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# APPENDIX A

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



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WTC MUD NO. 1  
 5-YEAR PARK PLAN

# Planning Phase 1: Public Input Report Summer 2021

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## Report Summary

The Williamson-Travis Counties MUD #1 (the District) is preparing a 5-Year Park Plan to identify strategies for maximizing the value of its park system for the benefit of all residents. The District hired a planning consultant, Verdunity, to assist in the preparation of this plan and provide objective and professional guidance throughout the process.

To ensure the adopted park plan reflects the specific needs of the community, the planning process is designed to involve meaningful public participation from beginning to end.

The process is being guided by a resident Advisory Committee, which includes representation from each of the District neighborhoods. In addition to consistent and ongoing input from this Committee, Phase 1 of the planning process sought to formally engage the public in the following ways:

- In-person conversations among residents, the consultant, and Advisory Committee members during Verdunity's day-long District site visit.
- Focus Group discussions on the day of Verdunity's site visit.
- Community-wide survey (Survey #1), which is the first of two surveys that will be conducted as part of the planning process.

The results of each of these input opportunities has been documented in this Public Input Report. Additional input opportunities will be provided in phases 2 and 3 of the planning process.

## Key Findings

Based on the results of all public input gathered in Phase 1, the Advisory Committee, in collaboration with Verdunity, identified the following key findings:

- The vast majority of process participants value and appreciate our District's park system.
- Participants place high value on well-maintained, clean, and safe facilities and have noticed that maintenance efforts have fallen short in recent months.
- Participants view parks as important places for socializing and spending time with neighbors.
- Participants prefer to visit parks that are close to their homes and within a convenient walking distance, which emphasizes the value of the District's smaller park and pond areas.

- Participants feel they do not have adequate information about the District’s park system or the spaces and amenities available to them, and do not have clear knowledge of who to contact with a question or concern about the parks.
- Participants value park spaces that offer a diversity of amenities for different types of users.
- Participants value park spaces that provide access to natural areas and that leverage natural features to create a welcoming and comfortable space.
- The most frequently cited *current* park uses are walking/jogging/trail use and playing with children/playing on playscapes.
- Participants value improvements that can mitigate the Texas summer heat and allow people to enjoy the parks throughout the year.
- Based on a selection of 23 options for possible *future* improvements (see Appendix A for survey questions), the top ten preferred improvements (based on an average/mean rating) are, in order of preference:
  1. Enhanced trails and paths
  2. Improved lighting
  3. Landscaping and beautification
  4. Quiet areas
  5. Community events
  6. Water play areas
  7. Volunteer opportunities (tied with water play areas)
  8. Natural playscapes
  9. Enhanced natural areas
  10. Social gathering spots.

These preferences emphasize a desire for community-oriented spaces that preserve and celebrate the natural environment, are comfortable and safe, and that provide opportunities for residents of all ages and interests to access and enjoy the space.

## Key Directions

Based on the input received during Phase 1, the Advisory Committee, in collaboration with Verdunity, identified the following “Key Directions,” which will provide guidance to the consultant and Advisory Committee on which ideas to explore further in Phase 2 of the planning process. Key directions do not represent final plan recommendations and are subject to adaptation and change as the planning process progresses.

The following are listed in no particular order of priority or importance.

### **Key Park System Goals:**

- Strive for meticulous maintenance and beautification of our parks and ponds to maximize value to the entire community.
- Improve the marketing of and communication about our park system to increase awareness of the parks, ponds, and District amenities; maximize and diversify use of these facilities; and encourage resident involvement and volunteerism.
- Expand opportunities for residents to access and enjoy the natural environment by actively managing and caring for our existing natural spaces, pursuing environmental restoration opportunities, and enhancing amenities and infrastructure designed to provide access to these spaces.
- Aim to provide a diversity of year-round amenities for all age groups, interests, and ages, including seniors, teens, and adults without children.
- Think “hyper-local” by investing in our pocket parks and smaller ponds, recognizing the value of these spaces to nearby residents for play, social gathering, and time outside.
- Leverage a broader range of funding and implementation strategies to make improvements to our park system, including grants, private donations, and volunteerism.

### **Key Park System Projects** (*see Results: Consultant Site Visit starting on pg. 9 for park locations and descriptions*)

- Preserve and improve our trails and pathways, focusing on user experience, signage, shade, maintenance, safety, and interconnectedness, and recognizing how these trails help connect people with key community destinations such as schools. Pursue opportunities for inter-governmental cooperation (e.g., LISD) to help achieve these goals.
- Pursue natural area restoration in parks and ponds throughout the District, including replacement of turf grass with native vegetation and a tree planting program.
- Institute a multi-tiered “Play in the MUD” campaign aimed at celebrating our park system; increasing awareness of our parks, ponds, and amenities; and increasing and

diversifying park use. This may include promotional work, hosting of community events, and establishing volunteer groups and programs.

- Enhance the functionality and user-experience of existing amenities through incremental, smaller-scale projects.
- Investigate “water-play” options/alternatives as a longer-term investment.

## Key Park and Pond Projects

### Anderson Mill Pond

- Enhance the trail loop by installing shade and improving safety, including the segment that connects this pond with Cashell Wood Pond, taking into consideration this trail’s contribution to providing a safe route to Cypress Elementary, Cedar Park Middle School, and Cedar Park High School.
- Perform incremental enhancements to the north end of the park (picnic area and swings) to enhance comfort and user experience, including the maintenance of tree cover in this area.
- Build on existing signage that emphasizes the pond’s natural environment.
- Improve marketing of the existing disc golf course.

### Anderson Mill West Park

- Pursue projects that improve safety and user experience, focusing on the following key areas:
  - Lighting (dark-skies compliant),
  - Adjacent street safety,
  - Relationship with and proximity to the elementary school,
  - Functionality of the basketball and volleyball courts,
  - Tree maintenance and preservation,
  - Provision of shade,
  - Accessibility for all ages and abilities.
- Diversify amenity options for teens.
- Enhance park space for social gathering, recognizing the park’s frequent use for both community and private events, its centrality and predominant location in the District, and its size and availability of space.
- Investigate options for a water play feature as a potential longer-term investment.

### Aster Pass Park

- Install additional play equipment.

- Identify improvements to enhance use as a smaller-scale neighborhood gathering space, working with neighbors on the development of plans and implementation.
- Enhance signage and the park entryway to improve the visibility and accessibility of this park space and beautify the entryway corridor for surrounding residents.

### Aster Pass Pond

- Pursue environmental restoration, replacing high maintenance turf grass with appropriate natural vegetation and trees.
- Install educational signage about natural ecosystems, green infrastructure, and the function of stormwater detention areas.
- More closely observe use of this space to identify ways to improve comfort, safety, and user experience, taking into considering the pond's relationship to Cypress Elementary School.

### Cashell Wood Pond

- Improve the safety and comfort of the trail connection between Cashell Wood Pond and Anderson Mill Pond, considering options for lighting, seating, and beautification, also taking into consideration this segment's contribution to providing a safe route to Cedar Park Middle School and Cedar Park High School.
- Install seating and shade to the existing observation deck to encourage lingering in this space and to complement the adjacent Little Library and mailbox cluster.
- Pursue environmental restoration, replacing high maintenance turf grass with appropriate natural vegetation and trees.

### Hatch Pond

- Improve access into pond basin through installation of steps and possibly an embankment slide.
- Improve trail experience through reinforcement of edges, reshaping and widening of the trail, where needed, and installing distance markers and signage.
- Provide storage for portable recreational and game equipment, such as pop-up soccer goals to expand opportunities for use of the basin.

### Lakeline Oaks Park

- Install green infrastructure and water conservation demonstration projects around the District buildings, such as rain gardens and rain barrels, and utilize these as opportunities to beautify the facility, reduce water consumption, and educate residents about water conservation.



- Develop a multi-year plan for planting additional trees in this park, both along the street frontage, and in key areas of the park to enhance shade, beautify the park, and create defined spaces within the open and undeveloped portions of the park.
- Enhance the central open space area of the park in ways that promote social gathering and provide alternative uses for teens, seniors, and adults without children.

### Little Elm Pond

- Pursue an access easement or other arrangement with LISD to interconnect Little Elm Pond with Madeline Loop Pond.
- Pursue environmental restoration, replacing high maintenance turf grass with appropriate natural vegetation and trees.
- Work with the Lakeline Oaks HOA and Naumann Elementary on opportunities for additional use of this space.

### London Lane Pond

- Install a water source within the park to provide easily accessible and continuous water for dogs and a double gate entry to help make entry and exit from the park safer and more comfortable.
- Improve marketing of this space, as many residents are not aware the District has a public off-leash area.
- Plant additional shade trees to make the space cooler and more comfortable for both people and their dogs.

### Madeline Loop Pond

- Install a trail connection from the western side of the pond out to Sun Chase Boulevard.
- Work with LISD to formalize the connection between the pond trail and Cedar Park Middle School.
- Pursue environmental restoration, replacing high maintenance turf grass with appropriate natural vegetation and trees.

### Old Mill (Gazebo) Park

- Identify improvements to enhance this park's use as a smaller-scale neighborhood gathering space, working with neighbors on development of plans and implementation.
- Explore opportunities for community gardens.
- Install a low and decorative fence or other barrier to better protect the park from the street and improve safety.

### Sun Chase Park

- Install a new play structure on the site of the previous structure. The new structure should be designed to complement and celebrate the trees and natural character of the park.
- Install informational trail signage and mile markers along the trail.
- Install tree swings in appropriate locations throughout the park.
- Refresh and upgrade the picnic area at the rear of the park, including the addition of a grill area.
- Develop a long-term care plan for the natural eco-system of this park, engaging both a certified arborist and potentially an urban forester.

### Vestavia Ridge Pond

- Identify opportunities to improve the safety and reasonable accessibility of this space, recognizing that neighborhood children often play in the basin.

### Volente Hills Park

- Enhance signage and the park entryway to improve the visibility and accessibility of this park space.
- Work with neighbors to develop plans to enhance this space for gathering and play.

**Results: Consultant Site Visit**

In May 2021, the District’s park planning consultant, Verdunity, visited the District and spent a full day touring the 14 parks and ponds. Each location was visited according to a schedule, which was published on the District’s website and through social media, including Nextdoor and several Facebook group pages, to encourage residents to participate in the site visits and meet and speak with the consultant.

The Advisory Committee tried to build the schedule around times of day when certain parks were likely to have higher levels of activity to maximize opportunities for the consultant to observe how people use the space and to engage park users in conversation. For example, the visit to Anderson Mill West Park was scheduled for immediately after elementary school students are released for the day because children and their parents often spend time in the park after school.



*District Parks and Ponds Map*

While these site visits only provided a snapshot of how the District’s parks and ponds are typically used, Verdunity’s unfamiliarity with the District allowed them to observe conditions and speak to residents with objectivity on a day in which the weather was nice and level of activity was expected to be typical.

Below are Verdunity’s observations from that day, broken down by park or pond.

## Anderson Mill Pond

Anderson Mill Pond is a large stormwater detention area located along Anderson Mill Road and adjacent to the Volente Hills neighborhood. In recent years the District has improved and beautified the pond area by installing a walking trail, benches, landscaping, dog waste stations, trash cans, swings, picnic tables, signage, and a five-hole micro disc golf course.

### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- The disc golf course signage is user-friendly and attractive and could be used as an example for other District parks.
- The wildflowers that grow in pond are appreciated by residents, and these should be maintained or added to.
- The walking trail needs to be properly maintained and weeds need to be prevented from growing within the pathway.
- Due to its location along a busy arterial roadway, attention must be paid to the safety and comfort of this space.



## Anderson Mill West Park

Anderson Mill Park is a larger community park located in the center of the District in the Anderson Mill West neighborhood, across the street from Cypress Elementary School on one of the District's main collector roads, El Salido Parkway. The park has a large, central playground area for children of different ages; two open space (unimproved) areas; a garden; restrooms; tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts; a walking trail; restrooms; picnic tables and grills; and a large, covered pavilion.

### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- The combination of location and amenities at this park gives it the feel of a “public square,” a place where the neighborhood comes together.
- The sand volleyball court has not been well maintained and therefore is not frequently used for playing volleyball.
- The basketball court could use some modifications to make it more usable, possibly including an adjustable height net.
- The swings get very hot during the warmer months of the year.
- The Garden of the Wild Things brings a unique character to the park and is a space that residents have contributed to building and maintaining.
- Walking trails lack proper lighting for evening or early morning walking and running.
- Trails need to be maintained in a way that allows children to walk and bike safely to school.
- Fencing or other barriers could be installed to protect children and walkers and bikers from the street.
- The presence of this park is a selling point for houses in the area and additional improvements would increase its influence on surrounding property values.
- There is a need to better maintain some of the landscaped and open space areas, the trees, and some of the playground equipment to build on the park's existing strengths and make it a better gathering area for residents.
- Many local groups already meet at this park, at least partially due to its proximity to the school.
- This park would be an ideal location for a splash park or water play amenity.
- There are opportunities to construct amenities that encourage residents to gather and interact, such as a fire pit ring, outdoor kitchen space, or stage area. Open areas could be adapted to serve this purpose.
- The existing gazebo could be adapted to become a playhouse for kids since that's what it is predominately used for.



### Aster Pass Park

This small pocket park is the former site of a water tower and is tucked away behind the yards of several homes in the Anderson Mill West neighborhood. The park is accessible only by a narrow access drive that runs between two residential properties and is otherwise framed on all sides by the backyards of adjacent homes. Existing amenities include toddler play equipment and a circular walking path.

#### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- The park's intimate atmosphere and gated entryway makes it a good space for small children to play and neighbors to gather.
- The park's secluded location and narrow access point make it hard to find for anyone who doesn't know it's there. To the average person passing by, the park appears to be private property, which may prevent the park from being used as much as it could be.
- Several trees were killed during the February 2021 freeze and need to be replaced.
- A small water feature would be ideal for young kids and would celebrate the site's former use as a water tower location.
- The park would make a safe space for hosting small-scale neighborhood gatherings.



### Aster Pass Pond

Aster Pass Pond is a small stormwater detention basin adjacent to Cypress Elementary School in the Anderson Mill West neighborhood. In recent years the District has improved and beautified the pond area by adding a walking trail, benches, an observation deck, landscaping, and trees, including two Weeping Willow trees, which are otherwise a unique sight in the District.

#### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- Due to the pond's location next to the school, this space receives a lot of after-school activity as children and parents pass through on their way home. Kids enjoy playing in the basin and underneath the observation deck, where concrete stormwater conveyance blocks create a make-shift seating area.
- The pathway needs to be better maintained to keep it safe and useable, particularly because it is heavily used as a route to and from school. Areas that have eroded away need to be reinforced and refilled.
- The quality and variety of landscaping in this park is a good model for others (variety of trees and other perennial grasses and shrubs)

- Future improvements could focus on signage to educate residents on the value of the space for stormwater management and allow them to better engage with the landscape.
- A crosswalk in the street adjacent to the park would improve the park's function as a safe route to and from school. Actively promote this park for that purpose.



### Cashell Wood Pond

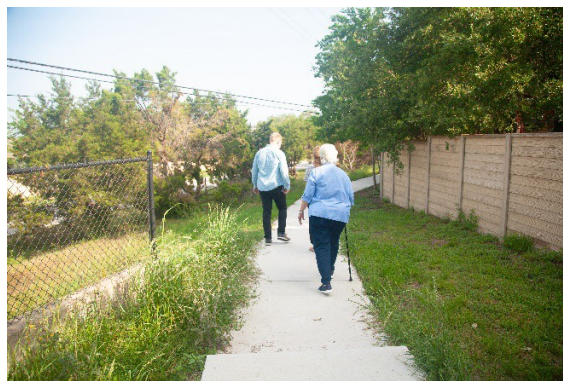
Cashell Wood Pond is a stormwater detention basin located in the Volente Hills neighborhood. In recent years the District has improved and beautified the pond area by adding a paved sidewalk that connects this pond with Anderson Mill Pond, an observation deck, benches, picnic table, landscaping, and one of the District's several Free Little Libraries. The pond is also located next to one of the neighborhood's mailbox clusters, which creates daily opportunities for people to pass by the park.

#### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- Adding seating and shade to the observation deck and shade over the picnic area would make this a better place for people to linger.



- The path connecting Cashell Wood Pond to Anderson Mill Pond is well-used, particularly since it is cool and shaded. However, there are some safety concerns, especially for seniors. The steps along the path are hard to see in the low light and need to be better marked; there needs to be a handrail located at the Cashell Wood Pond/Anderson Mill Pond intersection, due to the steep incline at this location; and there needs to be some lighting along the path because the tree canopy makes this corridor very dark in the early morning and later evening.
- Dog waste stations are important and signage about picking up after your dogs would be useful, as people tend to walk their dogs in this area and fail to pick up after them.

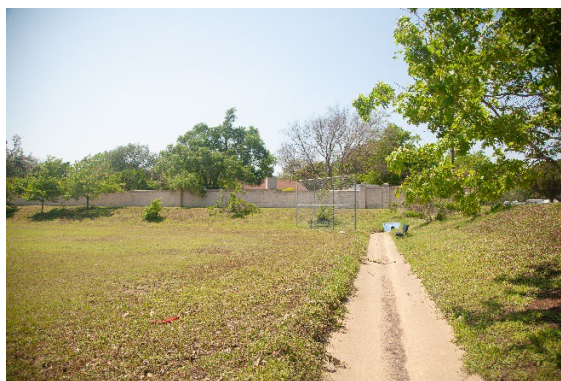


### Hatch Pond

Hatch Pond is very large, square stormwater detention basin located off Hatch Road in the oldest and eastern-most portion of the District, in the Anderson Mill West neighborhood. Hatch Pond is accessible from both Hatch Road and Yequa Creek Road on the opposite side. The basin is encircled with a walking path and has a small, shaded children's play area in the southern corner of the Pond, off of Yequa Creek Road. The basin has chain-link baseball backstops in all four corners, and because the basin is essentially a large, open field, it is used by residents for a variety of games, sports, and activities.

### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- The baseball field areas are not used as frequently as they once were.
- The trail is used heavily for walking.
- The basin is not easily accessible because there are no steps or formal access points. You can only get into the basin by walking down the grass embankments, which are fairly steep in some areas.
- There are opportunities to plan activities, games, and sports for this space, and possibly coordinate with Hill Country Bible Church across the street to organize activities.
- Soccer goals would make a good addition to the field.
- Preserve and enhance natural vegetation in this Pond, including the trees.



### Lakeline Oaks Park

Lakeline Oaks Park is a large neighborhood park, located on Old Mill Road in the Lakeline Oaks neighborhood. The park has two playground areas, basketball and tennis/pickleball courts, restrooms, grills and picnic tables, a covered pavilion, and is also home to the District's community building, office, and Board of Directors' meeting room, which makes it a symbolically important public space representation of the District.

### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- The combination of amenities at this park make it an ideal gathering place for residents and a good location for future community activities.
- The tennis courts and relatively new pickleball courts are a heavily used District amenity, although there is some tension between tennis players and pickeball players due to this now being a shared space.
- The basketball courts are heavily used by all age groups.
- This park is a good location for a community billboard with news and announcements.
- Better use could be made of the open grassy area in the center of the park; a community game box with like a bocce ball set, cornhole equipment, and similar would provide one way to make use of this area.



### Little Elm Pond

Little Elm Pond is a stormwater detention area located on the periphery of the District in the Lakeline Oaks neighborhood, sandwiched between Naumann Elementary school and a busy commercial area on Lakeline Boulevard (outside the District boundaries). Of all the ponds in the District, Little Elm has received the least number of improvements, but does have some

landscaping, benches, and a dog waste station. A gravel access drive provides an opportunity to walk up and back along the tree-lined perimeter of the pond.

#### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- The gravel driveway needs some maintenance to remove potholes and grass and replace gravel in areas where it has washed away.
- This access point is not a particularly comfortable place for people to walk because it lacks shade and also does not connect to anything; it is an up and back walk only.
- There are opportunities for collaboration with the elementary school to improve the use and function of this space, potentially for outdoor education.
- A trail connection to Madeline Loop Pond would make the Little Elm corridor a much more functional space.



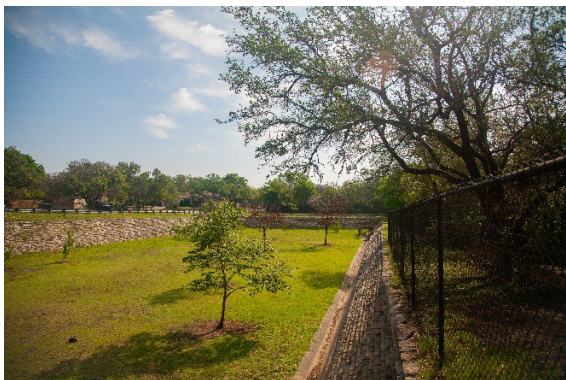
#### London Lane Pond

London Lane Pond is a deep stormwater detention basin located close to Anderson Mill Road in the Anderson Mill West neighborhood. The space doubles as an off-leash area for dogs and has been improved with a dog waste station, picnic table, separate gated area for smaller dogs, and benches. To provide water for thirsty dogs, a water cooler station and dog bowl was also installed.

#### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- The water cooler station needs to be repaired.
- The main portion of the pond gets very hot in the warmer months due to lack of shade.
- The metal guard rail along the top of the pond does not fit in with the residential character of the neighborhood.
- The land behind the pond is being cleared for commercial development, which may change the character of this space.

- Consider adding simple agility structures or a storage box for dog toys (balls, frisbees, etc.).



### Madeline Loop Pond

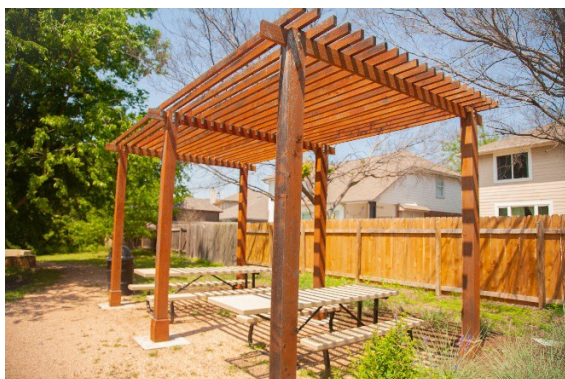
Madeline Loop Pond is a very large stormwater detention area located behind homes in the Hunter's Glenn neighborhood and backing up to Cedar Park Middle School. The pond area has a secluded feel and is only accessible through a narrow gravel walkway located between two residential properties. A gravel trail wraps around two and half sides of the pond and a long wooden bridge spans the concrete stormwater infrastructure to provide trail continuity. Exercise equipment and a picnic area are located at the eastern end of the pond. Several Purple Martin bird houses are installed in the basin.

### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- The exercise equipment is a good amenity but does not appear well maintained.
- The trail would be more functional if it connected to something or looped around. A connection to Sun Chase Boulevard would help and could connect this space to the

walking trail at Sun Chase Park. A connection to Little Elm Pond is also possible in the wooded area at the northeast corner of the park.

- The only vegetation in the pond is turf grass but, natural vegetation would improve the natural feel of this pond.
- Mile markers would be useful for trail walkers.
- Kids from the middle school have created their own makeshift trail connection through the tree-line that divides the school property from the pond.



### Old Mill (Gazebo) Park

Old Mill Park (also known to residents as “Gazebo Park”) is a small, linear pocket park located along Old Mill Road in the Hunter’s Glenn neighborhood. The park is predominately an open lawn with modest-sized trees and has a little gazebo in the center. The park is also home to one of the District’s Free Little Libraries. The park is bordered on three sides by the fenced backyards of adjacent residential properties.

### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- Incremental and small-scale changes to this space could do a lot to increase its value to surrounding neighbors.
- Gardens supplemented with composting areas would beautify this park and make it a more desirable place to spend time.
- Stone animal statues or simple climbing structures could add interest to this space.
- Proximity to the street and lack of a physical barrier between the park and the street represents a safety concern for park users with small children.



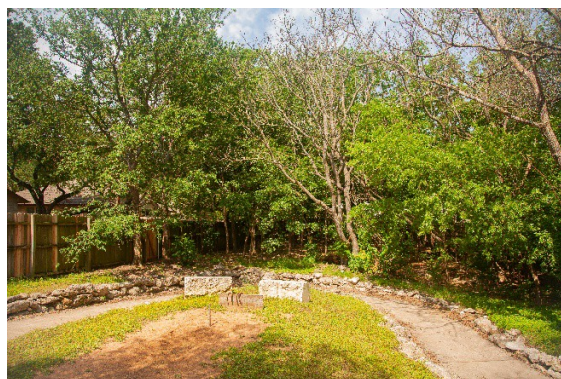
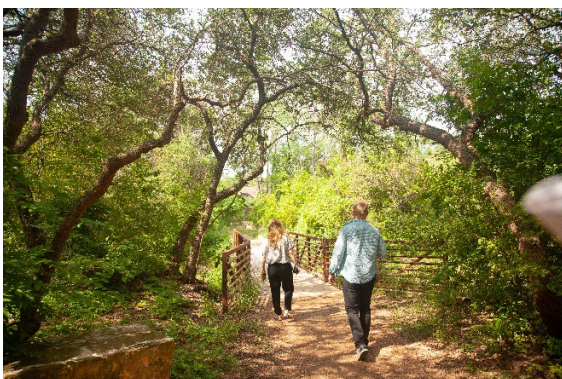
### Sun Chase Park

Sun Chase Park is wooded natural area located just off Old Mill Road on Sun Chase Boulevard in the Hunter's Glenn neighborhood. The park has narrow street frontage but extends deep into the space between two residential blocks, creating a secluded and peaceful park space, surrounded on three sides by the backyards of residential properties. A network of gravel trails meanders through the trees and connects walkers and joggers from the street all the way to the back corner of the park. A recently installed bridge links the trails into a continuous loop over a stormwater drainage channel. Landscaping and benches have been installed along the trail to complement the natural ecosystem. The back area of the park has picnic tables and a horseshoe pit.

### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- The abundance of shade makes this park an ideal place to spend time in the warmer months.
- The lift station located along the park's street frontage further obscures this park from the casual observer.
- There was formerly a children's playscape located toward the front end of the park. It was well-loved by residents but had to be removed because it was damaged and became a safety concern. Residents have requested the structure be replaced.
- It is important to preserve the natural character of this park because it is part of what makes the space so unique.
- Connecting this trail loop with Madeline Loop Pond across the street would create a wonderful and long trail corridor.

- Trail markers and trail signage with information on the length of the trail would be helpful for residents who like to walk this park for exercise and could also make for a great Girl or Boy Scout project.
- A natural playscape would be a complementary addition to this park.
- Tree swings would be a good addition for park users of all ages.



### Vestavia Ridge Pond

Vestavia Ridge Pond is a smaller stormwater detention basin located in the back corner of the Volente Hills neighborhood. The upland portion of the pond, along the street has a small, fenced dog run with dog waste station.

#### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- Neighborhood children like to play in the basin portion of the pond and build forts near the trees and amidst the stormwater infrastructure. Look for opportunities to improve the functionality of the space for kids, as there are no other park spaces in this area of the neighborhood.
- The linear stormwater conveyance area along RM 2769 is accessible by walking along narrow grass walkways on either side of the Pond property.
- Need to improve maintenance of the vegetation in the basin.





### Volente Hills Park

Volente Hills Park is a narrow park space tucked behind homes in the Volente Hills neighborhood, accessible via a rear alleyway. The park backs up to a new commercial area being constructed along Anderson Mill Road and is separated from this development by an 8-foot masonry wall. The park features playground equipment and some picnic areas.

#### Site Visit Take-Aways:

- The park provides an enclosed and sheltered place for neighborhood children to play, particularly those who live in the homes that back up to the park. For those residents, the park functions almost like an extended backyard and common area for the immediate neighbors. However, the park's location also means it does not feel open and accessible to the public and may feel less safe for parents of children who don't live adjacent to the park.
- Although the play equipment in this park is dated, it is in good repair, safe, and usable.
- The entryway to the park is not well marked, which adds to the private feel of this park space.
- There are opportunities to make better use of the grassy areas of this park space.



## Results: Focus Groups

On the day of Verdunity's site visit in May of 2021, the consultant also hosted several focus group discussion sessions to gather input from different park user groups. Focus group attendees were identified and invited to participate in the group discussions by Advisory Committee members. However, all members of the public were welcome to attend the sessions, and in some cases residents who were at the park at the time of the sessions were invited into the group discussions on the spot. Focus Group discussions lasted around 30 minutes. Below are the key take-aways from each of the focus areas.

### Older Adults and Seniors Focus Group--Key Take-Aways:

- Older adults appreciate the gravel trails because they are gentler on the joints than paved sidewalks and trails.
- A collaboration with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center could help bring more wildflowers to the District.
- Washer courts or Bocce Ball courts would be a great low-cost addition to the District and could be used by all ages.
- Park maintenance is very important so that parks hold their value to residents.
- A swimming pool or water play area would be appreciated by people of all ages and would contribute to the value of the community.
- There needs to be better information available about our park systems, including maps that show where the parks are, what amenities are in each park, and how each park can be used.
- The fields in Hatch pond need stairs or a ramp for accessibility.
- The fields in Cashell Wood Pond also need accessibility features added.
- Old Mill Park is a blank slate. Simple improvements could enhance it.
- Most parks have some features for all users; however, none of the District parks prioritize seniors.

### Children's Focus Group--Key Take-Aways:

- Smaller kids seem to have trouble with the large playground equipment.
- The updated playground equipment in the District is well-loved.
- The bathrooms need to be cleaner.
- The drinking water should be colder for the summer months and more fountains are needed.
- A bike or skate park area would be fun.
- A diversity of play areas helps bring a variety of kids to the parks
- Water play areas would be well-used by kids of all ages. A pool or even just a slip and slide would work!

- The volleyball court is mostly used as a sand pit for kids to dig in. It could be modified to reflect this use or the space could be reused for something else kids would enjoy.
- Signage for trails and parks could be used to navigate between parks.
- Parks get used differently as kids age.

#### Teenager's Focus Group--Key Take-Aways:

- Unique features that stimulate creativity help bring character to the parks.
- Open fields are used to play pick-up games like kickball.
- Several teens play disc golf with their friends or parents.
- Natural features kids can play on make great and inexpensive park amenities (e.g., hills/slopes, creeks, areas to build forts).
- A splash pad would make the parks much more enjoyable in the summer. It would not have to be elaborate; a simple water feature would do.
- A putt-putt golf course would be fun.
- A drone landing pad would be fun for teens who like to fly drones.

#### Runners and Bikers Focus Group—Key Take-Aways:

- Some residents prefer to run on the school tracks rather than the District trails.
- More sidewalk and trail infrastructure is desired in places that also provide safe places for play and exercise.
- The trails (and park system as a whole) needs better advertising and wayfinding features.
- Play for All Abilities Park in Round Rock is a great model for a kids' bike and scooter track.
- Trail running in the District parks is good but biking and skating is not as enjoyable.

## Results: Survey #1

The first survey in the planning process (see Appendix A) was intended to provide the Advisory Committee and Verdunity with feedback regarding current park usage, opportunities and challenges associated with the current park system, and general preferences for the future.

Survey 1 was published on Monday, May 10, 2021 and remained open for public response for three weeks (through June 1<sup>st</sup>). Results were not reviewed until after the survey was closed. The survey was administered online through Survey Monkey, although a paper copy was also made available.<sup>1</sup>

The survey was advertised to the community in the following ways:

- A link to the survey was posted on the front page of the District's website and also included on the District's Play in the MUD project page.
- Posts were made to multiple Facebook pages and community groups, and posts were also made to Nextdoor.
- Two large community signs (one marquee sign and one digital LED sign) were placed at Lakeline Oaks Park and Anderson Mill West Park, visible from Old Mill Road and El Salido Parkway (the District's two main collector roads).
- Small signs were placed in parks and on some dog waste collection stations. The signs included a QR code so people could link directly to the survey from their phones. The website address was also included on the sign.
- Advisory Committee members were tasked with helping to spread the word and encouraging neighbors to take the survey, which they did in several ways (verbal, text, email, social media).
- Direct emails were sent by the Lakeline Oaks Homeowners Association to Lakeline Oaks residents through the organization's existing communication channel.

## Survey Participants

In total, the survey received 337 responses, although not all respondents answered all of the questions, so the number of responses varied. Although demographic information is presented up front in this report, these questions were placed at the end of the survey because they were considered of secondary in importance to the more substantive questions about the park system. Due to their location at the end of the survey, and possibly also due to some people's reluctance to divulge personal information, the demographic questions received a lower number of responses than the questions posed earlier in the survey.

Figures 1 and 2 show the gender and age composition of respondents. These survey questions received 255 and 249 responses, respectively.

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<sup>1</sup> Although some paper copies were distributed, no copies were handed in.

As can be seen in Figure 1, there were twice as many female respondents as male. Figure 2 shows that a broad range of adult ages were represented in the data, with an overall average age of 47 years old. None of the respondents who answered this question reported being between the ages of 18 and 25, so the opinions of young adults are missing from the data.

Figure 1: Gender Identity of Respondents

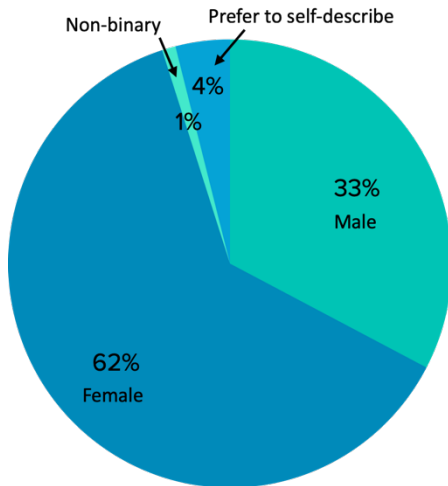


Figure 2: Age of Respondents  
Average age = 47

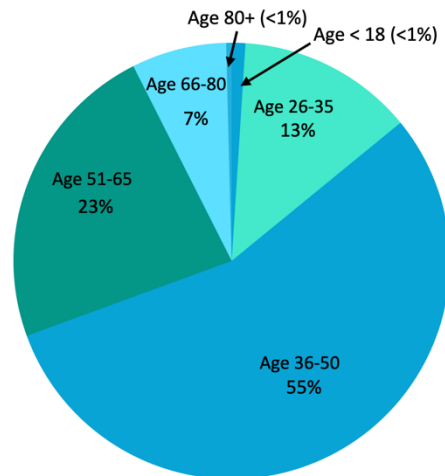


Figure 3 shows the household composition of respondents. This survey question received 252 responses. Overall, there was a good mix of adult respondents who have young children in the home, those with older children in the home (middle school and older), and those without children in the home.

Figure 3: Household Composition of Respondents

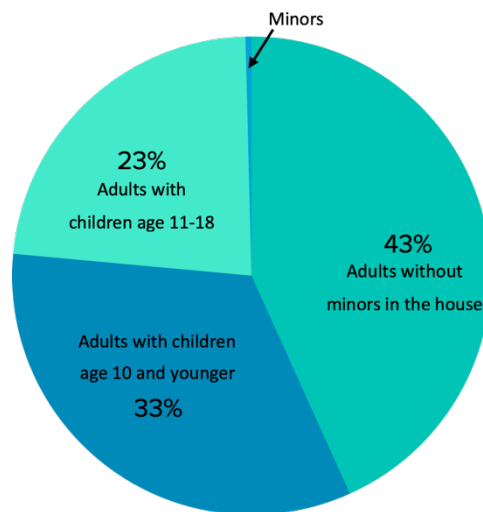


Figure 4 shows how respondents were distributed throughout the District’s four neighborhoods and also those who don’t live in the District. Due to its size, the Anderson Mill West neighborhood was further broken into three areas, shown on the map to the right.

Based on the number of respondents who answered this question (255), there was representation from each of the District’s four neighborhoods, and only 11 of those respondents reported not living in the District.



Figure 4: Neighborhood Distribution of Respondents

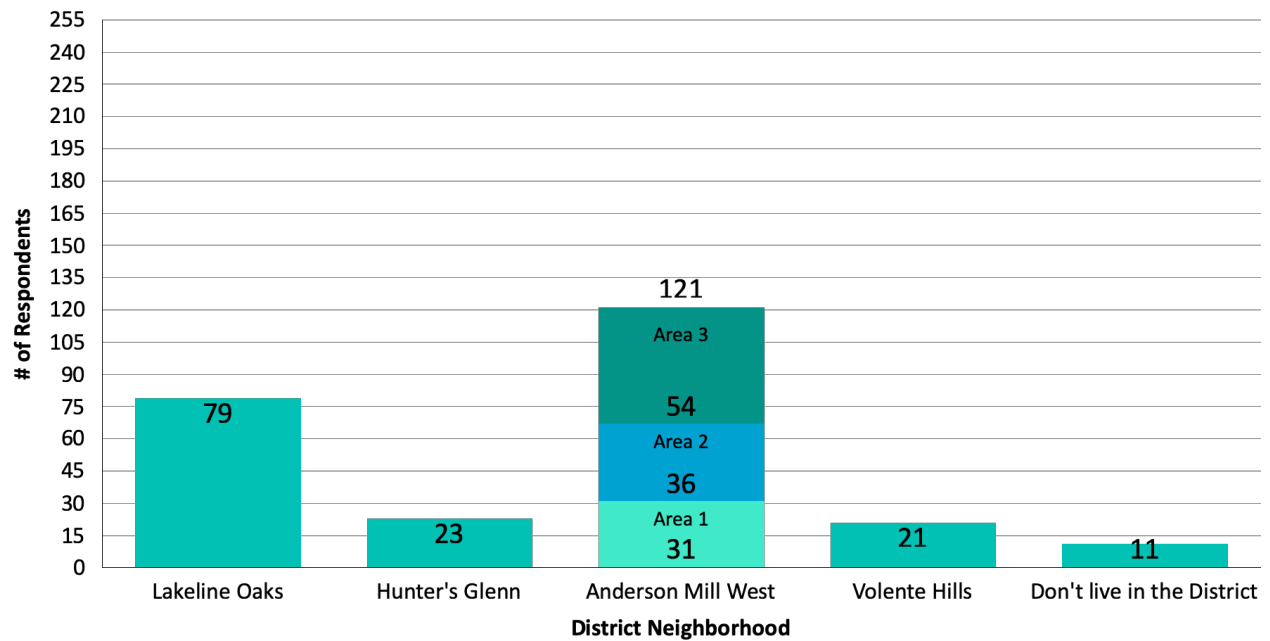
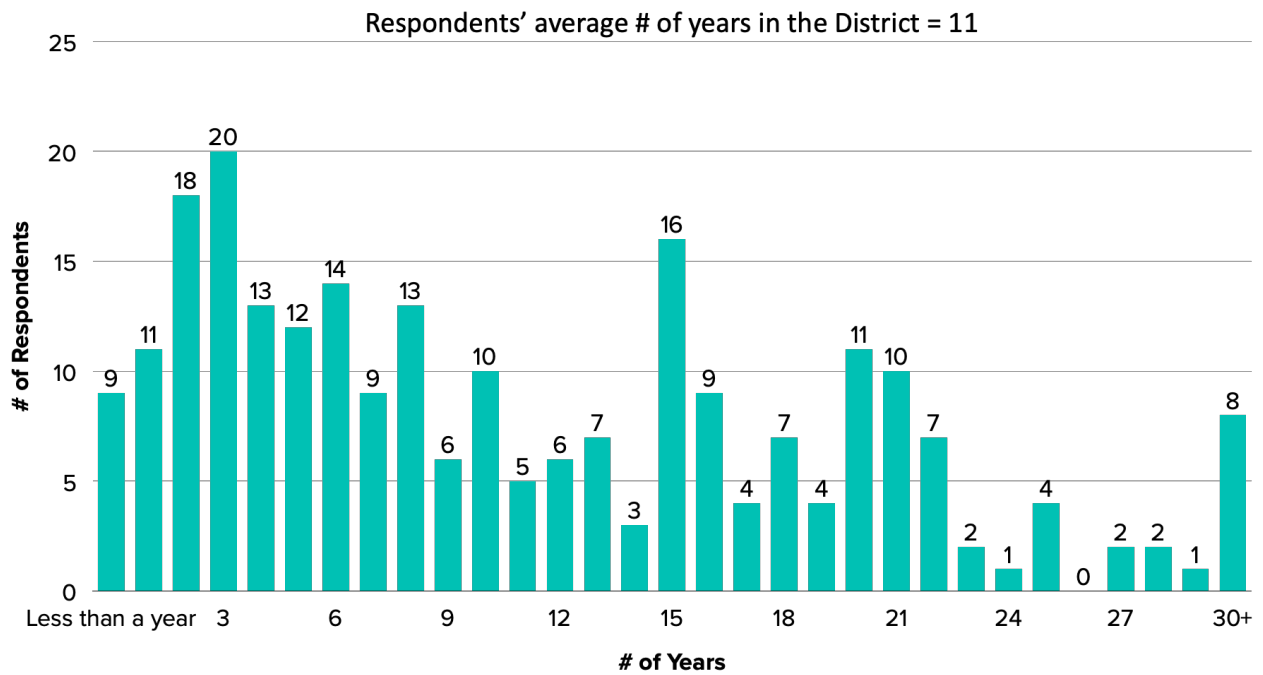


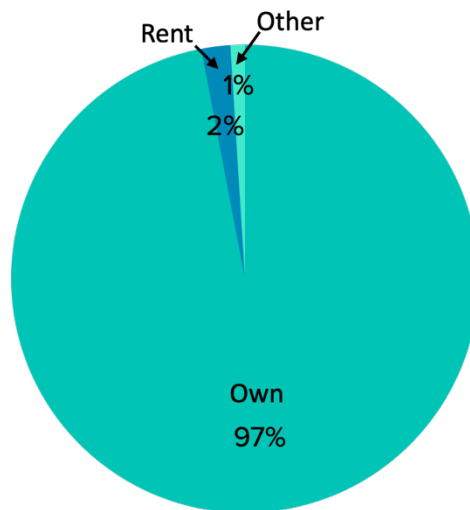
Figure 5 shows how many years respondents have lived in the District (this question was not asked of those who reported living outside the District). Based on the 244 responses to this question), the survey received responses from a variety of both longer-term residents as well as those who are newer to the District. The average across all responses was 11 years in the District.

Figure 5: Number of Years Living in the District



Further, 97% of those same respondents reported owning their home, versus renting or other form of living arrangement (see Figure 6).

Figure 6: Respondents' Homeownership Status





### Park Usage

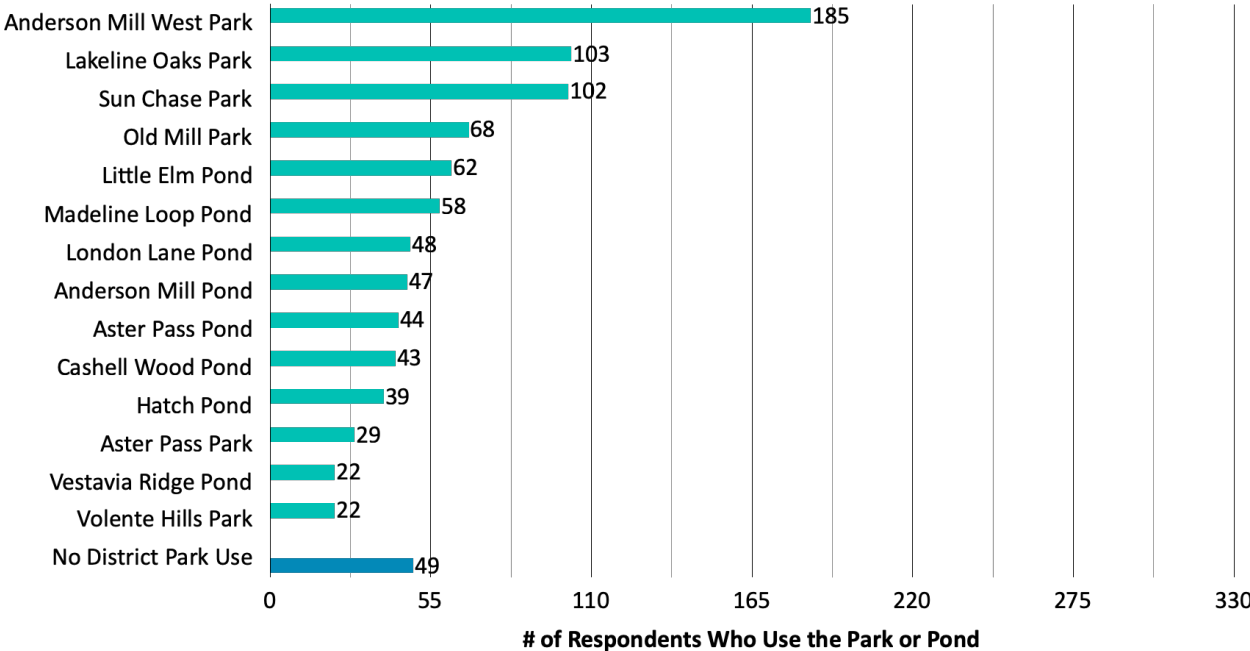
The first set of questions in the survey were intended to help the planning team understand current park usage.

**Closed-Response Question 1:** *Which of the following parks and ponds do you visit at least once a month? (check all that apply)*

Anderson Mill West is the park reportedly used most by respondents, followed by Lakeline Oaks Park and Sun Chase Park effectively tied for second place. The ponds are reported to be used more frequently than the two very small pocket parks, Aster Pass Park and Volente Hills Park. Interestingly, 20% of respondents indicate using Old Mill Pocket Park at least once a month, despite its very limited selection of amenities, which may point toward its significance as a communal resource for this area of the District.

49 respondents (15%) indicated they do not use any District parks at least once a month.

Figure 7: District Park Usage  
Total # of Responses = 337



Those respondents who reported using any of the parks or ponds at least once a month were then asked two open-ended follow-up questions:

**Open-Ended Response Question 1a:** *Please briefly tell us what you do when you visit these parks or ponds.*

All responses to this question are available in Appendix B.

Based on a review of all responses received for this question (264), the most commonly repeated themes are summarized below:

- Walking/hiking/jogging/trail use: mentioned by 182 respondents (69% of 264)
- Playing with kids/playing on playgrounds: mentioned by 137 respondents (52% of 264)

Other repeated themes:

- Socializing/attending events, gatherings, parties: mentioned by 26 respondents (10% of 264)
- Passive activities like sitting, relaxing, meditating: mentioned by 21 respondents (8% of 264)
- Picnics: mentioned by 19 respondents (7% of 264)
- Biking: mentioned by 17 respondents (6% of 264)
- Tennis: mentioned by 15 respondents (6% of 264)
- Basketball: mentioned by 15 respondents (6% of 264)

**Open-Ended Response Question 1b:** *If there are any parks or ponds you do not visit, please briefly tell us why.*

All responses to this question are available in Appendix B.

Based on a review of all responses received for this question (211), the most commonly repeated themes are summarized below:

- Other parks aren't close enough/inconvenient location: mentioned by 126 respondents (60% of 211)
- Respondent didn't know about the other parks: mentioned by 52 respondents (25% of 211)
- Other parks don't have the right types of amenities: mentioned by 41 respondents (19% of 211)

For respondents who indicated they don't use any of the parks or ponds at least once a month, it was important for the planning team to understand why so that we can look for opportunities to better serve residents.

### Open-Ended Response Question 1c: *Please briefly tell us why you don't visit any of the District's parks or ponds.*

All responses to this question are available in Appendix B.

Based on a review of all responses received for this question (37), the most commonly repeated themes are summarized below:

- The parks don't offer amenities of use or interest to the respondent<sup>2</sup>: mentioned by 12 respondents (32% of 37)
- No interest or time: mentioned by 10 respondents (27% of 37)
- Respondent didn't know about the District's parks: mentioned by 3 respondents (8% of 37)

### Attitudes About the Current Park System

To gauge attitudes and opinions about our current park system, respondents were asked to indicate how much they agreed or disagreed with a series of eight statements using a five-point scale (Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Neutral, Agree, Strongly Agree).

### Closed-Response Question 2: *Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:*

Figure 8 shows the distribution of responses for each statement. The vast majority of respondents (82%) indicated they consider our park system a valuable part of our community, and of the eight statements presented in this section of the survey, this statement received the most uniform, positive response.

The vast majority (76%) of respondents reported that they believe our parks are good places to socialize, and 55% of respondents indicated they would like to see more planned activities at the parks.

While nearly two-thirds of respondents (63%) felt our parks are well maintained, over one-third were either neutral on this subject (22%) or felt that they are not well maintained (15%).

Nearly two-thirds (61%) of respondents reported they do not know who to contact if they spot a problem at a park or pond. Similarly, only 38% know where to find information about the District's park system.

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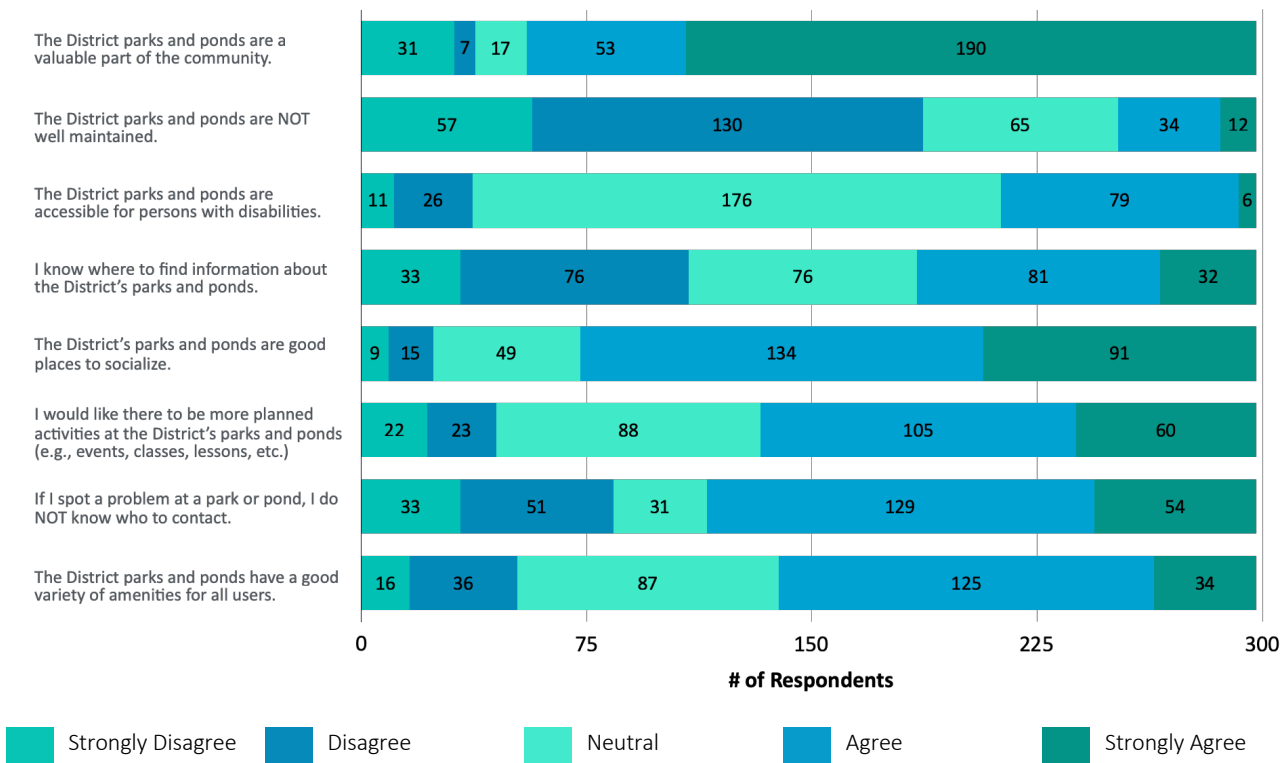
<sup>2</sup> Includes those who indicated they don't use the parks because they don't have children, which suggests the opinion that park amenities are oriented toward kids and not adults.

In terms of park amenities, half of the respondents (51%) agreed that the parks have a good variety of amenities for all users.

Out of the eight statements, “*The District parks and ponds are accessible for persons with disabilities*” resulted in the most uncertainty from respondents, with 59% indicating they are “neutral” on the subject.

Figure 8: Respondent Attitudes About the Current Park System

Total # of Responses: 298



**Open-Ended Response Question 2: *Is there anything else you would like to share about the current state of our parks and ponds?***

All responses to this question are available in Appendix B.

Based on a review of all responses received for this question (160), the most commonly repeated themes are summarized below:

- Need to improve park maintenance: mentioned by 29 respondents (18% of 160)
- Would like to have a water amenity (e.g., pool, splash pad) in the District: mentioned by 23 respondents (14% of 160)
- Would like to have more amenities for dog owners (e.g., off-leash area, dog water fountains): mentioned by 11 respondents (7% of 160)

- Need to have better communication about our park system: mentioned by 11 respondents (7% of 160)

Respondents also used this open-ended question to make suggestions about specific parks. These are summarized below:

Anderson Mill West Park:

- Add more sand to volleyball court
- Install a barrier to keep balls from going into the street
- Take better care of the trees (mentioned in 2 responses)
- Build a pool or splash pad
- Refresh the trails
- Fix power outlets and bathroom locks
- Make sure programmed events and classes don't make it hard for residents to enjoy this park (mentioned in 2 responses)
- Empty the trash more frequently
- Install outdoor ping pong tables
- Install a skateboarding area
- Add better lighting

Aster Pass Park:

- Need more amenities for kids (mentioned in 2 responses)
- Trash cans should be checked regularly
- Convert this park to an off-leash dog park
- Remove the spiky cactus due to safety concerns

Little Elm Pond:

- The walking path needs to connect to something (mentioned in 2 responses)
- Need more amenities or something to do

London Lane Pond:

- Make water available to dogs at all times (mentioned in 2 responses)

Madeline Loop Pond:

- Complete the trail so it connects to something (mentioned in 2 responses)
- Repair wobbly handrails on bridge

Old Mill Pocket Park:

- Complete stone wall around the park to screen the wood fences
- Gazebo needs to be maintained (mentioned in 2 responses)

Sun Chase Park:

- Replace the playscape that was removed (mentioned in 8 responses)
- Improve maintenance (trash and mowing) (mentioned in 2 responses)

## Volente Hills Park

- Plant nicer grass
- Improve the landscaping
- Refresh the mulch

## Preferences for the Future of the Park System

The next series of questions was intended to give the planning team some direction in thinking about the future of the park system. Respondents were presented with 23 potential types of improvements, ranging from items as low-cost and simple as additional volunteer opportunities, to more expensive investments like an aquatic amenity (e.g., splash pad).

For each potential improvement, a photo example was provided, along with a short title/description (e.g., water play areas). Respondents were asked to rank how much they wanted the item on a five-point scale (I really don't want this, I don't want this, I don't care either way, I want this, I really want this). There was also an open-ended comment box available for each potential improvement so respondents could elaborate on or qualify their rating of the item.



Photo example that accompanied *Enhanced Trails and Paths*

**Closed-Response Question 3:** *There are many different ways we can make our park system better for everyone. Which of the following changes would you like to see? (photos are examples only)*

Figure 9 shows the distribution of responses for each of the 23 potential improvements (total respondents ranged from 273 -277 across the 23 options). Of these, *Enhanced Trails and Paths* and *Water Play Areas* received the highest number of strongly positive reactions, with 40% and 38% of respondents, respectively, indicating “I really want this.”

On the opposite end of the spectrum, *Unique Features and Photo Opportunities* and *Public WiFi* received the highest number of strongly negative reactions, with 25% and 24%, respectively, indicating “I really don't want this.”

Looked at another way, Figure 10 shows the overall average rating for each of the 23 potential improvements, from highest rating to lowest. Overall, *Enhanced Trails and Paths* was the type of improvement that received the most positive average response, followed by *Improved Lighting*,

*Landscaping and Beautification, Quiet Areas, and Community Areas, with Water Play Areas and Volunteer Opportunities tied for sixth place.*

Open-ended responses for each type of improvement can be found in Appendix B.

Figure 9: Preferences for Future Park Improvements

Total # of responses: 273-277

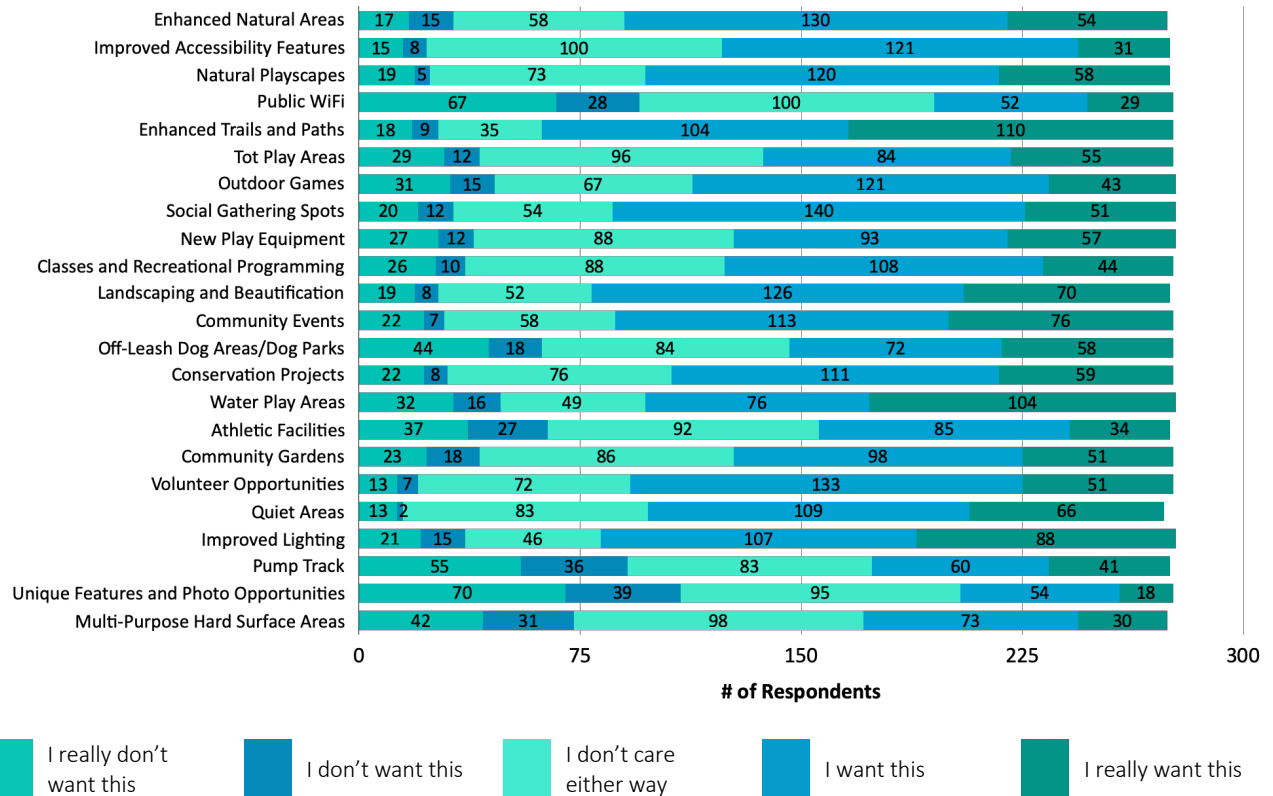
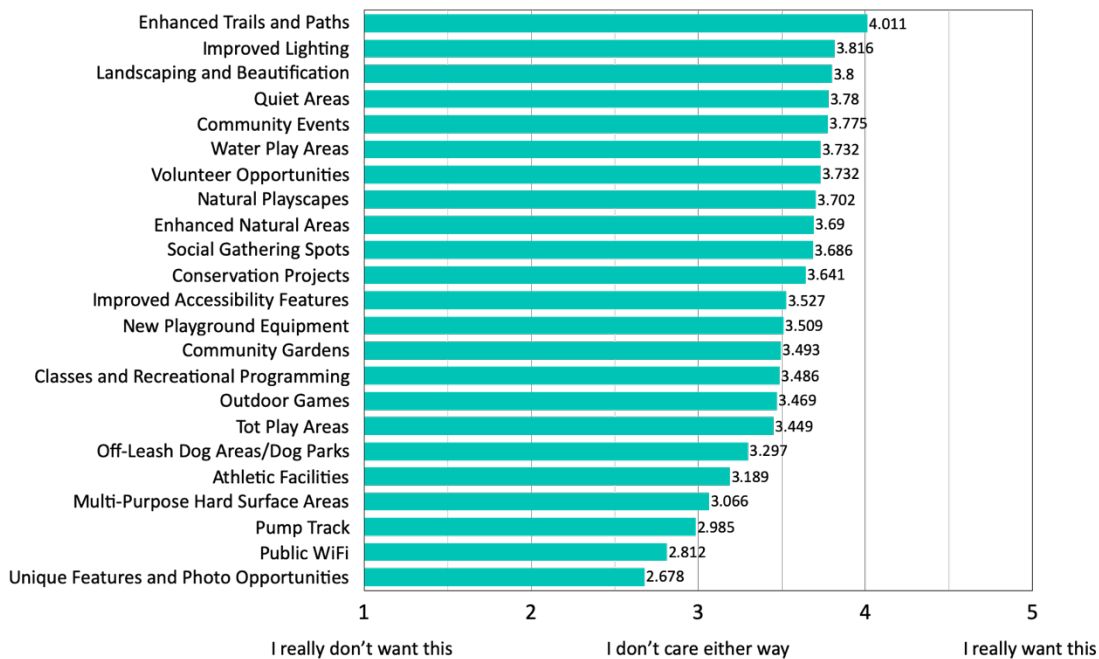


Figure 10: Preferences for Future Park Improvements, Average Ratings

Total # of Responses: 273-277



**Open-Ended Response Question 3:** *What other ideas do you have for improving the District’s parks and ponds?*

All responses to this question are available in Appendix B.

Based on a review of all responses received for this question (103), the most commonly repeated themes are summarized below:

- The community needs a water amenity (pool/splash pad): mentioned by 22 respondents (21% of 103)
- Need for more natural areas: mentioned by 11 respondents (11% of 103)
- Need for more dog parks/dog amenities: mentioned by 9 respondents (9% of 103)
- Need more events and community gatherings: mentioned by 8 respondents (8% of 103)
- Don’t add anything/don’t spend more money: mentioned by 8 respondents (8% of 103)



Respondents also used this open-ended question to make suggestions about specific parks. These are summarized below:

Anderson Mill Pond:

- Add more amenities

Anderson Mill West Park:

- Improve the basketball court
- Add a training tennis wall (and/or at the Lakeline Oaks courts)
- Install a fence to keep kids from running into the street
- Add better shade over the little kids play area
- Install a splash pad

Aster Pass Park:

- Add more play equipment

Hatch Pond:

- Improve access

London Lane Pond:

- Install a water source for dogs

Old Mill Pocket Park:

- Install stretching equipment

Sun Chase Park:

- Install a new playscape
- Add swings
- Install grilling areas

**Open-Ended Response Question 4:** *What are the best parks you have ever visited and what made them so great?*

All responses to this question are available in Appendix B.

Based on a review of all responses received for this question (121), the most commonly repeated themes are summarized below:

Best parks:

- Play for All Abilities Park, Round Rock: mentioned by 17 respondents (14% of 121)
- Brushy Creek Park, Cedar Park: mentioned by 10 respondents (8% of 121)
- Elizabeth Milburn Park, Cedar Park: mentioned by 6 respondents (5% of 121)
- Zilker Park/Botanical Garden, Austin: mentioned by 6 respondents (5% of 121)

What makes a great park:

- Natural beauty/access to nature: mentioned by 38 respondents (31% of 121)
- Wide variety of amenities/inclusivity: mentioned by 34 respondents (28% of 121)
- Has a water amenity (e.g., splash pad): mentioned by 13 respondents (11% of 121)



The miniature town is just one of many areas in Play for All Abilities Park in Round Rock, TX.

### Open-Ended Response Question 5: *Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the District parks or ponds?*

All responses to this question are available in Appendix B.

Based on a review of all responses received for this question (48), the most commonly repeated themes are summarized below:

- General appreciation and support for the park system: mentioned by 16 respondents (34% of 48)
- Request not to spend additional money on parks: mentioned by 6 respondents (13% of 48)
- Appreciation for the survey/opportunity to provide input: mentioned by 5 respondents (11% of 48)
- Make sure people who don't live in the District don't get to have a say in the future of our parks: mentioned by 4 respondents (9% of 48)
- Keep up with maintenance: mentioned by 3 respondents (6% of 48)

### Survey Limitations

As with any survey, there are limitations in the data and methodology that must be acknowledged and considered. Below is a summary of observed limitations, followed by a brief discussion of how these limitations were considered during analysis.

- Survey respondents were self-selected, meaning that individuals who knew about the survey decided whether or not to take part in it, and that decision alone could represent something about those people that influences the data collected. For example, the people who choose to take a park survey may, on average, feel more strongly about parks, one way or another, than the average District citizen, so their responses to the

questions may be inherently differently than those of someone who didn't choose to take the survey.

- Based on the available data, the opinions of young adults (18-25) were absent entirely from the dataset, and women outnumbered men two to one.
- The survey was online, and even though paper copies were made available, they were not as widely accessible as the online version of the survey, and not nearly as convenient to turn in, which means that people who are not comfortable using the internet or don't have easy access to the internet were much less likely to take the survey.
- Although considerable effort was made to ask questions that were clear and unambiguous, no survey is perfect, and after looking at the data, there were a few instances in which respondents indicated they didn't understand the question. It is also possible and even likely that some respondents answered a question based on their own interpretation of the wording.
- Most of the questions asked about the park system in general, rather than about specific parks. But as the results show, park users often use only a few of the District's parks and ponds, and some report not using them at all. So, for some of the questions, respondents may have felt less inclined to express a strong opinion either way if they felt they didn't know enough about the park system. In other words, some of the "neutral" or "I don't care either way" responses could have been a function of respondents not knowing enough about the park system to warrant an opinion, even if they use one or two parks regularly.

Acknowledging these limitations, the planning team's objective in analyzing the survey results was to look for the key *stories* or clear *patterns* in the results that could allow more in-depth idea exploration. To identify these patterns, the planning team looked not only at the results of the closed-response questions and the descriptive statistics associated with those questions (e.g., percentages, averages), but also looked closely at how responses interrelated with the responses to other questions and also took great care to read and analyze the abundant number of open-ended responses.

In doing so, we have made the observations described in the [Key Directions](#) section at the beginning of this report, which are serving as the foundation for the next steps in the planning process.

### Methodology Questions Raised by Residents

During the survey response period, District residents raised a couple of concerns regarding survey methodology, which we have identified and addressed below:

**Question 1:** Since the survey was open to anyone who uses the District's parks, including people who do not live in the District, some residents were concerned over non-residents having a say in the future of the District's park system, since they aren't the ones paying for it.

The decision to open the survey to anyone who uses the District's parks was an intentional one. The purpose of the first survey was to get a sense for people's experiences with the parks, who uses them, what works, where problems and conflicts exist, what observations people have, and what, generally speaking, would make people more excited about visiting the parks. Several of the District's parks are used frequently by people who live around but not in the District--just as our District residents use nearby City of Cedar Park and City of Austin parks--and those people might have valuable, interesting things to share about the way our parks operate that the planning team wanted to capture.

That said, the concern over non-taxpayers having a say in future District investments is a fair one, and because of this, the survey did ask respondents where they live so we could evaluate the responses of District residents apart from non-residents. A review of the results reveals that only 11 respondents reported not living in the District.

Since the primary concern about non-residents taking the survey relates to how we plan for *future* improvements, and not necessarily non-residents' opinions about the current state of our parks, the planning team looked closely at the question that asked respondents to rate potential future improvements, and for each one compared the average of all the responses with the average without the 11 non-resident responses.

In addition, there were 82 respondents who did not answer the question about where they live, and it is of course possible that some of those were non-residents. So, to be extra thorough, the planning team also pulled out the responses of any respondent who didn't answer the question about where they live and added that to the 11 self-reported non-residents and, again, compared those averages with the averages of all respondents.

The results of these comparisons can be seen in Figures 11 and 12. As this analysis shows, no meaningful differences were found. In other words, the responses of non-residents were not meaningfully different than those of residents.

Figure 11: Preferences in Future Improvements, Data Comparison With and Without District Residents

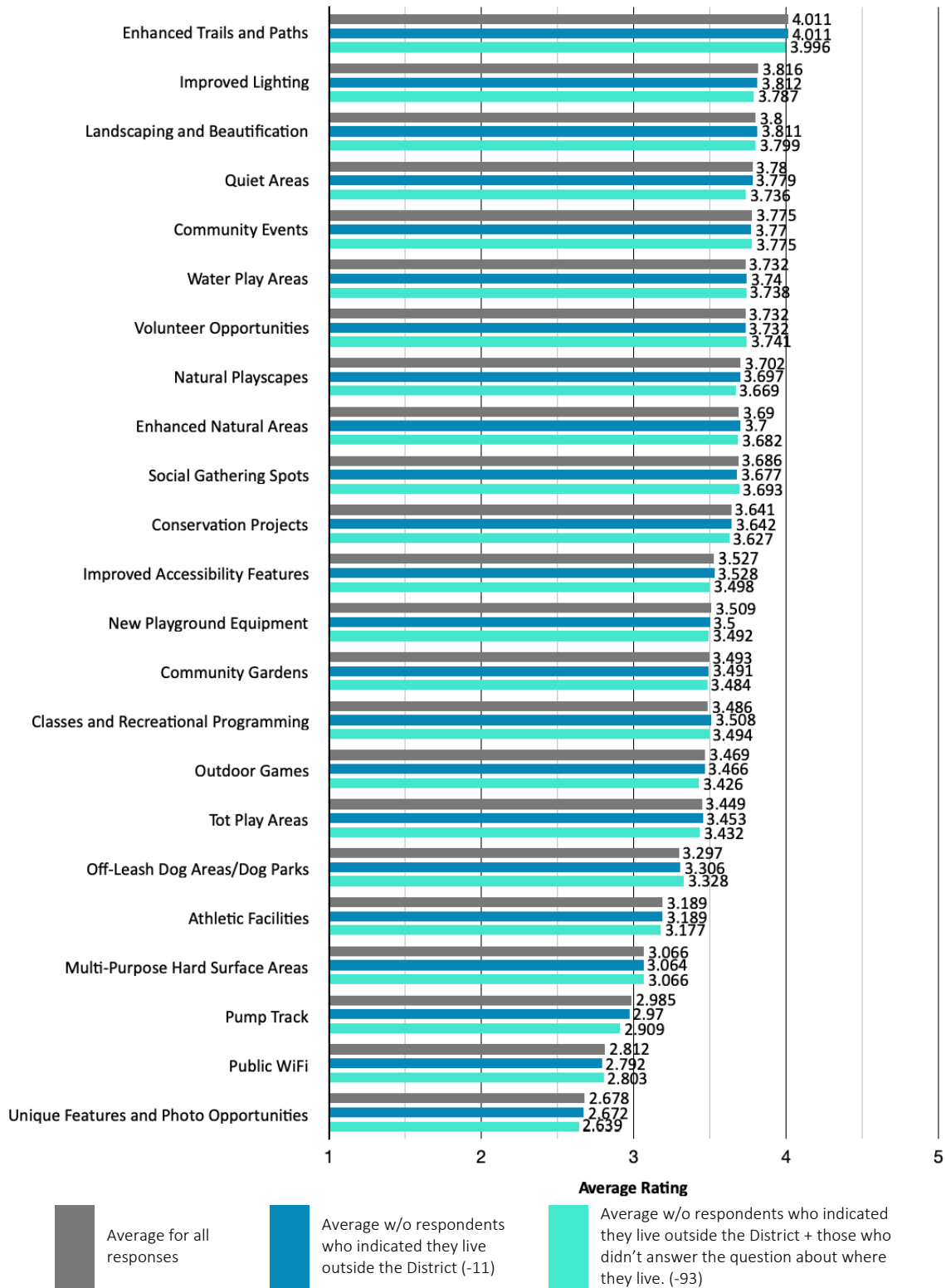


Figure 12: Order of Preference for Future Improvements

All Responses	W/O respondents who indicated they live outside the District (-11)	Without respondents who indicated they live outside the District + those who didn't answer the question about where they live (-93)
Enhanced Paths and Trails	Enhanced Paths and Trails	Enhanced Paths and Trails
Improved Lighting	Improved Lighting	Improved Lighting
Landscaping and Beautification	Landscaping and Beautification	Landscaping and Beautification
Quiet Areas	Quiet Areas	Quiet Areas
Community Events	Community Events	Community Events
Water Play Areas (tied)	Water Play Areas	Volunteer Opportunities
Volunteer Opportunities (tied)	Volunteer Opportunities	Water Play Areas
Natural Playscapes	Enhanced Natural Areas	Enhanced Natural Areas
Enhanced Natural Areas	Natural Playscapes	Social Gathering Spots
Social Gathering Spots	Social Gathering Spots	Natural Playscapes
Conservation Projects	Conservation Projects	Conservation Projects
Improved Accessibility Features	Improved Accessibility Features	Improved Accessibility Features
New Playground Equipment	New Playground Equipment	New Playground Equipment
Community Gardens	Classes and Recreational Programming	Classes and Recreational Programming
Classes and Recreational Programming	Community Gardens	Community Gardens
Outdoor Games	Outdoor Games	Tot Play Areas
Tot Play Areas	Tot Play Areas	Off-Leash Dog Areas/Dog Parks
Off-Leash Dog Areas/Dog Parks	Off-Leash Dog Areas/Dog Parks	Outdoor Games
Athletic Facilities	Athletic Facilities	Athletic Facilities
Multi-Purpose Hard Surface Areas	Multi-Purpose Hard Surface Areas	Multi-Purpose Hard Surface Areas
Pump Track	Pump Track	Pump Track
Public WiFi	Public WiFi	Public WiFi
Unique Features and Photo Opportunities	Unique Features and Photo Opportunities	Unique Features and Photo Opportunities

**Question 2:** A few residents expressed concern that individual respondents could take the survey multiple times, thereby skewing the data.

Respondents could only take the survey once from the same device, and to account for the fact that most people these days have access to more than one device (phone, laptop, tablet), Survey Monkey does collect the IP addresses of all respondents as well, so surveys submitted from the same network can be identified as such.

In all, there were 32 instances of duplicate IP addresses in the responses, and the planning team ran a check on each one to make sure they were unique responses. There was no obvious indication that anyone was taking the survey multiple times, but rather the duplicates were the result of there being more than one respondent from the same household (e.g., spouses).

This check is, of course, not perfect. If someone wanted to go out of their way to manipulate the data there are ways around this. But after a very thorough review of *all* the data and the written responses, there is no evidence that people were trying to bias the data by taking the survey repeatedly.

One respondent openly reported having taken the survey five times. However, there were no instances of an IP address being repeated that many times, nor do there appear to be instances of the exact same responses being duplicated. So, although it's possible, the planning team feels confident that of the various limitations to this data set, this particular issue is not of significant concern.

# Appendix A: Survey #1

## Park Plan Community Survey

**Welcome!**

**WTC MUD #1 is updating our Parks Master Plan with the help of Verdunity, and we need your input.**

**Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey asking about how you use our parks and ways you think we can make them better for everyone. Your participation will help us understand the shortcomings of our current park system and what opportunities there are for the future.**

**It should take you about 10 minutes to complete this survey. Thank you for your time.**

WTC MUD No. 1 owns and operates 6 parks, as well as 8 detention ponds that have been designed to offer additional recreational amenities.



Please start by telling us how you currently use our District parks by answering the next few questions.



Which of the following District parks and ponds do you visit at least once a month? (check all that apply)



Anderson Mill West Park



Anderson Mill West Pond



Aster Pass Park



Aster Pass Pond



Cashell Wood Pond



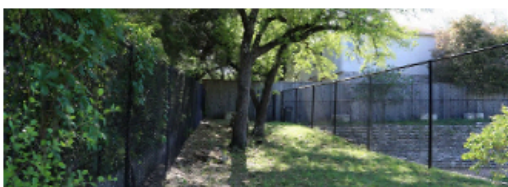
Hatch Pond



Lakeline Oaks Park



Little Elm Pond



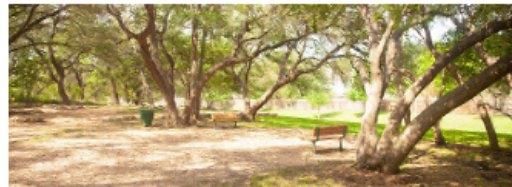
London Lane Pond



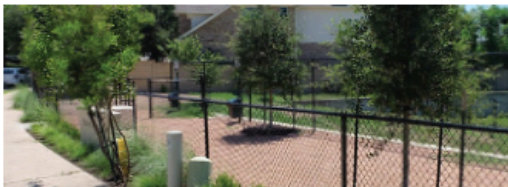
Madeline Loop Pond



Old Mill Park



Sun Chase Park



Vestavia Ridge Pond



Volente Hills Park

None of the above

If you selected one or more of the parks or ponds on the previous page:

Thank you for visiting!

Please briefly tell us what you do when you visit these parks or ponds.

If there are parks or ponds you don't visit, please briefly tell us why.

If you selected the 'None of the above' on the previous page:

Tell us more!

Please briefly tell us why you don't visit any of the District's parks or ponds.

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

The District parks and ponds are a valuable part of the community.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The District parks and ponds are **NOT** well maintained.

Strongly Disagree	<del>Disagree</del>	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The District parks and ponds are accessible for persons with disabilities.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I know where to find information about the District's parks and ponds.

Strongly Disagree	<del>Disagree</del>	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The District parks and ponds are good places to socialize

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I would like there to be more planned activities at the District parks and ponds (events, classes, lessons, etc.).

Strongly Disagree	<del>Disagree</del>	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If I spot a problem at a District park or pond, I **DO NOT** know who to contact.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The District parks and ponds have a good variety of amenities for all users.

Strongly Disagree	<del>Disagree</del>	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

In addition to what you told us above, is there anything else you would like to share about the current state of our parks and ponds?

Please tell us how the District can improve upon its current park system

There are many different ways we can make our park system better for everyone. Which of the following changes would you like to see? (photos are examples only)

**Enhanced Natural Areas**

I don't want this  I'd prefer not to have this  I don't care either way  I'd like to have this  I really want this



Comments

**Improved Accessibility Features**

I don't want this  I'd prefer not to have this  I don't care either way  I'd like to have this  I really want this

Comments



**Natural Playscapes**

I don't want this  I'd prefer not to have this  I don't care either way  I'd like to have this  I really want this



Comments

**Public Wi-Fi**

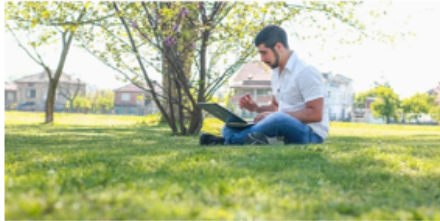
I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this



Comments

**Enhanced Trails and Paths**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this

Comments



**Tot Play Areas**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this



Comments

**Outdoor Games**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this



Comments

**Social Gathering Spots**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this

Comments



**New Play Equipment**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this



Comments

**Classes and Recreational Programming**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this



Comments

**Landscaping and Beautification**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this

Comments



**Community Events**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this



Comments

**Off-Leash Dog Areas/Dog Parks**

I don't want this  I'd prefer not to have this  I don't care either way  I'd like to have this  I really want this




Comments

**Conservation Projects**


I don't want this  I'd prefer not to have this  I don't care either way  I'd like to have this  I really want this

Comments



**Water Play Areas**

I don't want this  I'd prefer not to have this  I don't care either way  I'd like to have this  I really want this



Comments



**Athletic Facilities**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this



Comments

**Community Gardens**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this

Comments



**Volunteer Opportunities**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this



Comments

**Quiet Areas**

I don't want this	I'd prefer not to have this	I don't care either way	I'd like to have this	I really want this
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Comments

**Improved Lighting**

I don't want this	I'd prefer not to have this	I don't care either way	I'd like to have this	I really want this
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Comments



**Pump Track**

I don't want this	I'd prefer not to have this	I don't care either way	I'd like to have this	I really want this
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Comments

**Unique Features & Photo Opportunities**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this



Comments

**Multi-Purpose Hard Surface Areas**

I don't want this

I'd prefer not to have this

I don't care either way

I'd like to have this

I really want this

Comments



What other ideas do you have for improving the District's parks and ponds?

What are the best parks you've ever visited and what made them so great?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the District parks or ponds?

Tell us a little about yourself

We'd love to be able to share the survey results with you. Please enter your email address so we can notify you when they're ready. (note: this information will not be connected to your responses, so anything you've told us will remain anonymous)

Email Address

How do you identify?

Male

Female

Non-binary

Prefer to [self describe](#)

How old are you, and what are the ages of each of the other people living in your household?

Person	Age
Self:	
Person 1	
Person 2	
Person 3	
Person 4	
Person 5	
Person 6	

Have more than 6 other people living in your household? Tell us their ages here:



Which of the WTC MUD No. 1 neighborhoods do you call home?

If you live in Anderson Mill West, please reference the map above to select your area of the neighborhood.

Anderson Mill West, Area 1	Anderson Mill West, Area 2	Anderson Mill West, Area 3
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lakeline Oaks	Hunter's Glenn	Volente Hills
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
		I don't live in WTC MUD No. 1
		<input type="radio"/>

If you live in one of the MUD neighborhoods listed above, how many years have you lived in WTC MUD No. 1?

Do you own or rent your home?

## Appendix B: Survey #1 Open-Ended Responses

**Open-Ended Response Question 1a:** *Please briefly tell us what you do when you visit these parks or ponds.*

1. Walk Jog bike and sit swing on the Knox swing
2. All different times to walk my dogs
3. Allow the kids to play on the playground equipment
4. biking, walking
5. Bring my kids to play there and go on walks, sit and read
6. Children play
7. Children playground, walk
8. chill
9. Daughter plays or walking the dog
10. Daughter uses playground for about 4-5 hours a week
11. Dog walking
12. Dog walking, taking kids to play
13. Either walking around or through the parks, or biking through them.
14. Exercise, basketball. Tennis.
15. Exercise, walk
16. Family and friend gatherings Rest and relaxation and play
17. Go on a walk with the kids, explore nature, have the kids either run around on the fields or play on the playground equipment. We were all very sad to see the equipment at Sun Chase Park be removed as that was nicknamed the "Fire pole park" where the kids would pretend to be firefighters. The creation of Madeline Loop Pond has been amazing as the large field and the bridge provides for endless creative play for our children with nice areas for us to sit or walk and watch.
18. Hangout
19. Have used the club house for several occasions
20. Hike around Sun Chase with our dog and toddler. Play on the playground.
21. I am usually walking through the parks... something I truly enjoy doing two or three times a week.
22. I bring my small children (ages 1 and 4) to play. We use the playground including swings, slides, climbing, etc.
23. I have a 4-year-old and these parks have been a godsend during the pandemic. It is a safe and extremely fun place to play when we're all tired of being cooped up inside.
24. I live on Anderson Mill West Park to I'm there daily and usually I am at the others I selected when walking the dogs or bike riding.
25. I play tennis on the community courts at both Anderson Mill West and the Park at Lakeline Oaks at least twice a week.
26. I primarily use the parks to get the kids out of the house.

27. I primarily walk around the trails in the parks that have trails. I have attended classes and events at Anderson Mill Park and Lakeline Oaks Park. I sometimes will spend time just sitting on a bench in one of the parks on a pretty day when the area is not crowded. I have used the yoga pad in Aster Park before.
28. I take my almost three year old to the play grounds.
29. I take my kids to play on the playground. Sometimes I run on the path around the park at Anderson Mill West.
30. I typically visit the parks with the kids when we are on walks with the dog or riding bikes. We also like playing at the park when friends come to visit. Parents and children meet up as it's the central place to gather following school release or holidays. My kids also play tennis at the AMW Park.
31. I usually just walk through with my dog.
32. I walk around the trail and use the dog stations.
33. I walk my dog
34. I walk my dog at the Lakeline Oaks retention pond. My son walks through there from Cedar Park Middle school.
35. I walk the park.
36. I walk the trails, meditate and do stretches at the pocket park by Cypress elementary. We use the pavilion at Anderson Mill Park for family gatherings.
37. i would like to see the information sign placed up by the Walgreens so we can see the information without driving thru the neighborhood and then turning around and going home.
38. I would like to use the pickle ball courts but I have no clue how to get a key, do they require sign up? I've lived in Lakeline Oaks since 2011 and never used the courts. I like the open space but wish the ant hills would be treated.
39. I'm usually walking alone or with friends
40. If Pickleball courts were added with nets. I'd even consider bringing my own net.
41. It's in our way to and from school so we usually hang with friends after school weekdays
42. Kids love to play on the playscapes and swings at Anderson Mill West Park. We play catch or baseball in London Lane Pond sometimes if it is empty and no dogs are there
43. Kids play on the playground; we also like to relax on the benches underneath the trees
44. Kids play, walk the trail, play tennis
45. Kids playground
46. Kids playscape area, kids garden
47. Kids ride bikes, hang out with friends, birthdays, community events
48. Let my kids play
49. Let my kids play, fly kites, walk dog
50. Let our kids play
51. Lots of walks and taking in the scenery with my toddler via Stroller. Toddler loves to bird watch, check out squirrels and meet new friends. Lots of walking!
52. Most of the Time Farley clean and little to no trash.

53. Mostly for my 18 month old to play in
54. Mostly run, picnic, walk or walk the dogs
55. Mostly walk dogs
56. Mostly we walk around with the dog.
57. My child goes to play on the playground. I also use the Anderson Mill West Park for outdoor tumbling class instruction.
58. My child runs and plays in these areas.
59. My children play in the parks
60. My children play.
61. My kids are getting older but still love to play at the park. They also like to walk and/or bike there on their own to hang out and even meet up with friends. I also take my nephew to the parks when he visits for something fun to do. We like to stop and visit the parks when we take family walks.
62. My kids love to golf at this "pond"
63. My kids play here
64. My kids play, we walk our dogs, we play basketball, basic walking/exercising
65. My kids play. We've held outdoor Girl Scout meetings. My husband and I walk in the parks on nice evenings.
66. My kids run around and play on the playscapes
67. My kids utilize the play equipment or I use the paths to go walking.
68. My son and I (and sometimes dad) walk to the park almost daily. He has made friends there that he sees almost everyday that he wouldn't otherwise have. I have made friends with other parents also, which is hard as a stay at home parent. We are also hoping to have my son's next birthday at the park pavilion.
69. My son plays at the park.
70. Our 3 year old plays on the playground We walk our dog (on leash but would like an off leash area)
71. Our kids play on the equipment. We use the running trail. We walk our dog. Occasionally we use the basketball court and tennis courts.
72. Our kids played on the playground, used the swings. Had a picnic.
73. Pass by while jogging or walking
74. Play
75. Play
76. Play
77. Play at the park and use London lane pond as a dog park
78. Play basketball, let kids play on equipment, parties at pavilion
79. Play dates for my 9 year old son. Utilize tennis courts for tennis.
80. Play on playground, use pickle ball courts, walk in nature
81. Play on the playground and use the bike trails for scooters
82. Play on the playground equipment and have family dinners
83. Play on the playground with my son
84. Play on the playgrounds, run up and down the hills, play catch, and just walk around the trails.



85. Play on yhe playground, enjoy open spaces to run
86. play pokemon go/ walk around
87. Play volleyball, basketball, relax and use the playscape
88. Play with baby, walk dogs or walk myself.
89. Play with children and pets. Walk perimiter.
90. Play with kids
91. Play with kids, yoga on the deck, meetups with family, birthday parties, basketball
92. Play with my 3 year old and take the dog for a walk. I also use the park to workout with camp gladiator.
93. Play with my grandchildren; walk dogs; walk and sit to enjoy nature.
94. Play with my kids
95. Play with my kids and/or dog
96. Play with play scape, walk, walk dog, run, picnic, kick/throw ball, ride scooters
97. play with the kids or play with the dog. Search for natural wildlife.
98. play with toddlers or walk stroller, playground, some biking
99. Play, run, fly kites, explore
100. Played on the children equipment and walked around with our family
101. Playground for kids
102. Playground. Play basketball. Trails
103. Playgrounds and picnic tables for lunches
104. Playgrounds and proximity to house.
105. Playscape, trail, picnic, birthday party, basketball, disc golf
106. Playscapes
107. Pokemon GO mostly. One daughter is going to small groups at the Anderson mill Pavillion. My kids are aging out of most amenities other than basketball and tennis.
108. Proximity to my house as well as variety of available activities.
109. really don't but you didn't allow that answer
110. relax, let kids play, running/running break
111. Relaxing, sitting and enjoying the weather, they also serve as stops on my dog walking route
112. Ride bikes, play horseshoes, play on playground
113. Ride my bike, run, play with my kids
114. run dogs , hike, picnic, family time with the kids
115. Run, take dogs, use the basketball court & pavilion
116. Run, walk and watch my kiddo play
117. Run, walk, play horseshoe, picnic, relax, enjoy nature, get away from city noise
118. Run, walk, walk dog, take kids, bike, use facilities
119. Since one has absolutely nothing, no seating and just a path, we walk the path with our dogs.
120. Sit in gazebo. Walk around perimeter. Walk thru woods. Used to use Little Free Library on Old Mill, til it was removed after being damaged. Use LFL at Sun Chase Park.

121. Sometimes it's just to walk our dog, other times our 7 year old daughter plays at the playground. We love Sun Chase park for adventures and exploring.
122. Stroll
123. Survey would not let me not select one. I don't visit any of them and I don't want to pay for any new development.
124. Take a dog for a walk.
125. Take a walk
126. Take child to play on playground. Have a picnic. Enjoy fresh air and being outside.
127. Take cool pictures and bring my dog :) I'm a teenager lol please plant more trees
128. Take grandchildren, walk the dogs, walk the trails.
129. Take kids to play, walking and animals for walks.
130. Take kids to playground; use walking paths and frisbee golf course
131. Take my 18 month old there to play
132. Take my dogs walking and exploring in the park/pond area.
133. take my dogs walking. Walk. Swing. Play washers. Disc golf. Pickle ball. Take books to the little libraries. Grill. Frisbee. Read
134. Take my kids to the playground
135. Take the kids
136. Take the kids to play at the playscapes. Use paths for my running exercise. Play Horseshoes at Sunchase.
137. Take the kids to play on the playground and walk the track
138. Tennis
139. The Old Mill is a stopping point for walks; don't do much there. The Little Elm is a walking an exercise destination for me.
140. The playground at AMW is great, things for older and younger kids to play on. The tennis and basketball courts are great. We love the garden with the swing. We go to Sunchase Park to walk around because it's beautiful. We also love to walk around the open fields of Madeline Loop. The London Lane Dog Park is fun for the dogs.
141. They are nice to walk through and my dogs like then
142. Throw a frisbee, hit a ball, stretch after a run, swing
143. To jog or walk around, for kids (7 - 10 y.o.) to play at the playscape, and swing, to play basketball, or frisby or badminton with kids in the open area at the corner of Dagama and El Salido, do some exercises, such as pull-ups. Used to play tennis when kids class were offered. I love sitting on a wooden memorial bench built several years ago listening to a podcast. While Anderson Mill West is in a walking distance from us and a primary park, when we bike we also enjoyed other parks such as: Aster Pass Park (kids loved its landscape!), Aster Pass Pond, the park by the WTCMUD meeting building.
144. Trails, picnics, meeting friends, mostly playground stuff with kids
145. Use dog runs, walk/run/play
146. Use field and playground
147. Use playgrounds/play structures
148. Use the track, let the kids play, let the dogs play

149. Usually dog walking, kids playing
150. Usually on my bike rides, stop and hang out for a few minutes Also, my kids visit the parks weekly
151. Varies
152. walk
153. Walk
154. Walk
155. Walk
156. Walk
157. Walk
158. Walk
159. Walk
160. Walk / play / walk the dog
161. Walk along the paths.
162. Walk and enjoy nature
163. walk and enjoy quiet
164. Walk and exercise
165. walk and exercise
166. Walk and jog Play soccer with friends Swim
167. Walk and play with my three year old
168. Walk and sit in the shade
169. Walk around and we might host birthday parties here for the kids. Being so convenient, it would be nice if Sun Chase Park had a playscape for kids, like it used to have.
170. Walk around or through them. Kids play on playground.
171. Walk around the parks. Bring our kids and friends to play at the parks.
172. Walk around trails, walk dog, let kids play
173. Walk around, swing, play frisbee
174. Walk dog and play games
175. Walk dog. Run. Do pull-ups.
176. Walk dogs
177. Walk dogs
178. Walk dogs, take children (4 and 1)
179. Walk enjoy children playing. And bird watching
180. Walk for exercise and walk dog(s).
181. Walk my dog
182. Walk my dog
183. Walk my dog
184. Walk my dog daily
185. Walk my dog, walk for exercise. Hang out.
186. Walk my dog.
187. Walk my dog. Bike to stores. Jog
188. Walk my two dogs

189. Walk on paths, children play on playgrounds, use picnic tables
190. Walk on trails, children play on play equipment, have picnics
191. walk or bike
192. Walk or do yoga. I like to ride my bike through the parks.
193. Walk or play with my dogs
194. Walk our dog and socialize with neighbors
195. Walk our dog, kids play, let dog run free at London lane pond
196. Walk our dogs and generally walk for pleasure and exercise
197. Walk the dog or let the kids play.
198. Walk the dog, and use the playground for our toddler
199. Walk the dog, enjoy the solitude, sit on a swing, throw a few horse shoes, rest
200. Walk the dog, play with the kids
201. Walk the dog.
202. Walk the dog.
203. Walk the pups, have a picnic, meetings, community gatherings
204. Walk the trail
205. Walk the trails
206. Walk the trails and let the kids play on the playground
207. Walk the trails, exercise my dogs, let my kids play on the equipment when they were younger, picnic at the pavilion, even sit on the swings when I need to relax and think or try to shoot some hoops when I'm feeling the need.
208. Walk trails
209. Walk, disc golf
210. Walk, kids play
211. Walk, play with kids, play on playgrounds, run trails, look at nature, look for "fairy gardens," picnic lunches
212. Walk, play with kids, dogs, play tennis, basketball, picnic
213. Walk, play, and throw frisbee.
214. Walk, play, enjoy nature on my own or with my family
215. Walk, relax
216. Walk, ride bikes, play basketball or football, play on the structures - slides, swings, climbing structures & spinning structures, skateboard, play tag, fly kites.
217. Walk, ride bikes, play on structures, events, sports practice, relaxing
218. Walk, run or play with our kids
219. Walk, run, kids play
220. Walk, sit in shade, pokemon go
221. Walk, walk dog, play with grandkids
222. Walk, walk dog, play with kids
223. Walk, walk the dog, sit, meditate, occasionally I'll meet someone I know and we'll chat.
224. Walk.
225. Walk. Elementary age kids play.
226. Walk. Look at wild flowers, wildlife.

227. Walk. Tennis. Relax.
228. Walk. We walk to the parks as a destination, walk around them, and walk back home. It's so much nicer than just walking on the neighborhood streets. Even a detention pond with trails around it is surprisingly nice!
229. Walk...
230. Walk/ play with the dog. Go running on any trails that are there.
231. Walk/jog, take dogs on walk
232. Walk/play
233. Walk/run the trail. Attend events at the gazebo. Maybe watch grandkids someday soon.
234. Walk/run. Take my dog on a leash.
235. Walking
236. Walking
237. Walking
238. Walking and enjoying the open space. Talking with neighbors.
239. walking around the trail path
240. Walking Dog
241. walking on the track around the park
242. Walking, sitting, nature watching, throwing football, throwing frisbee, walking pets.
243. Walking/hiking for exercise. Playground with grandkids.
244. Walks, dogwalks, disc golf
245. Watch my kids or dogs play. Social gathering/picnics
246. We are usually on a walk with our 1 year old. He plays on the play structure/swings at Lakeline Oaks Park
247. We bought our home here in the MUD back in 2020. We have a preschooler so we go to play and I am so grateful to live in a neighborhood with awesome parks and a variety of play structures and park environments. We also attend an outdoor tumbling class held at Anderson Mill West that has been absolutely fantastic to have as an outlet for structured play for my child.
248. We bring our children to the parks to run and play on the equipment. We've had picnics in the shelters. We've enjoyed the unpaved walking path through AMW Park.
249. We bring our grandchildren to these parks to play.
250. We don't visit the cashell park as often because it's infested with mosquitos and there's not much to do but stand around. When we go to Vestavia Park we let our dog run around, but it's also infested with mosquitos we we haven't been able to enjoy it.
251. We go for walks, to play on playgrounds, and I've hosted Tinkergarten classes at Sun Chase Park.
252. We have a 3 year old and a 1 year old. These parks are a huge part of our childrens' childhood. They are always asking to go to the park. We are so grateful to have wonderful parks nearby that are safe in this time of Covid.
253. We like to walk our dog, and enjoy feeding the squirrels! it's also a nice place to come for some quiet time :)

254. We love all the playground equipment and the covered area where we can have parties, picnics.
255. We mostly walk our dogs to these parks or just walk there without dogs.
256. We play on the playgrounds, play laser tag, take the dogs for walks, have picnics
257. We use playscapes, basketball and tennis courts, walk the dog
258. We use the playground equipment, walk, play in the gazebo -- my kids are getting into basketball & may start tennis & volleyball at some point. We also enjoy sitting in the Memorial Garden.
259. We use the playscapes.
260. We use the tennis courts on Old Mill on a regular basis.
261. We usually go on daily walks to various parks or I bicycle and stop by them. But usually we go to at least one park with a whole family every day. Sometimes we take a stop and do not visit every day. But they are something that we really enjoy as a whole family especially during quarantine times. They have provided a way for us to socially distance and visit the parks.
262. We walk and our kids play.
263. We walk, let our dogs play, or take our kids to that little Volente park. The kids really love the one that is also a frisbee golf course and a wildflower preserve.
264. Yoga on the deck, kids play on playscape, walk, picnic

**Open-Ended Response Question 1b:** *If there are any parks or ponds you do not visit, please briefly tell us why.*

1. Not near our home
2. I wasn't aware of some of the parks because they are not in my immediate neighborhood or on major streets that I frequently travel. I don't go to the dog park on Westavia Ridge because I don't have a dog, although I frequently pass by that one.
3. a little far from my house
4. anderson mill west park is by my house
5. Boring
6. Can't find them on a map (Google Maps).
7. Closer ones nearby
8. Comfortable with the one closest to me
9. Crazy resident on bicycle harassing residents and photographing children
10. Did not know they existed
11. Didn't even know about a few of them!
12. Didn't know about them or nothing for kids/dogs to do there.
13. Didn't know certain parks existed or where they were.
14. Didn't know some of these existed! We go to other parks on Goldfinch & oakwood glenn
15. didn't know they exist

16. Didn't know about the other perks and ponds.
17. Didn't know about them, don't have dogs to walk, have kids and bikes
18. Didn't know some of these were around
19. Didn't know that the MUD owned all these parks.
20. distance
21. Distance
22. Distance
23. Distance and what I want to do can be done at the ones I do visit
24. Distance for walking the dog.
25. Distance from house
26. Distance from house.
27. Distance to home - I prefer to walk to the parks rather than drive. Also, some seem more focused for kids and I am not interested in the kid playspaces but rather an outdoor space that is peaceful and calm.
28. Distance, don't know they are there
29. Distance. Usually walk to the park
30. Don't have time to visit them all.
31. Don't know what we would do at the ponds was not aware of the other parks.
32. Don't walk that far to play at them - easier with kids to be close to the house
33. Either they aren't walking distance, we don't know about them, or there are too many people to safely social distance. Now I know about a few others we'll go check them out.
34. Far away from me. Rest are within walking distance
35. Further away from my house so only visit them occasionally.
36. Further from our house
37. Gazebo on old mill has been dirty and in need of repairs. The kids find everything dangerous and I can't risk that. I have noticed graffiti on the pillars by the tennis courts and building in the park on old mill. I don't want to go back because of that.
38. Has playground for kids. Not close.
39. I am still learning about everything. I'm relatively new to the area. I've been visiting the ones people recommended as easy access from our home (El salido and Hickory)
40. I can't drive
41. I did not know about all these parks that existed. We primarily go to ones as a family together.
42. I didn't know about many
43. I didn't even know about most of them.
44. I didn't know about the other parks with playgrounds. As for the ponds, we want places where we can sit in the shade and picnic.
45. I didn't know they existed and/or they are not close by
46. I didn't know they were there
47. I didn't know where some of these were
48. I didn't know about some of them.
49. I didn't know some of the ponds or parks were there. Location.

50. I do not have children and am not engaged in sports as a 70 year old man.
51. I don't go to the rest; I don't drive to the parks.
52. I don't have little kids
53. I don't know about them plus AM park is right across the street from us
54. I don't know much about the other parks and visit the one closest to home
55. I don't visit sun chase pond because there are heck of mosquitoes
56. I generally just stick with the ones closest to my residence.
57. I guess if I went walking I would visit these.
58. I have not visited some of the parks or ponds before because I didn't really know they were there or didn't know exactly what I could do in that designated area.
59. I haven't taken the time to look them up, and we are happy with the ones within walking distance to our residence.
60. I hope to visit all of them this year! I didn't know about a lot of these until I saw the map at the front of this survey.
61. I like to visit the ones within walking distance from our house.
62. I mostly visit those closest to me, those with amenities I will use often. Did not realize some of these were around.
63. I prefer to have my dog off leash
64. I typically go to the closest one
65. I usually go to the same few that are near me and I know about. I don't go looking for new parks lately.
66. I visit the ones closest to my house
67. I visit the parks closer to our house.
68. I walk in parks closer to where i live. If we had a swimming pool I'd visit there more often.
69. I wasn't quite aware of all of them; some may be a little too far for us to walk or bike to
70. I would visit all if I could. We just moved here a few weeks ago. Will frequent the closest to our house but will venture to all eventually
71. If they don't have play grounds or ducks we don't visit.
72. It's far from my place
73. Just aren't as convenient to walk to as the others
74. Just don't have the time, and kids are gone and no longer live in the area.
75. Just haven't.
76. Just not in walking distance
77. Just not interested or are out of walking distance. The best parks are right by me!
78. Just not within walking distance or wasn't aware of them
79. Just out of the way. Didn't know about the ponds!
80. Just prefer the ones that are closer to my home.
81. Just routine and proximity.
82. Like many parks
83. Limited or outdated equipment, not as clean or tended to, and some didn't know about until seeing them on this survey



84. Limited things to do
85. Location
86. Location not within walking distance
87. Location to home
88. locations
89. Main reason is proximity to these parks
90. Many of them don't have a lot of space. I prefer Milburn park because of its size and amenities.
91. Most are not within our walking distance
92. Most of them aren't within walking distance of my house
93. My kids really like the playscapes.
94. My needs are met by the parks closest to me.
95. N/A I haven't seen them. I can visit now that I know of them.
96. Never saw them
97. no
98. No amenities I want
99. No need
100. No need at this stage to go out of our neighborhood
101. No particular reason, they're just not in our rotation
102. No real reason I just don't
103. no reason
104. no reason
105. No reason
106. No reason to visit
107. No reason why; I just don't seem to get there.
108. No special reason
109. Not as convenient
110. Not as convenient. The park and pond I visit are within walking distance from my home
111. Not as convenient... but have visited many of them.
112. Not aware of them
113. Not aware of them
114. Not aware of them, or they aren't convenient to my travels
115. Not aware they are there.
116. Not close to where I live
117. Not close by
118. Not close to my home
119. not close to my house
120. Not close to us.
121. Not convenient
122. Not convenient to me. A drainage basin with benches is not a park.
123. Not convenient to walk to.
124. Not in my neighborhood

125. Not in my vicinity.
126. Not in my walking area.
127. not in walking distance to my home
128. Not interested
129. Not many amenities that interest our 2 year old. we briefly walk through them when jogging.
130. Not near my neighborhood for a quick visit
131. Not nearby
132. not nearby or no reason to visit
133. Not walking distance from home.
134. Not walking distance to my house
135. Not walking distance. Occasionally will bike to them
136. Not within walking distance
137. Not within walking distance.
138. Old Mill is closer & has the amenities we use.
139. Others are closer to me
140. others not as shady in hot weather.
141. Out of my area
142. Out of my normal walking routes
143. Outside of walking distance
144. Parking issues. Crowds that come to that park.
145. Parks we visit are close to our home on Lakeline Oaks
146. Playscape not big enough
147. Ponds are not of interest or safe for my child.
148. Ponds have no water
149. Proximity
150. Proximity
151. Proximity mostly
152. Proximity to my home
153. Proximity to our house
154. proximity to our house. I like to walk the dog to the parks and my kids like to ride their bikes, we mostly use the nauamann playground and the lakeline oaks retention pond.
155. Proximity! We use the ones we can most easily access without a vehicle.
156. Quiet place to walk.
157. Should have a place for golf practice
158. Some are just far, some have no playscapes, some I didn't know about until the map at the beginning of this survey.
159. Some of the parks don't have much to them-maybe just a pond or something, like the Aster Park Pond. The Aster Park pocket pond is cute and has some nice features, but the play equipment is pretty basic and only for very little kids.
160. Some of them don't have bodies of water for fishing, or places for my son to play. Others are very small with limited things to do, like even sitting and reading a book.

161. Some of them I didn't know about. Some are too far away from us.
162. Some of them I wasn't aware of but others don't have anything we use. Also no restrooms.
163. Sun Chase Park is great for exploration, but because it is long and out of sight, so to speak, occasionally we observed unleashed dogs, so we stopped visiting it when the kids were small and have not visited since. The Little Elm Pond, I guess a little confusing, because there is a No Trespassing sign, and it looks like the trail is a dead-end, so I am not sure if that area was open or not
164. Sunchase and Madeline Loop are closest to our house
165. The AMW park is down the block from us and it's got great equipment, so we usually go there.
166. The Little Elm one behind Naumann Elementary goes nowhere. Needs a loop our to connect with a larger path. Honestly not sure why it is there.
167. The other parks not listed are a little further away from our house and aren't on our typical walking path. We've visited all of the parks at one time or another, but not as regularly as the parks I've checked.
168. The others are closer or I am already familiar with them, so I haven't found a need to try the others just yet
169. There are parks we didn't even realize were part of our park system.
170. There are quite a few we don't visit just because they are not as close to is as the others.
171. There aren't enough spaces to play on for our children
172. There isn't much to little elm pond. Bench areas or swings at the old mill park would be nice.
173. These are the ones closest to us
174. They are not close to my house.
175. They are not located close enough for us to utilize
176. They are not within walking distance.
177. They aren't convenient to my home.
178. They aren't as close
179. They aren't as pretty as Brushy Creek or Georgetown Parks so I go there instead
180. They either are not in a convenient area to me or on my walk/bile route
181. They just aren't on my regular path and I forget about the other parks.
182. They're just out of my normal walking distance
183. They're probably further away from my house and I haven't encountered them on my walks/rides with my kids.
184. Too busy and loud
185. Too far
186. Too far
187. too far away
188. Too far away. I prefer to walk to a park.
189. Too far away. No parking.
190. Too far to walk, wasn't aware of them

191. Too far, not an area where my dog can run off leash
192. Too far/not on our path
193. usually because i didn't know they were there or not within walking distance.
194. Visit Anderson mill west 4-6 times a year..., others not convenient
195. Wasn't aware of the one off of the others
196. Wasn't even aware of some of them
197. We Have elementary age children and go where the playgrounds are, several parks do not have any.
198. We are new. I don't know where they all are yet.
199. We don't really visit any other parks because they aren't as close and don't have the trails or playground equipment that draws us to Anderson Mill West Park.
200. We don't visit Little Elm Pond because we weren't aware it was a park or even allowed to be visited. We recently discovered that there is a trail of sorts behind Madeline Loop Pond that leads to Little Elm Pond, but just before entering Little Elm Pond there seems to be some signs indicating that folks should stay out. The same kind of signs prevented us from using the space that is now Madeline Loop Pond before it was created. We also use Lakeline Oaks Park but not once a month so we didn't list it here. We find that it has great playground equipment but we mostly go there for playdates with other children that live close to that park. We also use two parks that are south of Old Mill Rd that are not within the District. We also occasionally use Anderson Mill West Park, but we tend to ride bicycles there or drive and again only do so when visiting with other families, so less than once a month.
201. We don't live as close to the parks we don't visit often.
202. We have a park nearby, so there isn't much need to go to other parks.
203. We just use the park closest to us.
204. We look for parks that our children can enjoy.
205. We no longer have young children. We do use tennis court ls on Old Mill. Our outdoor time is walking the neighborhood, and we do enjoy watching families playing at the parks.
206. We only visit Anderson Mill West. It's the easiest to get to and has the best variety of equipment to play on.
207. We tend to stick to the ones that are within walking distance from our house.
208. We visit the ones near to our house or school
209. What you are calling ponds do not look like or have water like a pond. We would go fishing in them if possible.
210. Why what?
211. With a beautiful park next door, we haven't gotten around to (driving) to another (even tho they aren't far away).

**Open-Ended Response Question 1c:** *Please briefly tell us why you don't visit any of the District's parks or ponds.*

1. Not a choice I make
2. Not interested in them
3. I haven't been able to see my grandkids since the pandemic. I do plan to take them when the state opens up safely. Also, I was not aware of all of the parks shown on that map. Some are a bit tucked away and not visible to newcomers to the area.
4. I used to go frequently when my kids were younger, but my kids are now grown, so I don't go anymore.
5. Don't live in the MUD
6. I do not like the parks
7. Nothing in those areas interest me.
8. Don't live in the neighborhood
9. there are no wild, free, open spaces. For some reason, the district thinks that all parks should have expensive, high maintenance facilities installed.
10. no reason
11. I don't really feel like playing in the parks.
12. I work a very demanding job and do not have the time to visit a park at least monthly.
13. We often go to the Twin Lakes park next to the YMCA because we are long distance runners. The smaller parks and unfortunately are not quite large enough for a long run, but we enjoy seeing them in our neighborhood 😊
14. Nothing for seniors to do in the parks.
15. No time.
16. I moved to this neighborhood about one year ago and it has been during Covid so I do not get out much at all. Additionally, I don't have kids or dogs, (significant reasons) that I would still visit and use parks during this time period. And general unfamiliarness with the places available to and around me.
17. I never leave my house. My kids, on the other hand, do visit parks.
18. No convenient walking trails close to my neighborhood - Lakeline Oaks.
19. Would like more walking trails.
20. No children
21. The "POND" at Little E"y nor an enhancement of the area. I saw a paid Landscape company there the other day using weed eaters...for WHAT? This is no "POND" it is a walk way around a drainage easement next to the elementary school. COMPLETE waste of resources. Other parks (with playground equipment, picnic tables, gazebos etc ARE an enhancement even though our family does not use them).
22. Not close to me
23. I didn't know about them.
24. I don't have young kids, mine is in college. Plus none of these parks have trails long enough to jog, ride, or walk on to be useful
25. A pool is needed in at least one location.
26. No interest
27. I don't know anything about them. What is available to use, etc.

28. No children. Don't need parks any longer.
29. I have a 9 year old autistic child, some of the parks are not designed for him.
30. My child is grown
31. Have not time or reason
32. Because they're in Austin and we don't live there...
33. Not sure
34. I don't think about it now that my kiddo is older and doesn't really play at the park much
35. That's not how I choose to spend my time.
36. Just moved and didn't know they were available
37. Not interested in them once a month.

**Open-Ended Response Question 2:** *Is there anything else you would like to share about the current state of our parks and ponds?*

1. A dedicated dog park would be nice
2. A few times I've been to the park and I see religious messages written in chalk on the sidewalks. It's not a big deal and I know it washes away with rain, but the parks should be welcoming to all, even people who don't identify as Christian. What if someone was writing Islamic messages on the sidewalks? That would probably make the news and the police would be called. I just wish they wouldn't do that.
3. A splash pad or kid-sized pool would be amazing! But I don't know if that is even remotely feasible with the MUD budget.
4. Again, real parks are a valuable asset. Trying to upgrade drainage areas to "parks" is putting lipstick on a pig.
5. AM park is ok, it needs some fixing on the blue rubber flooring and a fence around to keep runner kids from escaping would be gold
6. Anderson Mill West Park could use more sand on the volleyball court and some sort of barrier to keep the ball from going in the street.
7. As homeowners in AMW, we are delighted with the additions to the parks and retention ponds over the last several years. Thank you to the MUD board for doing this! It is money very well spent!
8. At Anderson Mill West Park the equipment is heavily used so it gets wear and tear relatively quickly at least related to other parks. Some of the parks are more hidden and less used and many are not highly accessible to those with physical disabilities. My family loves how much the bigger, more open parks are and it was one of the draws to the neighborhood. I love the mix of quiet and active space at Anderson Mill West.
9. Better litter control

10. Big fan of all the options in the MUD. I'm happy with the conditions at the parks I frequent. The parks brought us to the neighborhood in the first place.
11. Can we add pickle ball?
12. Can we restrict smoking at Aster park since it feels like a private park? My daughter keeps trying to eat the cigarette butts that are left there.
13. Can you set up a camera to monitor those people who do kit clean up after their dogs.
14. Children of all abilities should be able to use the park. I wish parks with swings had an option of a swing with a pull down harness or wheelchair accessible, a communication board at the parks would be nice. More musical options.
15. Coverings for the playscapes would be nice as it gets so hot in the summer
16. Cut taxes
17. Despite my strong words about Little Elm "POND"...the other areas are esthetically pleasing, well maintained and add value.
18. Dog park
19. For being just on the other side of cypress creek rd from milburn pool, you'd think that we'd either have access to it or would've gotten our own community pool by now.
20. Future state- I would love to finally have community POOL
21. Generally I good shape. There are some improvements I would like. Water available for dogs at London Lane Park.
22. Have signs on whom to contact, make it clear on how to communicate with. Also, any plans on investing in a pool?
23. having available covered seating areas is a huge plus; tennis and basketball courts and things for older kids to utilize would be helpful; would really love a neighborhood pool (NOT the Cedar Park city pool...in addition to that)
24. I am very thankful to live in an area with so many parks! I didn't realize we had these ponds we could go to as well. We are blessed.
25. I appreciate the effort that goes into maintenance, I do
26. I believe as paying members of the MUD We should have a say in how the parks are managed. Thank you for asking for input! However, I don't feel that people who are not funding the projects should have input, or at least not weighed the same as members' ideas.
27. I believe they are invaluable to the quality of life in our area abs beyond, I have personally met people from Round Rock and Georgetown in our parks that come here because they are nicer than those closer to where they live. Things like the addition of Christmas lights to the Anderson Mill park are wonderful. Now if we could just put in a water feature, say a splash pad, I'd think they were just about perfect.
28. I don't visit them. Please add Pickleball 😊
29. I greatly appreciate these parks as part of our community
30. I have been to some of the parks in Austin and Round Rock that are very accessible to children with disabilities and I would love to see some of those accessible play

- structures in our neighborhood. My child doesn't have a disability, but I believe it would be good for the whole community to be as accessible as possible.
31. I have not noticed if they are handicap accessible in regard to that question. I will look next time I go.
  32. I have yet to see anyone use the parks by my home. Looks like a waste of money to me. Besides that, where are people to park?
  33. I just don't know as I have not visited them.
  34. I liked it when the district worked with the HOA/ANWNA to help sponsor fun events for the community.
  35. I look forward to being able to attend more community events at the various parks. I think a community garden would be absolutely AMAZING!
  36. I love how they're maintained but the places need more playgrounds in the hidden parks
  37. I love our parks but a swimming pool in our neighborhood would be perfect!
  38. I love the garden with the hand painted pockets that emphasize the importance of our community. The parks seem to be well maintained. I think there could just be more features added to them to make them even More usable for our community.
  39. I love the parks that I visit. I would like to ask if there is a plan to add a play area/playground to the Sun Chase park? It used to have one but I got removed. Thanks for keeping the parks beautiful and clean.
  40. I love the parks, and given how many people are always at the parks I visit, obviously you're doing something right!
  41. I marked neutral on the third question because I have not really noticed if all of the parks and ponds are easily accessible for those with disabilities. I am concerned about all of the trees in the Anderson Mill Park that have died over the last few years. Since I walk the trail there a lot, I have observed workers trimming the trees during times that are not the best times for pruning with Oak Wilt in the district and I never observed the workers sealing any of the cuts made when pruning. I also have not observed the workers sanitizing the equipment before moving on to the next tree in the park. These trees have been here for many years and some are very old. The trees are what make the park beautiful and I would like to keep them. I would like the pruning of trees to be done by a company who uses the protocols for preventing the spread of Oak Wilt throughout the park and the neighborhood and to prevent the loss of even more trees.
  42. I really like the way the parts are right now. They provide nice things for families to do. I hope that they don't change too much but I do think that they are nicely preserved and taken care of. Like I said we've been going to these parks every day with the whole family during the quarantine Covid.
  43. I see a fair amount of trash and debris that should be picked up. Also feel that more frequent mowing should happen.
  44. I think everything has room for improvement, but overall they are great. Some missed opportunity would be some kind of water play area as we do not have an easily accessible pool. I wish we did as the yards are on the small side to have our own!



45. I think it would be wonderful to add a pool or water playscape for our community. I think the closest pool might be the YMCA. I think the families would enjoy an outdoor fun in the hot Texas months.
46. I think it's great having all these amenities nearby, and I think they are well maintained. It's a shame the play area in sun chase was taken down and not replaced though
47. I think the team has done a nice job of keeping these parks up. I wish you would put a playscape back up at Sun Chase park.
48. I think they're pretty good.
49. I think we need to invest in more playground equipment with shade so our kids have more park options and we aren't baking in the sun. I think we need to add signs and extend the unpaved walking path through the district. We need signs showing us where the paths are, because I've lived in the district for 6 years and only recently found a path not in AMWpark.
50. I think you should bring the playscape back to Sun Chase Park
51. I thought no they are GREAT!!
52. I wish our MUD could afford to finish the stone walls that (were supposed) to enclose the Park on Old Mill. The older (private) wooden fences are always in various states of repair and the Park would be so much nicer :)
53. I wish there was a dog park available nearby.
54. I wish there was a playscape at sun chase park again.
55. I wish there were walking trails.
56. I would like more info on how I could help.
57. I would like to see a playground back at the Sunchase Park. We miss that one!
58. I would love dog running water fountains added. If that is impossible then a igloo cooler like London park that is REFILLED on a regular basis. That is SO appreciated.
59. I would love for us to revisit a community pool or splash pad at Anderson mill west park.
60. I would love to have a community garden with an orchard of central Texas thriving fruit trees. I would love a community pool with a large shallow area for young kids.
61. I would visit the Aster Pass park if there were more activities for kids. My kids say it's boring. Need swings or slide.
62. I'm not sure Little Elm qualified as a park as the path doesn't lead anywhere and that is it's only feature other than a retaining pond.
63. I'd like to see more walking trails. I've lived here 31 years and been hoping for some type of neighborhood pool.
64. I'd request that trees above walkways be trimmed. I'm 6' tall and I have to duck sometimes.
65. If you're paying, go big or go home!
66. It needs more plants and flowers
67. It seems the trees need some attention specifically in Anderson mill west park. A lot of trees are dead or dying which poses a safety risk because of the potential for falling limbs.

68. it would be great if the district can organize neighborhood events so that neighbors can meet and socialize
69. It would be nice to have signs on main roads such as Old Mill and Little Elm to indicate parks on lesser-traveled streets.
70. Just keep up with the maintenance. Inframark does a poor job.
71. Keep in mind, everyone should be able to enjoy the areas.
72. Keep the parks as they are and keep them maintained. There is no need to add any new things, i.e.-pickleball, unless equipment or facilities are in disrepair.
73. Lakeline park and amenities are super nice. Looking forward to checking out others.
74. Madeline loop park doesn't make much sense. There's a sidewalk that goes to no where and it doesn't connect to the "loop"
75. Make them more inviting. A little more amenities, attraction
76. Maybe you need to pass along some information about them to MUD residents.
77. Need a dog park.
78. Need maintenance done on old mill gazebo
79. No activities where no parking is available.
80. No additional comment
81. No thank you
82. No water activities
83. No, I think they are well maintained and nice little areas around the neighborhood to walk and let the dogs run around. I'm pretty happy with everything.
84. No, love our parks
85. No. A fenced in off lease park or space would be great.
86. Not enough playscapes and not enough of a variety.
87. Not our parks specifically, but I would like to inquire as to whether or not we would consider a composting program.
88. Not really a space for couples without children.
89. off leash space for people with well behaved dogs
90. Our neighborhood would benefit greatly from a community pool
91. Parking is terrible at Lakeline oaks and if more classes and activities are offered (which would be nice) where are people parking? Cars already line the streets in front of the park AND homes right across from the park and leave trash and such for others to clean up.
92. Parks are fine. Seniors need tax relief.
93. Parks could a d should. e a place where people of all ages can meet up a d socialize. After many attempts to make this a reality, my efforts fell on deaf ears. Hopefully things will change soon. A swimming pool would be the perfect amenity. I'm guessing by now you know who is responding.
94. Plant grass at volente hills Park. It all weeds & burrs.
95. Pool wanted
96. Public restrooms need to be more clean and accessible, more shaded areas
97. Really appreciate that we have them available and would love to see see them used more for community and neighborhood events. Some of the parks are really nice and

- in overall great condition, Anderson Mill West specifically, but would like to see some of the older ones refreshed.
98. Regular maintenance has dropped noticeably over the last couple of years!!!
  99. Should be more info clearly posted about who to contact if there's an issue at the parks ... also I think it should be cheaper for residents to use the tennis courts... hard for residents to figure out how to use and kinda expensive... they are mostly used by non- residents but funded by residents it seems
  100. Some disc golf baskets for practicing or maybe even a small three hole course would be a great addition!
  101. Some improvements to the Basketball court and the sand volleyball put would be nice. All in all, it is pretty good.
  102. Some need more clear walking paths and shaded sitting areas
  103. Some need to be powerwashed, repainted.
  104. Some of the parks are lovely, the one closest to us, Little Elm "Pond", has nothing to offer, the barest one of all parks I have seen
  105. Some smaller parks like the one on Aster Pass may not require as much maintenance, but should also be checked regularly for trash etc
  106. Sometimes trash is just mowed over instead of being picked up. Trash cans overflow
  107. Tend to dry out fast during summer.
  108. Texas heat in the summers make it difficult to enjoy park during afternoon hours. A water feature or splash pad will make it nice for the kids to cool off.
  109. The Anderson Mill park needs the trails to be marked/created again. The grass has taken over and the trails have become quite narrow.
  110. The Aster Pass park should be converted to an off leash dog park. It is already well fenced and the only other off leash dog park is over a mile from our house.
  111. The bathrooms at AMW are always immaculate.
  112. The gazebo at Old Mill Park looks like it could use some love (repair and repaint)  
The bridge at Madeline Loop Pond has some wobbly hand-rails and may need some maintenance. In general our parks are an amazing resource and we love having them.
  113. The Little Free Library at the Gazebo or "Pocket Park" has been "under repair" for 7+ months. This is a very popular amenity and it's puzzling it should take so very long to repair this simple box.
  114. The Madeline loop trail just abruptly ends as do several others. I love the walking paths but wish that some of them would be more completed instead of it just being a dead end.
  115. The only real frustration I have about the parks (and pertains to roadsides) is the fact that the landscape crew who maintains does not pick up trash but rather mows over and chops into pieces. Fine for paper, no good for plastics and wrappers etc. I am constantly picking up the items they do not (after they have chopped one item to 10 items...) . Very frustrating. Too much trash, bottles and plastics littering the parks and ponds.

116. The parks are not well maintained. Parks don't increase property values. No need to increase taxes or get bonds for this type of expenditure.
117. The parks desperately need to be re mulched. Also the rubber play ground surfaces are breaking away causing holes and debris. The gazebos need some maintenance. Many screws loose and broken board/benches.
118. The parks I listed don't have much going on outside of the pond location. Most of the parks are pretty but boring. I would be nice to get a pool in the neighborhood
119. The parks need to be re mulched and repaired. Especially lakeline oaks
120. The power outlet nearest to the bathrooms at Anderson Mill West Park is not working. I've also been told the lock on the women's bathroom does not work, May 4th, 2021.
121. The previous landscape maintenance providers took better care of our facilities than our current providers
122. The trash piles up at AMW park and SunChase.
123. There are residents, and even a MUD board member, that will talk about how parks are a waste of money no matter how nice or how many people use them. Have more community wide events at the parks. Food trucks, and events for families and make sure to communicate the events effectively.
124. There are still downed branches at some from the winter storms
125. There are way too many events, classes, and non-residents at Anderson Mill West park resulting in traffic and parking issues and residents can often not use it themselves.
126. There is still a broken branch in a tree at 1000 Old mill park back by the gate.
127. There isn't much available for children with disabilities
128. There was a dead rat at the park on top of the shades at AM West Park for MONTHS and nobody noticed or cleaned it and we didn't know who to contact. The bouncy thing has been broken for months as well and has a trashbag over it for just as long. It looks bad and is dangerous.
129. There's some interesting new parks in Austin e.g., Far West Blvd, by the Long Center and Leander Woodlands for inspiration. I've been to Golden Gate Nat Rec Area, Magic House in St. Louis, Lady Diana Park in London, and Paris has some nice parks
130. they all need places to sit and shade also ramps to get into the parks for disabled people.
131. They are fine. Don't spend more money
132. They are fine. No more money spending
133. they are swag pog
134. They have cost the District millions of dollars over the past few years without any return on that investment but additional costs to the taxpayers.
135. They need some maintenance... shrubs and trees need trimming
136. They seem poorly marked. One of them I didn't know existed until my kid found it on his bike (the one off Madline Loop). I've lived here for 20 years. The Little Elm path needs to be a round trip, not just a strip.
137. They would be better serving if they were allowed to be natural spaces.

138. Too much emphasis in amenities used by so few
139. Volente Hills park needs maintenance- it needs landscaping and new wood chips and some care given to it to make it appealing. The other parks within Volente Hills have been nicely renovated, so this one needs it too!
140. Water fountains for people and dogs would be great!
141. We love Anderson mill west park so much- it's usually in great condition:)
142. We love our parks and are a big park of why we moved to this neighborhood!!
143. We love our parks at Trace Community in San Marcos
144. We love them! We're always bragging about how great it is to live here because of all the parks. They are heavily used and tremendously valuable. If you doubled the budget for parks it would be worth every penny. Thank you for providing these great parks.
145. We need a pool for the community. Also would like to see Anderson mill west park not so packed and without commercial users like the camp gladiator that take over the pavilion or basketball court. This does not allow residents to use their park they pay taxes for.
146. We need a pool or pools for our kids to enjoy during summer.
147. we need better info on who to contacts for broken stuff and safety hazzards and what parks offer
148. -we need more signage prohibiting people to walk with unleashed pets. This is becoming a problem. -There can be a lot of weeds in the ponds at times hiding pests like snakes
149. We need to replace the playscape at Sun Chase Park with another playscape, preferably including at least 1-2 swings.
150. We would love more amenities like a pool or splash pad!
151. Well kept!
152. Would be nice to have a water activity in one of our parks . Fountains ?
153. Would like a good, clean dog park where I feel safe taking my small dog
154. Would like to see the Little Elm area developed into something more.
155. Would love a play scape at Sun Chase Park again. We're there 3-4 times a week and have small children.
156. Would love more pools or water features for all our hot days.
157. Would love them to be highlighted somewhere in print or community Facebook page. I think others would appreciate too. Even this survey made ME aware. I am thankful!!
158. Would love to have classes for kids AND adults at parks/ponds.
159. Would love to see better lighting in the evening; especially during the fall & winter months when it gets darker earlier. Would love to see AMW Park with cement ping pong tables & skateboarding area and much better lightening through-out the park. The Aster Pass Park needs a bit more & no cactus. My son fell off the cement track into the big cactus and it took quite awhile to pick all the large needles out of him. It's not big enough for large cactus like that.
160. Yes, the maintenance of Sunchase park is pathetic. The landscape company does a horrible job of mowing and keeping the park is good shape. Half the times they mow,

they do a small spot, and leave the rest unmowed or spot mow. No one with the MUD checks on the people who they are paying to keep the grounds.

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Enhanced Natural Areas

1. I'd prefer re-naturalization over other options on this list.
2. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
3. Would love areas that would attract and nurture butterflies, bees, beneficial insects and birds.
4. I have been interested in converting our home yard as natural ([https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife\\_diversity/wildscapes/best\\_of\\_texas\\_certification.phtml](https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/wildlife_diversity/wildscapes/best_of_texas_certification.phtml)). I think it would be great to educate neighbors why this is important and how to do this, or have plant swap festivals.
5. Natural areas don't require enhancing. That makes them unnatural.
6. Do not know where it is though
7. We have limited space as is.
8. Having an area dedicated to wildflowers and butterflies would be a beautiful addition to the district.
9. With caution to not create habitats that attract snakes.
10. My kids would love it.
11. There are many places to go to enjoy raw nature. I think the focus of our neighborhood parks should be on amenities that allow our residents to fully use the limited space we have.
12. I like butterfly gardens in particular
13. love the idea of pollinator gardens!
14. Natural areas are nice and places for fishing would be nice too
15. Also more community garden space would be nice
16. Yes to native plants that are hearty and low-maintenance.
17. I like this and hope there will be in person meetings with suggested plans. Many time plans are out in place, without residents feedback and the funds used are wasted because we were not consulted.
18. Enhanced like maintained trails? That would be it...let nature be otherwise.
19. "natural areas" means stop building stuff that has to be maintained... natural means keep it open and let stuff grow.
20. I'm not really sure what this would mean
21. I would prefer more maintained areas where my kids wouldn't get as many bug bites
22. Wild life and people interactions are a concern.
23. What does enhanced mean?
24. Not something my family would enjoy
25. This would be a better, low-impact, use for the drainage areas. Sow some wildflower seed and leave it alone.

26. Un necessary and redundant.
27. with walking trails
28. Food producing gardens and walkable nature areas that are beautiful is very important to me.
29. Pollinator habitats that are preserved from pesticides with walkways and/or trails for hikers and bikers would be wonderful. Benches for those who are older or have disabilities would also be nice.
30. Natural areas are great if they are self maintaining
31. seems it would attract snakes and rats
32. Much needed!
33. First off, don't be vague when presenting a survey (I conduct marketing research for a living). The topic, Enhanced Natural Areas, isn't self-explanatory, ... I'm assuming that you want to understand if it's worth an investment on planting more greenery in the surrounding parks?
34. Sounds like this would reduce the usable area in favor of wildlife.
35. More opportunities to connect to native wild life is important for mental health and gives children a chance to appreciate nature.
36. More trees are important
37. I love natural landscaping
38. With walking trails and Interpretive signs
39. Please more flowers and nature please

#### Open-Ended Comment Box: Improved Accessibility Features

1. Would love this especially with little ones in strollers, we love the Brushy Creek paved paths with handrail
2. Where? What? How? This question has no value without detail and context.
3. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
4. I'm not aware of accessibility issues but support if anything is needed. There is a round rock accessibility park that is specifically made for those with special needs, and even my nephews and nieces without special needs love playing there.
5. Accessibility features means exactly what? Handrails? bumps at curb cuts? What are you talking about in parks and ponds?
6. Natural surfaces not cement
7. I am not able to answer this as I am not disabled.
8. I do not know where it is, so cannot provide my opinion, but assuming it enhance the accessibility to people with disabilities I like that
9. If any areas are not accessible to those with disabilities, this would need to be done. I would like it to be done with materials and in a way not to distract from the beauty of the character of individual spaces.
10. Inclusion is important even if I don't personally benefit.
11. I do think accessibility is important. I'd rather spend money on this than anything else.

12. While I understand the desire to be inclusive, it can be very expensive to build accessible features, so I would encourage the MUD to use money for this purpose wisely, choosing some low hanging fruit that improves accessibility, but without too much cost.
13. Everyone should have access
14. Should always be able to have accessibility for for disabled.
15. Our parks should be accessible to all.
16. We don't need this, but others may
17. London Lane Pond would be the main place I can think of that needs improvement here but that ramp could be improved for sure.
18. stop building stuff that has to be maintained.
19. I think this is important so everyone can use the space.
20. Great for seniors.
21. Safety first.
22. Too much money. Little/no need
23. There are already parks with great and varied access. Use the money to invest in things we don't have already.
24. My husband is in a wheelchair and can only walk very short distances. Ramps and shelter from hot sun would be nice everywhere.
25. Much needed!
26. Helpful for disabled. Could be me one day. So helpful.
27. There are "hidden" stairs on the sidewalk between Cashell Wood Pond and Anderson Mill Pond. There is no signage/railing/warning that you are coming up to two separate sets of stairs.
28. Yes

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Natural Playscapes

1. Perfect for Sunchase! Or the back area in ANW park
2. This project was approved by a previous Board for Megan Dudo's daughters Girl Scout troop. The girls raised money for this project. Now it shows up as a 'District' project. Self serving, self interest project by a member of the MUD Board.
3. How long will this last without maintenance
4. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
5. I think natural playscapes are a great idea - they would go nicely in sun chase park which already has the fairy garden contest. There are not kid play areas at Su chase so this would make the space more attractive for people with kids. Also a possibility for this would be the aster park which need "something" to make it more inviting and interesting for kids as a bit dull now. Also aster park needs better signage, it's hidden.
6. Very much!
7. I think kids would enjoy the variety of materials for their play.



8. Natural playscapes are trees, hills, dirt and rocks. The ones nature left behind, not more 'enhanced' natural.
9. Only if it is less expensive
10. Not a necessity.
11. When kids were small they enjoyed something like that at the Elizabeth Milburn Park
12. I would like to keep the Sun Chase Park in the natural state with limited play there. I love the peaceful feel of this park. I love the idea of natural playscapes in other areas of the district.
13. That would be a great addition to all the plastic.
14. Yes! We need this, but it needs to be shaded.
15. So long as it is t a way just to use up space that can be used for a much needed swimming pool
16. If park maintenance is cutting down or trimming a tree then they could reuse/sand down to make soft and safer for kids to play, I'd be for that
17. natural means let the trees grow, let the wildlife exist unimpeded
18. I have fond memories of using such playscapes and our children are already making use of whatever nature is providing in these parks.
19. More things for kids to play on are appreciated
20. My kids like to pretend we are out in the woods at sunshade Park. I'd love to see something like the there! But this park also has bad mosquitoes so it would need to be sprayed
21. This is great for the children and encourages creative play.
22. Kids enjoy these and the cost is not high.
23. Note - I'd rather have this than large plastic play equipment.
24. Standard jungle gyms are boring. That picture looks great. Veterans park in Cedar Park did this really well.
25. This would be GREAT at Sun Chase park
26. I grew up with wild areas nearby. I preferred these to playgrounds because it is soothing to the soul. Kids spend most of their time in institutions (school, after-school care, activities) that they don't have enough time to just be IN nature.
27. Seems they'd break down faster than traditional parks but definitely look better than the big plastic stuff
28. Again,, much needed!
29. ITS A MUST !!!!
30. My kids are too old for this but I think it's very important for others' young children!
31. Please just build cool playgrounds none of those stupid natural ones

#### Open-Ended Comment Box: Public WiFi

1. Encourages disengaging with the park and all its amenities while enjoying free Wi-Fi.
2. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.

3. Most people have phone access anywhere. Parks are for being outside in nature not technology
4. Parks and public outdoor spaces should be for unplugged activities.
5. This would be wonderful especially if people do not have access to broadband.
6. Public Wi-Fi does not lend itself to having fun in parks. It encourages faces to be stuck on screens - and not enjoying the nature around them. Bad idea.
7. Not a wise option for our children in this time of porn and trafficking
8. Completely unnecessary and waste of money.
9. This is not something the MUD needs to get involved in. Too far off mission.
10. Wow, this would be fantastic for the community.
11. I wouldn't use it but it might be good for students and WFH workers to get out
12. What's the purpose/point
13. We are trying to get awayyyyy from this when we go to the park!!!!
14. I don't want taxpayers who don't use the parks to pay for wifi for the very few people who do... if they want wifi, they can pay for it on their own cell phone bill
15. This would be nice but not in every park, just select areas where it is quieter.
16. This is a must in today's society. We are new to San Marcos and the cell service sucks. I know that's not your problem but it's very important for people to have access when needed. I think it would bring more visits to the parks if you could relax with WiFi access for work, school, and play.
17. Not secure and no reason to provide for non-residents
18. Not a wise use of taxpayer funds.
19. NO!!!!
20. I go to the park to get away from WiFi.
21. In this neighborhood I'd think phone wifi capabilities don't make this a worthwhile investment. Save the \$ for areas where the need is greater.
22. I think being UN plugged is important for parks. People can access wifi at libraries and such.
23. No point. Your at the park to enjoy being outside. If you provide wifi you will end up with people freeloading off the wifi for work.
24. This would be amazing!
25. This would be AMAZING!! So many people are online these days, but it would be great to be outdoors and enjoy the weather at the same time. I would definitely visit the parks more if this was available.
26. would come in handy!!
27. Most people are getting unlimited data, which decreases the need of public wifi.
28. Going to the park is a chance to disconnect from screens- we all need this!
29. Only in a few places -maybe just at pond sites
30. It's a park. why
31. We should be spend time in the parks with our family we don't need the expense of public wi-fi
32. Public networks aren't secure.

**Open-Ended Comment Box: Enhanced Trails and Paths**

1. Great incentive for people to go outside and have accessible walking paths for health!
2. This question is too vague. What trails? What paths?
3. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
4. Would love for this to include a walking path that shares about the history of our area. When you visit the Cedar Park website, the history listed begins with colonization. Several Indigenous tribes and present-day thriving Native American nations have always called this area home — particularly the Tonkawa tribe that was forcibly and violently relocated from our area to present-day Oklahoma. When that history isn't reflected around us, it contributes to the erasure of Native people today and a full & accurate history is critical for making outdoor spaces more equitable and accessible for all people. I'd love for signs that educate everyone about this area being the traditional and ancestral homeland of the Tonkawa people (and several other tribes have been a part of this area in more recent history, too), shares about some of the native plants in the area and the significance they hold, and potentially ways to learn more and support the displaced tribe today.
5. I'm not familiar to any trails, I would love to see this with clear guides of where the trail head begins and ends.
6. Only modify current paths
7. Seems unnecessary
8. I do not feel that the trails in the parks are long enough to warrant putting extra large signs and poles in the park. I would rather just enjoy the trails. If signs are going to be used, I would like to see something small and made from natural products.
9. not a priority for me
10. This would be great. We have a lot of active people in our neighborhood. Many walk the loop around AMW park but it can get repetitive.
11. These could be great projects for Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts in our areas to help the community
12. I don't understand this question.
13. YES! Let's make it easier for walkers, runners and cyclists to move around our city.
14. Only if maintained. Currently they are not.
15. As for the small park and pond we go to, I really don't think it's necessary
16. More trails, how about a pump track or bike park at Hatch Pond? Trails and bike lanes connecting the neighborhood better too
17. If users want something, those users should raise the money to pay for it.
18. It would be great to connect the parks with trails. I would really like access from old mill to oakwood glen park
19. Maps and distance markets with water fountains would encourage more fitness walking/jogging.
20. I bike, not walk

21. This would be nice as long a safety is assured.
22. Our parks aren't large enough for this.
23. City of Cedar Park already has such places. DO NOT SPEND our money this way.
24. This is DEFINITELY what would interest my family.
25. I personally just want to do my own thing when I walk.
26. YES! Walking paths are a priority for me. It's nice to know the distances you've walked or maps from point A to point B.
27. The Little Elm pond has a trail that is useless. I don't want to walk down the side of a ditch just to turn around and walk down the other side. I wish the Naumann fence wasn't there and the kids could walk to the middle school like they could back in the day.
28. walking trails are the best!
29. this would be nice!
30. More shaded areas for running with non- concrete trails.
31. Can we have a cement path to cypress elementary from the park?
32. Walking is cool when I know where to go

#### Open-Ended Comment Box: Tot Play Areas

1. We NEED this!!!
2. This especially for the Aster Pass Pond
3. Already have this. It's called Aster Pass Park.
4. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
5. Aster park or sun chase park would be nice for this.
6. We have tot areas that are great. More play areas for the disabled would be pleasant.
7. Great for little ones!! So needed for them and their care givers.
8. There is already a dedicated toddler play area in Aster Park.
9. I have two young children and feel the parks we have, have enough for all children.
10. I would not want to see this in the Sun Chase Park.
11. Will renew population age of neighborhood and house value
12. I love this idea. We went to the new playground Alliance at Butler Park that had a slide/hill feature like this and the kids loved it.
13. It is incredibly beneficial for both young children and older kids to have separate spaces where littles can play
14. That's adorable
15. That would be awesome!
16. That looks amazing!
17. Only if maintained. Currently the parks are geared to very young children. A swimming pool is for all ages. Spend our tax dollars here. You'll be amazed at how happy well all be.

18. We are past raising toddlers, but there are lots in the neighborhood who would want this I bet
19. Have you ever given a tot an expensive toy just to see them playing with the box it came in? Seriously... tots should be given a place to play and they will use their creative minds to make it work
20. Only in specific parks like Lakeline Oaks and Anderson Mill West Park on El Salido.
21. My kids are aging out of this sort of thing but I see value in being able to get out of the house with the littlest to do something interesting.
22. This would be wonderful!! I love the idea.
23. As long as it's open to all ages. Some kids may look older but have a much younger mind set.
24. This adds value to the entire area.
25. All tot play areas should ensure that children are visible while parents watch from a stationery position. I would not like that mound with tunnels because kids are out of sight while inside. Tot play areas are any area where a parent holds the child's hand and the child plays.
26. I don't have tots but that would have been so NICE
27. seldom used
28. but I am afraid it would just be vandalized...
29. MUST
30. I am a 15 year old so sure I guess
31. We have this already

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Outdoor Games

1. Re-naturalization allows kids to use their imaginations and come up with their own games. More brightly colored plastic does not bring people to parks and kids bore of it quickly. Furthermore, the ongoing maintenance of these 'amenities' is cost prohibitive long term.
2. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
3. Outdoor Ping pong! Awesome idea for all ages
4. These are very popular and inexpensive. washer throwing areas and bocce ball is also easy to implement.
5. Yes! Great way to connect and have fun.
6. These are tricky. If they have required pieces (like paddles), then they can get stolen, lost, or damaged. If that happens, they just become an eyesore or wasted space.
7. Maintenance, maintenance, maintenance. A novelty item.
8. I'd rather my kids and their friends be at home playing
9. This would be a good choice to use in some of the larger pond areas. I would like to keep the areas with walking trails more natural.
10. That is a great idea

11. I think depends on the games. Horseshoes at the park was never popular, but I worry that people wouldn't take care of the game pieces. Thinking of late movable chess pieces.
12. This looks like it would be a waste of money. I don't think there would be enough use to justify the purchase cost and cost of maintenance.
13. Not sure how much these would actually be used. Outdoor equipment like volleyball or basketballs in a container at the parks could be nice but could also disappear easily.
14. Nice idea and good for kid teamwork. All this so far can be secured via grant funding.
15. Would be fun
16. Bocce Ball
17. bring your own games or raise the money to provide them if you and a small group want them
18. Again in certain Parks only: Lakeline Oaks & Anderson Mill West.
19. If the games included more than two people. Like a Gaga pit. Or four square. Hand ball.
20. Great idea but as we are finding out quickly, must have shaded areas to escape the heat.
21. These will just fall into disrepair and be an eyesore or require costly maintenance.
22. Unnecessary expense.
23. They will be destroyed in no time. Who is accountable and who is responsible for replacing damaged items in a timely manner. This is why places that offer outdoor games regulates the materials being used. For example, you have to reserve or check out bocce balls and pay to play pool.
24. They will be destroyed in no time. Who is accountable and who is responsible for replacing damaged items in a timely manner. This is why places that offer outdoor games regulates the materials being used. For example, you have to reserve or check out bocce balls and pay to play pool.
25. MUST HAVE
26. These rarely get used and quickly look run down and sad.
27. Water something please it's hot in Texas for the kids
28. Meh

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Social Gathering Areas

1. They already exist all over the District.
2. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
3. This would bring the community together.
4. They already exist.
5. We already do this by bringing our chairs; concerts in the park and movie nights
6. Where I came from we used to have areas like that, and on the weekend people were playing chess, domino and alike. The challenge would be to have people coming, as everyone looks into their smartphones which discourage meeting new neighbours

7. The Anderson Mill West Park and Lakeline Oaks already have gathering areas. Something like this would work for some of the pond areas. Once again, I would not want to see this in the Sun Chase Park as I like the feel of being out in nature in that park.
8. we have quite enough of those pavilions
9. Unless you plan on hosting events like concerts or movie nights, frequently, then a typical pavilion is enough.
10. Would love to see this, especially if it leads to more community/neighborhood events and gatherings
11. It'd be nice but only after everyone is vaccinated
12. This picture looks like a mush mash but I see what you mean. How about game night for adults and other adult activities...tournaments...het creative please
13. people can throw up their own tents and folding chairs in any open space.
14. This is what it's all about.
15. Do this at some parks but not all.
16. Good activities bring communities together.
17. If there were community events established with such a venu; Music, Farmer's Market, Holiday(s) events.
18. There's enough seating with benches and picnic tables. Plus plenty of grassy areas for people to lay down a blanket and read or have a picnic.
19. Honestly the picnic tables in parkes are good enough
20. If you want to increase participation in parks, create a place to actually socialize and plan events, ... love it.
21. YES
22. Only if it is carefully and regularly checked for being tidy- no empty beer bottles and oerfliwing trash cans!
23. Cringe
24. We have plenty spots already

#### Open-Ended Comment Box: New Play Equipment

1. Already have huge investment in play equipment. They have short term appeal for kids. Additionally, they are continually needing maintenance.
2. We just got new equipment
3. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
4. We need to also first fix the playground stuff we have. For playground equipment naturalistic preferred.
5. The current playgrounds are awesome! Not a necessity but I understand changing things up ever few years.
6. What's in place is relatively new. Enjoy it for awhile.
7. Seems things are already good in this area
8. We just purchased new equipment
9. Only if it is in disrepair and needs to be replaced. Emphasizing "need".

10. I really would like to have some outdoor gyms for grown-ups (see the photo at the end), something similar to what they have in Elizabeth Milburn Park, or in several other parks in Austin, and other cities: we got a lot of playscape for kids, but very little for adults
11. Even though this looks like a lot of fun for kids, it would take up a lot of space. I would not want to see it in the Anderson Mill West Park or the Sun Chase Park. I would be okay with it in one of the larger pond areas.
12. really want this!!
13. We have so many open areas that would be perfect for play equipment.
14. I don't think we need full new equipment but some items need replacing
15. Idk, the one at Yanaguana Gardens causes trouble because kids go up the slide and that black part gets super hot.
16. Water activities
17. repetitive...not unless grant funded. Don't use tax dollars to use up space
18. New exciting play equipment for the teen aged kids would be fun
19. Anything for the Kids!
20. stop trying to find ways to spend money. If someone wants to fix a broken swingset, we have plenty of volunteers who can make repairs
21. I think the current condition of the play equipment at lakeline oaks and Anderson mill west is good
22. Select parks only but maintenance may be a concern.
23. Oh yes!! Please. It would be so much fun for the kids.
24. Only if equipment is deteriorating or in need of an all abilities upgrade.
25. Again, needs to support all ages.
26. Overkill for our area.
27. Great to have MORE options for play
28. I feel like it gets changed out every 10 years or so, that seems like a good schedule.
29. Existing equipment is pretty new
30. would be vandalized in our current area
31. MUST
32. Unless it is a splash pad
33. All of it. but please mostly swings
34. The equipment was recently replaced in 2 parks that I know of

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Classes and Recreational Programming

1. When the Lakeline Oaks building is up and running, I would like to offer an after school program for our neighborhood with active classes and camps for our neighborhood kiddos.
2. Not enough community participation in these things yet all taxpayers have to pay for it.
3. YMCA has plenty



4. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
5. Would love yoga, tai chi, meditation, family classes—dance, martial arts, fitness
6. This is already happening with private businesses.
7. The city of cedar park has plenty of programs
8. Because the instructors have to pay a fee to get classes set up in the park, it may discourage them to set these classes. I'd like to have these kind of drop-in classes available, and it helps meeting new neighbours too
9. This is already happening in both the Anderson Mill West Park and the Lakeline Oaks Parks. I am missing our yoga class on Thursday night at Lakeline Oaks.
10. That is just noise and a foreign crowd overtaking our space and peace
11. Love this- builds a sense of community.
12. If it doesn't impede residents from using the park facilities
13. Our parks are already used for this by private providers. Unless it is economically feasible, I don't see the need.
14. I would love yoga in the park!
15. It depends on how this affects community use of the space when people are holding classes. All classes in parks should be free.
16. Nice idea. Our current grounds are currently not suitable. A swimming pool alongside would be super
17. Yoga please
18. 5... if a coach or instructor wants to make money offering classes that people will pay for, they should be required to give a cut to the neighborhood for providing them a place to do it.
19. Good idea.
20. Independent groups already provide this at the parks. The MUD doesn't need to be in this business.
21. No need. Area too small to support such program(s)
22. Just personal preference. I don't mind but would never join a group exercise activity. Rather work out on my own.
23. I would love for more opportunity to make friends in the neighborhood. Please create age groups for classes or events so we can join ones to find peers of similar age.
24. Although I am not sure attendance would be like pictured. I know there is a lady who offers free yoga every Thursday and I'm not sure how much attendance she has, but is worth researching

#### Open-Ended Comment Box: Landscaping and Beautification

1. Bias question. Should have a 'maintain current state' option.
2. The mud does not take care of area very well
3. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
4. Community garden if their is space.
5. Current parks are lovely.
6. Learn how to maintain what you have first before investing in more.

7. Too expensive to maintain
8. Keep what we have maintained and add a tree of bush every once in a while.
9. We love the Aster Pass and landscaping is great
10. I like it natural
11. I don't think we should invest in landscaping that requires frequent maintenance.
12. This is a great way to invest in the neighborhood. It not only adds value to homes but creates a statement that we care about our community.
13. Things look pretty nice now.
14. I would like to see lights along some of the trails
15. Fancy landscaping can be expensive to maintain. Choose wisely, and don't go overboard. We don't need botanical gardens.
16. Currently it appears that our landscapers,, Sunscapes, are nothing more than a lawn mowing service, so not sure what you really mean
17. Some special areas with Texas native plants arranged in a thoughtful design with incorporated seating would look good (maybe the corner area of Anderson mill west on el Salido and dagama - could resemble Ladybird Johnson wildflower or Austin's downtown Botanical gardens ...
18. Volunteers would love a place to maintain and call their own. They would be happy to beautify and raise vegetables, flowers, etc.
19. The parks are fairly attractive already but maintenance is necessary.
20. Waste money that could be used on more important things.
21. Looks like an excuse to spend more money.
22. What we have looks fine as is.
23. With preferably native plants.
24. As long as the plants are Texas natives and attract butterflies and bees.
25. Low maintenance. Parks are great, drainage areas don't need the landscaping or amenities.
26. It's pretty but is it a waste of water and money? Can we really maintain it well?
27. And maintenance on a regular basis
28. Please include plaques with names of plants so we can learn about the plant species and teach our children.
29. The parks look good already, they just need to be maintained

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Community Events

1. This is a Government and not a social organization for heavens sake!
2. Milburn park has events
3. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
4. Nice option for movies in the park or plays or "lectures"
5. These were some of our favorite things to do at previous places we've lived. Movies in the park Elizabeth Milburn, the holiday event at Anderson Mill West park, and the fairy garden contest at Sun Chase have been great before COVID.
6. This is social organization activities and not how I want my tax dollars spent.

7. Current events are enough
8. Milburn parks has this 1/2 mile down the road
9. Community events are good, no how can we have people not to look into their smartfone all the time, to encourage to say Hello to fellow neibourghs :)
10. They were great when we had them but with current fueds- better to wait
11. Yes!
12. Even when I can't make the events, each one builds community!
13. The ones we have are wonderful
14. repetitive in a way. but sure. Oucrures of lots of people are nice but....
15. 4ty of July morning parade and concert has been fun! Missing that since covid.
16. let people and organizations host events and deliver part of the proceeds to the residents
17. Great idea: movies, holiday events; especially LIVE MUSIC!
18. Some but not all parks.
19. Great idea.
20. Elizabeth Millburn already has/does this. Redundant for our area.
21. As long as it doesn't take up walking trail space that could be made.
22. Only if parking is re-evaluated. Otherwise cars lining the homes near the park are really at a disadvantage and have to clean up the trash that floats into their yards and driveways.
23. I love this idea
24. Events should be for MUD residents and their guests
25. Need more of this

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Off-Leash Dog Areas/Dog Parks

1. We already have 2.
2. The District already has 2 off leash dog parks. Misleading question.
3. We have 2. That's plenty
4. Aster Pass park should be an off leash dog park
5. Don't have a dog but no people and dogs who would love that.
6. I would LOVE for the Aster Pass Park to be an off leash park. It's already fenced, it would be so great to have an off leash park on this side of the neighborhood.
7. There are already 2 of them in the District.
8. We have plenty of these already
9. We have to already don't need more
10. While we do not have dog, having the designated off-leash zones will limit off-leash encounters within on-leash zones
11. I like what we have - it's always nice to have more but not a priority
12. I'd like to have a dog park that allows for dogs to socialize. We love the London Lane Dog Park but people seem to think it is one in, one out. Many people don't want to socialize their dogs there.
13. We have these

14. I don't want it for myself (no pets), but see the value for other homeowners. If we have space.
15. Not at AMW park pls!
16. Just not a fan of dog parks but to each their own
17. We have a doggo and would like to get her odd leash
18. For me this is the MOST important as my kids are grown.
19. Dog parks are dangerous...has been my experience. Maintaining is an issue since you are trying to curtail and sounding funds to maintain beautification areas.
20. We have but more would be good
21. we already have plenty of places... fences are in place. Maintain what we've got
22. YES!!!
23. This is a great idea especially with access to water for pets and pet owners.
24. People need to pick up their dog poop. Maybe signs to encourage picking up their own dog poop
25. A lot of people care very deeply for their dogs. This would make them feel welcome and more will to visit.
26. One is enough for the district.
27. Based on comments on Nextdoor, there is a want/need for such a space closer to our community than what is currently available.
28. I would rather have dogs allowed on trails with waste disposal bins. I have used the Veteran Memorial bark park and watched it go downhill. Too many irresponsible dog owners. In this tight neighborhood setting dogs should be allowed on trails but remain leashed.
29. I don't think the community geography would lend itself to that purpose in my area, and there's a sanitation cost as well as in noise and animal injuries.
30. Would be GREAT to have a dog park area in the MUD.
31. No. I have a strong aversion/fear to dogs especially when they are loose and not controlled by their owners.
32. Madeline loop park and little elm pond have plenty of room for this
33. if it keeps people off the school playground with their dogs, I'm all for it
34. Maybe folks would use it
35. YES THIS PLEASE!!!!!!!!
36. This is my number one priority.
37. IF they are enclosed. I have a child who has a debilitating dog phobia. People walk through the neighborhood with off leash dogs. Not only does it terrify her (and probably young children, too), but it endangers the public when dogs fight. Having a place for people to take their dogs off leash would be helpful for the entire area. For everyone's safety!
38. An off leash dog park would be AMAZING
39. We have this already
40. I would only want this if it was cleaned daily by paid staff

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Conservation Projects

1. Re-naturalization
2. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
3. Bat houses and owl houses would be good for natural rodent control.
4. Yes! Yes! Yes! I'd love to volunteer to help build these types of things. No experience but would to help out.
5. Too expensive
6. Very educational, and it is important, as this way kids hopefully may grow up into a good stewards of the nature
7. This sounds like a good way to use run off water. I wonder if a rain collection system of some sort could be used to irrigate the park areas.
8. Another potential collaboration project with one of the scout programs or even schools
9. Sets a good example and shows the character of our community
10. Parks cut also be a place where community members can be educated on native plantings
11. Seems that you are trying to cram in too much.
12. there will be tons of volunteers who would take turns monitoring truly open, wild spaces.
13. I would really like management to reduce mosquito breeding sites
14. Good idea, but should not limit resident usage.
15. I think we can use this money in a better way.
16. I'm not sure what is meant by this...I could be interested.
17. Meaning more land set aside then yes
18. Don't know what this is but it sounds interesting
19. Please

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Water Play Areas

1. A fenced splash pad. We could even charge a fee for non residents as there is nothing close by that is fully enclosed. A pool with slides would also be great.
2. Would love this so we don't have to trek out of our way for splash pads
3. None of the District parks have parking. Anderson Mill West park which Megan has targeted for this amenity would push cars into Dagama Court to park. Imagine the crisis that would create for emergency vehicles if they needed to get up there. Additionally, there is a full swimming pool less than 1/2 mile away that includes an entire splash pad / pool area. Additional park maintenance costs, no parking, and a very fine option within walking distance of AMW park make this idea fiscally irresponsible.
4. High liability
5. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
6. I believe there is no room for a splash pad in any park location.

7. Year round water play area perhaps better than splash pad? Splash pad would also be nice but preference for water play / sand area as kids could use that year round. See attached pics.
8. High cost and high maintenance
9. Yes! Hot Texas summers!
10. Yes, I commented on this in another question. I think families would looooooove this.
11. These are expensive to maintain, but they can be a lifesaver during the summer. We'll drive out of our way to go to one.
12. Absolutely not. Liability, Maintenance, Vandalism, no parking and the biggest reason of all, the waste of a precious resource! WATER! All reasons why this is a horrible idea. We are fortunate to live less than .5 mile from Elizabeth Milburn park where a full pool / water park exist.
13. Have enough already... can be done at home.
14. Milburn park has a splash pad
15. There are several water facilities close to us that families can use. If it is placed in one of the pond areas, I would be okay with it, but not in Anderson Mill West Park or Sun Chase Park.
16. Really would like this
17. Yes, yes, yes!!!!
18. While these can be great they are hard to maintain and keep nice it seems
19. This would be a real addition to the neighborhood! It would increase the value of our homes.
20. Please!!
21. To hot in Texas so needed and our community has been asking for over 20 years
22. a swimming pool for EVERYONE a d not just kid stuff. A pool and adjoining splash pad would be great. Visit Avery Ranch...they have a nice one where my brother lives. Not sure if street...maybe Musty White Way near the school.
23. Kids would LOVE this. So would the parents!
24. Its Texas - yes
25. water play areas for our own residents are one thing... a very, very expensive thing. I had a 10 year career maintaining public bathing places. There's no way, however, that we should be providing expensive, hazardous venues that are open to anyone outside of our neighborhood. And these should only be built if they can raise revenue to support the expensive maintenance.
26. I'd like to see a pool but even a sprinkler area for the kids in the summer would be nice.
27. My kids are older and wouldn't use these, but they are fun
28. Definitely with this Texas heat. Money has gotten tighter for a lot of families, this would show we care.
29. We voted against a swimming pool. This would be attracting folks that don't live in our MUD district that currently don't contribute to such a thing (apartments). NO. Just a liability.

30. As a parent I know firsthand these are a nightmare. Combining wet slick areas with running children in a neighborhood setting is a terrible idea.
31. If this means a pool then 5.
32. This is my TOP area of want/need for the MUD parks. Really important.
33. To much of wasted water
34. Can we get a community pool that HOA dues go towards???? Yes please!
35. This would be great!!!
36. Unless the camps can't use it. It seems like all the water parks get overloaded by summer camps
37. we have a long summer and it would come in handy
38. YES
39. this would be GREAt for young and old alike
40. It gets so hot during the summer, also play areas get too hot to touch for the kids
41. Summers are really hot !
42. Least of all this money pit.
43. Can't see the picture but would like a dog water play area.
44. Would be nice to have pool access since we can't use Cedar Park's.
45. Again it's texas we need it to keep children cool
46. Do we need this expense?

#### Open-Ended Comment Box: Athletic Facilities

1. or GaGa ball.
2. Athletic fields come with shrill whistles and noise both day and night. It's a nonstop annoyance to anyone that lives within hearing distance of these fields. Homeowners who live around Hatch Pond which is already being used as an athletic field has caused numerous complaints with the county for noise and parking violations. Again, there is no parking around the Districts parks and ponds and an athletic field draws cars that need a place to park.
3. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
4. There are plenty of these in the area already.
5. The noise and traffic are of primary concern and the cost of mainting a field that would be available to anyone, including those that don't pay for it. BAD idea.
6. Too expensive
7. I really would like to have some outdoor gyms for grown-ups
8. We already have tennis courts, pickleball and basketball courts. The Hatch Pond area is being used for sports practice. Something like this might work in one of the larger pond spaces.
9. Our district is not large enough to justify having athletic fields; unless you plan on renting it out to outsiders.
10. The image didn't show so not sure the type. More basketball and maybe wiffleball space
11. I feel like we have these.

12. These can take away from the general use aspects of the parks
13. Less is more. As long as the sports-specific facilities don't detract from the general use
14. Pickle ball, please
15. Not sure what you mean here but our tennis courts are seldom used and the sand court is never used.
16. I really want private organizations to bring them and provide the facilities if they can make it work financially!
17. I think these are well represented already in the neighborhood.
18. But as a last choice. Other things are more important for the community.
19. Absolutely NOT!
20. We do not have enough natural areas. Don't pave over them.
21. Golf
22. Pickle ball courts
23. The basketball courts on Old Mill are in almost continuous use. This would be a great thing to expand upon!
24. plenty of other places to do this
25. Shouldn't be charged additional to use the tennis courts or other facilities.
26. Youth baseball
27. But organized schedules . . . not just for people who want to give lessons
28. Sold! :-)
29. pickleball
30. Cp already has Milburn for these needs
31. We do not need this as we are so close to Milburn Park

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Community Gardens

1. Yes please!
2. Love gardening and would love to see a community area
3. If we can find a spot for this.
4. Low cost
5. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
6. This might be tricky to maintain and take care of properly...
7. WTCMUD#1 has a very limited amount of park space. Should not use the limited amount for gardens.
8. Yes!!
9. Yes if it's built by residents not outside companies
10. What if the "community" stops voluntarily tending the garden? Then you'd have a mess.
11. I like the idea, but not sure how they would work. We saw them in Boston, and in Elizabeth Milburn park



12. I would want to know where this would be located. There is a community garden at Milburn Park and I have always wondered who maintains it and how many people actually use it. unit who maintains it and how many actually use it. A community garden does take commitment and someone willing to maintain the garden or it easily gets out of control. This could be one of the volunteer opportunities and a great way to get children involved in volunteering, too.
13. We all have gardens I believe, so?
14. Yes, another thing that builds a sense of community.
15. These are great as long as there is enough interest in growing
16. Would be wonderful to have
17. Always a great addition
18. I had this as a young child during the summer. There was always a teacher there and we had our own plots. However isn't safety an issue nowadays?
19. if maintained
20. residents can do this on their own.
21. Limited area if considered.
22. Waste of money. Not many people would enjoy this.
23. Current space available (near Elizabeth Milburn) is full. Need more space for this.
24. Yes
25. Yes, yes, yes! I have been on the Cedar Park community garden waiting list for 2 years. Since the developer of Lakeline Oaks was allowed to place houses on postage stamp lots, a community garden is vital to ensuring that residents can grow their own food. There does need to be an organic garden section separated from a conventional garden section.
26. This would be great, paired with some introductory gardening classes.
27. How is the demand at Milburn? Is it really something people need . . . I mean we all have yards pretty much
28. Great opportunity!
29. YES
30. I want this so very bad!!!!

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Volunteer Opportunities

1. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
2. Community volunteerism is great for all ages.
3. If people are involved and vested they will take better care of the space.
4. Would LOVE more of this! So many people will help but just need a nudge or clear, actionable ways to do it!
5. Definitely! Would love some family friendly events too for kids to be included.
6. I would absolutely volunteer for cleanups or planting parties.
7. I like the idea of community helping to clean up/ maintain parks
8. If This will keep cost down then yes

9. Always good for everyone
10. Good for community building and setting a good example
11. The park we go to has a lot of foot traffic and as a result has a lot of trash
12. I've suggested this before and offered more recently and was disappointed that my services were not wanted.
13. sign me up
14. YES! volunteers should be utilized to build, fund, maintain all these wonderful projects because those are the people who have enough interest in each project and will make them work.
15. For those that have time on their hands and some of us could make it a family event.
16. Community involvement could eliminate SOME of the current MUD expenses?
17. Working together to a common goal builds community.
18. Great idea! This brings a community together and helps people meet their neighbors.
19. Especially for families . . . not just adult volunteers. There are so few volunteer opportunities for little kids with their parents.
20. I would help.
21. Why do we pay for maintenance??

#### Open-Ended Comment Box: Quiet Areas

1. I love swings!
2. This has potential to be in conflict with increased accessibility. I'm currently able to find quiet spots
3. We have this already
4. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
5. Adult Swing is a nice spot.
6. Meditation areas. Sun chase is the best. I hop
7. Lovely! Needed
8. This is commical. Residents that live around Hatch Pond and Anderson Mill West Park would need a space like this to get away from the constant barage of noise they will be subject to.
9. Already have this
10. Our neighborhood is quit
11. If we have lawns, and keep the wooden bench these areas would be naturally created, but I think library zones would not be possible
12. Yes! I love having spaces to go to read a book, enjoy nature or just rest when I have walked too far from home.
13. Always welcome
14. Who wants to enforce quiet areas in public outdoor spaces?
15. all areas are already quiet.

16. If I want to sit on a bench, I'll ask permission to install one in a nice spot. I wouldn't ask all the other residents to develop and maintain, which means destroying the natural landscape
17. I feel like our parks already have this content. The Sunchase Park has an excellent walking path that is good for quiet.
18. This is especially nice for seniors. Gazebo Park is a good place for this but the road noise is an issue. I'd like to see signs near ALL parks advising drivers to be safe, watch their speed and keep the exhaust noise way down.
19. Always nice to have.
20. We already have enough of these.
21. What a lovely idea. I would use these.
22. Please create these in parks that are not geared to kids. It wouldn't really be a quiet area if it is within shouting distance of a kids play spot or athletic center.
23. Love this idea. Sometimes I really just want to escape the house and the crazy people who live here.
24. Yes-! The world needs more quiet spaces; sanctuaries

#### Open-Ended Comment Box: Improved Lighting

1. This would be great for keeping areas well lit and feeling safer
2. I prefer to see the stars. There's enough light pollution already.
3. Most cost is not needed, if so solar
4. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
5. Important at the dark parks. We need more trees too.
6. Safety is important
7. I have tried to add solar power lights on our sidewalks to help people feel safe, I think we'll lit areas may sometimes keep wildlife away ( something to consider).
8. We walk in Sun Chase Park in the evening a lot and it's not always lit. It'd be great to have reliable lighting.
9. Especially at AMW park!
10. Parks are closed at 10. When it gets dark it is time to wrap it up.
11. Parks close at dusk
12. I think warm lighting around the Anderson Mill West perimeter, along the walking/jogging trail would be good
13. I rarely am in any of the parks after dark.
14. PLEASE YES!!!! Along Dagama drive side of Anderson Mill West Park!!!
15. We generally don't use the parks at night.
16. Improved lighting without creating a lot of light pollution.
17. Safety at night!!! Yes. Important.
18. Dark sky lighting needed
19. LET NIGHT BE NIGHT! SOME PEOPLE WANT TO SEE THE STARS! Light pollution around here is getting ridiculous. It's also hazardous for drivers at night and pedestrians/bicyclists... driving under a street light means your eyes adjust to the

- light... then can't see what lies in the darkness when you drive past the light. It's very dangerous!
20. This might send a mixed signal. I recall seeing nice Christmas lights up at Sun Chase Park when we first moved in, but then read the rules prohibit access to the park after sunset. The advantage then really was drawing my attention to the space as I hadn't been aware a park was there until I saw those lights. In short I'm unsure. Would the hours be extended then? How would that work if Texas stops switching back/forth from daylight savings time?
  21. I like that the parks close at sundown
  22. Good idea and a safety concern.
  23. Safety counts.
  24. As it is, the lamps at the front of Lakeline Oaks are left burning 24/7 showing very poor energy awareness. Can only imagine what would happen with MORE light switches to turn 'off"! NO THANK YOU.
  25. Too much light pollution as it is.
  26. Maybe just hire security to get people out of the parks at night unless it's a planned community event.
  27. I prefer dark skies. Studies show street lights increase crime
  28. If they're not lit and hours are dusk, then I think it's not necessary. I hate that our cith added all those lights years ago and made our light pollution so much worse. I just see this as light pollution.
  29. Again, safety!
  30. It deters wildlife.
  31. So needed

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Pump Track

1. Cool!
2. There is one 1/2 mile up the road at the Elizabeth Milburn Park.
3. Low maintenance cost a plus
4. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
5. Not my gig
6. Also for skateboarding!
7. There is one in Elizabeth Milburn park for those inclined.
8. Sounds expensive and noisy. parks should be quiet and restful places (in my opinion). There are plenty of athletic opps elsewhere.
9. Not in the Andersen Mill West park
10. There are trails like this close by at Milburn Park. It would probably work in one of the pond areas. I would not want it in one of the parks with walking trails. I would be fine with it in one of the pond areas.
11. This would be great for older kids.

12. Bunch of concrete and lots of space for limited use in my opinion
13. sure and contests too
14. Yes YES YES!
15. I would LOVE to see a dirt track like Milburn expanded... some volunteers that want to use it may be willing to maintain it! If not, it's obviously not valued enough to be utilized!
16. Millburn has a nice bike track and is close by
17. My kids are too little but might like this when older
18. Not my cup of tea but kids may enjoy this.
19. This would be awesome for kids and adults. Great way to get exercise.
20. Elizabeth Milburn already has such a track. Not overused or crowded. Adding another would be a waste.
21. There is already one at Milburn Park that sees light use. I don't see a need for another one at this time.
22. So fun!
23. We do not need this when we are so close to Milburn park with a track

#### Open-Ended Comment Box: Unique Features and Photo Opportunities

1. This is cool. Not white though.
2. Good grief. Nature makes the best backdrop.
3. Really? we live near Austin
4. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
5. 3 to this as something we need but love the idea!
6. Try using nature as a backdrop for photos. It's a sure winner.
7. Why?????
8. Not sure what is meant here
9. This might be fun if keeping with the feel of the specific park or space.
10. Cute idea
11. Cool idea
12. Don't waste our money on a prop. The features we have already offer enough photo opportunities.
13. Maybe would draw more people if that's the goal
14. Gimmicky wastes of money
15. I don't want Instagram people or people who don't care for nature taking pictures. If it was family oriented it'd be cool but I'm not sure it's worth it
16. Yes. That looks fun!
17. waste of my tax dollars
18. How fun!!
19. Would love to have volunteers raise money to bring some art and have it installed.

20. I think it would encourage people outside the neighborhood to come and increase traffic
21. Cool, but please limit it.
22. Nice way to bring people out.
23. Even this question is insulting.
24. That looks wasteful
25. It would be fun for a hot minute then an abandoned feature
26. Spend money on things that aren't valuable. :-(

### Open-Ended Comment Box: Multi-Purpose Hard Surface Areas

1. or gaga ball
2. with an awning
3. How about more green space instead?
4. Too much of an investment, and property taxes shouldn't go to this.
5. Nature is the best cover for our ground. We are contributors to the aquifer and therefore should respect nature. Not cover it up with concrete and plastic.
6. Sounds super pricey and I bet it wouldn't get used. There'd be guaranteed water run off too. Let's just stop PAVING everything eek!
7. I think parks shall have enough of green unstructured lawn for people to sit on, like in Central Park, NY, or Hyde Park in London
8. I prefer to have more natural space and landscaping than concrete areas in all of the parks unless some of the existing hard surface spaces could be repurposed for this intent.
9. I feel like we are over-indexed on expensive tennis courts so this would be good
10. My husband represents VersaCourt tile surfaces and they are cheaper and higher quality than Sport Court, plz considered allowing him to bid on the jobs. [www.HoopsATX.com](http://www.HoopsATX.com)
11. My kids want a flat place to try out roller skates or gentle skateboard riding for just learning...
12. stop with the impervious ground cover... let it flow, let it flow! If someone wants another basketball court, they can build it. we have them already for use in a few parks already
13. This seems to be addressed in the sports and activities questions.
14. At some parks but not all.
15. Anything that gets kids back outside is great.
16. NO
17. We have the school
18. The last thing our parks need is more pavement
19. Maximize permeable areas. I understand basketball courts need pavement, but hard surfaces impact water collection and conservation.


20. I don't get what you mean
21. Seems like a good way to use a resource.
22. Soft running track, yes
23. There is no good place to run by lakeline oaks
24. More mature- less concrete!
25. I'm in colorguard and practicing outside is ideal so please

**Open-Ended Response Question 3:** *What other ideas do you have for improving the District's parks and ponds?*

1. 1. Adaptive playgrounds. 2. Sprinkler system at the parks so people could cool off. We have seen these in other states. 3. Educational play equipment would be great.
2. A community pool!
3. A fountain, wishing well. A wishing tree, a neat kid feature for kids to visit and read books.
4. A pool
5. A pool! Also we love the community events!
6. A pool. A Pool. A POOL. Also- a tennis training wall- we have 4 courts but not a single wall where I can train by myself... Please cover all the trash cans, we had covered cans, than they were replaced with open trash bins- its dirty and smelly. Dog trash cans- can we replace those with a foot opening option, these are stool buckets, I would love to not touch it with my hand. The Anderson mill west park basketball court is tiny and could be made bigger. A small low fence between the Anderson mill west park toddler playscape and El-Salido, now a very busy road, to slow toddlers from getting there too quickly. By the way the shade over the toddler play scape is a joke and a it's painful to see as it probably cost quite a bit and does absolutely nothing. A slide in Aster Pass Park - it's almost a great park- well closed, no dogs but.... nothing to do. A playscape there would make it awesome.
7. A sand pit in one of the park playgrounds
8. Add a play area to Sun Chase Park. Thanks
9. Add water source for pets at London Lane Park.
10. Another community pool.
11. Better utilization. The Old Mill park is essentially a pavilion and that's it. Even with its small area, it could be used as a stretching/stationary exercise area for little cost, and without creating additional impermeable cover.
12. Bike and hike paths.
13. Bocci Ball courts.
14. Choose opportunities that will be utilized by many. Have a meeting of young kids 10-16. Ask for their opinions.
15. Community Pool
16. Community pools!

17. Could we find a way to attract food trucks and have a playground next to a food truck park? That would be so rad.
18. Do not spend more money
19. Do they stock fish in the ponds? I've never checked but catch & release fishing would be fun.
20. Dog friendly for off leash play by size, with hose and cement drained area for quick rinsing and cool off
21. Dog Park.
22. Don't have any
23. Figure out how to take care of what's already done before changing it again. Quit wasting our money!!
24. Fishing availability
25. Good lighting and spot checks after dark to keep them safe.
26. I don't know how this would apply, but dedicated bike paths throughout the city would be awesome.
27. I don't have any others. I'm glad you are asking for input. Thank you!!
28. I just want to say thank you for the great job so far, and for consider what else might be possible!
29. I LOVE the above ideas. would allow neighbors to get to know each other more, provide places for families to gather, have something for everyone of various ages.
30. I stated previously that I am interested in participating in a composting program.
31. I think the district does a pretty good job at maintaining the existing parks, although some routine or simple maintenance seems to take much longer than reasonable and makes one wonder if the projects are managed with deadlines and persons made responsible for completion on time.
32. I think the way they are is fine. I think the parks are just fine and I hope that they are not improve too much because they could take away from the beauty of how they are right now. I don't think we need to really improve them. Certainly the way they are improved and maintained is fine as they are right now. But I don't think we should add too much. I think just the way they are is just fine friendly for all the family.
33. I think there are so many great ideas in this survey! Maybe not park related, but I worry about the traffic and high speed drivers in our neighborhoods. I worry about children and folks walking in our neighborhood.
34. I think this District needs to put the brakes all of the irresponsible spending. Specifically in the Parks. The current investment over the past 5 years has been millions of dollars and here we are again. The taxpayer has yet to receive a return on their most recent investment in parks and ponds.
35. I think you covered all possible ideas - thank you to the leading team, and to the consultants!
36. I want to reiterate my love of the idea of community gardens and pollinator habitat.
37. I would love to see maybe a community area with perhaps a park and outdoor restaurants in the property right behind London lane pond!!! Maybe a splash pad, food vendor and even some tables, play ground or even a stage for movie nights or



- early concerts or outdoor plays. Small admission and vendors could help pay for the land and development. Please!!!!!! A nice gate through London lane pond would be amazing!!! Missed opportunity if not purchased I think.
38. I'd love to see a covered pavilion where we could hold a "barn dance".
  39. I'll say again that I'd really love for Aster Pass Park to be an off leash park.
  40. Improve for handicap, improve paths , add water activity
  41. Improved maintenance of the park's especially the trash removal. Provide more access to areas for birthday parties and family gatherings. Repair and improve the barbecue pits and more access to water and bathrooms.
  42. improving or adding restrooms. Adding sun shades for all Kids playscapes. Particularly the younger children areas. Remove wood chips at playgrounds.
  43. It would be nice if some of the parks had some kind of dog watering system. The park on Anderson mill with the mini disc golf I feel is under utilized for how big the space is. It would be nice to have a splash pad at Anderson mill west park.
  44. Labeling them better. More promotion. Seriously I didn't know we even had this many parks that we maintained.
  45. Leave them alone.
  46. Leave them as they are. Spend less money.save our money
  47. Lots of available parking, play equipment that is shaded, accessibility for all abilities, commutation board, buddy bench for children seeking play mates, information board to announce upcoming events or volunteer opportunities, gated or a live fence if near a busy road.
  48. LOVE ponds! They do need strict maintenance tho (to avoid creating a mosquito heaven) — and the upkeep would need to be performed OFTEN — which isn't cheap.
  49. Love the ideas for water play!!! Also love ideas for biking!
  50. maintain just enough to avoid creating habitat for venomous snakes and such near trafficked trails and such
  51. Maintain them so they have grass & not weeds & burrs.
  52. More bike lanes/paths
  53. More book sharing (i.e. "Little Libraries") at park entrances.
  54. More connective paths, (so far so good) more spots or sections for play or gathering
  55. More dog parks
  56. more field areas
  57. More grilling areas at Sun Chase. Easier access to Hatch pond. More picnic areas. Bench swings. Old school play equipment: monkey bars and see saws. Less plastic equipment and more swings. Swings at Sun Chase. Washer throwing areas.
  58. More native plants to promote the birds & bees & monarch butterfly projects.
  59. More play areas or activities to allow for interaction
  60. More ponds w/wildlife
  61. more shaded areas and maybe water bottle filling stations
  62. More trees, plants & flowers to promote birds, bees and butterflies to improve our neighborhood environment 
  63. Native trees and plants. Butterfly gardens. Natural areas. Less grass more native

64. Natural seating areas
65. Off leash dog areas near lakeline PLEASE
66. Park fir special needs kids and adults
67. Parks with trails with natural dense tree shade is great for Texas hot summers. Provide shade for picnic and game areas.
68. Pickle ball
69. Pond for fishing with easy access for kids
70. Pool
71. Pool/splash/water feature
72. Possible mosquito control
73. Shade structures or trees for shading
74. Shade, lots of shade - it gets hot in the summer. Which is why I would love a splash pad at one of the parks.
75. Shaded or covered areas. Benches and table/bench combos are also nice to have a spot to sit.
76. Short mountain bike or hiking trails with unique technical features that look like it was created naturally.
77. Skate park
78. Skate park, more hiking trails
79. Some things for disabled kids
80. Somewhere to fish please
81. Splash pad for kids or more play equipment for young children
82. Spray for mosquitos. Christmas light displays. Holiday/seasonal decorations.
83. Take care of what we have. Stop spending on ridiculous things (AGAIN I cite the "POND" at Little Elm, what an embarrassment). Show the children of our neighborhood that we are good stewards by taking care of our community, using resources wisely and encouraging more community involvement, not more MUD spending.
84. Thank you for all the parks . Just need water something
85. The architect who built the restrooms for the Trails Foundation on Lake Austin did a great job, imo.
86. The items you are looking at adding/improving are seen throughout the city. Why waste our money on doing this in the neighborhood?
87. The parks are really very nice and quiet. Don't want 2 turn them into another Brushy Creek where there is too much traffic which takes away from the beauty of nature
88. There are a lot of great ideas presented in the questions above. I can tell you have spent a lot of time researching park designs and equipment. You have done a great job! I know there needs to be a balance between enjoying the nature part of a park and providing fun things for those with children to do. Milburn Park is so close to us for families to use, so I would want to provide things in the district that are different from what you can experience at Milburn. I love that I am able to walk the trails in Anderson Mill West and Sun Chase Park in partial shade from the trees. I would not

- want to lose these trees in order to put in additional play equipment, sports spaces or a water facility. I love the feel of nature trails and paths more than lots of concrete.
89. There seems to be a lot of standing water between the Madeline loop park and the middle school. I wish this area was better managed so the water would flow and not encourage mosquitos
  90. These were fantastic ideas. Great job pulling together a variety.
  91. They are fine the way they are
  92. They are well maintained. I would prefer more crushed granite trails instead of pavement as it is better for your feet and joints.
  93. To stop calling what you do to the common areas improvements.
  94. Ummm we live in Texas, it's hot, .... why don't we discuss pools in this community?
  95. Water areas dogs can drink from Hand sanitizer area
  96. We don't really have a neighborhood pool, that would be super nice. I'd rather have accessibility features though.
  97. We need pools
  98. We need to ensure that our parks and ponds remain environmentally friendly and we are fiscally responsible with the improvements.
  99. Why not enjoy what you have for awhile? There has been MILLIONS of dollars thrown away on parks and ponds over the past 3 years. Would it kill you to exercise some fiscal responsibility for once and quit wasting hard earned tax dollars on personal agendas.
  100. Would love for "Land Acknowledgement" to be included on the district website and eventually on park signs-> it's a formal way to acknowledge and honor the Indigenous communities whose home our district is built on. Example: "The Anderson Mill West Neighborhood is built on the traditional territory of the Tonkawa people" + listing some of the contributions they have made to the natural places we enjoy (as the original caretakers & cultivators of the spaces), where they are today, and ways to support or learn more. [https://www.instagram.com/p/COT7L\\_rDss6/](https://www.instagram.com/p/COT7L_rDss6/)  
<https://nativegov.org/resources/> <https://nativegov.org/a-guide-to-indigenous-land-acknowledgment/> <https://www.instagram.com/p/CNYdsnUBaEv/>
  101. Year round Water play area for kids. Example Pics attached.
  102. You've pretty well covered it.
  103. Zip lines like the ones at Garey Park in Georgetown.

**Open-Ended Response Question 4: *What are the best parks you have ever visited and what made them so great?***

1. All abilities park has tandem swings and swings for wheelchairs. Pease Park has a giant tree house with a rope play area.
2. All abilities park in round rock was a great park simply due to the variety.
3. All abilities park in round rock. Gwendolyn's playground in Santa Barbara is supposed to be all inclusive.

4. Anderson Mill Park because it had a great trail, a little playground, and a swimming pool with a toddler area.
5. Anderson Mill West is great because it has a large, unique playground, lots of open space, a walking path, and a general event area. Parks that are easily accessible (walking or parking) with long nature trails are great to get the kids outdoors and exercising without going in a repetitive loop.
6. Anderson Mill West Park is a wonderful park with so many things to do for everyone!
7. Anderson mill west. The best access for most ages needs a little work for handicap and needs water activity. Would be nice to update plants near street and paths for bikes
8. Balboa Park in San Diego :) No fair comparison is possible of course because they have PERFECT WEATHER year-round plus OODLES and OODLES of CASH (and we don't).
9. Brighten Beach Baths in Brooklyn. Swimming pool, cabana with movie stars, teenage music, food stands. We can have that here but look it up. It was GREAT. Seniors also attended. It was a place for everyone! .
10. Brushy Creek is a great park that we really enjoy for the landscape, water and length to allow for lots of outdoor walking, play scapes and splash pads for little ones
11. Brushy Creek is great because there are so many things do to like walk, bike on trails plus play areas, skate park, basketball, etc.
12. Brushy creek is the closest to share the water ideas
13. Brushy creek regional trail is one of the best in the area because it offers so much variety. I know we don't have as big of an area to work with but getting trails between parks would be cool if possible
14. Brushy Creek Trail Park - nice trails and natural beauty
15. Brushy creek-kayaking, skateboarding lots of trails
16. Can't remember
17. Cedar park bark park. Nice fenced area with a few benches.
18. Central Park, New York City. Allowed dogs.
19. Central Park, NY, which is man-made (but looks as natural built), as it has variety for all recreational activities, but it is big, of course
20. City parks.
21. Common areas for socializing and wooded paths and trails.
22. Creative Playscape Georgetown, TX
23. Dallas arboretum
24. El salido and lakeline oaks (I think. The one next to soccer zone off old mill). Nice new well maintained and nice playscapes with coverings
25. Elizabeth Milburn due to its many different areas of play and recreation, both ponds with yoga decks to do yoga and walking, Anderson Mill West park for trails and play scapes, and a few detention ponds around this area for walks.
26. Elizabeth Milburn park is the best around. Great amenities, lots of space, lots of events.
27. Elizabeth Milburn Park. Great shaded areas, bathrooms, and water fountains.

28. Flowers and vegetation that makes trails and paths a little more beautiful, quiet spaces to reflect and ease of use! I have kids so anything that appeals to them is also great! A pool or water feature is fun in the summer.
29. Fun and different playground features, most of the parks near downtown San Antonio are really cool. The park by the Thinkery is nice. Those big circular swings that 3 kids can swing on are fun. I love the idea of a splash pad.
30. Garrison Park
31. Good, well-marked, and lit trails for various accessibility levels. Places for children to play with minor supervision and for adults to feel welcomed (comfortable, semi-sheltered seating, or adult swing sets), Wi-Fi. Beautiful and educational (well-labeled and natural) landscaping. Planned photo-ops.
32. Grand Canyon, Redwood National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Garden of the Gods, White Sands National Park, Carlsbad Caverns National Park etc, etc, etc. What the best parks have in common is Mother Nature made them.
33. Grass, flowers, well maintained & clean. Plenty of poop bags for dogs & trash cans. Benches to rest on. Water fountains for human & dogs.
34. Having trees and stuff
35. Hermann Park and Memorial park in Houston. Variety of atmosphere, availability of activities and availability of nature/quiet
36. hmmm
37. Hmmm. I love silkier Botanical Gardens but cannot think of a favorite park. I'd like parks that are clean, safe, different things to do, beautiful natural areas, variety of things to look at, good parking, different options for different stages of life.
38. I don't have the name of the best park I have ever visited but the ones I have enjoyed the most were quiet and not ultra busy with a high number of amenities. I enjoy peaceful relaxing space not mega busy sportsplex kind of places.
39. I like shade.
40. I like the large trails in Austin (ladybird lake hike and bike trail). I also love the Wildflower Center. I love the parks in our neighborhood actually... it is quite lovely to see so many. It makes the neighborhood feel safe.
41. I love a park that has a little something for everyone
42. I love visiting national and state parks because I can experience the quietness of nature and walk lots of trails. As far as parks for kids I have visited, most have been much larger spaces than the spaces we have in the district. I personally like the parks that have developmental equipment for various ages and abilities. I prefer equipment made from natural materials over those with a lot of plastic and concrete. I love parks that have a lot of flowers, waterfalls, and aspects of nature.
43. I prefer "wilder" more natural parks like the Clear Creek Wetlands park in Denton and the trails around Bull Creek in Austin. I know our area is a little bit more space-constrained so this may not be feasible, but I was really excited about the conservation, natural areas, and volunteering ideas in this survey!
44. I really like the walking trails in the Twin Creeks/Deer Creek neighborhoods. They have a lot of natural areas and they are integrated into the neighborhood. Easy to

- get to a walking trail from the homes without driving or crossing busy streets. Unfortunately, Little Elm is a busy street and people speed ALL the time. Twin Creeks is also dog friendly with waste bags/bins along the routes. I don't know how a natural walking trail could work for Lakeline Oaks because commercial stuff keeps getting built along Old Mill as well as that really unattractive housing section in the middle of nowhere on Old Mill approaching Lakeline Blvd. Used to be a field of wildflowers and milkweed - monarchs could be found there. Not now :(
45. I think Sun Chase is really sweet and unusual.
  46. I went to a Park in central Paris that had turnstiles and pay per access
  47. I. Dunno
  48. Kids and family friendly with interests for a wide range of ages
  49. Lakewood park - amazing splash pad, although the playground isn't great. Brushy Creek Lake Park has a great set of differing amenities, but I always find the playgrounds aren't set up for all ages in these parks. It would be great to see a park with playground areas for all ages, although Anderson Mill West Park comes pretty close!
  50. LLO, two great parks and area to play sports. El saildo Park
  51. Locally, we enjoy Milburn Park as it provides a wide array of activities for the whole family.
  52. Love Children's Park San Marcos for play features for kids
  53. Love Love Love splash pad. I like in Lakeline Oaks and one thing that we were hesitant about was that there was not a community pool here. I still wish we had a pool but understand why we don't. I think a splash pad that accommodates multiples agendas/sized kids so that we play at all ages. Would be WONDERFUL. Liberty Hill has a GREAT new splash pad downtown. Check it out.
  54. Love the natural woodsy atmosphere of the Sun Chase park. Can't beat El Salido Park for kids play and great walking track.
  55. Milburn pool with toddler hours, play for all abilities is fully fenced. Garey park for the restrooms and zip line. Robin Bledsoe for the splash pad. It's fenced and has a soft bottom.
  56. Mill creek park in Youngstown Ohio. Rose garden and pavilion, nature paths, open grassy areas, building to use for events, beautiful nature views (so much that wedding photos are taken there)
  57. Millburn is nice because of the variety of things availabl. It is always clean and kept well. Big so it is not crowded
  58. My favorite park for children is in the Houston area. It was a large rectangle, completely fenced with 2 gates that latch. It had a sidewalk on the perimeter so adults could walk/exercise while their children played on the 4 separate kinds of playgrounds. Children were nearly visible from anywhere except for a mound with a tunnel (again, I don't like these because children can hide or be hidden from adult supervisors). The parks also has large, mature trees that shade almost the entire park including the sidewalks for walking/exercising. It had a gazebo and lots of picnic tables and benches. My granddaughter and I visited that park several times a week.

59. Natural park: Ladybird Wildflower Center, I enjoyed the walking paths though the gardens Playground: needs swings, climbing equipment, and slides
60. Natural parks
61. Nature trails with descriptions of trees and flowers along the trail
62. No comment
63. Not really local ones. Simple maintenance (i.e. regular mowing/weed eating) and accessibility for most everyone.
64. Not sure
65. nothing
66. NY Central park is pretty much the best in class park. If we had a resource like that or something similar to Zilker park we would never leave Cedar Park.
67. NYC - true flat, non-flooding grassy shaded areas for laying down a blanket and relaxing, aesthetically pleasing and nicely landscaped
68. Old Mill. .. long loop for the kids to ride bikes on, fields for running and playing frisbee or catch, playground for littles and big kids in one space. Tennis courts . Sunchase: trail for riding bikes.
69. Ones with multiple types of play/entertainment
70. ones with natural areas, bike paths, walking paths, kept clean and safe for families
71. Park for all abilities in round rock,
72. Park in Berkeley because it's hecka tall cement slide. Not sure how safe it was for little kids though.
73. Parks up in Washington state were great since they were heavily treed, providing lots of shade and privacy. Also, kid areas and sport areas were kept to one end of the parks while the other end was quieter and focused on walking paths and seating for people to enjoy. This segregation really helped people who don't appreciate kid noise to still enjoy the park while not affecting kid's play.
74. Parks with natural playscapes, gardens, walking paths
75. Play for all abilities because of wide selection of equipment, updated equipment and creative play areas including race track and pretend neighborhood Garey park in georgetown is another favorite because it was a splash pad and great playground next to it.
76. Play for all Abilities in Round Rock - wide variety of play structures and experiences, play town (sponsored by local businesses), bike race track for kids, accessible features/features good for all ages of kids.
77. Play for all abilities park - my kids live the tiny town.
78. Play for All Abilities Park. I love all the play areas.
79. Play for All park in Round Rock. The park is designed for kids with disabilities to play with other kids. Not just by themselves.
80. Play for All Playground in Round Rock had plenty to do for every child.
81. Plays for All Abilities near Pflugerville is so amazing! Feels like something that would be a hit in our district.
82. Pools
83. River Place is great for its hiking and largely undeveloped nature of it.

84. San Gabriel parks playscape, old grape arbor and river views. garage park playscape/water park and beautiful views, brushy creek trail—safe walking areas with beautiful views
85. Spaces that had equipment for all abilities, spaces that mixed use...quiet, active, gatherings. Spaces that are attractive and well-kept.
86. Splash pads
87. Spring Woods, AMLD. Open, natural, feeling of being away, but still close.
88. St. Edwards on Spicewood. Lots of nature and trails.
89. State and Federal parks - what made them great space & nature
90. State parks, nature trails
91. Stoney Creek Park in Pflugerville has a great disc golf course, a dog park a pavilion, and a great kids playscape.
92. Sun Chase Park is my favorite because of the winding trails, dense tree shade, nice landscaping, horseshoe, picnic table, and quiet
93. Sun Chase Park is our favorite. It's so beautiful and peaceful.
94. The All Abilities Park in Round Rock is so thoughtfully designed and inclusive!
95. The best parks I have been to have a broad spectrum of options - play options, splash pads, walking trails, etc.
96. The children's alliance Park in Austin that just opened up is so cool it's still creative and accessible and there's a lot of different play areas. The play for all abilities park in Round Rock is also incredible and we love the little bike village. There's also like a memorial Park that's in round Rock right off of 35 that has a really pretty little duck pond next to a play structure and that's fun to have the variety of natural play and play scape. I used to live right by Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park and I loved the ability to get lost in the woods in the middle of the city.
97. The new Alliance Playground at Butler Park in Austin because they have many unique features with things for young and old kids. Garey Park in Georgetown is also like that. Love Play for all Abilities is great because it is very inclusive and has the little town center for kids to zoom around in scooters and bikes which kids do at AMW park all of the time.
98. The parks here are very small, relative to others. The Anderson mill continuous jogging track, that threads among neighborhoods and has both green space and activity space is great (used to live there).
99. The parks that just had a trail and not much else. It's good for the family to take a walk and it's good for folks to hang out with
100. The play for all abilities park in round rock is pretty cool. The springwoods park on Anderson mill has a pretty fun playground.
101. The proximity to my house and ability for my children to run around and get out their energy
102. The variety of play equipment available for kids
103. The walking trails and trees, plants and flowers
104. There are several in Georgia. They have so much for kids to do for a community park. Very large playground area, cooling system, low scale skateboard areas, bike area,



- putt-putt, ect. You can spend hours there at no cost. Check out some of the playground areas in Georgia and Kansas
105. There is a park for all abilities it's wonderful. I just think that it's not necessarily about expensive equipment but areas for young and old to be outdoors and to explore and play.
  106. To me its about having a variety for all. Not just basketball and tennis courts but action spots features like trails and pump/jump tracks, water features etc.
  107. Too many to count! I think our neighborhood parks are already wonderful. A pool would be great, but sadly I wasn't able to participate in that discussion.
  108. Town Lake: a huge trail for running, walking, biking and most importantly ACCESS TO WATER with water activities (sup,kayaking,etc)!!!!
  109. Trail systems for walking and riding long distances
  110. Versatility for all ages. Community events, live performances, crafts
  111. Veterans park in cedar park. They have a huge dog park
  112. Water, snack shacks to purchase snacks, great trails to walk on.
  113. water, soft grass to sit on, beautiful trees to sit under.
  114. We regularly use the Brushy Creek parks and just this weekend visited a fantastic community park south of Austin called, "Mary Moore" park. VERY large...but left very simple, well tended and obviously , well loved by the community.
  115. Well the best is Grand Staircase Escalante because you can be 40 miles from civilization in any direction. For me nature is best.
  116. Williamson County Brushy Creek Park.
  117. yosemite... it's open and wild
  118. Zilker is a great park due to the variety of amenities and activities. Live music is a must for any great park. The music should include variety in music type and instrumentation: orchestras, pops orchestras, rock groups, folk, bluegrass, jazz, blues, country, classical and local school bands.
  119. Zilker Park
  120. Zilker Park because its more nature than anything else
  121. Zilker Park in Austin has a stage area, a hillside for seating, a pool, and concessions altogether in one area. I'd love that.

**Open-Ended Response Question 5: *Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the District parks or ponds?***

1. Again, please take care of what we have, encourage the RESIDENTS to provide care, stop over spending and looking for ways to spend.
2. Almost all of our parks are very well maintained. It's really nice to be able to walk to a neighborhood park and not feel like you're constantly having to pick up other people's trash.
3. Attention needs to be better paid to the existence of dangerous situations (i.e. downed trees/limbs, areas next to paths that do not drain water, etc.).

4. I am so grateful for those who came before us to make these wonderful Parks happen. We especially love astropath park because it's so close to us and it's perfect for my little one and her current life stage. I absolutely love that it's fenced in so she can't just run off!
5. I am so happy to have the walking trail around Hatch Pond. I really enjoy it and notice many other residents do as well.
6. I can't help but think that a blue light system or something could be useful to alert someone that others are in distress.
7. I couldn't go back to my favorite park and add the name: Carol Fox Park in Jersey Village, TX.
8. I do not want my property taxes to go to this item. There are much better ways to spend our money. Do not do this.
9. I don't want one dime of my tax dollars spent on the 'stellar ideas' of people who don't live here. This survey has no validation and therefore, anyone can claim to be a resident of the MUD when they aren't, or take the survey as many times as they have MAC addresses. With no end date, it appears to be collecting responses until the answers being sought after are received.
10. I like the idea of kids playing in the neighborhood. Having to pack up and go to a park to play seems overwhelming... if Covid taught us anything, it's neighborhood fun and community.
11. I really don't want hard surfaces, paved or hard play areas, or tracks/courts etc. We have so few natural areas near Lakeline Oaks now. The current Lakeline Oaks park is not attractive and definitely not a nice place to take walks. No decent shade trees or landscaped and/or naturalized paths. Also, by a walking path, I don't mean a circle gravel path around a soccer field like Milburn. :)
12. I strongly believe that only MUD #1 residents who pay MUD taxes should be the only voters to make these decisions about how our tax money is spent.
13. I support upgrades to the parks, but I DO NOT SUPPORT those outside the mud district #1 voting on these proposals if they don't pay into this district.
14. I think they are really beautiful and well-maintained. I hope that the natural beauty isn't taken away. But we can maintain them as they are
15. I think you're doing a great job! I would love to see an email list or Twitter to know if there is any way I can volunteer and help.
16. I'm glad we're making an investment in this resource.
17. I'd like more better park maintained of What we have. If we as a community choose to do a more expensive project To improve our parks I'd like there to be information on how much it costs to make it clear to everyone.
18. I'll submit photos at another time. I'm not currently prepared. One last thought. You've done a super job laying out variously opportunities. Please keep in mind that it works best when there are activities for everyone. Ask.
19. If I lived there I'd probably want all those things.
20. If legally possible, we should ban the recording of park visitors at our parks for safety reasons; we unfortunately have at least two members in our community that do not

- leave their house without recording devices; we should also explore avenues to ban people from our parks if they have a history of harassing people in the community
21. Keep the stickers out. Dogs should be covered in stickers when they visit.
  22. Leave them alone!
  23. Need police patrols.
  24. Only to reiterate how important they are to the quality of life in our community. They are one of the main reasons my family moved to this community. It would be a travesty if they were to be Diminished in any way.
  25. Thank you for all you do! We love our parks!
  26. Thank you for pooling opinions, as parks in our opinion are extremely important for human well being!
  27. Thank you for sending a survey.
  28. Thank you for taking an interest to improve these spaces! I hope we continue to hear communications periodically about the plans and timelines to implement.
  29. Thank you for taking the time to seek feedback
  30. THANKS for all the GOOD WORK you guys do! According to recent polls, Anderson Mill is considered one of the best places to live in the entire country — I figure that's no accident :)
  31. Thanks for all you do to conserve the parks clean and fun.
  32. The benches are nice. Picnic tables at Aster pass park would be nice for picnics. Bench swings for adults and kids.
  33. The Gazebo Park is a common area like Lakeline Oaks, El Salido, Hatch Drive, etc. and should have been included in common areas when the walls were built a couple decades ago. The attractiveness of this park is dependent on the adjoining residents, not all of which maintain their fences in best condition. This park could be very attractive, quieter and a community jewel instead of an afterthought. Overall the MUD Board does a good job at creating and maintaining the parks, and that's no small task. Thank you. And Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
  34. The parks are OK. There is obviously upkeep and the occasional improvement is nice, but More than the parks, I appreciate that the MUD has not significantly raised fees and taxes in the 15 years we have lived here. There are infrastructure projects coming that are going to cost money. I don't think we should add any park debt on top of it.
  35. There is a small piece of land behind CPMiddle school that would make a good off leash park.
  36. There is too much money spent on these areas that get little use by the residents paying for them.
  37. There were a lot of ideas presented for ways to better utilize some of the ponds we have in the district. I look forward to the next discussions based on the survey results. It is an impossible task to please every homeowner in the district, so I know compromises will have to be made and decisions based on what the majority of homeowners in the district would like to see in the parks as well as the expense of the items proposed. My biggest wish is to keep the natural walking trails without having

- our parks full of concrete. I appreciate the opportunity to share feedback in this process.
38. These spaces are a valuable addition to our community. I love having access to green spaces. The micro-disc course on Anderson Mill Road is a lot of fun. More things like this in the area would be nice.
  39. They are one my favorite parts of our neighborhood and have so much potential to do even more!
  40. They need improving on paths and handicap the more the more inviting our parks will be for everyone
  41. This survey should only be open to residents of the MUD since we are one who will have to foot the bill for the work.
  42. Trees and wildflowers. Natural areas. Butterfly gardens. Bat houses. Owl houses. Purple Martin houses. Dog water stations. hanging swings in trees.
  43. Very costly, senior need tax relief
  44. We love having these parks as it makes the neighborhood very kid and family friendly. With so many close choices there is always a reason to go on a walk or bike ride to one of the nearby parks and have some fun without feeling repetitive.
  45. We use them multiple times a week and really enjoy them. We really miss the playscape at sun chase
  46. Would like a path between Madeline loop pond and sun chase park
  47. You are fast to spend for new thing but the park committee fail at maintaining the parks.



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## Introduction

The Williamson-Travis Counties MUD #1 (the District) is preparing a 5-Year Park Plan to identify strategies for maximizing the value of its park system for the benefit of all residents. The District hired a planning consultant, Verdunity, to assist in the preparation of this plan and provide objective and professional guidance throughout the process.

To ensure the adopted park plan reflects the specific needs of the community, the planning process is designed to involve public participation from beginning to end.

In Phase 2 of the planning process, the Park Plan Advisory Committee and Verdunity (the Project Team) developed a comprehensive list of projects for the park system, as well as for each of the individual parks/ponds in the District. The list was prepared based on public input gathered in both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the process (see [Planning Phase 1: Public Input Report](#) and [Park Workshops: Response Summary](#)).

The second community-wide survey (see Appendix A), which is the subject of this report, was intended to help the Project Team identify which projects to prioritize over the next 5 years and to gauge residents' attitudes about budgeting for parks.

## Results Snapshot

Survey Question 1: Based on average rankings, respondents ranked *physical improvements* to our park system in the following order:

- First.** Trail Improvement Projects
- Second.** Playscape Projects
- Third.** Landscaping Projects
- Fourth.** Ecosystem Restoration and Enhancement Projects
- Fifth.** Water Play Project
- Sixth.** Athletic Sports Amenity Project
- Seventh.** Social Gathering Projects

Survey Question 2: Based on average rankings, respondents ranked *park use* projects in the following order:

- First.** Music and/or Movies in the Park

- Second.** Large Community Events
- Third.** Active Recreational Events
- Fourth.** Community Art Projects
- Fifth.** Informational Classes
- Sixth.** Contests and Community Challenges

Survey Question 3: Respondents reported an average per person per year budget of **\$104**, which multiplied out is the equivalent of roughly \$570,000 per year.

## Survey Distribution Methods

Survey #2 was published on January 25, 2022 and remained open for public response until February 28, 2022. Results were not reviewed until after the survey was closed. The survey was administered online through Survey Monkey, although a paper copy was also made available.<sup>1</sup>

The survey was advertised to the community in the following ways:

- A direct email was sent to everyone who provided their email address during Phase 1 of the planning process.
- A link to the survey was posted on the front page of the District's website and also included on the District's Play in the MUD project page.
- Posts were made to multiple Facebook pages and community groups, and posts were also made to Nextdoor.
- A large community sign was placed first at Anderson Mill West Park and then moved to Lakeline Oaks Park.
- Small signs were placed in parks and on some dog waste collection stations. The signs included a QR code so people could link directly to the survey from their phones. The website address was also included on the sign.
- Advisory Committee members were tasked with helping to spread the word and encouraging neighbors to take the survey, which they did in several ways (verbal, text, email, social media).
- Direct emails were sent by the Lakeline Oaks Homeowners Association to Lakeline Oaks residents through the organization's existing communication channel.

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<sup>1</sup> Although some paper copies were distributed, no copies were handed in.

### Survey Participants

In total, the survey received 265 responses. Although demographic information is presented up front in this report, those questions were placed at the end of the survey because they were considered of secondary in importance to the more substantive survey questions about the park system.

Figure 1 shows age composition of respondents (235 responses). A broad range of adult ages were represented in the data. However, only a few respondents reported being between the ages of 18 and 25.

Figure 1: Age of Respondents

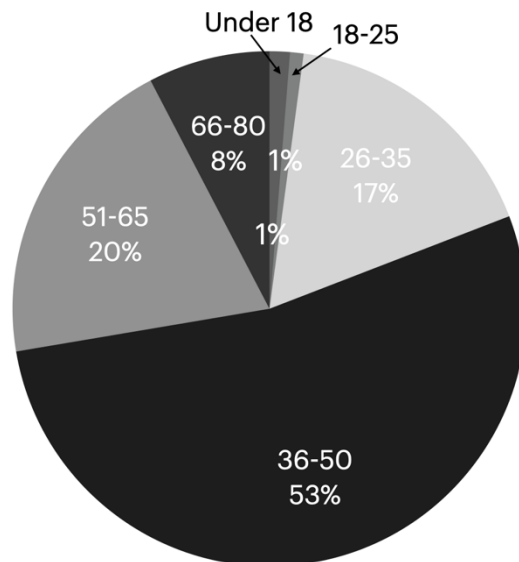




Figure 2 shows the household composition of respondents (244 responses). Overall, 62% of respondents reported having children (ages 0-18) in the home, and 36% were adults without children in the home.

Figure 2: Household Composition of Respondents

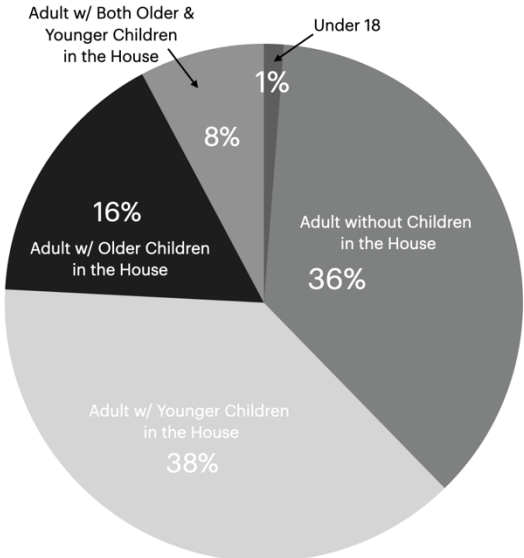


Figure 3 shows how respondents were distributed throughout the District’s four neighborhoods (244 responses). Due to its size, the Anderson Mill West neighborhood was further broken into three areas, shown on the map to the right.

Representation in the data came from all 4 of the District’s neighborhoods, and from all 3 areas of Anderson Mill West. A significant number of responses did come from Lakeline Oaks, possibly as a result of the direct email sent to all residents of that neighborhood from the Lakeline Oaks HOA.



Figure 3: Neighborhood Distribution of Respondents

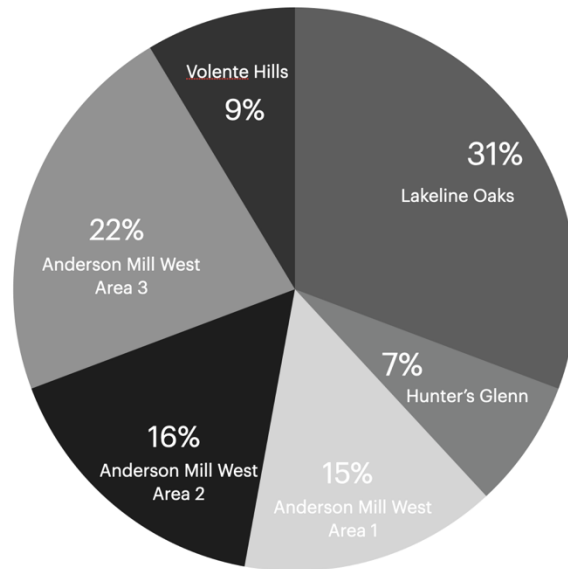


Figure 4 shows the results of the question: *Did you provide input during an earlier phase of this park planning process? (check all that apply)* (244 responses). Roughly 65% of respondents reported previous engagement in the process in one form or another, while 35% of respondents indicated that this survey was their first time participating.

Figure 4: Respondent’s Engagement History

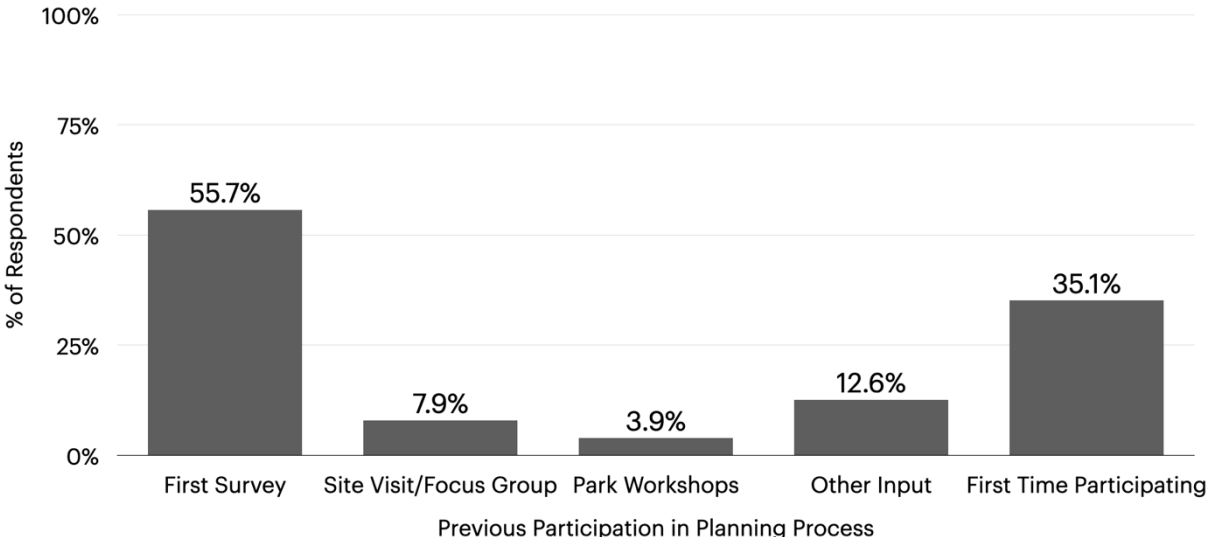
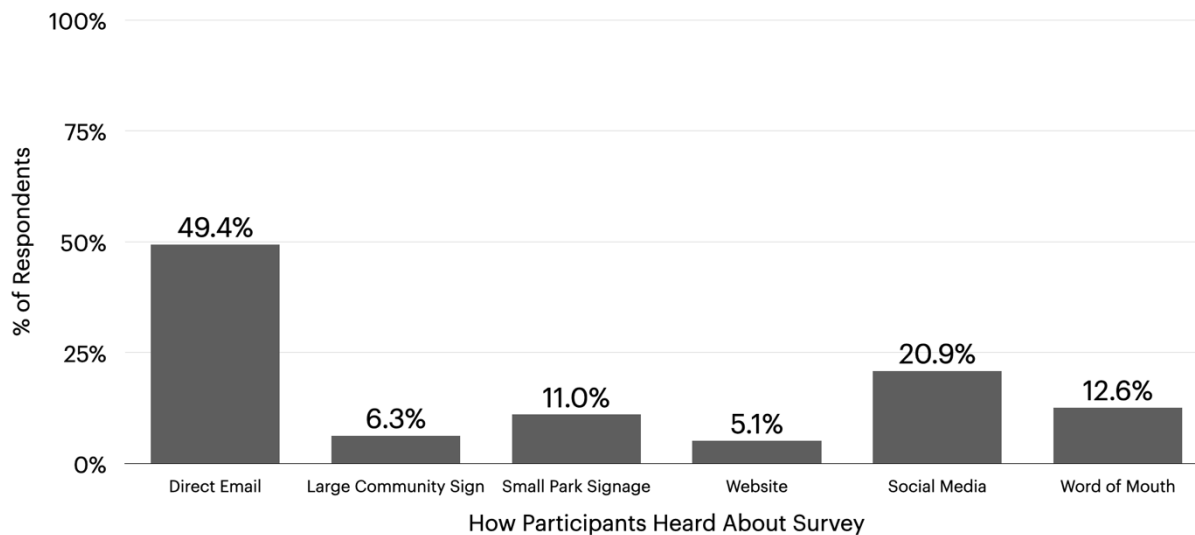


Figure 5 shows data on how residents heard about the survey (244 responses). Respondents were able to check more than one answer if they heard about the survey in multiple ways. These data suggest that the most important communication tool for advertising the survey was direct email (49.4%), followed by social media posts (20.9%).

Figure 5: How Respondents Learned about the Survey



Lastly, the survey asked respondents whether they owned or rented their home and only 2% of 244 respondents indicated they were renters, with the other 98% indicating they owned their home in the District.

### Project Priorities

The first set of questions in the survey were intended to help the planning team understand how to prioritize project types. The projects including in the following two questions were identified based on the [outcomes of participation in Phase 1 of the process](#) and were broken down into two categories:

Facility & Amenity Improvements: These involve physical changes to park spaces.

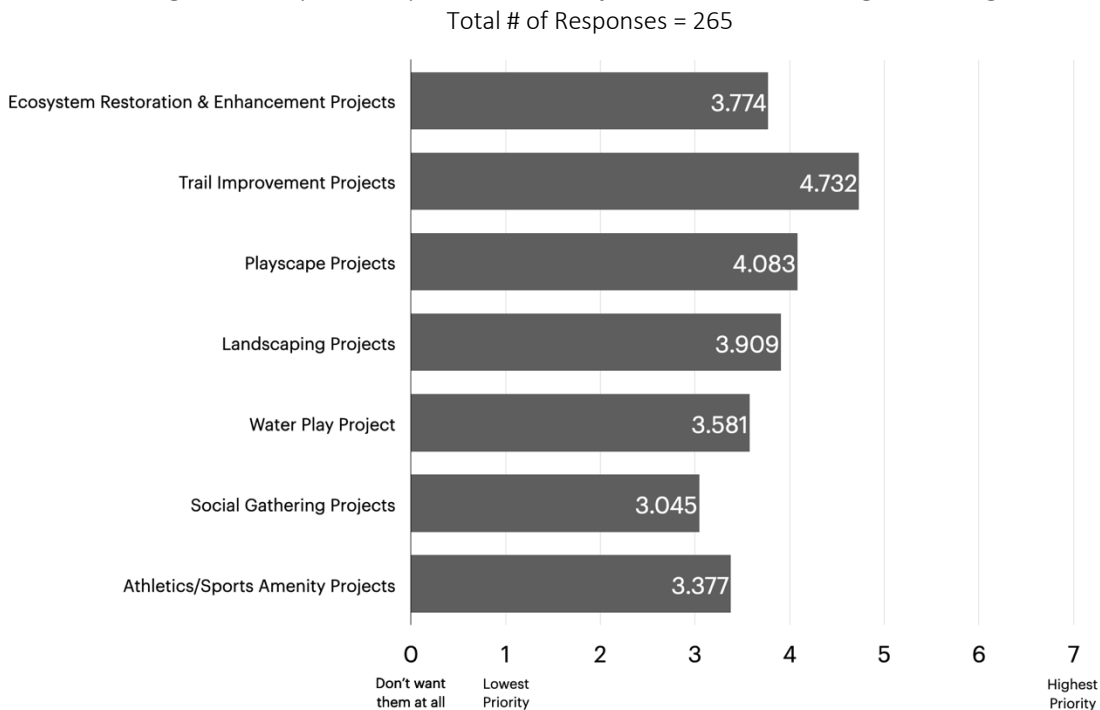
Community Programming Improvements: These relate to how the parks are used--the events, activities, and uses that make the parks better places for people to spend time.

**Closed-Response Question 1:** *Please tell us how you would prioritize the following list of park system project types that focus on physical changes to parks and ponds (with “1” being the highest priority). If you’re not interested in a particular project type at all, check the box to the right of that project “I don’t want these projects at all.”*

Figure 6 shows the average ranking for each type of physical improvement project. Note that for the purposes of this chart, the data was reverse-coded (i.e., first priority = high score of 7; last priority = low score of 1; don't want the project at all = score of 0) This helps make Figure 6 easier to interpret, as people tend to associate higher scores/rankings with higher desirability.

Overall, trail improvement projects received the highest average ranking, followed by playscape projects. Social Gathering projects received the lowest average.

Figure 6: Physical Improvement Project Priorities, Average Rankings \*



*\*Note: for presentation purposes, the data shown in Figure 6 were reverse-coded so that a higher average number would indicate a higher priority.*

Figures 7.1 through 7.7 show the results of survey question 1 differently, with each chart showing the breakdown of rankings for that specific project type. 45% of respondents indicated that trail improvements were their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> priority project type, with only 5% of respondents indicating they don't want trail improvements at all. Water Play Project received the most interesting set of responses, with 34% of respondents indicating this is their first or second priority project, and almost the same number of respondents, 32%, indicating it was their last priority or that they didn't want the project at all.

Figure 7.1: Ecosystem Restoration and Enhancement Projects, Priority Rankings

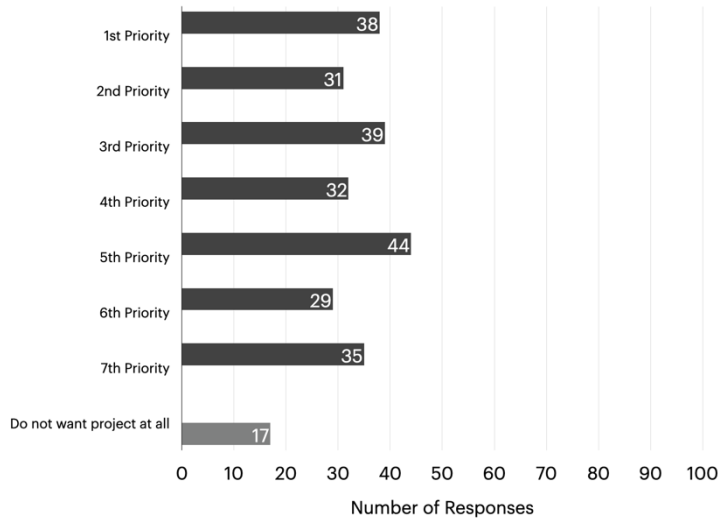


Figure 7.2: Trail Improvement Projects, Priority Rankings

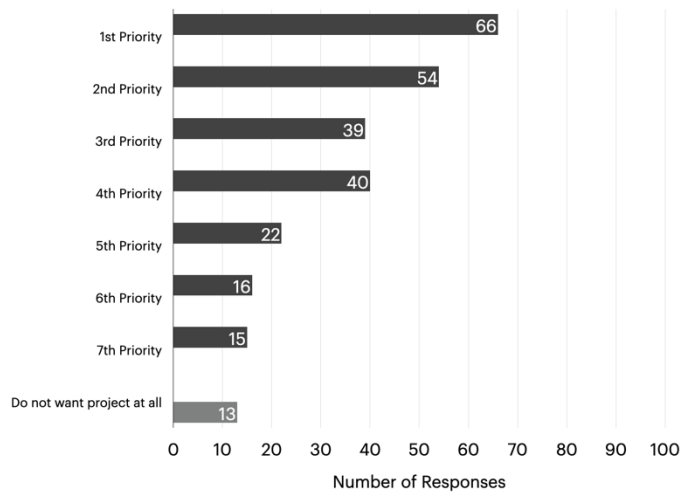


Figure 7.3: Playscape Projects, Priority Rankings

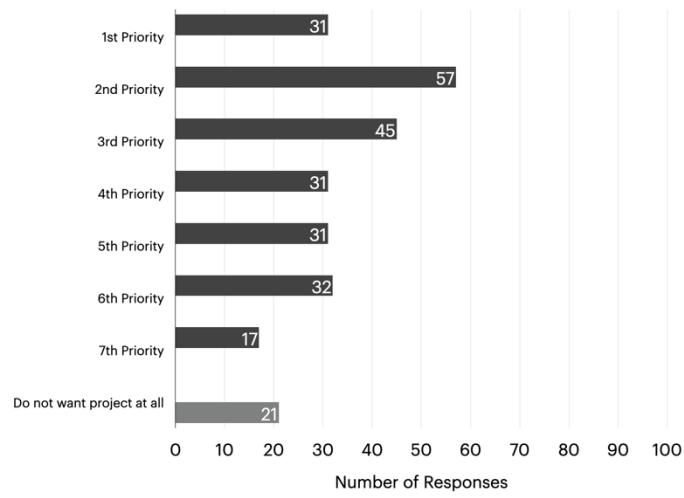


Figure 7.4: Landscaping Projects, Priority Rankings

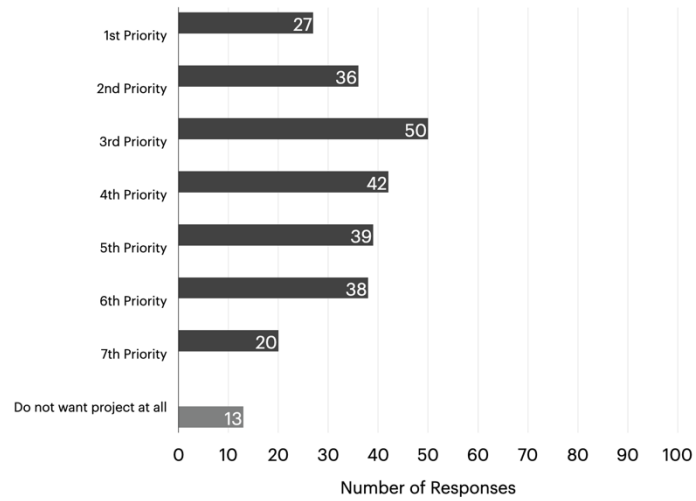


Figure 7.5: Water Play Project, Priority Rankings

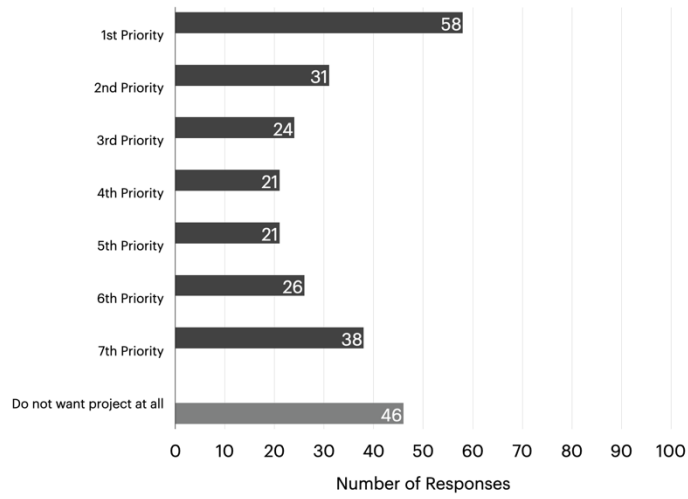


Figure 7.6: Social Gathering Projects, Priority Rankings

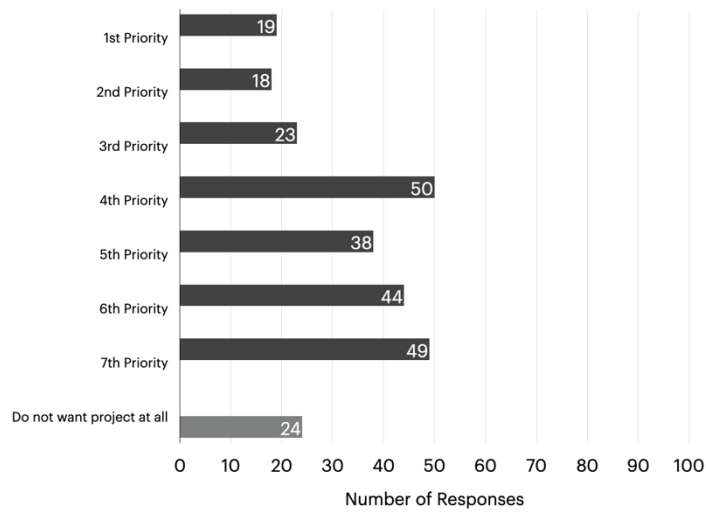
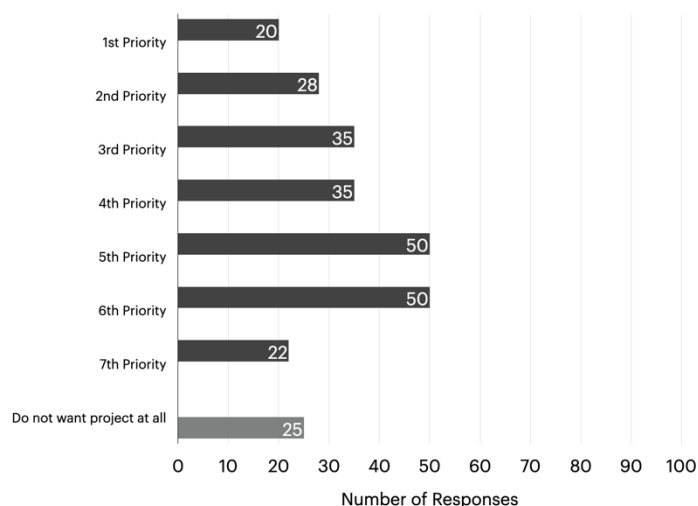




Figure 7.7: Athletic/Sports Amenity Projects, Priority Rankings

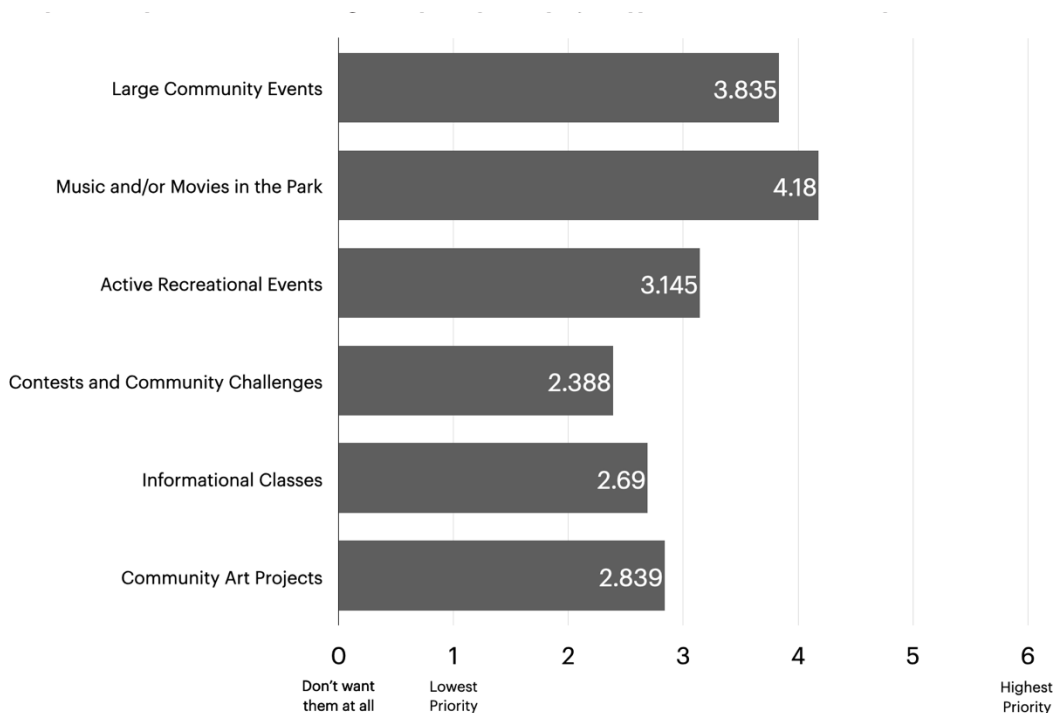


**Closed-Response Question 2:** *Please tell us how you would prioritize the following list of park system project types that focus on how our parks are used (with “1” being the highest priority). If you’re not interested in a particular project type at all, check the box to the right of that project “I don’t want these projects at all.”*

Figure 8 shows the average ranking for each type of physical improvement park use project. Note that for the purposes of this chart, the data was reverse-coded (i.e., first priority = high score of 7; last priority = low score of 1; don’t want the project at all = score of 0) This helps makes Figure 8 easier to interpret, as people tend to associate higher scores/rankings with higher desirability.

Overall, Music and/Movies in the Park received the highest average ranking, followed by Large Community Events. Contests and Community Challenges received the lowest average.

Figure 8: Park Use Project Priorities, Average Rankings \*  
 Total # of Responses = 255



*\*Note: for presentation purposes, the data shown in Figure 8 were reverse-coded so that a higher average number would indicate a higher priority.*

Figures 9.1 through 9.6 show the results of survey question 2 differently, with each chart showing the breakdown of rankings for that specific park use type. 55% of respondents indicated that Music and/or Movies in the Park are their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> priority. For Contests and Community Challenges, only 14% of respondents indicated this as their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> priority, and 18% said they didn't want these uses at all.

Figure 9.1: Large Community Events, Priority Rankings

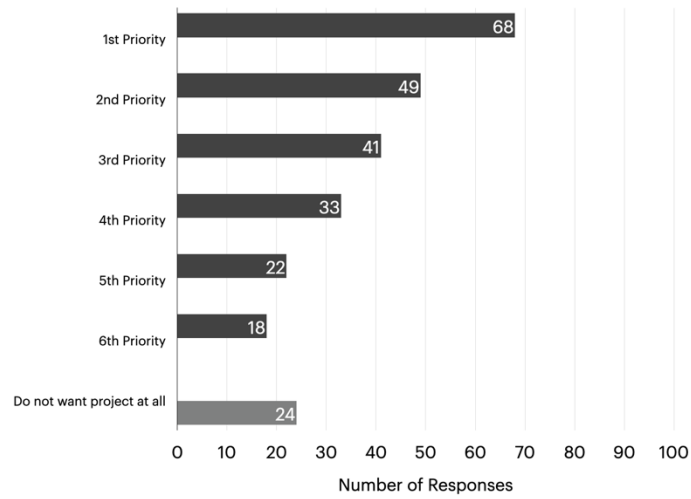


Figure 9.2: Music and/or Movies in the Park, Priority Rankings

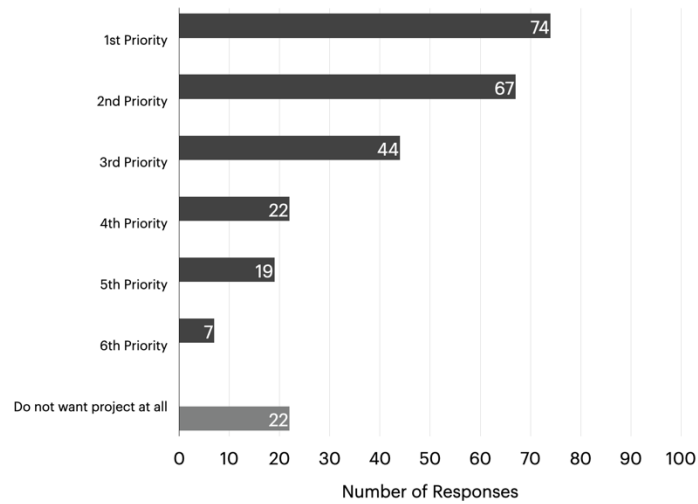


Figure 9.3: Active Recreational Events, Priority Rankings

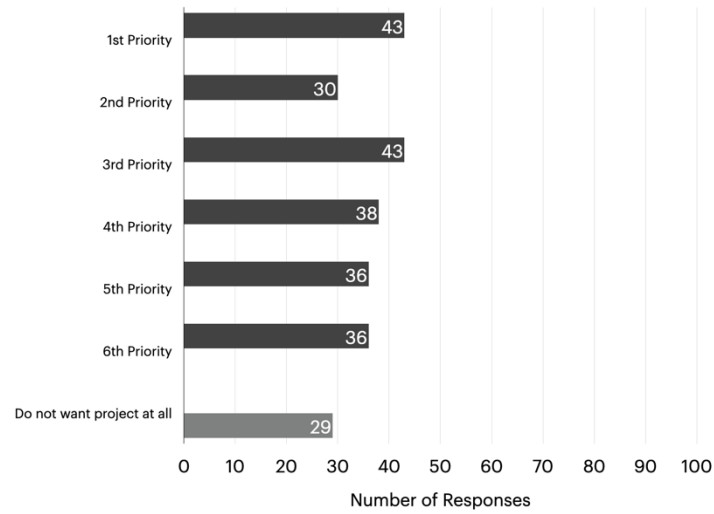


Figure 9.4: Contests and Community Challenges, Priority Rankings

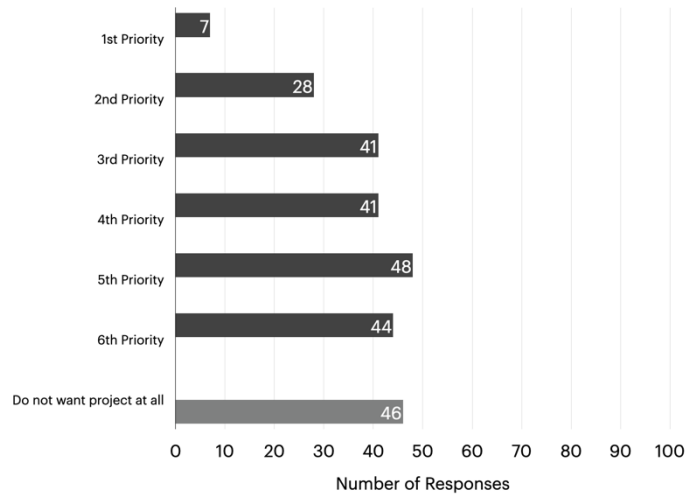


Figure 9.5: Informational Classes, Priority Rankings

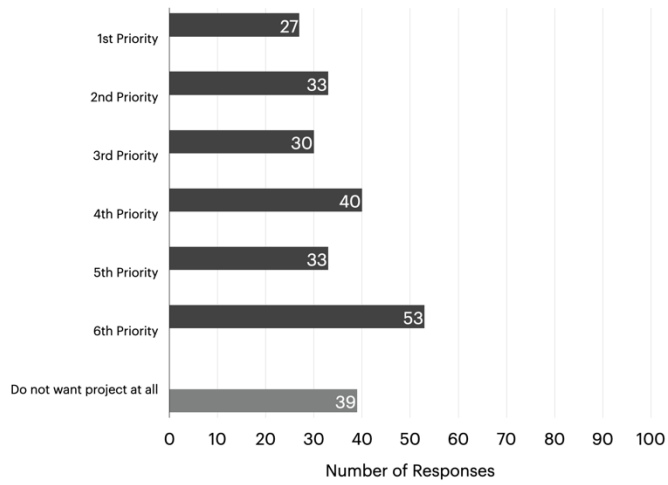
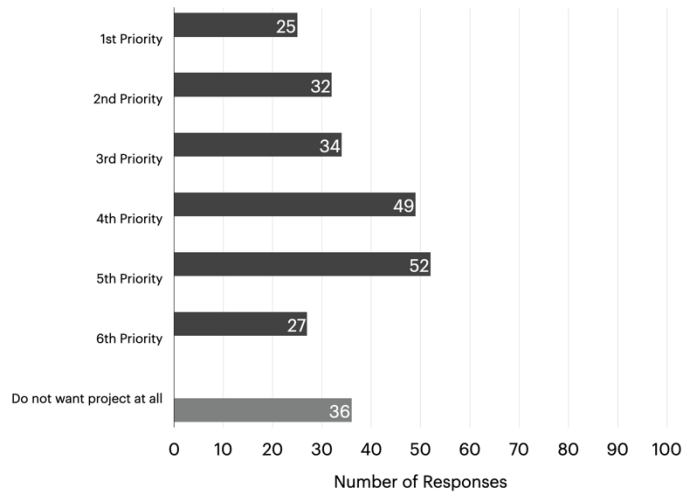


Figure 9.6: Community Art Projects, Priority Rankings



**Closed-Response Question 3:** *Over the last 6 years, the District’s yearly park expenditures have ranged from roughly \$45 per person per year to roughly \$150 per person per year (Based on a population of 5,478 from the 2020 US Census). As a taxpayer, what do you think is the right amount to pay per person, per year for our park system?*

*Low end: \$45 (This is the minimum amount we need to maintain what we have and includes mowing and basic landscaping services, repairs, and minor replacements, but does not include any changes or improvements to what we have).*

*High end: \$150 (This is the equivalent of \$575,000 for improvements in addition to basic maintenance).*

Figure 10: Annual Park Budget Preferences, Amount Per Person, Per Year  
Total # of Responses = 253

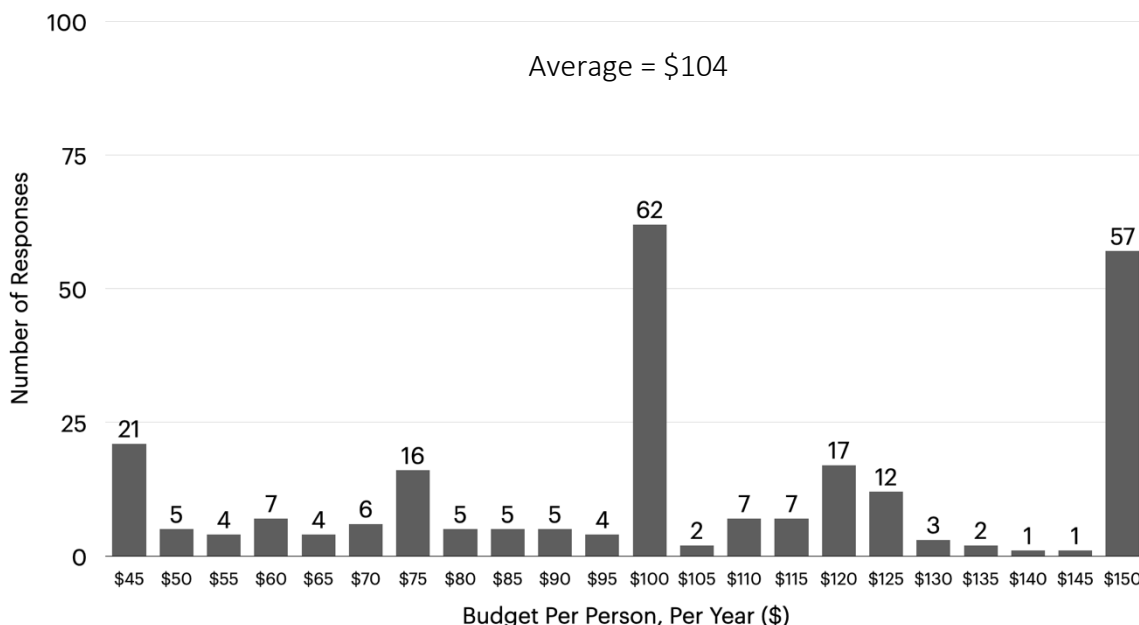


Figure 10 shows results for survey question 3. Respondents could select a number, in \$5 increments on a sliding scale that started at \$45 on the low end and ended at \$150 on the high end. The overall average response was \$104, which, if multiplied out would be the equivalent of roughly \$570,000 per year. Roughly 68% of respondents indicated they would be comfortable spending \$100+ per person per year to improve the District’s park system.

Respondents were then asked an open-ended follow up question.

**Open-Ended Response Question 3a:** *Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your answer to this question?*

All responses to this question are available in Appendix B.

Based on a review of all responses received for this question (104) the most repeated theme by far was that quality parks are worth paying/parks are valuable to the community (43 responses out of 104, or 41%).

Other repeated themes:

- Need or want more details and context to really answer the question (6 out of 104, or 6%)
- Don't want higher taxes/keep taxes low (5 out of 104, or 5%)

**Open-Ended Response Question 4:** *Is there anything else you would like to share with us?*

All responses to this question are available in Appendix B.

Based on a review of all responses received for this question (76), the most repeated themes are summarized below:

- Thanks for conducting the survey/park plan (13 out of 76, or 17%)
- Parks are a valuable part of the community (10 out of 76, or 13%)
- Would like more dog parks/off-leash dog areas (8 out of 76, or 11%)

## Survey Limitations

As with any survey, there are limitations in the data and methodology that must be acknowledged and considered. Below is a summary of observed limitations, followed by a brief discussion of how the data is being used.

1. Survey respondents were self-selected, meaning that individuals who knew about the survey decided whether to take part in it, and that decision alone could represent something about those people that influences the data collected. For example, the people who choose to take a park survey may, on average, feel more strongly about parks, one way or another, than the average District citizen, so their responses to the questions may be inherently differently than those of someone who didn't choose to take the survey.
2. Based on the available data, the opinions of young adults (18-25) were underrepresented in the dataset.
3. The survey was online, and even though paper copies were made available, they were not as widely accessible as the online version of the survey, and not nearly as convenient to turn in, which means that people who are not comfortable using the internet or don't have easy access to the internet were much less likely to take the survey.
4. The Project Team made the decision to ask simplified questions about project priorities that lacked detail about the inherent costs associated with different types of projects. This approach was chosen deliberately both to make the survey accessible and straightforward for respondents and out of necessity, as neither the scope of this project nor our survey software allowed for more complex questions. Nevertheless, we acknowledge that respondents may have prioritized projects differently if cost data were available.
5. The Project Team made the decision to ask a single and relatively simple question about park spending that was tethered to the reality of our District's annual budget and that put costs in terms relatable to most people (dollar amount per person). We acknowledge, however, that without detailed information about the District's overall budget picture and how the District pays for its park facilities, some respondents found it difficult to answer this question.

In order to ask detailed questions about budgeting that tie project prioritization to the budget and force real-world trade-offs between competing projects, the District would need to embark on a more dedicated process to educate and engage citizens and would also need software capable of managing complex budget questions and responses. This type of process is generally referred to as "Participatory Budgeting." Such an initiative



may be appropriate for the District to advance in the future but was outside the scope of this planning project.

Despite these acknowledged limitations, the planning team's objective in analyzing the survey results was to look for the key *stories* or clear *patterns* in the results that can provide general guidance as we prepare plan recommendations and an implementation strategy.

In addition to looking at the results of the three closed-response questions and the descriptive statistics associated with those questions (e.g., percentages, averages), we also looked closely at how responses interrelated with the responses to other questions and took great care to read and analyze the open-ended responses.

Regarding the results of the budget question in particular, these data serve merely as a guide for future decision-making, and the results of this question were never intended to bind the Board of Directors to spending a particular amount every year. Rather, annual decisions about the District's budget will continue to be based on a wide variety of considerations and the District's overall needs each year.

Nevertheless, the budget data does demonstrate a couple of key things, which are helpful as we think about what projects and initiatives we can realistically achieve over the next 5 years : 1) The majority of survey respondents consider our park system to be a vital part of our community's infrastructure and are willing to pay appropriate taxes to it; and 2) The average amount spent over the last six years is fairly well aligned with the average preferred per person/per year amount reported by survey respondents.

## Appendix A: Survey #2



### WTC MUD No. 1 Park Plan Community Survey 2: Project Priorities & Budgeting

**Welcome! WTC MUD #1 is updating our Parks Master Plan with the help of Verdunity, and we need your input.**

**Please take a few minutes to fill out this simple survey asking for your input. Your participation will help us prioritize future projects and appropriately budget for our park system. It should take you less than 10 minutes to complete the survey.**

WTC MUD No. 1 owns and operates 6 parks, as well as 8 detention ponds that have been designed to offer additional recreational amenities.





Based on the community input we received earlier in this process, the park planning project team has developed a list of potential projects for improving our park system. Now we need your help in prioritizing them. We've divided potential projects into two categories:

**Facility & Amenity Improvements**

These involve physical changes to park spaces.

**Community Programming Improvements**

These relate to how the parks are used--the events, activities, and uses that make the parks better places for people to spend time.

*Please note that we consider maintenance of existing amenities to be our first and most important goal. The next two questions focus only on prioritizing potential improvements or changes.*

First we will ask about facility & amenity improvements.

Please tell us how you would prioritize the following list of park system\* project types that focus on physical changes to parks and ponds (with "1" being the highest priority). If you're not interested in a particular project type at all, check the box to the right of that project "I don't want these projects at all."

(1 - Highest Priority, 7 - Lowest Priority)

- Ecosystem restoration and enhancement projects (such as tree planting and restoration of native habitats)
- Trail improvement projects (connecting and completing trail segments and improving signage, shade, and safety features)
- Playscapes projects (new and different playscape and creative play options for a range of age groups and abilities)
- Landscaping projects (beautification, safety, and access improvements to improve comfort and experience, such as new lighting)
- Water play project (Such as an interactive fountain, splash pad, or similar amenity where people can get wet)
- Social gathering projects (spaces designed for people to spend time together)
- Athletic/sports amenity projects (such as upgrades to the tennis, pickleball, basketball, and volleyball courts)

If there are projects that you don't want at all, mark the boxes with N/A.



Please tell us how you would prioritize the following list of park system project types that focus on how our parks are used (with “1” being the highest priority). If you’re not interested in a particular use at all, check the box to the right of that use “I don’t want these uses at all.”

(1 - Highest Priority, 6 - Lowest Priority)

- Large community events (e.g., 4 th of July BBQ, Spring Egg Hunt)
- Movies and/or music in the park
- Active recreational events (e.g., sporting tournaments or competitions, community run/walk events)
- Contests and community challenges (e.g., Fairy Garden Contest, scavenger hunts, photo contests)
- Informational classes (e.g., lessons on native landscaping, etc.)
- Community art projects (e.g., murals, pavement painting)

If there are projects that you don’t want at all, mark the boxes with N/A.



WTC MUD NO. 1  
5-YEAR PARK PLAN

**Budgeting for Parks**

Over the last 6 years, the District's yearly park expenditures have ranged from roughly \$45 per person per year to roughly \$150 per person per year.\*

As a taxpayer, what do you think is the right amount to pay per person, per year for our park system?

*\*Based on a population of 5,478 from the 2020 US Census. this*

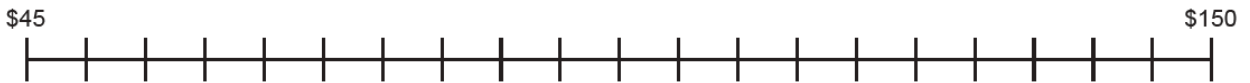
Low end: \$45

This is the minimum amount we need to maintain what we have and includes mowing and basic landscaping services, repairs, and minor replacements, but does not include any changes or improvements to what we have.

High end: \$150

This is the equivalent of \$575,000 for improvements in addition to basic maintenance. this

Please mark on the line where right amount is in this range (\$5 increments)



Is there anything you would like to tell us about your answer to this question?

Is there anything else you would like to share with us?



WTC MUD NO. 1  
5-YEAR PARK PLAN

Tell us a little about yourself

We'd love to be able to share the survey results with you. Please enter your email address so we can notify you when they're ready.

(if you already receive project updates from us then we already have your email address and there's no need to provide it again)

Did you provide input during an earlier phase of this park planning project? (check all that apply)

- I filled out the first community survey last May
- I participated in the park site visits and/or focus groups last spring
- I participated in the park workshops last month (December 2021)
- I have provided input about our parks in other ways (e.g., email, etc.)
- This is my first time providing input into this park planning process.

How did you hear about this survey? (check all that apply)

- Direct Email
- Large Community Sign
- Small Park Signage
- Website
- Social Media
- Word of Mouth
- Other:

How old are you?

- |                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 | <input type="radio"/> 51 - 65 |
| <input type="radio"/> 18 - 25  | <input type="radio"/> 66 - 80 |
| <input type="radio"/> 26 - 35  | <input type="radio"/> 80 +    |
| <input type="radio"/> 36 - 50  |                               |



WTC MUD No. 1  
5-YEAR PARK PLAN

Which one best describes you?

- I am under 18 years old
- I am an adult without children (ages infant to 17) in the house
- I am an adult with younger children in the house (ages 10 and younger)
- I am an adult with older children in the house (ages 11-18)
- I am an adult with both younger and older children in the house (ages infant - 18)



Which of the WTC MUD No. 1 neighborhoods do you call home?

If you live in Anderson Mill West, please reference the map above to select your area of the neighborhood.

Anderson Mill West, Area 1 <input type="radio"/>	Anderson Mill West, Area 2 <input type="radio"/>	Anderson Mill West, Area 3 <input type="radio"/>
Lakeline Oaks <input type="radio"/>	Hunter's Glenn <input type="radio"/>	Volente Hills <input type="radio"/>

Do you own or rent your home?

## Appendix B: Survey #1 Open-Ended Responses

**Open-Ended Response Question 3a (follow-up to budgeting question):** *Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your answer to this question?*

1. Our parks are lovely and well visited.
2. I guess it depends on how often one uses the parks. I love going to Sun Chase and playing disc golf at And. Pond. I walk Hatch everyday because it is closest and I love the old trees in the middle. Aster Pass is where I take the little kiddos. I'd love there to be a picnic table for adults and kids there.
3. Yada, yada
4. Consider that an elderly retired person does not have a yearly income increase.
5. no
6. I believe \$150 a year is worth every Penny to keep our parks clean, and to add more to keep them updated and inviting for everyone to enjoy
7. We love having the district parks and feel that they add to the sense of community as well as adding to the property value. This should be seen as an investment that pays dividends.
8. We are still sort of new to the community and with the hot Texas summers it would be nice for our kids to have access to a community pool.
9. Don't want to price people out of their houses but would like to see some improvements
10. If we were (hypothetically) to try for water play or a pool then I think that maybe should be a separate expense, with separate payments and separate liability.
11. I'm happy to invest more in our community if it goes towards usable park spaces for my children to play in safely.
12. no
13. Just a stab
14. No
15. No
16. I would absolutely be willing to pay the high end if it meant getting nicer parks and trails systems
17. I'm in favor of additional parks infrastructure spending if it doesn't obligate future maintenance, such as trails and tree planting.
18. I'm willing to invest more as long as it improves the neighborhood.
19. I see these spaces as critical infrastructure.
20. I think that investing in parks is incredibly vital and crucial to the growth and development of this area.
21. I think investing in our parks has immense value and is one of the things that brought us to this community years ago, enhances the whole community, and Our family is very happy with the beautiful parks and trails and our tax money invested. These special amenities also have a positive effect on the value of our homes and equity. I think money should be allocated first to repair our existing park, there are several pieces of broken play equipment and sun coverings currently at Anderson mill west park - also the landscaping has not ever



recovered since winter storm of last year. It was a bit confusing on that for landscaping ranking for funding because it mentioned the blurb about maintenance first - I wasn't sure what replanting plants was under. I think the sum mentioned of roughly 150 dollars per resident is very reasonable for our parks, especially compared with expenses of neighboring areas per resident. I think a few "loud" voices are portray parks improvements as unnecessary and overly costly because it is unwanted by them, i hope this survey is able to reach a variety of people because I think a lot of folks move to this area and stay here because of the great parks and the love being put into them. I think the parks committee needs to present data to the community about the costs of projects and taxes in surrounding areas so folks in our community can have more data about costs and what a good value we are getting for our current taxes and parks.

22. I think that maintenance/improvements to our parks is integral to our community staying active and in nature.
23. Access to multiple clean, useful, and walkable parks are what make our neighborhoods so desirable to families. They are areas to help build relationships and make us feel more like a community than just a bunch of houses sharing a zip code. I'm completely behind improving each of the parks in our MUD as much as financially possible.
24. Well, budget is finite, so if we allocate more to these projects, what are we giving up on?
25. I appreciate the value that having well-kept, functional and used public outdoor spaces provides to both my family and community so it is worth spending money to make this happen. Annually, \$100 per person feels appropriate for the spaces in the MUD with the understanding that occasionally (a one time year or two-year project) might be a little higher.
26. I don't want to fund amenities that I wouldn't use or that don't increase my home's value
27. We highly emphasize on the importance of the playground
28. \$150 per year is not a lot.
29. Nope
30. I feel like me contributing \$100/ year toward park maintenance feels about right.
31. I am not in favor of additional lighting. Prefer darker skies. I would like the streetlights to be lower lumens and downward directed only. Other landscaping improvements welcome. Also would like MUD personnel to remove any graffiti as soon as possible.
32. I feel that I get so much out of the parks around here that they are worth at least the amount I put.
33. No
34. Our parks are what make this community great to live in
35. I feel like improving the community is great for our usage and also our property values. No one wants to see taxes go up, so maybe a medium between taxes and fundraising would work well.
36. I appreciate our parks system and use it a lot so I would think as a user that it is acceptable to pay at least \$125 per person. The parks are such an asset to our community and we should care for them and make sure they are usable for everyone and for a long time.

37. Have a fee for services to pay for additional activities. Sport courts should have a fee. General park use should be free.
38. No
39. N/A
40. Yes. I think your fine structure is such that you should be able to finance all of these things without residence paying anything more. The fine structure is ridiculously high and should be lowered
41. I like the idea of continuous improvements to our park space. They build community and add value to our neighborhood.
42. \$10/month per person just seems to be a "fair & equitable" amount. Definitely want "improvements" so MORE THAN the low end maintenance only allocation.
43. Money used to create parks that don't require substantial long term upkeep is preferable. Clear the path between Madeline loop and the other park is a one time big investment and not so much long term. This is much more valuable to residents.
44. MUD taxes are too high already.
45. Safety 1st!
46. It would be better if this was a scaled rate based on occupancy and not just per dwelling.
47. I don't mind paying if it improved quality of life and property values
48. I know that even \$15s more will help a lot to get projects done
49. With young children, we utilize the parks quite a bit. Investing in them would only want us to use them even more especially with improvements made.
50. More maintenance of existing walking trails is needed. Some need refurbishment including border and/or crushed granite paths.
51. No
52. I don't feel that I have enough information for this response. How is the money obtained? Does a lower cost put money back in my pocket? If not, what are the other options for spending it? I think if I knew my options, I could better prioritize the amount for each project.
53. Retirement incomes do not increase so increasing MUD costs is burdensome.
54. Please do it faster
55. This is a hard question to answer with a meaningful answer.
56. Nope
57. Is this amount per household or per person?
58. I think the parks are okay as is
59. Everyone is having to tighten their budgets right now with the rising costs of essentials like groceries. It doesn't seem like a good time to go all out on new projects. There is plenty of maintenance that is important to address.
60. I think parks are extremely important for the community and the monies spent should reflect that.
61. I don't have a good understanding of what an appropriate amount would be or comparison to other communities of similar size. This question is best left to experts in funding and planning.
62. I want a skate park, so I'm willing to pay

63. Money spent on parks goes right back into the community. It pays real human beings and improves our area. I am sure that y'all will do a better job with my \$150 bucks than I could with the same goals.
64. Maybe make it a sliding scale for those with lower income
65. Any opportunities for public private partnerships, sponsorships?
66. Quit doing dumb things in the parks that nobody wants and cost too much money. Case in point - yoga decks.
67. State of the park system amenities surround this mud district, all within walking distance, including athletic fields, water parks, pools, playscapes, community gardens and the like. The system types described in #3, are also offered free of charge to residents of this mud. Cedar Park hosts Easter egg hunts, movies and music in the park, and miles of walking trails in the new Lakeline park opening in the spring of 2022. There is no cost for mud residents to use these Cedar Park amenities. Don't copy them at a cost to ALL residents when only a small fraction of mud residents will actually use them.
68. We need more/better street lights. Less light pollution the better.
69. Parks are important to me and my family
70. Middle range seems good.
71. I love our parks, but they could be improved and become an even greater asset to our community. I'd love to see investments made in them and how they are used to bring residents together.
72. I would like my tax dollars to go toward things I will actually use.
73. I believe a \$150 per year is still a low amount to keep our parks beautiful and to plant trees where they die or have been damaged. We need trees and good play equipment for children.
74. Investing in our parks should have a positive influence on our property values and neighborhood character
75. Park spaces and neighborhood gatherings are important aspects of a community. Especially after the pandemic and moving forward, this can improve mental health, and make the area a safer place to live. When more people are out, they interact face to face, bringing a sense of community and a certain amount of pride in where we live
76. It is my honor and duty to spend money on improving my neighborhood.
77. Our parks and green spaces are perhaps the most important thing we need to protect, as a community, right after public safety.
78. As a senior on a fixed income, I want my taxes to be as low as possible!
79. Simply put, I am willing to pay on the high end if there are seen results of money being spent.
80. balance between need\wish and really needed
81. It'd be a good idea to understand the distribution of residents in terms of families, single households, elderly, professionals, etc. Families and elderly probably use the parks the most while singles/professionals less. So, perhaps cost should reflect who the majority of users are...?

82. Little return on parks.
83. As an accountant, I like this question. But I think it presents the issue of money without adequate context.
84. No
85. Inflation
86. I would pay more if a dog park was included in the list of proposed improvements.
87. Our parks are already great and there is no need to spend more tax payer monies on them aside from some community events. Either bank the monies for future emergencies or needs.
88. no
89. Define "per person" in a better way.
90. I think it's important to prioritize like this survey is intending to figure out-what will be most valuable to the most residents
91. N/A
92. I think minimizing taxpayer contributions is priority as I think current park amenities are satisfactory. In my opinion, just better lighting is something that I would say is needed. Everything else is extra that obviously comes at a cost. Community events are a good opportunity to meet neighbors...depending on the event. I, personally, have not been able to participate in the events in my neighborhood either due to scheduling conflicts or because the event was very family oriented. I understand that activities geared towards children/families and easier to plan, but as someone living alone, I don't feel all that comfortable attending such events.
93. A strong budget for community spaces and community projects pays for itself in personal enjoyment and improved property values. I'm fine with paying more to keep public spaces functional and enjoyable
94. I do not want taxes raised. I'd like to see our current tax dollars utilized for what the residents want. For example, I'd rather see our dollars used for these park improvements rather than enforcing restrictions on street parking. I am NOT in favor of raising taxes for any reason.
95. No
96. Advertise it as \$12/month and it's a much more manageable and reasonable number
97. n/a
98. I think it would all depend on what the improvements are.
99. As a senior that doesn't use these facilities. Seniors should be exempted from these fees. The above amount will not let me enter zero. You fixed this so no one could enter anything less than \$45 dollars. I can't enter my response without saying at least \$45. That way you get data that is not accurate or my desire. This is not a fair response. I can't submit my response without entering \$45. My response is actually zero.
100. For such a small investment per person, we could make this place a really great place to live.
101. If we had a pool it would be higher

102. We pay taxes, if the city spent money more wisely we wouldn't have to pay park fees on top of the taxes.
103. Provide and promote strategies (dos and don'ts) of neighbor watch. - Provide fair cost plants, trees and mulch to the community to encourage property maintenance. -Digital Media distribution emails (By self enrollment) of projects and budget management to residents.
104. \$150 per year to make our neighborhood better is great. I think we all need to understand if we put money in the areas can look better. I hope we can make more trails and plant more trees and have more lighting at entrances and in the parks.
105. Willing to Spend money to keep our parks friendly and safe for families
106. If it's needed to improve and maintain the parks then that's what need to be done!
107. I am wondering if the freeze damage increase the average. Maybe next year it will stabilize.
108. Parks should be the #2 priority of the elected directors.
109. Park space is very valuable but hopefully not at the expense of community services for safety and maintenance
110. N/A
111. 100 annually for the income ranges in our neighborhood seems reasonable.
112. From my recollection, the newer board members ran under a fiscal responsibility angle. The mud district has the responsibility to handle infrastructure before parks. I do enjoy having better parks than some surrounding areas, but I liked the water bills not being raised for pretty amenities.
113. Do water play areas.
114. Preservation or restoration of habitat, and natural landscapes that everyone can enjoy are crucial in my opinion.
115. My husband and I are expanding our family, and are excited to use the new amenities coming our way in cedar park, and are willing to invest in them.
116. Beautify our area and male them more family and kid friendly
117. No
118. Would anything above \$45 per WTCMUD1 tax payer amount raise MUD taxes or is the per person amt for parks an amt allocated out of current revenue?
119. \$30/quarter
120. not at this time
121. Usable parks are a major amenity in the MUD.
122. Yes it's time to put in more for lightening in the neighborhoods, fix the pathways, trails and plant more trees and maybe to bring back 4th of July parties that this money would go to.
123. The improvements made to add trails, street lights, create space using the drainage ponds have had a dramatic positive impact on the community. This must continue for our community to maintain its appeal. We have 2 elementary schools in the district with the middle and high schools walking distance. Good schools and outdoor space are what will keep property values stable during economic swings.

**Open-Ended Response Question 4:** *Is there anything else you would like to share with us?*

1. Bench swings under trees would be nice in all parks.
2. I think \$100 of my tax dollars going to the parks is very reasonable for the upkeep of our wonderful parks. Not many neighborhoods in our area have great parks like ours.
3. More yada?
4. n/a
5. no
6. I would like to see a play scape replaced on sun chase, lightening at all entrances and at the gazebo on Old mill.
7. I'm using dog park and willing to pay for using it (annual fee for gate key like in Anderson Mill).
8. I really want more imaginative play items like play houses, stationary vehicles or fort type structures. We have a 3 year old with twins on the way and spend a lot of time at the park. Slides and swings alone get a little boring. Different themed parks would be nice too. We have 10 parks within a mile and for the most part they are all the same. We need more variety. Thank you for taking our thoughts into consideration!
9. The parks are beautiful. Keep up the good work and let's keep planting more trees! So many froze in winter 2021. Let's replace those trees!
10. Sun chase park needs a playscape ASAP!
11. no
12. No
13. When will we have a pool
14. Bike lanes/routes
15. I'd love to see a dog park in our area, pickleball courts and nature walking trails in the lakeline oaks side of the neighborhood
16. There's no safe, off leash, play space for dog owners in and near lakeline oaks. I notice a lot of people take their dogs to Nauman Playground after school lets out so their dogs can get some exercise. I really would love a place nearby where the dogs can play and socialize. The space next to Nauman would be great, it's completely underutilized.
17. Thank you everyone for all the love they have put into our parks - the children in the community get to much joy and friendships there! Our family would love to have a water feature. The Butler park fountain is so inspirational in that it goes all year round in downtown Austin which is beautiful aesthetically but also fun for the kids to splash around in. I wonder if a mini version of a fountain or a small but pretty water feature might be possible - beautiful for everyone to look at and fun for the kids and useful year round. In the surrounding areas most of the splash pads are open for just 3 or 4 months when really with Texas weather kids would enjoy splashing around more like 10 months of the year, just as the Butler fountain in downtown Austin is open year round! This would be a unique thing for our area rather than driving 30 or 40 minutes downtown. Whatever water feature we consider it would be wonderful and unique if it was possible to function year round. If budget is a question I would vote for smaller water feature with year round fountain dual purpose play and pretty :-)) thank you guys for all the love and thoughtfulness you are

- putting into our parks! Whatever the outcome, I hope our community has a attitude of friendliness and good will :)
18. Thank you for continuing to focus on our parks and providing us an easy means of giving feedback!
  19. I would like a survey into on street parking for the minor part of the MUD still being enforced for this. It can save on money that we can give to parks and safety, shift the focus. Thank you!
  20. Thank you for gathering input from the community.
  21. Would like to see the MUD getting some of the dead or overgrown vegetation cleaned up in peoples yards
  22. Thank you for your hard work! I look forward to the park improvements and community events.
  23. This all sounds great. Basically, the most important stuff for me is good, safe things for my kids to play on.
  24. This was difficult because all of these ideas are wonderful and I would love to see them implemented, almost equally. I chose the ones most geared to children because I have children.
  25. No
  26. Something really needs to be done about all of the non-residents that use Anderson Mill West Park. It has become dangerous for residents to drive past the park with all the cars parked along the street and people walking right out into the road without looking, cars pulling out without looking, people stopping their cars in the middle of the road to chat, and cars parking in the red zone blocking the visibility to the road to be able to turn. It has become more than just an inconvenience to residents, it is dangerous. In addition, the door to the tennis courts is often left open which has resulted in a lot of miss-use of the courts and vandalism.
  27. Thank you
  28. I would love to see a splash pad put in for our children to use! I love the Robin Bledsoe one as it is fully fenced with shade and tables. More shade and tables would be amazing!
  29. Thank you for what you do!
  30. Thank you for all of your hard work.
  31. No
  32. N/A
  33. Get rid of the restrictions that don't allow parking on the street in the middle of the night. That rule does NOTHING to protect property values and it is only imposed on some residents and not all. Not fair.
  34. n/a
  35. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input!
  36. Less money on events and more on creating a gated community.
  37. This survey doesn't work well on Android phones
  38. Community activities would be nice
  39. No

40. Please make improvements to the park in the alley - it looks abandoned and not as safe for kids anymore
41. N/A
42. Make and maintain a trail connecting Little Elm Pond and Madeline Loop
43. We moved here because of the parks.
44. The equipment in the Volente Hills park needs some repair.
45. Nope
46. No changes needed to parks
47. I love the idea of gathering community members. It's harder to meet neighbors now and it would go a long way to get know who lives around you. Maybe a color coded first name tag for your street so that you could walk over and introduce yourself. It would promote a bit of familiarity with those around you.
48. I think the parks are the most valuable and impactful part of our MUD, and we should prioritize keeping them at the highest possible quality and usefulness. We should always be improving and adding to our parks, in addition to maintenance.
49. Please build a skate park, to get kids off the streets and out of trouble.
50. Playscapes need to have variable designs for older children. Round Rock has done an amazing job with this. Look at Pepper Rock zip line, Joanne Land obstacle course. Play for All Park is an absolute dream and we don't have anything close to that in this area. Thank you.
51. Spend less of my money on your personal projects and focus on your job better of giving me and my family clean and safe water.
52. Water at the dog park and a splash pad are my two priorities
53. This survey is disingenuous. It does not include the cost of each park system being presented. The cost of planting a tree is far less than a water play project that comes with ongoing maintenance and repair. Those details are essential to prioritizing and budgeting.
54. We appreciate the thoughtfully designed flood control parks. Very intentional and it makes the neighborhood a nicer place to live
55. Thanks for the chance to provide input.
56. I appreciate that the MUD is doing this planning process for our parks and that it is transparent and inviting public engagement. I don't have time to attend your monthly meetings, so I appreciate being able to share my thoughts in this way.
57. I did not know we could pay more to make the community nicer. How do we get this information out to others.
58. No activities where there's no parking.
59. Filming in the parks should not be allowed
60. This budget is an important part of WTC MUD #1, thanks for the opportunity for input and improve the area.
61. We need a playscape in Sun Chase Park.
62. LOWER TAXES!
63. no
64. Connected bike and hiking trails. Increased safety measures. Community programs.
65. Would love a pool in our neighborhood and public golf course



66. No
67. I would like more dog park areas.
68. Just because there is extra money in the budget does not necessitate the need to spend. Please be good stewards of tax payers monies and if possible cut the needless expenditures.
69. no
70. I would love it if Aster Park could be converted to a dog park. It is rarely used and there isn't an equivalent park nearby.
71. No
72. I haven't noticed any dog parks. Is that in the proposal as well? Also, my selections were difficult to make as I would prioritize differently based on park size and location.
73. Thank you for conducting this survey
74. No
75. Turn more neighborhood reservoirs into fenced in dog parks
76. Thank you for doing this.
77. n/a
78. Included in the athletic section should be frisbie golf,
79. Seniors should be exempted from these fees. Your survey changed my response from zero to \$45. I don't want to pay \$45 I want to pay zero
80. 1.-Plant trees In London Lane Pond to recover from the hundreds of trees cut in the land next to it. 2.-Install a fence in the basketball court in Anderson Mill west park (next to Cypress elementary) To avoid ball to run all the way to el Salido street. No need to be fully closed so all community can always access it. Thank you!
81. please continue to make our neighborhood better. Tress please at the dog park on London lane, Have you seen what they did behind the park? can we put lightening in at each entrance off of Anderson Mill coming into the neighborhoods. This is too needed. I saw today a path being put in at the park. can this be extended all the way across to keep our kids safe? can we add more gravel at the parks they are disappearing.
82. would like new trees planted on London lane to hide the new buildings coming in . Could we get lighting on the park forest sign off of Anderson Mill. Trails and nice park make our neighborhood attractive
83. I am not against spending money on beautifying our parks, but want to make sure that is spend wisely.
84. Do what is right for the residents. Don't let the goons win.
85. Not at this time
86. Our parks look and function generally well. Some additional signage throughout the neighborhood showing where some of the smaller parks are could be nice. A trail system throughout the neighborhood would be a great way to get kids off the main roads when traveling between parks.
87. Make it easy for disabled people to be accessible
88. Thank you for letting us give input on these decisions!
89. No
90. No

91. Continue to keep MUD members informed as you've been doing. Thanks.
92. The projected costs of the priority projects would be helpful to evaluate budgetary needs.
93. Lights at both MUD tennis courts are not good enough.
94. I would love to see a space for dancers. There is no wood floor space anywhere for dancers!
95. Truly worried about not enough lightening near our entrances. With so much new buildings going in we need more safety lights coming into our neighborhood. Can we add a new wall on London lane dog park? Can we add big tall trees? Also can we add one more paved with cement path off of el Salido park to cypress elementary. Keep our kids safer!!! Please
96. I see the social media posts attacking our community. A few clucking chickens do not represent the community.
97. We need a splash pad/ pool desperately for our neighborhood. The vast majority of our year is hot, we need this.



## Park Workshops: Response Summary

In December 2021, the District hosted four, one-hour-long workshops for five of the District's parks spaces: Old Mill (Gazebo) Park, Aster Pass Park, Hatch Pond, and Volente Hills Park + Cashell Wood Pond.

These five spaces were selected because the Advisory Committee wanted more specific direction on these areas from the residents who live in close proximity to the park space.

The workshops were advertised on the website, through social media, via email (for those residents on the email list for the park planning project), and via door fliers that were hand-delivered to homes in the immediate vicinity of these particular parks. Roughly 250 fliers were delivered.

In-person attendance was modest, but not unexpectedly so considering the narrow focus of each workshop. Three of the Advisory Committee members were also present at all four workshops and have not been counted in the numbers below.

Old Mill (Gazebo) Park: 10 attendees

Aster Pass Park: 2 attendees

Hatch Pond: 5 attendees

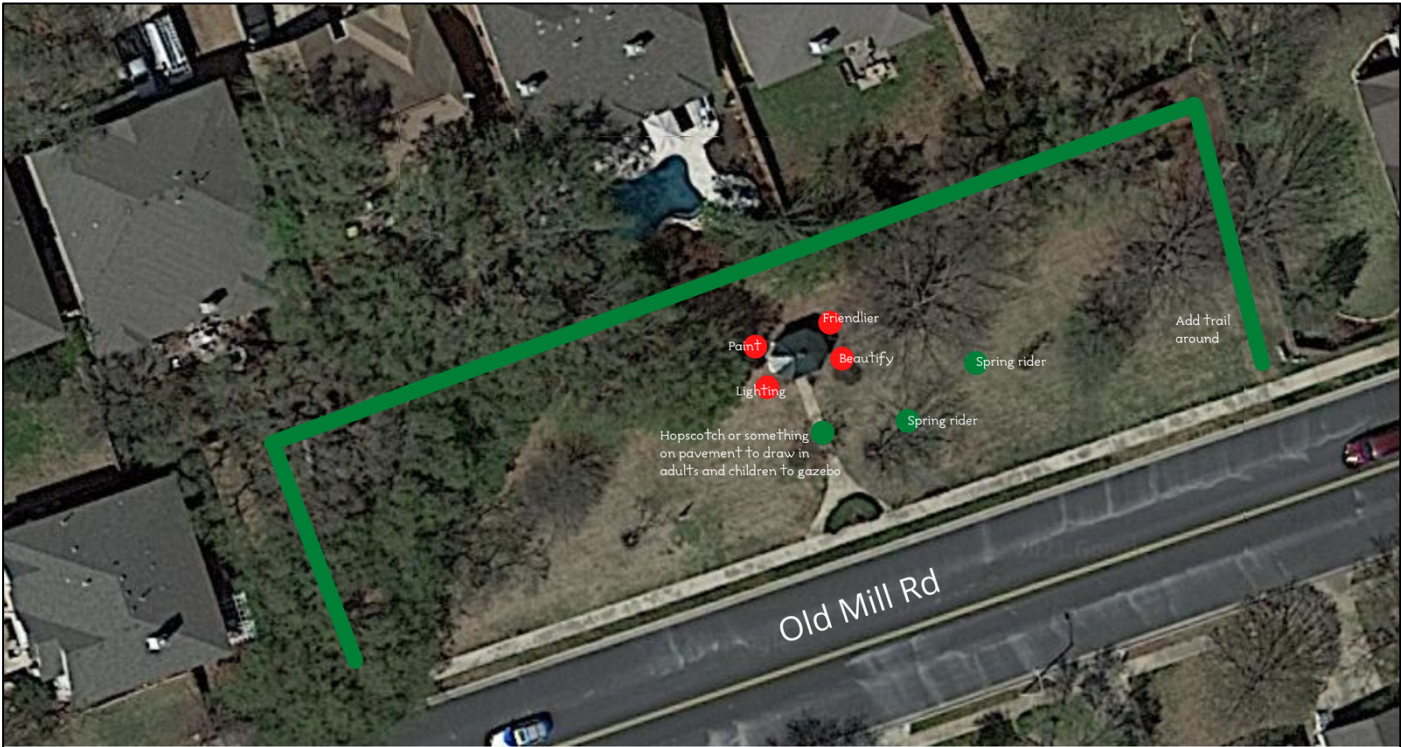
Volente Hills Park and Cashell Wood Pond: 7 attendees

A few residents who were either unable to attend the workshops, or who thought of ideas after the fact, reached out separately with comments and ideas.

At each workshop, residents sat in small groups and each group was given a large (24x36) satellite map of the park (Google Earth image). Using stickers and markers, participants were asked to work with their group members to mark up their maps with thoughts and ideas. In two of the four workshops, where we had more than one group, a spokesperson from each group stood up to share their work with the other group(s).

To help facilitate group discussion, participants were each given a handout with guiding questions. There was space on each handout for individuals to jot down their own, personal responses to those questions, and many of the participants handed in their individual work at the end of the evening.

# Compilation of Map Responses (Results of Group Work):



## The Future of Old Mill Park

- Problems & Challenges
- Ideas & Opportunities

- Notes:
- Trees closer to fence are not maintained. Branches fallen on my fence and broken a piece of my fence.
  - Little free library is good.
  - There is no grass in some areas and some areas are not level and I observed people tripped while they are walking.
  - Not interested in community garden suggestion. It's a safety issue to my house and my neighbors.
  - Build a masonry wall or (as an alternative) put up a nice (well maintained) 8' fence.
  - Flowers around gazebo-beautify-lighting
  - Paint hopscootch on sidewalk
  - Trail-granite around
  - Solar lights in gazebo

- Flush merry-go-round
- Health and fitness station
- Water fountain
- Interactive statues
- Uplights-gazebo & trees
- Tree maintenance
- Fence along the roadside border--3' high (waist height)



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### The Future of Aster Pass Park

- Problems & Challenges
- Ideas & Opportunities

#### Notes:

- Skate park
- Trees, plants, color
- Redo paths





## The Future of Hatch Pond

- Problems & Challenges
- Ideas & Opportunities

### Notes:

- No dumping at the drain
- Stairs and ADA ramp
- Leave play fields
- Disability access to playground
- Able-bodied swings
- Teetherball-like
- Not crazy about gravel on trails



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**Individual Responses to Workshop Guiding Questions (collected only from those who recorded their own responses)**

1. What makes this park special or valuable to you? What do you like about this park as it is today?

**Old Mill (Gazebo) Park**

- I like the green area to look at from my backyard and the view.
- Close by—my backyard. Peaceful, quiet place to spend time to think, walk the dog, or meet a friend.
- Quiet, well-shaded.
- Greenspace

**Aster Pass Park**

No individual responses collected.

**Hatch Pond**

- Kids' freedom to play.

- Open spaces.
- I live nearby and my kids grew up playing in it. I really like it the way it is now.

#### **Cashell Wood Pond**

- Yoga pad is not used for anything. Too close to the road.
- Pretty, but useless except to look at.

#### **Volente Hills Park**

- Small park, handy location, never busy.

2. What feature or amenity would get you to use this park at all/more often?

#### **Old Mill (Gazebo) Park**

- Gazebo—like to sit and read there.
- A few more benches; slower speed limit on that portion of Old Mill.
- Small play features.
- Better landscape maintenance

#### **Aster Pass Park**

No individual responses collected.

#### **Hatch Pond**

- Ramp, trees.
- More trees, stairs, and ADA Ramp.
- More trees, shading on walking trail.

#### **Cashell Wood Pond**

- Not sure how to use this space.

#### **Volente Hills Park**

- 1/2 basketball court, more toys—doesn't really matter what.

3. What would improve your experience at this park? What would make it safer, more comfortable, more enjoyable? No idea is too small.

#### **Old Mill (Gazebo) Park**

- One or two benches outside gazebo
- Better maintenance of the trees. Right now broken limbs are falling and can fall on us and/or on owner properties.
- Natural walkway to help prevent mud.



**Aster Pass Park**

No individual responses collected.

**Hatch Pond**

- Weed removal.
- Lighting in area around trees.

**Cashell Wood Pond**

- Beautify the space.
- Sun shade?

**Volente Hills Park**

- Tree trimming, retaining wall anchors are popping out.

4. If you could wave a magic wand and make this space into anything you wanted, what would that be?
- a. What would the space look like?
  - b. What would the space feel like?
  - c. How would the space be used?

**Old Mill (Gazebo) Park**

- The space is amazing already the way it is with a little more maintenance.
- Don't like the barrier fence idea or the community garden idea.
- A wall like all the other common areas around the side and rear of park, nicely groomed grass and shrubs, quieter traffic (by slowing it down).
- Add a walkway for mud and some benches or statues. Make Gazebo nicer.
- Well-groomed and maintained. Quiet.

**Aster Pass Park**

No individual responses collected.

**Hatch Pond**

- Wooded and clean.
- Trees and native plants, relaxing, families, kids.

**Cashell Wood Pond**

- Take out the yoga pad and beautify with garden, trees, shaded seating.

**Volente Hills Park**

No individual responses collected.

5. In what ways can changes to this park space contribute to the District's draft park system goals (listed below)?

**Old Mill (Gazebo) Park**

- Better maintenance.
- It supports 1, 3, 4, & 5.

**Aster Pass Park**

No individual responses collected.

**Hatch Pond**

No individual responses collected.

**Cashell Wood Pond**

No individual responses collected.

**Volente Hills Park**

No individual responses collected.

6. What do you think should be the role of residents (all of you) in adapting this space? The role of the District?

**Old Mill (Gazebo) Park**

- Use the park responsibly.
- Active role and vote on final park renovations.

**Aster Pass Park**

No individual responses collected.

**Hatch Pond**

- Volunteer workshops with residents.
- Keep this park for the neighborhood, please don't ask outside events to come to this park.

**Cashell Wood Pond**

No individual responses collected.

**Volente Hills Park**

No individual responses collected.

## Other Individual Responses Collected (comments collected either in-person or through separate communications in connection to these workshops)

### Old Mill (Gazebo)Park:

- I personally would love to see the gazebo stay (if it's in good enough condition) but add a few playhouses and a fence to make it more child friendly. We frequent most parks in this neighborhood and as fun as the playscapes are I would really love to see things that can help bring on more imaginative play like playhouses or boats.

### Aster Pass Park

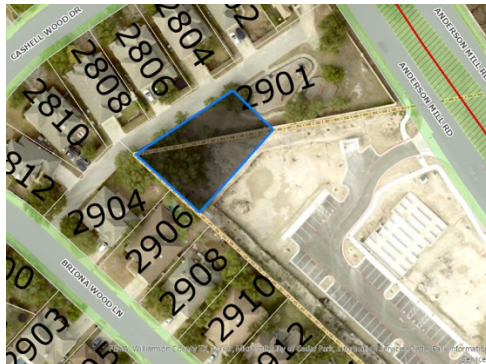
- Park benches to sit on. Maybe picnic table.
- Get rid of the landscaping of the cactus cacti. That is not good for little ones to play around.
- Better lighting in the evening.

### Hatch Pond

No other comments collected.

### Volente Hills Park

- The VH park is triangular shaped, which restricts the areas we have to work with. The office complex being developed nearby owns the complementary triangle, which is unusable for them as well. If we could purchase or lease the triangle from the office complex, the combined pieces would make a large usable new space. I think it's a long-term opportunity we should watch for.



### Cashell Wood Pond

- Two or three benches along the path or patio.

**Anderson Mill Pond** (some residents offered input on this space--even though it was not formerly one of the parks being discussed—because it is interconnected with Cashell Wood Pond)

- 2 trees needed between trail and fence of 2700 Cashell Wood Cv to block currently unobstructed view into backyard and pool. Concerned about safety and privacy.
- Complete trail on east side of park.
- Bench to enjoy the view of the sunset
- Put mile markers so folks can track how many miles they walk.
- Almost too many picnic tables; add more playground, like ladder slide. Folks do not picnic there as there is no parking—who wants to carry food or party stuff that far.
- More gravel path around the water retention ponds.
- Exercise bars for push-up, pull-ups, or sit-ups like there are at Milburn Park