Park.

I feel strongly against a portable toilet and a picnic area. We love our neighborhood park. It is small, and perfect for the neighborhood. A portable toilet and a picnic area will not make our experience more enjoyable. Furthermore, it is such a small park, that we would not like people traveling from far to and parking in front of our houses. It will impair our sense of security. It would be nice if the one would go toward fixing the play structure and the irrigation system in the park.

Comment: I live on Glancy immediately across from Glancy Oaks Park. I love this quiet little neighborhood park but it's just pretty run down. We really need upgrades to our basketball courts and the kids play area as they get lots of activity. I like your idea to develop the south end into a butterfly garden. Adding BBQs, restrooms and a covered picnic pavilion will ultimately serve to ruin the wonderful 'vibe' of our precious peaceful open space. There are ample restrooms in the hundreds of nearby homes that comprise our user demographic. The traffic/usage now is at maximum level as can be seen by the wear and tear of the park's equipment. Upgrades are sorely needed, that is where we will get the best bang for our buck, NOT adding amenities that aren't needed and won't be used. Spend the projected budget \$ for BBQs, dining pavilion, restrooms elsewhere!!

Comment: I am a resident in the neighborhood surrounding Glancy Oaks Park and have read the proposals. While I agree with the majority of the plans, I DO NOT agree with the plans for bbq pits, picnic areas or portable bathrooms. We are a small neighborhood park and already entertain people from outside our area. Making this park more amenable for picnics and long-term occupation (portable bathrooms) will only draw in more traffic. We are a quiet, well-maintained neighborhood park, and yet I find myself daily picking up trash from people who come and go out of the neighborhood. More of that is not desirable. I have spoken to immediate neighbors who agree with me. Please consider all of the angles before enlarging the potential attraction for Glancy Oaks Park. It was never intended to entertain large masses of people per day.

Comment: Glancy Oaks Park is very small and only used by the immediate surrounding neighbors. There is no need for a BBQ area because the users do not use the park for that type of activity. There is no parking to accommodate new users who would drive to the park to picnic. It would be better to expand the play area to include swings. I also note that the Butterfly area has no existing irrigation so plants would not survive. There is also no need for a portable restroom. Users do not spend hours there, but rather minutes for walking.

Comment: Currently in Carmichael Park (where the skate park is planned) there is a toddler suitable playground that is surrounded by a fence and well shaded. I don't see anything in the Park's plans that

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accommodates toddlers and very young children. I believe that some space and money should be directed at creating/keeping a safe and suitable place for place for toddlers and young children.

Comment: I live in front of Jan Park and we have significant difficulties with homeless and people using park amenities for sheltering. I absolutely have no interest in seeing more shaded areas over the playground or a misting stick, and after all the hard work this community did to keep the park a natural space, I am aggressively against taking over such a large piece of the park for a dirt bike area. It will disrupt the natural space of our park that was the original agreed upon intent of Jan Park when it was first designed in 2008. Please do not use such a big piece of our natural space that supports local wildlife to make into a dirt pile! I have supporting the CRPD since 2007 with donations and property taxes, please don't change the fundamental purpose of Jan Park, it is a treasured park because of its beauty, not it's ability to meet very specialized interests of a few people for their kids specialty sport.

Comment: Thank you again for including the public input into the plan! My apologies if I missed it, but I did not see the comments reflected that many in the public do not want any more spraying of roundup or other toxic chemicals on public parks exposing people, pets, and wildlife to unnecessary exposure without knowledge or consent. I also did not see mention of adding recycling containers next to garbage containers - there are several locations where I see a lot of recyclable beverage containers in the trash because there are no recycling bins around. Maybe we can partner with a local organization to raise funds to add recycling containers? I would certainly be happy to help.

Comment: Please incorporate opportunities for Carmichael Equestrians to use the parks within our district. Currently there are no parks that allow for horses to be in the park. Capra park is not being developed for public use or to allow outside horse owners within the Carmichael Community to ride horses there. Please incorporate a way for current parks to sustain usage by equestrians, either through special permits allowed for approved equestrians, or trails within the park that horses may be ridden on. Currently Carmichael Park & Rec district has no opportunities for Carmichael equestrians to use park facilities with our horses. Liability is no greater than any other animal allowed in parks, including humans. Please allow for more opportunities for the Carmichael Equestrian community to participate and enjoy the Carmichael Park & Recreation parks. Thank you!

Comment: Landscape- Turf area on Central and East side has large dead spots. Irrigation is marginal and spotty.. System has been worked on for years and problem is not resolved.
Proposal to add picnic and barbecue area plus structure is impractical due to unavailable parking.
Adding futsal to outdoor open basketball court is nonsense.
The majority of people entering the park from the Northside, exit the park on the Southside. Likewise, the majority of those entering from Parque Vista way, exit at Parke Vista.
Adding security lighting is excessive and unnecessary.

Comment: Skatepark is not mentioned in the ACTION PLAN table for Carmichael Park with a one year implementation goal. The City of Sacramento has 14 skateparks. CRPD and MORPD have none. Most others in the region have at least one. CRPD was the first in Sacramento County to have a skate park. The

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La Sierra skatepark was so important to many youths. Unfortunately, as early adopters the facility investment and location were done on the cheap, and required an archaic management model that wasn't sustainable. A professionally designed, large concrete skate park will be the jewel of the park and the District. Quality equipment to participate in skateboarding, in-line skating, and scootering are affordable and last, therefore it is an accessible activity to a socioeconomically diverse population. You're currently grossly failing to serve a critical demographic of your constituents that needs this venue to safely grow and creatively recreate. Skateboarding is an Olympic sport. There are many good ideas in this plan, but this is the great one and it shouldn't get overlooked. Give deeper consideration to the inequities in your parks system and recalibrate your priorities. Be leaders in the region again.

Comment: Putting in a new skatepark should be #1 priority!

Comment: Replace plastic play structure with wood play structures! Winters City Park located in Winters, CA has a beautiful woodent play structure. Castle Park in Folsom, Ca also has a beautiful wood structure.

Comment: When playground structure is relocated either add a shade structure and/or place trees such that shade is provided after mid day. A water element structure would be amazing for the summer time. Providing some weather protection and water element playground would most certainly bring out our newer/younger families out.

Comment: I several issues with the proposed improvements to Del Campo Park.

First, I don't believe the "looped trail system" is needed in the large lawn area...that reduces the usage of the lawn, where families play catch, tag football, frisbee, and other activities requiring large open space. Second, there is small community of drone flyers that use that area and the soccer field for safe flying zones. Finally, the path drawn on the map neglects the usage pattern evident in the park itself. There is a small dirt trail that circles that section of the park, and it is used quite frequently. We don't need a formal path in order to be encouraged to walk. That existing path could be improved and clearly marked.

Please do not install a dog park. Most residents walk their dogs around the park. This is key for exercise. Also, dog parks come with multiple disadvantages Some people will not understand the concept and will abuse the park, won't pick up after their dog, may leave dog unattended, or allow their dog to indulge in inappropriate behavior. Some people will not be educated enough about their dogs to know if a dog park is appropriate for their dog.. There is also a potential for noise and liability issues. If a dog park is a must, consider the area on the opposite side of the creek. More accessible from the parking lot, and the creek becomes a natural break between "developed" and "natural" areas in the park.

The bike park is an interesting idea, but is poorly placed. The entrance is a frequent community entrance with lots of walkers. I fear a bike park right next to this entrance could present a hazard. There are already issues with motorized bikes zipping through this area as the concrete path connects two street entrances. Although the HS is on the east side of proposed park, there are homes just north. Parking on that street to access the bike park will be a nightmare for residents. The two oak woodland areas seem more appropriate, as the natural woodland would shield homes from the bike park, and if on the HS side,

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would permit direct access from the street. Riders would be at less risk of contact with walkers.

Please, no volleyball or pickle ball courts. They won't be used, and that green area is often where people setup picnics, family gatherings, and other self-organized events due to the proximity of the parking lot.

Comment: Re: Glancy Oaks Park

- Add picnic area with shade structure and BBQ areas near playground. No. This is a small neighborhood park with little room for a shade structure and BBQ area. Ample shade is provided by the park's mature trees. Also, parking is limited to Glancy Court and Drive, and a BBQ area would tend to draw larger crowds from outside the neighborhood bringing unwanted vehicular traffic into the neighborhood.
- Repair retaining wall around play structure. Yes, also repair the damaged block retaining wall along Glancy Drive.
- Update playground with seating and shade element. No. Being a resident on Glancy Court and having been the builder of eight of the 13 homes on the court, I have been a steward of the park for over 20 years. During that time, I have never witnessed the need for more seating near the play structure. The two nearby benches provide enough seating. Also, the trees in that area create ample shade.
- Implement native butterfly garden on undeveloped area. No. A native butterfly garden will soon become a native weed patch. Instead of the garden, plant native trees to replace the century old oak trees that once towered in that area. The majority of the park's namesake have fallen.
- Redo basketball court to include futsal court. Yes and No. Restripe the basketball court, but do not build a futsal court. Derived from my experience, the park has had extraordinarily little use by soccer players I doubt the expense of building a futsal court would be beneficial to many.
- Formalize entry to park on Glancy Court, West side. No. There are ramps at each end of the park's walkway which are easily accessed by those with accessibility requirements.
- Add portable restroom. No. This is a small neighborhood park with hidden wooded areas. Adding restrooms would invite unknown and unaccountable campers into the neighborhood.
- Implement security lighting near high active areas. Yes. Also, include more lighting in the undeveloped portion of the park.

In the twenty plus years I have been associated with Glancy Oaks Park, I have seen what was a near weed-free, lush lawn turn into a parched weed patch. A decade or more ago the lawn was treated regularly with weed and feed which aided in the overall health of the grasses. The assumption is those applications have waned due to budget. Today the park is a lackluster example of its past. Please focus the meager budget on routine maintenance and bring the park back to its robust glory days

Comment: Thank you for sharing this information

Comment: We have lived in Glancy for 9 years raising our 3 daughters at this park. It has attracted youths and dog walkers for years helping to build a closer community. I believe it's charm, trees, court and playground are instrumental in this community gem.

Any toilets or bbq area would be unsightly and unnecessary for the denizens of this park and may attract unsavory activity.

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If funds must be used this park does suffer from inaccurate watering. Some areas are flooded and other barren. Evening out the distribution of watering would greatly improve the grassy areas of the park.

Comment: Good evening, as a resident near Glancy Park, I would like to provide feedback to the park redevelopment. This park is very active with the residents in the evening time when it cool down. In discussion with the other parents, there are a couple of things we would like to comment on:

- 1) please don't install the proposed portable toilets', we are seeing an increase of passing by vagrants. A portable toilet will attract more, which in return will drive the local residences away.
- 2) We feel the BBQ area will also attract vagrants, please don't put them in.

I would like to make sure this e-mail is not full of don't do, and provide some suggestions of that the local residences want:

- 1) golf practice driving nets, that can double as a practice batting cage. The area in the south side of the park.
- 2) add a trash can to the north side of the park along with dog poop bag holders.
- 3) The sod in the middle of the park, needs attention. the grass is thin to non existent.
- 4) The drinking fountain could be updated to have provisions to fill water bottle easier, especially with Covid-19, there must be a better way to hydrate with out breathing all over the fountain.
- 5) The hanging slider at the playground does not slide well, it needs maintenance.

Thank you for your time, and thank you for your considerations of our suggestions.

Comment: I would really like to see the basketball court redone in the near future. I live right next to the park and if I want to go to a good basketball court to play with my friends, we have to drive all the way to folsom. I would love for Carmichael Park to have a better court not only because I want to use it, but also because it could bring in a good source of revenue to the park. If you have a better court, more people want to rent it. And more people would be interested in partnering with the park to create leagues and recurring events. It would be awesome to reach out to the Sacramento Kings organization and see if a partnership could form for the ultimate growth of the sport. I noticed that an update to the court is on the plan, but it is not a major priority. Even if it takes a while to get to the point where the entire court gets redone, there are things that could be done SOON that would greatly improve the court. Put some new nets on the hoops, fix the lights that are already there, and get the weeds out of the cracks on the court surface. Thank you for the consideration! Have a wonderful day.

Comment: Hi, I noticed that many of the new walkways, and the bocce ball courts, go directly through the middle most of the disc golf course holes. I'm concerned that the disc golf course will not be able to remain there. At minimum, there will have to be a major re-design or possibly a brand new location. Are there any plans in place to take care of these issues? There used to be a 9 hole course at Del Campo park, which could be brought back. Swietzer Park used to have an 18 hole course that was taken out as well. Disc Golf is one of the fast growing sports in the nation right now and I really think we should be expanding its use i our parkways instead of taking the courses out and/or making them smaller. Thank you for your time.

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Comment: Cap Valley FC Comments on the CRPD Master Plan -

We are super happy to see the plans and are thankful for all the hard work CRPD is doing to improve our parks! Thank you!

We are a soccer club that utilizes CRPD fields, primarily La Sierra and Del Campo Park: our comments will be focused on the Club's perspective.

Issue	Page	Summary	Suggestion for improvement
shade	67/ La Sierra	trees along the fence. They are the only source of shade and look to be gone in the plan.	Leave the trees or provide alternate shade, especially since turf holds heat more than grass
Gibbons parking	67/ La Sierra	improved street parking on Gibbons along the fence	Remove or relocate some of the parking obstacles to free up more space for parking
Remaining grass	67/ La Sierra	It doesn't appear there are any plans for the big grass area that wouldn't be covered in turf. We use those areas a lot	Improve the remaining grass areas. Fix sprinklers, re grade, get rid of weeds, overseed with grass
Snack bar and bathrooms	67/ La Sierra	Baseball has the only access to bathrooms and the snack bar area.	we would like equal access or to have the snack bar split, so we can use it for our events too
Lights	67/La Sierra	Access to lights would be a game changer for soccer in our area! This is a great idea!	
Electrical outlets	67/La Sierra	If possible, it would be great to have electrical outlets distributed throughout the complex. This would allow plugging in instead of bringing generators out, thus improving local air quality.	

The idea of the futsal courts is great, but there are almost always people playing basketball on them, making the courts inaccessible for futsal 90% of the time. I would love to see dedicated futsal courts with goals built in as MORPD did at Eastern Oak Park. Even better would be multiple futsal courts so we can run futsal games/tournaments there in the future.

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VIA EMAIL

Mike Blondino, District Administrator
Carmichael Recreation & Park District
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Carmichael CA 95608

RE: CRPD Recreation & Parks Master Plan Update

Dear Mr. Blondino:

Thank you for providing the public with the opportunity to review and comment on the Carmichael Recreation & Park District (CRPD) July 2021 AD Draft for the Recreation & Parks Master Plan Update. The Master Plan Update is a strategic planning document that will guide the growth, improvement, and maintenance of parks within the District's service area. WALKSacramento's interest in the Master Plan Update derives from our mission to improve quality of life and health equity through community-centered policy and systems change in land use, transportation, and community development. Parks are an important part of our built environment because of their contribution to improving health, and the facilities, services, and programs offered at parks can help to improve social connections, mobility, nutrition, and physical activity levels.

Goal 3 Provide for community health and wellness The recommendations for Goal 3 support connections to nature, year-round use of parks, users of all fitness levels, social interaction, and increased use of parks. Community health and wellness can also be improved by facilitating and encouraging users to walk and bike to parks. Using active transportation will add to the physical activity of park users and it can help reduce the cost of providing automobile parking by reducing parking demand. The District should enhance pedestrian and bicycle access to parks by providing convenient and safe entry into parks at as many locations as feasible. Parks can also be links within the community's multimodal transportation network by creating walking and biking paths through parks.

We recommend adding a sixth recommendation for Goal 3: Adopt park design guidelines based on best practices for healthy design and Complete Streets to promote travel by active transportation to parks and within the surrounding communities.

Goal 5 Advance sustainable management and stewardship Trees provide numerous environmental and social benefits, from storing carbon and reducing pollution and urban heat island effects to promoting emotional well being and reducing blood pressure and stress. We recommend revising recommendation 5.7 to read "Convert underutilized turf areas to low water use planting and/or trees, and increase the overall number of trees within the District, and create micro-forests where feasible."

Carmichael Park Proposed Site Plan The large size of Carmichael Park and the park's wide range of amenities attracts people from a large area that travel to the park by walking, biking, taking transit, and driving. The proposed site plan improvements provide for good facilities for circulation within the park on foot and in cars, but the biking facilities are limited to the internal streets. Biking on the

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internal streets should be safer than biking on surrounding public streets, but bicyclists of all ages and abilities may not feel comfortable mixing with vehicular traffic. We recommend providing an off-street bike trail or widening the sidewalk to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists along 1) the west side of Carmichael Park Road and Green Park Lane between Grant Avenue and North Avenue, and 2) the east side of Sue Pam Drive and the north side of Landis Avenue.

The proposed Promenade will be a great connector for walking through the park and accessing facilities for pedestrians arriving from areas northeast of the park or the bus stops on Fair Oaks Boulevard. The proposed Events Pavilion is conveniently located close to the northeast corner of the park from which many pedestrians will arrive, but as shown on the proposed site plan it's bisected by the Promenade. If events at the Pavilion take up the entire event space or are located on the Promenade pathway, then it's crucial to provide a convenient pathway around the Pavilion.

Del Campo Park Proposed Site Plan There's an opportunity to provide community-level connectivity for the community around Del Campo Park. We recommend adding a Class I trail near the existing sidewalk between Heathcliff Drive and Oleander Drive. Alternatively, widen the sidewalk between Heathcliff Drive and Oleander Drive.

Jan Park Proposed Site Plan Multi-use paved paths and trails on the north side of the site are proposed for improvements. This would provide access from the north, adding to the existing Jan Drive access on the eastside of the park. Another opportunity to increase park usage is to improve access from Salman Drive at the southwest corner of the park. This is important because the signalized intersection on Manzanita Ave is less than a ¼-mile from the park via Salman Drive and Lincoln Avenue, and many people arriving by walking or biking from west of Jan Park will use the signal to safely cross Manzanita Avenue. The addition of a bike park at Jan Park will draw more people from a wider area, many of who will arrive by bike and will likely also use the signalized intersection. Please note the improvements of multi-use paved paths is not included in the table of improvement costs. We recommend adding a paved connection from the parks southwest corner to the proposed bike park and the existing multi-use paved paths.

Schweitzer Grove Nature Area Proposed Site Plan The park site could improve and promote active transportation for the community by extending the proposed pathway network improvements to the access streets. We recommend extending the improved pathways so cross-park connections are made between Ladera Court (marked Milroy LN), Sumter Drive (marked Sumpter DR), and Hussey Drive.

WALKS Sacramento is working to support increased physical activity such as walking and bicycling in local neighborhoods as well as helping to create community environments that support walking and bicycling. The benefits include improved public health and physical fitness, better air quality, a stronger sense of cohesion and safety in neighborhoods, and more sustainable communities and local economies.

Sincerely,
Chris Holm
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