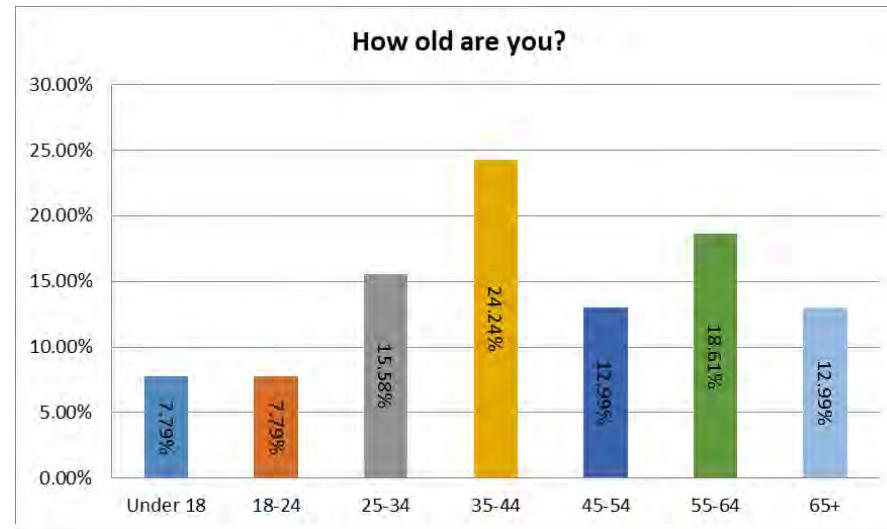
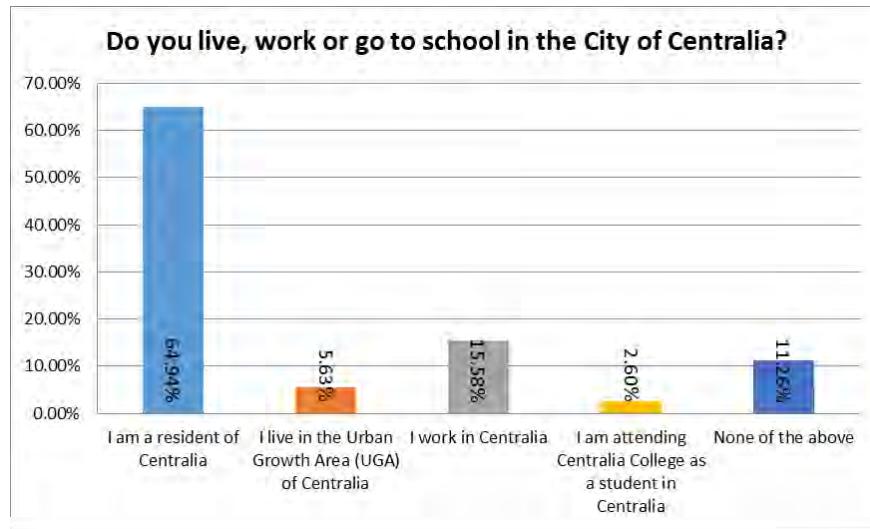
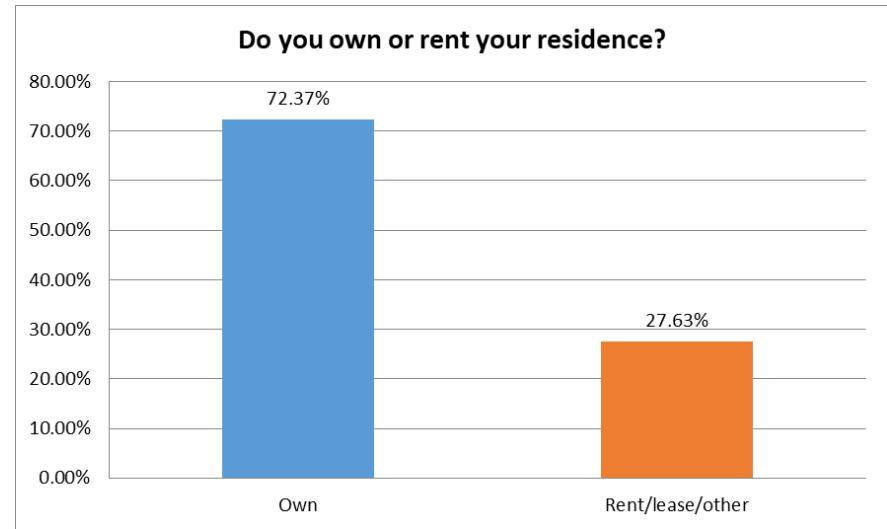
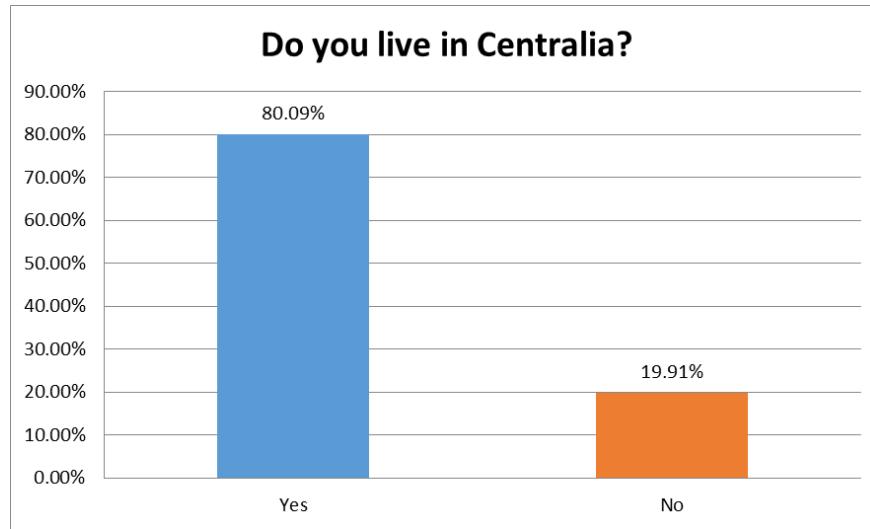
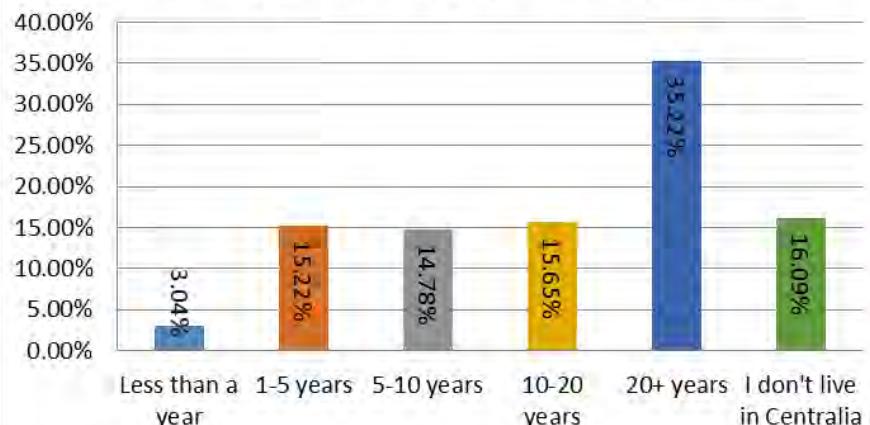


APPENDIX C: COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

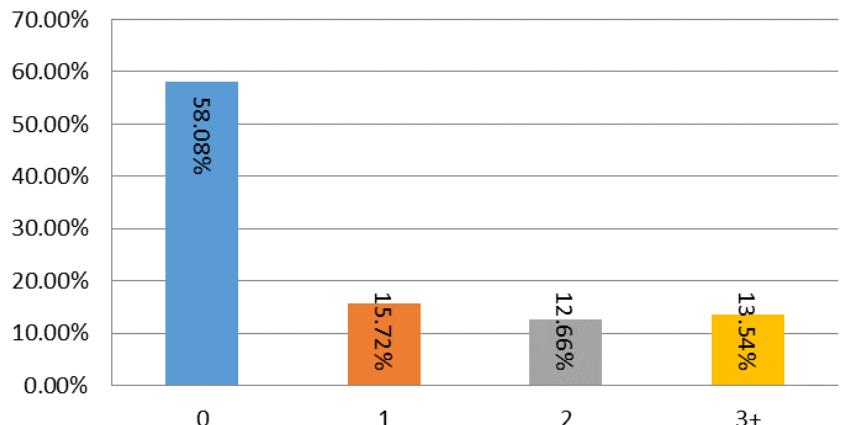
2019/2020 Centralia Parks Plan Survey Results – 231 people responded to the survey



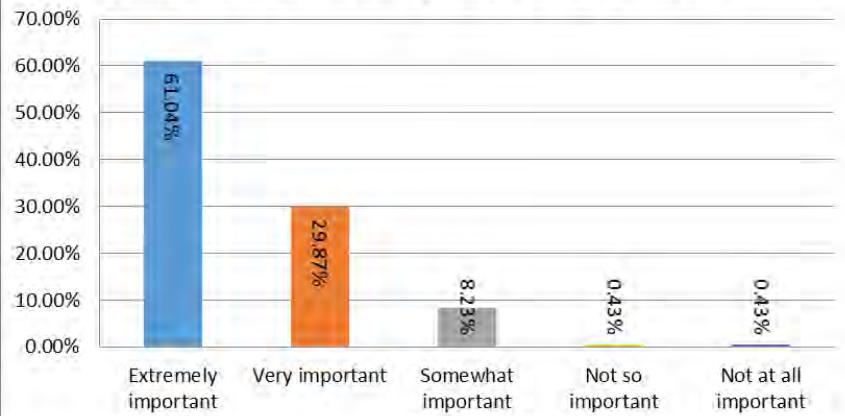
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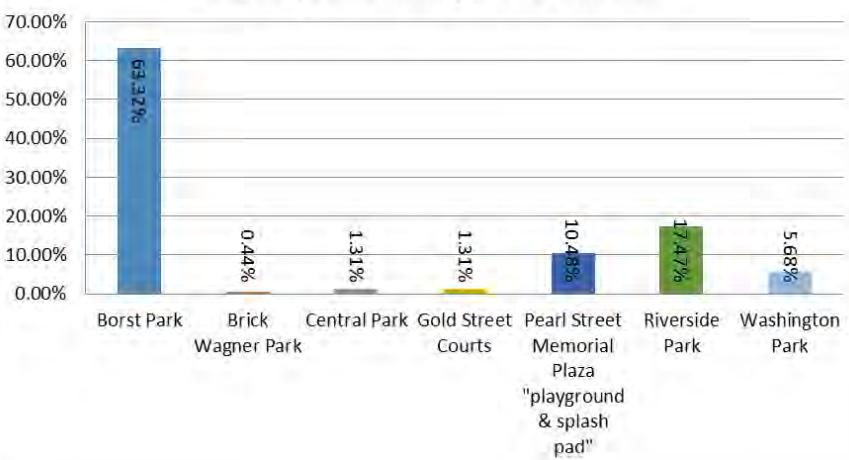
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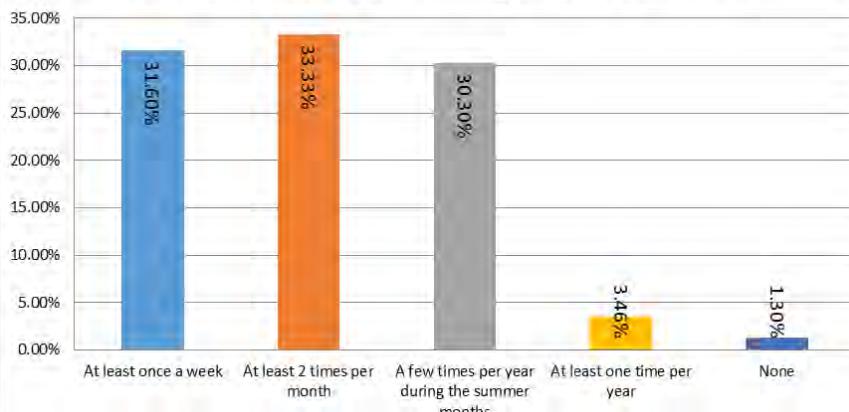
How important are parks and recreation facilities and programs to the overall quality of life in Centralia?



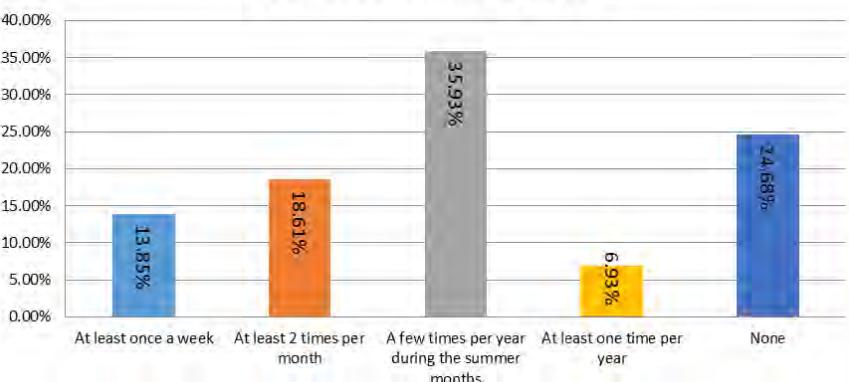
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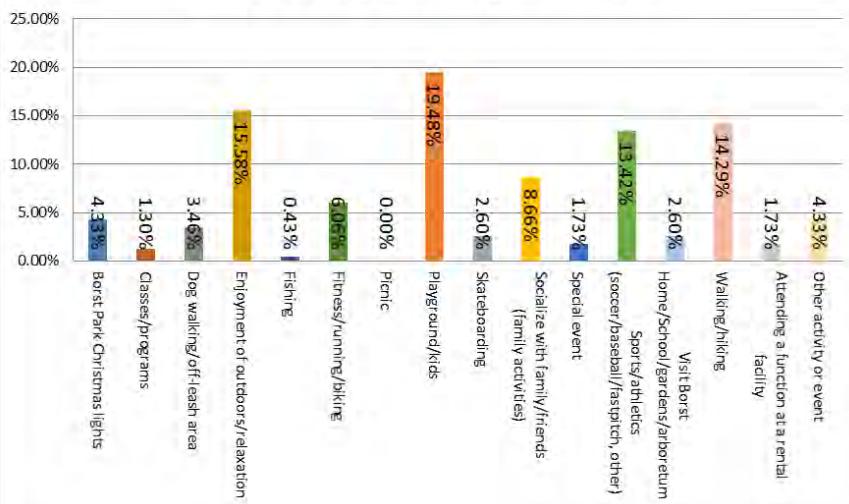
Approximately how often did you or members of your household visit a city park during the past 12 months?



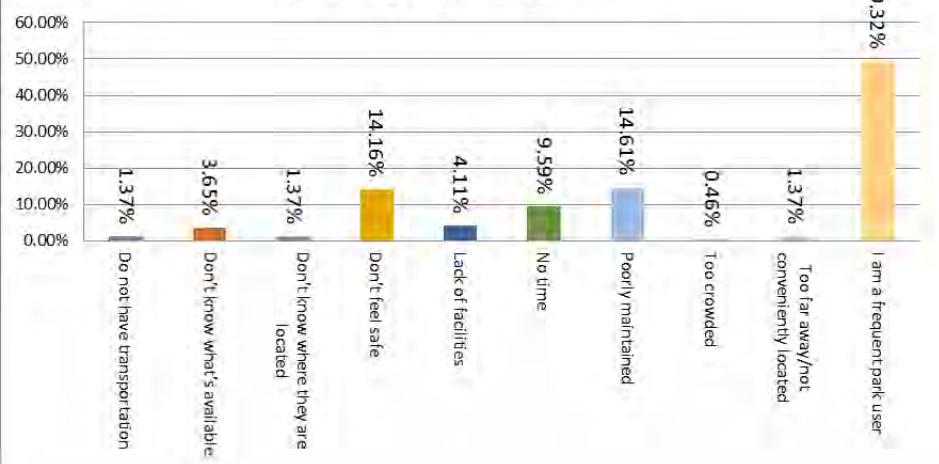
In 2019, how often did you or someone in your household use the playgrounds at Borst, Riverside, or Pearl Street Memorial parks?



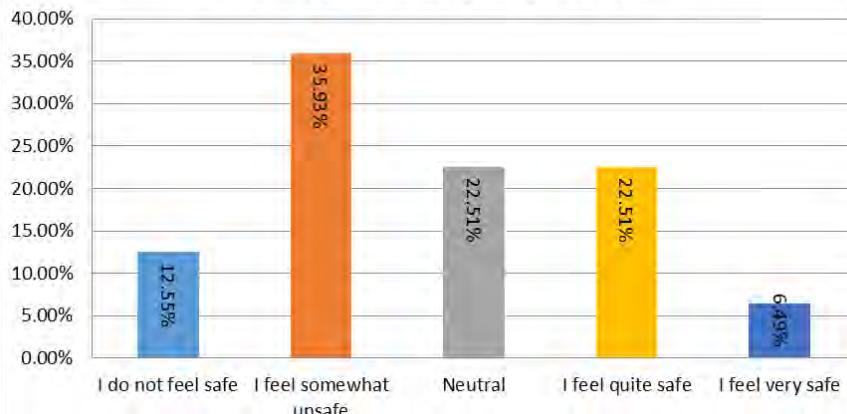
What is the main reason you or members of your household visit Centralia parks facilities?



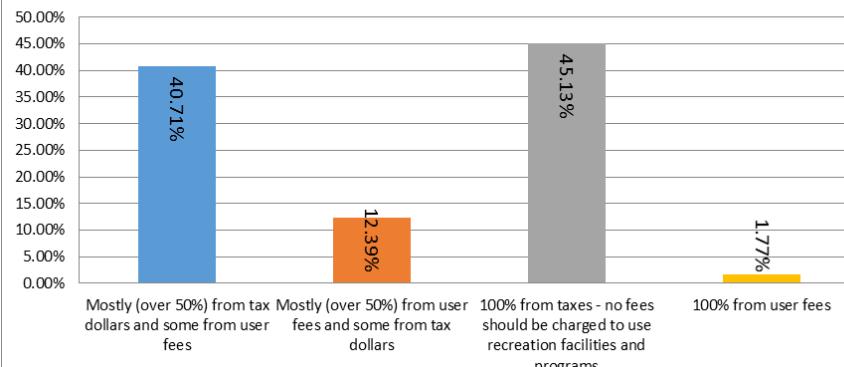
If you seldom use or do not use the parks in Centralia, what is your primary reason?



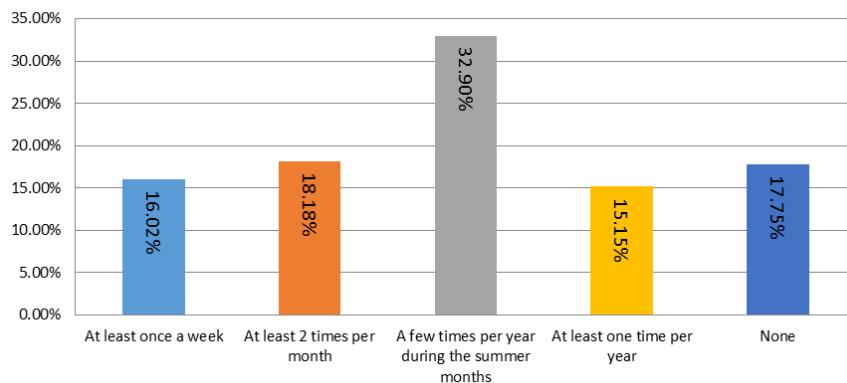
Do you or members of your household feel safe in Centralia parks and open space areas?



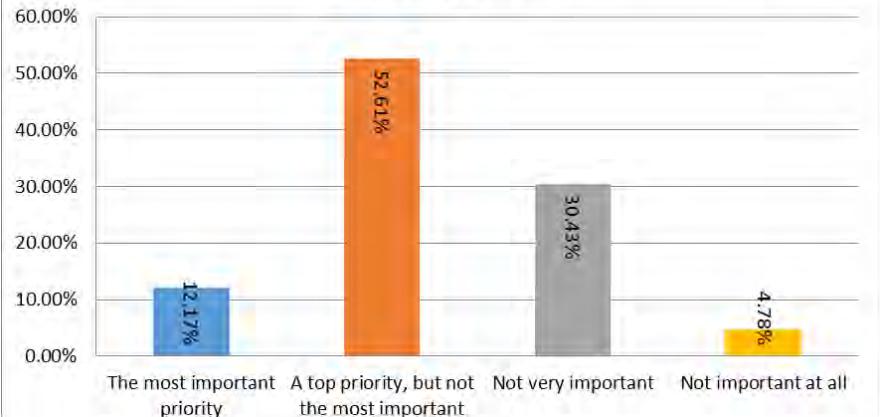
Which one of the following statements best describes how you feel park and recreation programs and facilities should be funded?



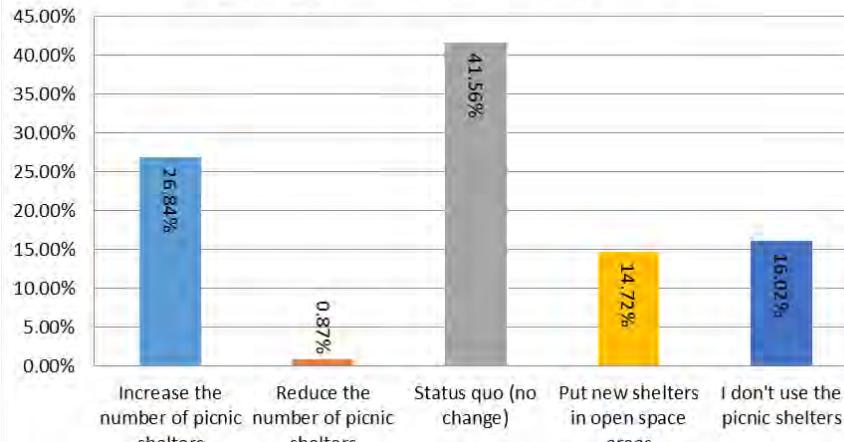
Approximately how often did you or members of your household use the Borst Park trail system during the past 12 months?



Considering trails - how important is it to you to expand the trail system?



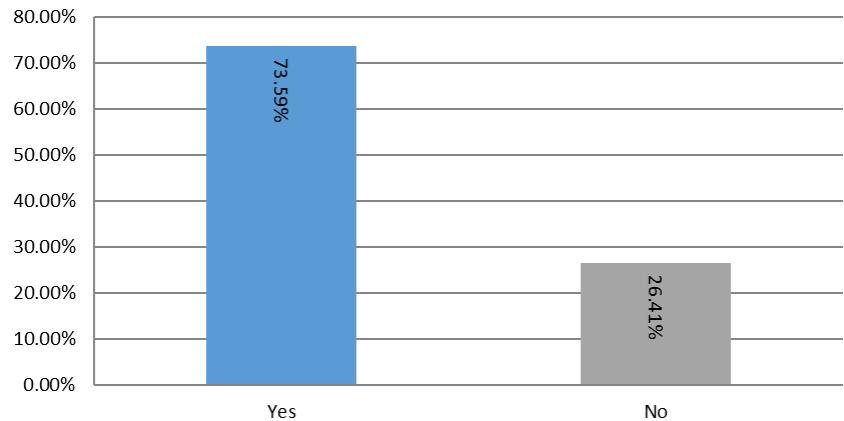
Regarding picnic shelters, should Centralia



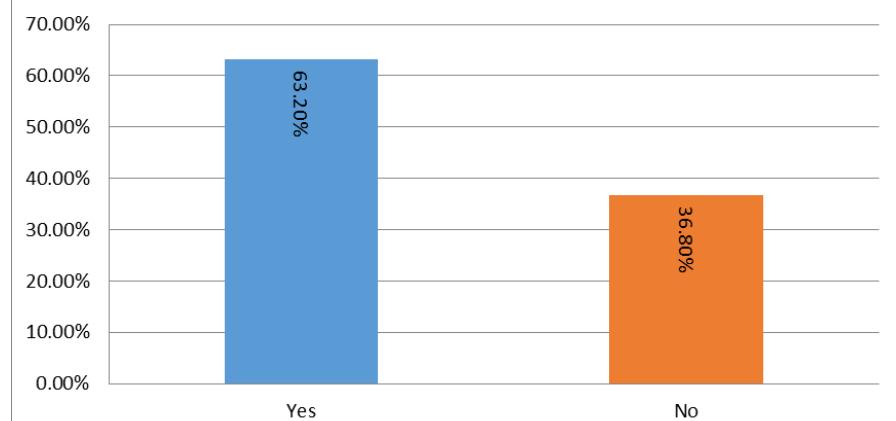
Regarding community kitchens (rentals), should Centralia



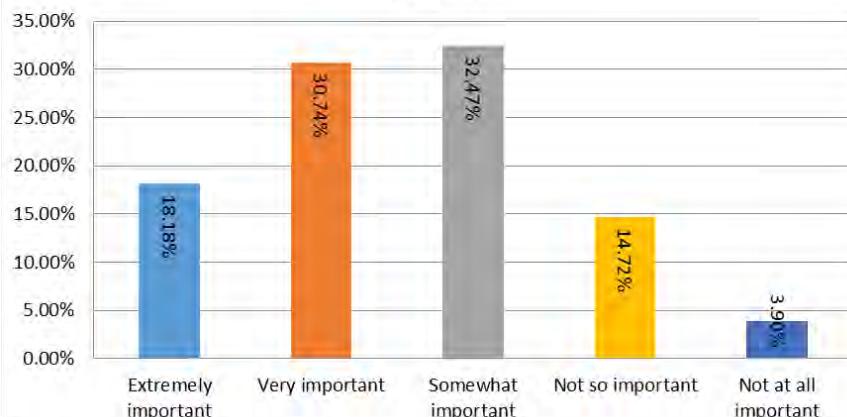
Did you or any members of your household drive through the Borst Park Christmas Light display in December of 2018?



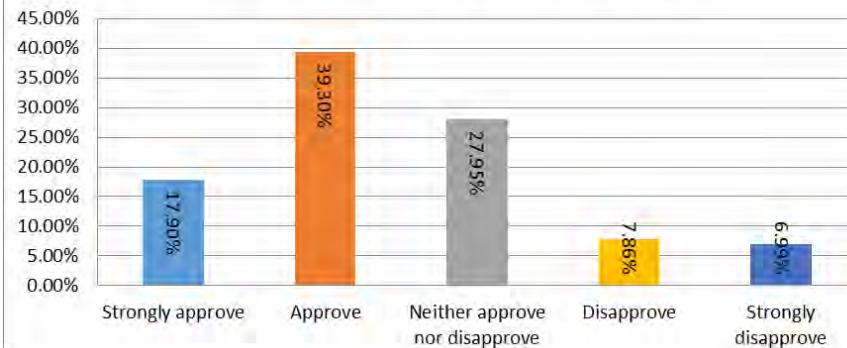
Have you or a member of your household visited the Borst Home or Borst homestead in the last year?



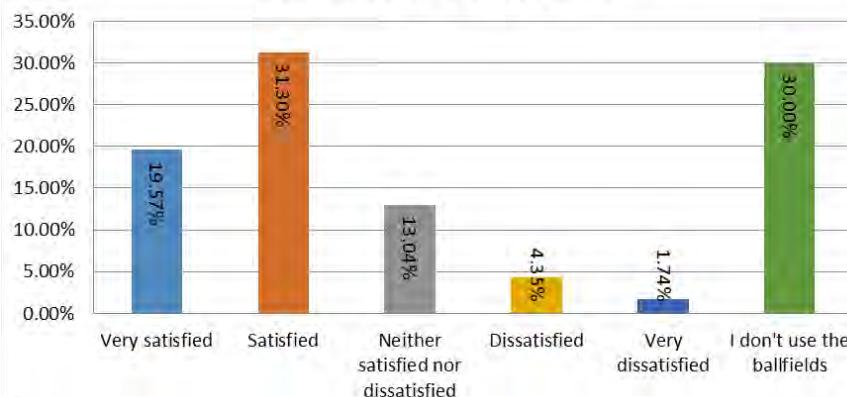
Considering the Borst Park Fort, how important is it to repair?



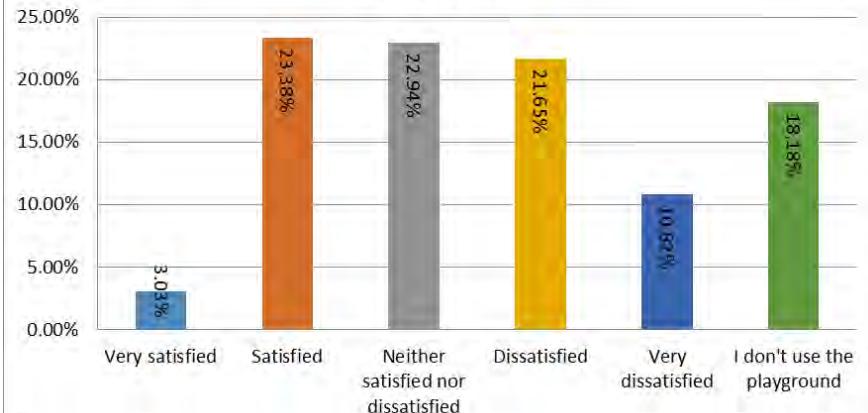
Would you support donating additional money to support a specific project in a city park, for example, rounding up your monthly utility bill to the nearest dollar to fund repairs for the Borst Park Fort?

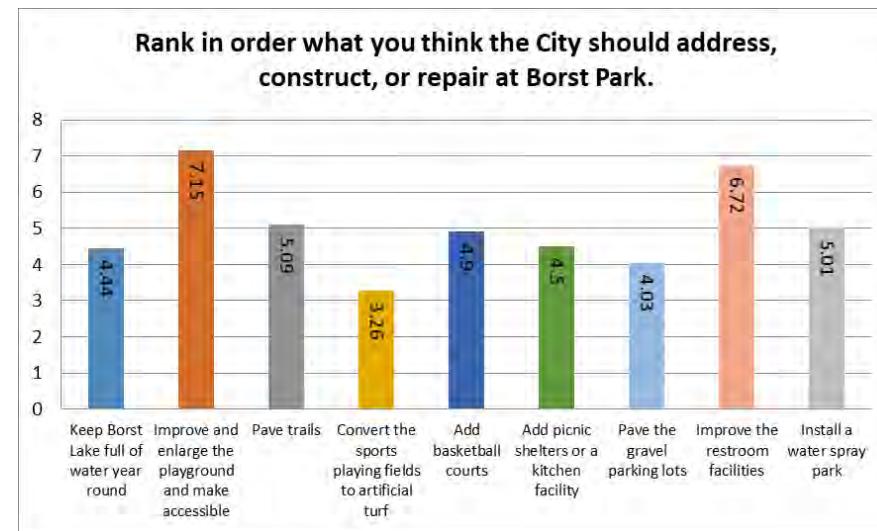
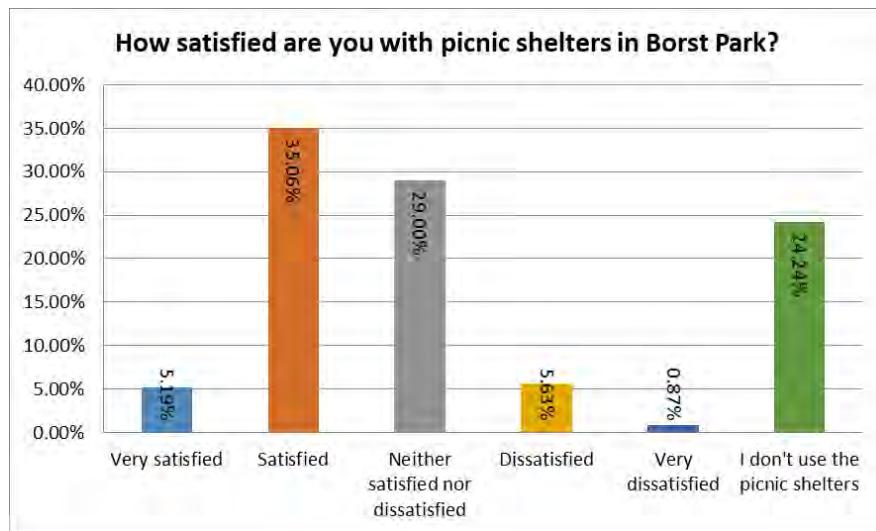
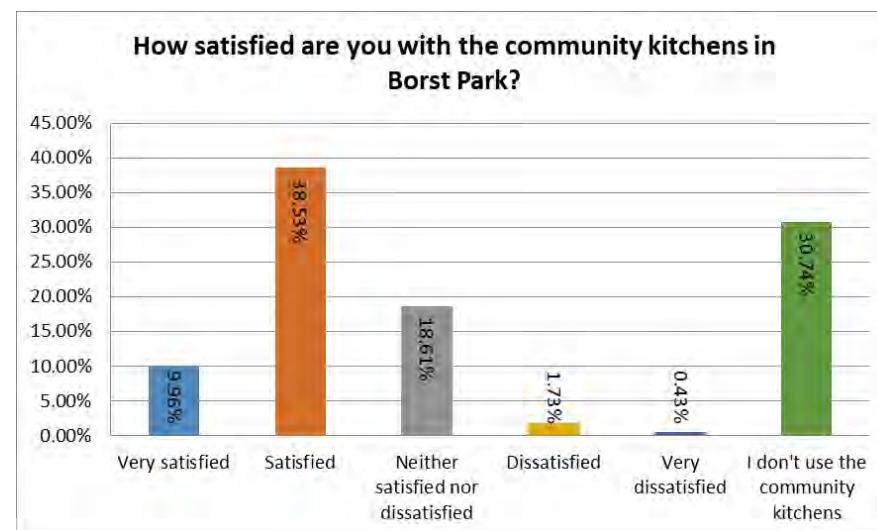
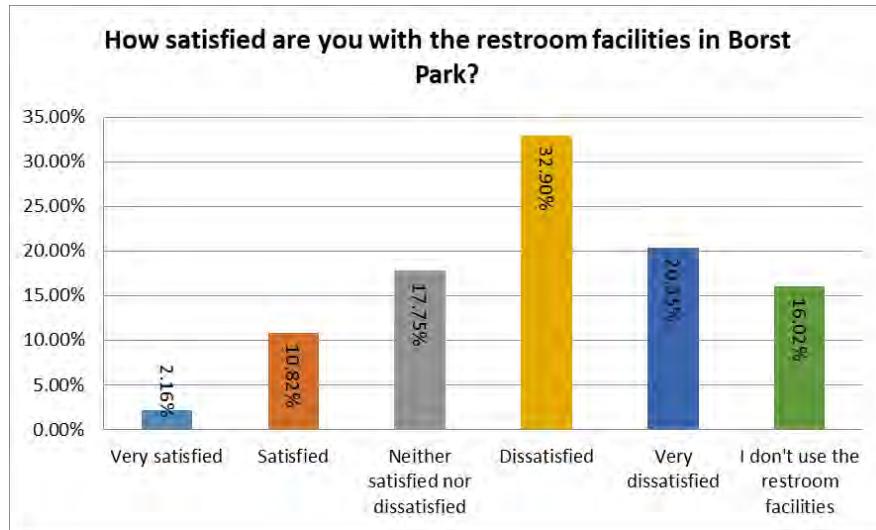


How satisfied are you with the quality of the ballfields in Borst Park?

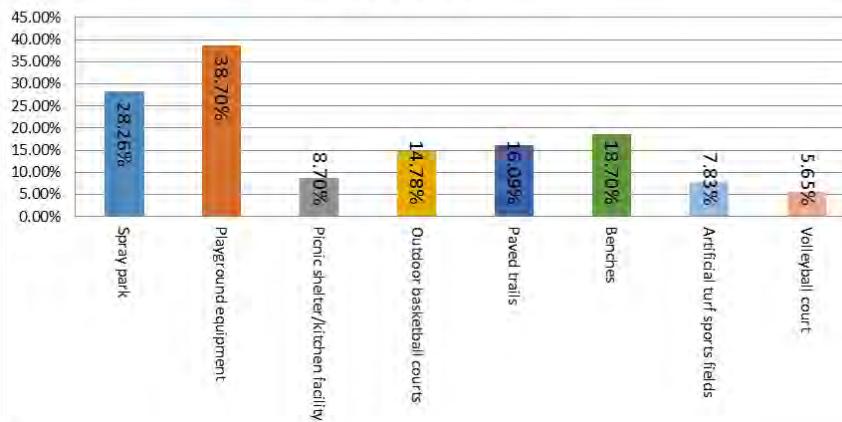


How satisfied are you with the playground facilities in Borst Park?

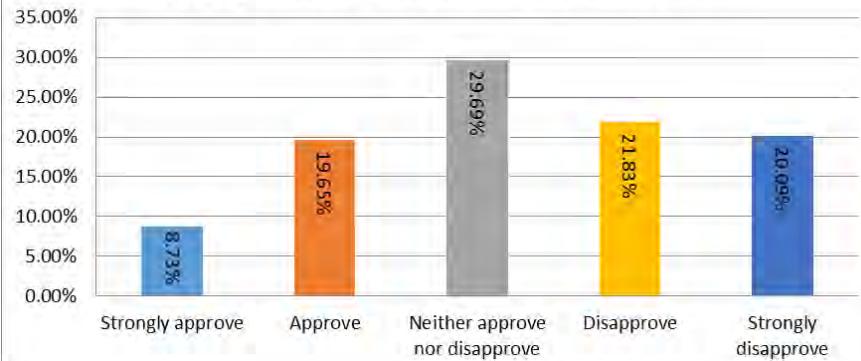




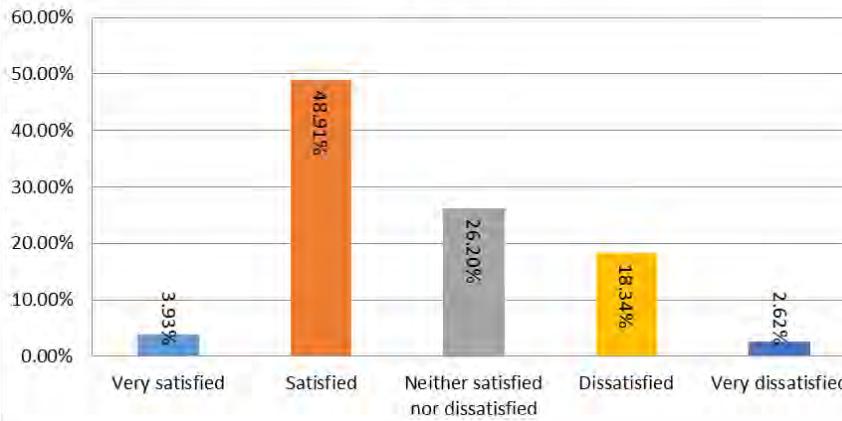
If you could pick a new park feature in Borst Park what would you install?



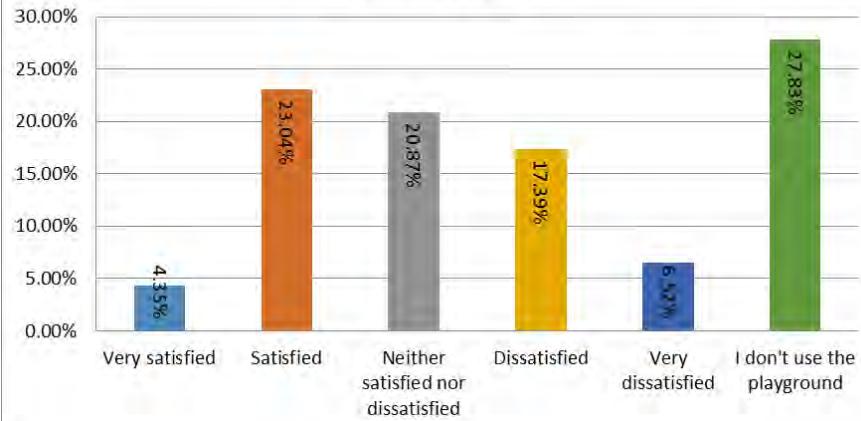
In order to improve the Borst Park playing fields (for example turfing the softball, baseball, and soccer fields), would you support paying a small fee (\$3.00 or less) for parking at the playing fields only, not other areas of Borst Park?



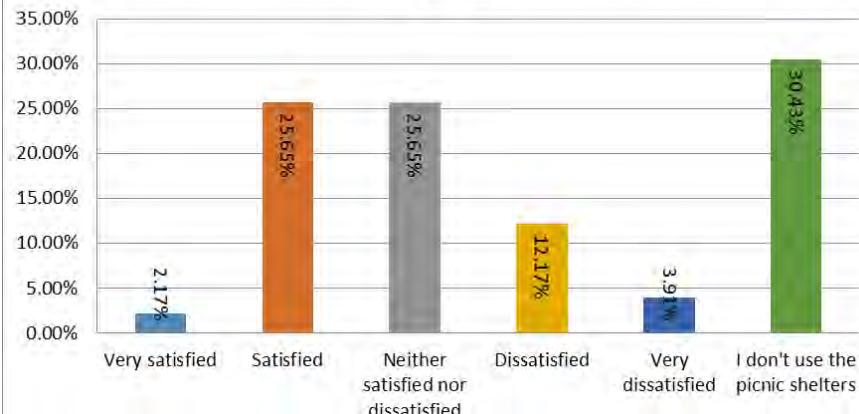
How satisfied are you with the overall quality of Borst Park?



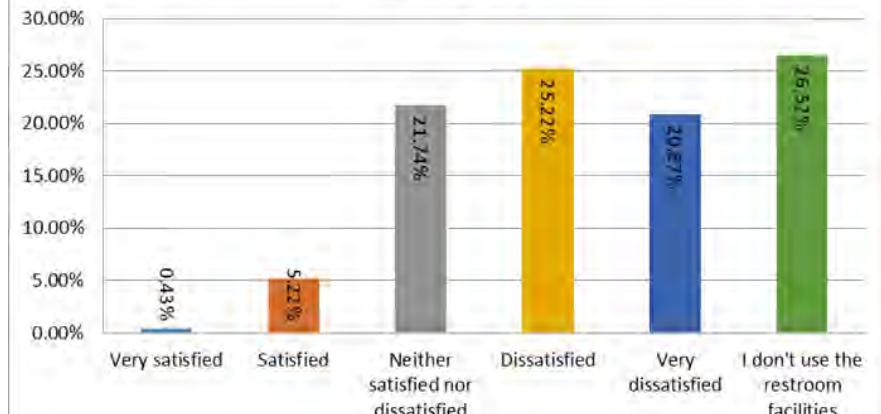
How satisfied are you with the playground facilities in Riverside Park?



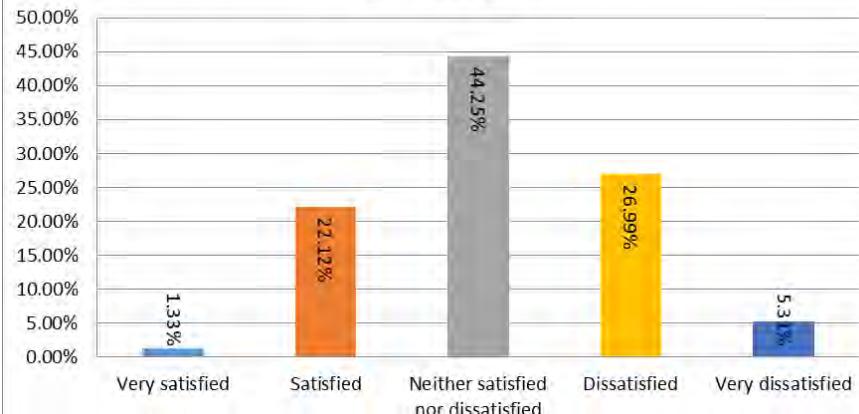
How satisfied are you with picnic shelters in Riverside Park?



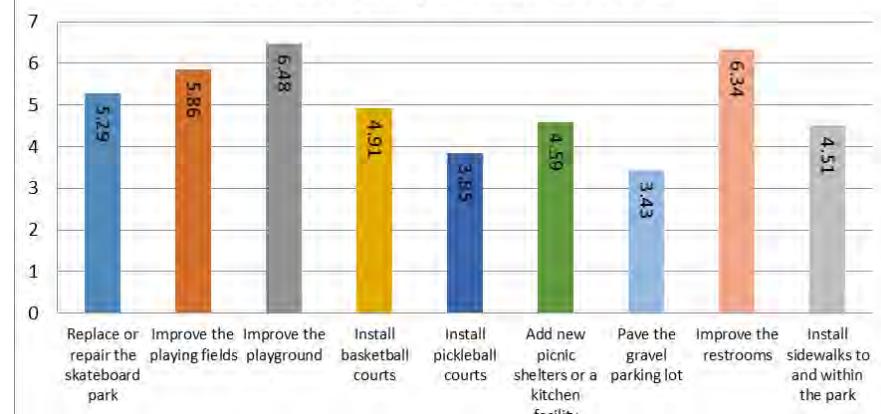
How satisfied are you with the restroom facilities in Riverside Park?



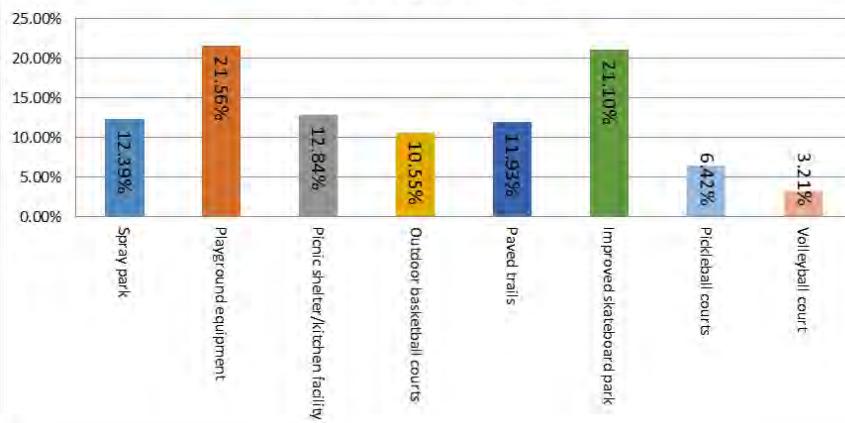
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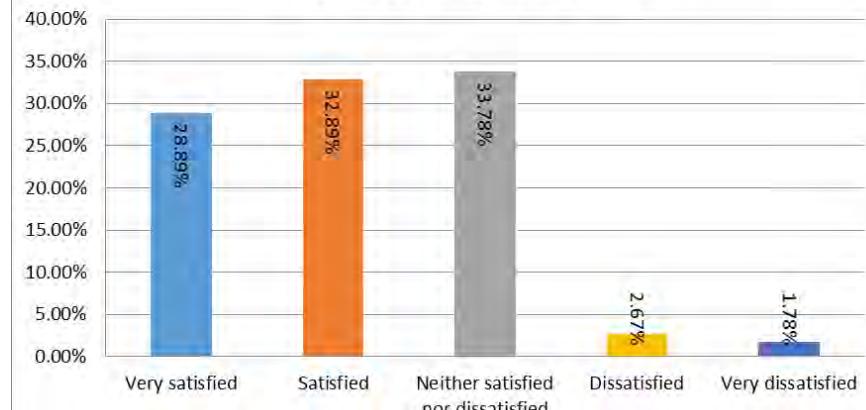
Rank in order what you think the City should address, construct, or repair at Riverside Park.



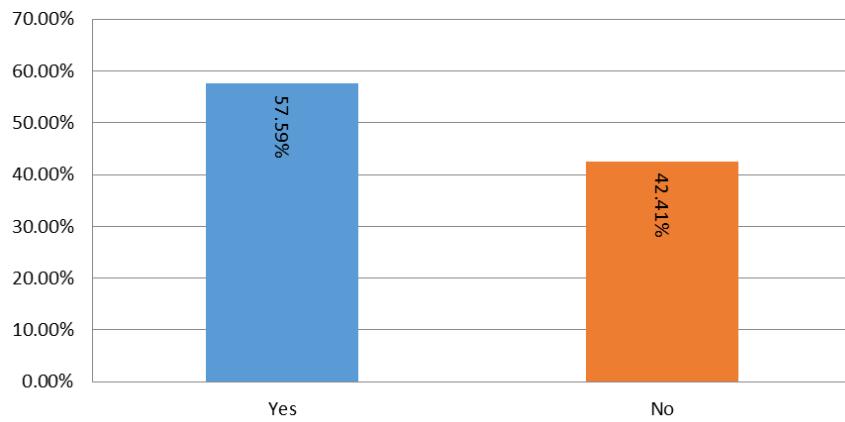
If you could pick a new feature in Riverside Park what would you install?



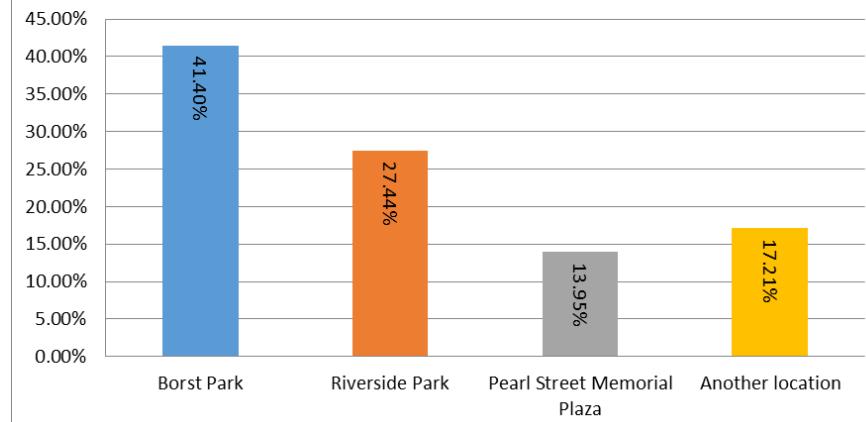
How satisfied are you with the new splash pad/park at the Pearl Street Memorial Plaza?



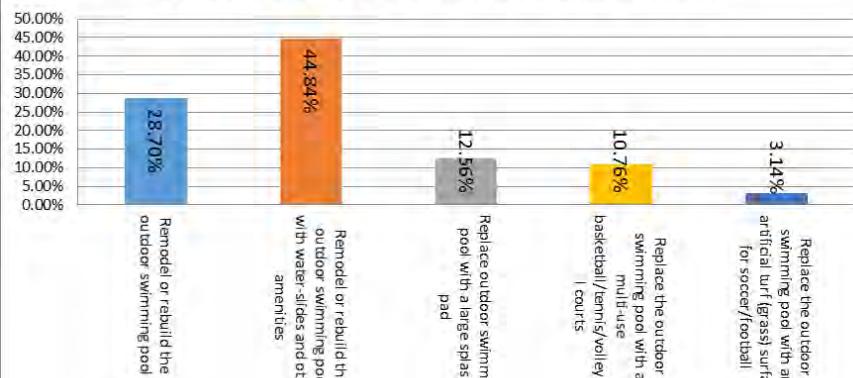
Should the City of Centralia construct a larger splash pad?



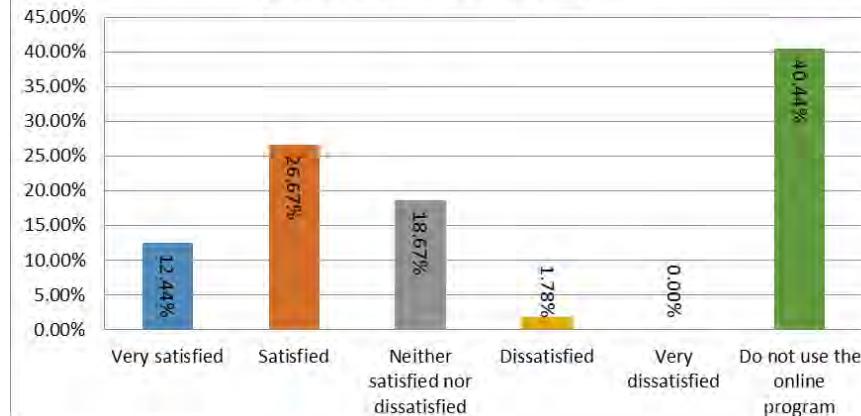
If the City constructs a larger splash pad where should it be located?



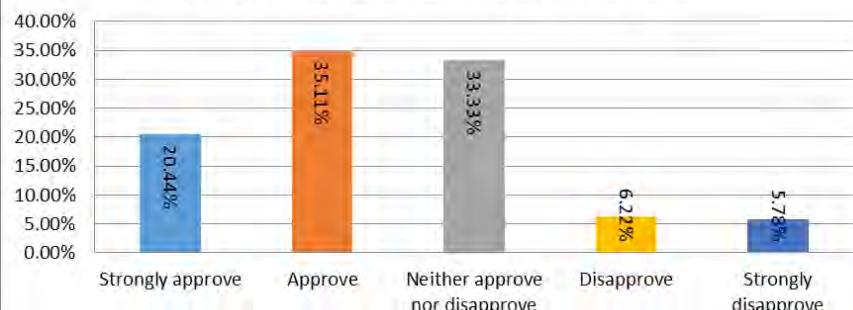
Considering the outdoor pool at Pearl Street, do you think Centralia should



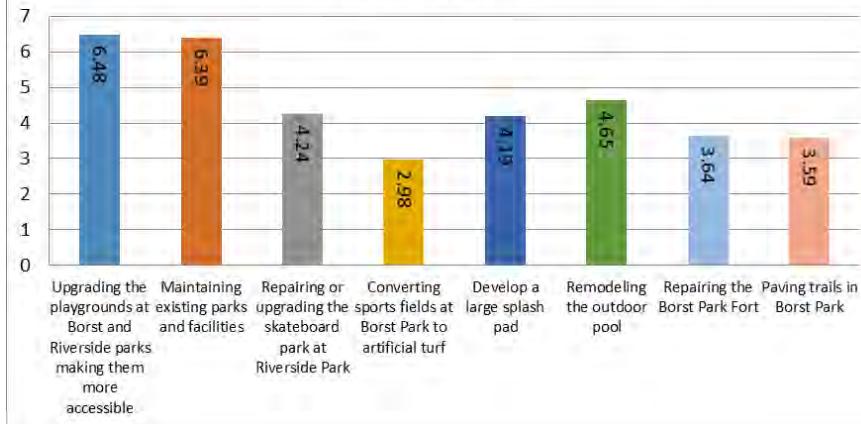
Overall, how satisfied are you with the online registration/reservation program?



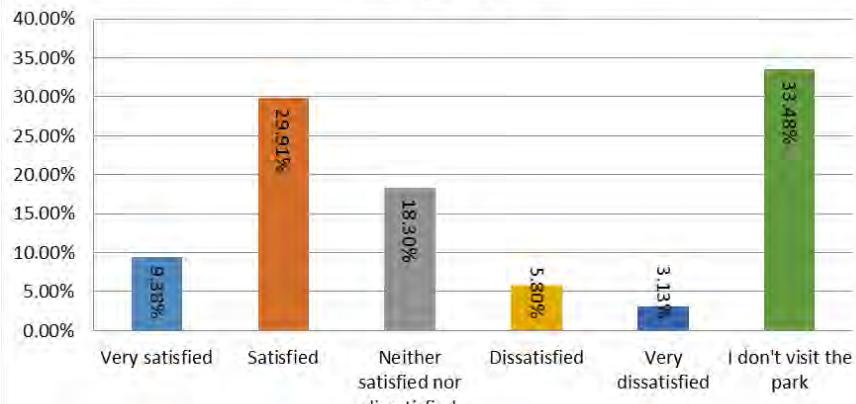
There may be opportunities to partner with non-profit or private businesses in developing athletic facilities. Would you approve sports-related non-profit or private businesses being developed within a public park that results in additional funding that



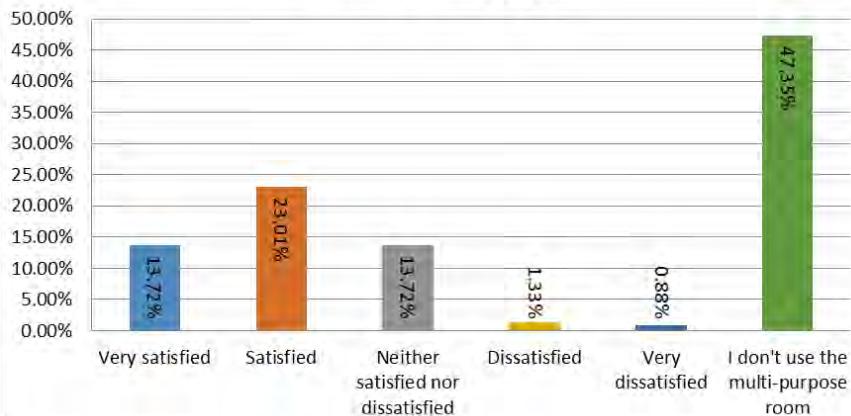
Rank the following items in order of your priority for the parks system.



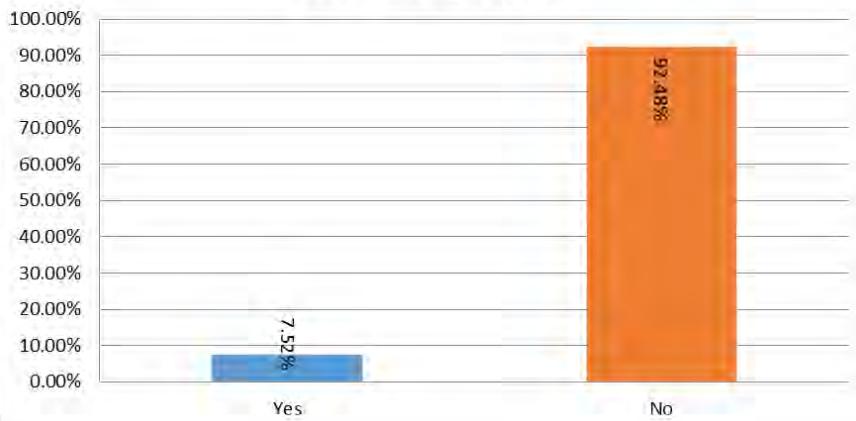
How satisfied are you with the quality of George Washington Park?



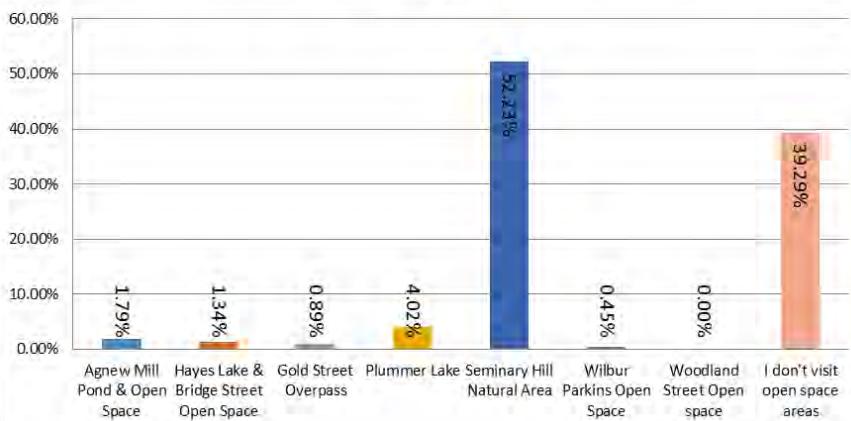
How satisfied are you with the multi-purpose room in the Centralia Train Depot?



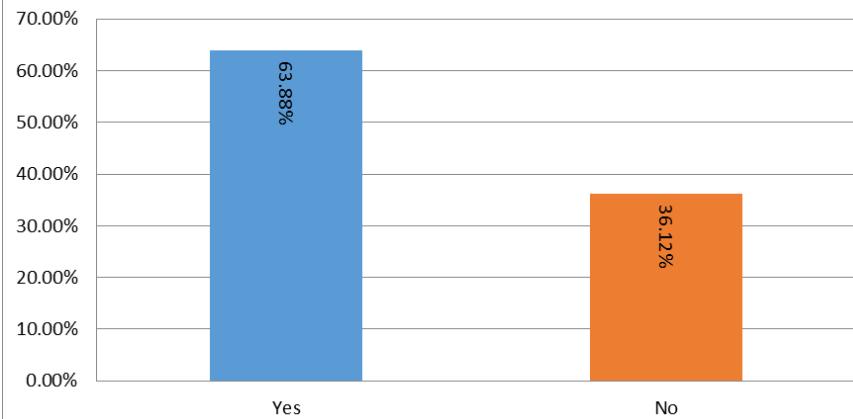
Have you played soccer or pickleball on the new Gold Street Park hard courts?



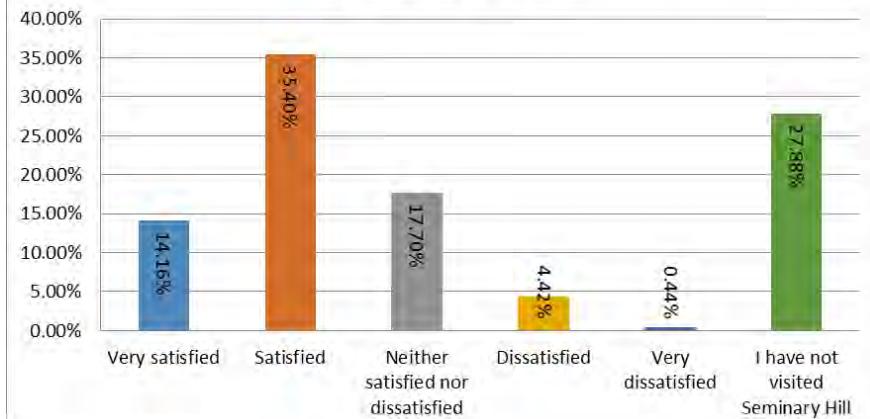
What is your favorite open space/natural area in Centralia?



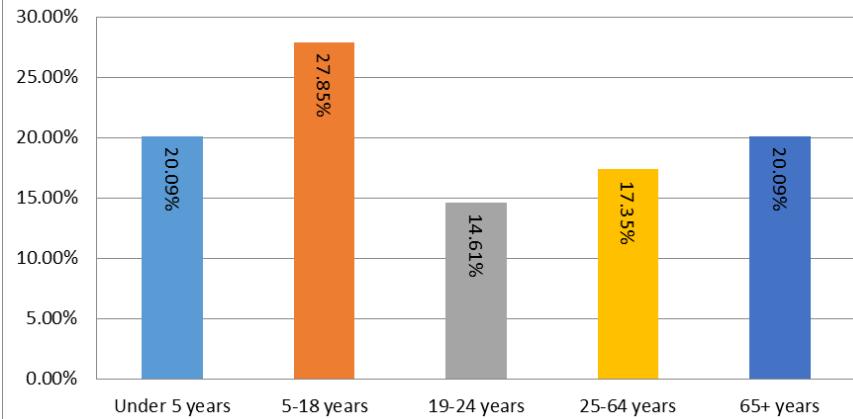
Have you or a family member hiked the trails on Seminary Hill?



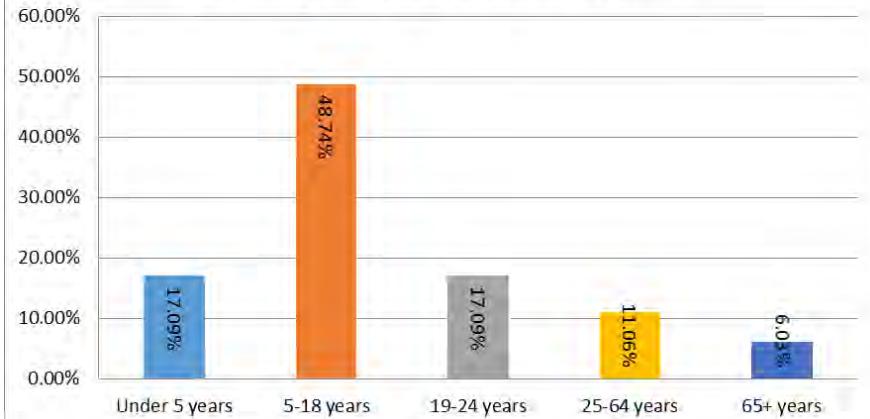
How satisfied are you with the quality of the Seminary Hill natural area?



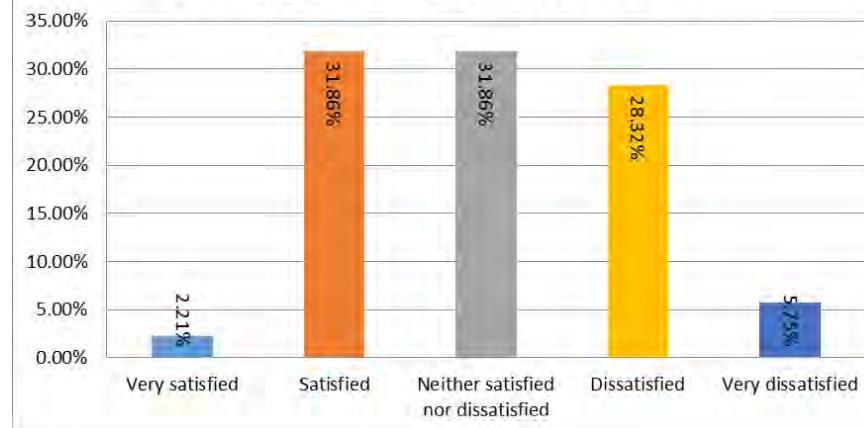
In your opinion, what age group is most under-served by the current parks and recreation services?



In your opinion, what age group is over-served by the current parks and recreation services?



Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of ALL of the City of Centralia parks you have visited?

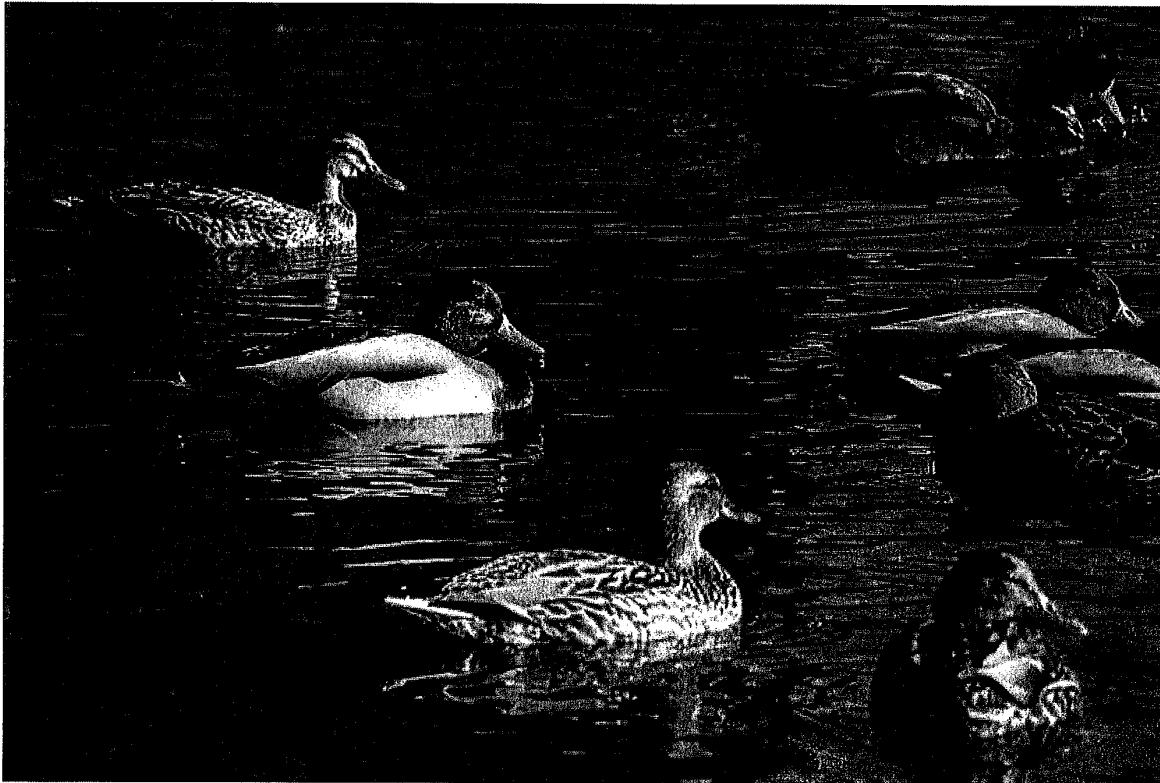


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Centralia Conducts Survey to Field Public Opinion About an Updated Parks and Recreation Plan

By Celene Fitzgerald / cfitzgerald@chronline.com Nov 20, 2019



Ducks swim at Fort Borst Park Wednesday morning.

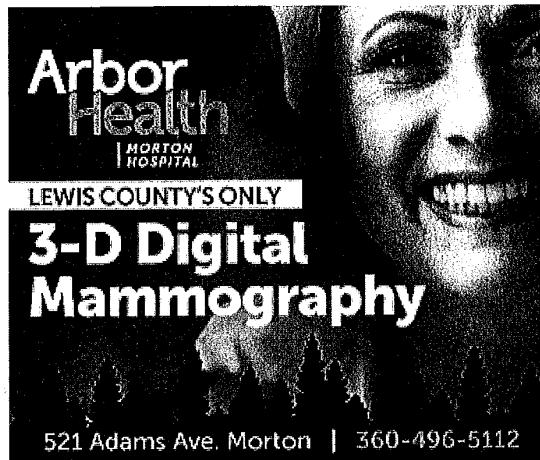
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The City of Centralia is conducting a survey to gather input from the public on the 2019/2020 Parks and Recreation plan.

Questions ask how safe residents feel in Centralia parks and how they feel public parks should be funded. The city is updating their Parks and Recreation Plan and the goals of the survey is to field information from the public that will help the city establish goals and priorities when it comes to park projects.

Emil Pierson, the Community Development director for the City of Centralia, said "the updated plan will establish a road map for providing high quality, community-driven parks, trails, open space and recreation facilities throughout Centralia."



Pierson said that the updated Parks and Recreation plan will guide the City of Centralia and their decisions for the next 20 years. The last parks and recreation survey was conducted in 2014 and new questions and topics have been added including: the outdoor pool, seeing for picnic shelters, and rentable kitchen spaces. The very last question on the survey is also new which asks, "who do you see as the underserved and overserved populations?"

"We don't know the desires of the silent majority so we would love to hear from them," said Pierson to encourage the citizens of Centralia to take the survey.

"We would love people of all ages to fill out the survey. Parents help your kids fill it out. School-age kids please fill it out. We would like every segment of the population to comment on it so we can very well-rounded feedback from the citizens of Centralia," said Pierson. The survey asks about trail systems, picnic shelters, playgrounds, restrooms, and ballfields. Pierson said that playgrounds seem to be the number one thing that people focus on and that the city council acknowledges that.

The current Parks and Recreation plan can be found on the City of Centralia's website and the updated one will be very similar and use the same format. The survey will help the city to know what the public would like to focus on or change.

The survey can be found on the city of Centralia's website or Facebook page or at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P2LDK87>. The city encourages all citizens to take and to pass it along to others who may be interested in taking it. The more information the City of Centralia can gather the better they are able to reflect the concerns and desires of the citizens in the Parks & Recreation plan update. The survey will be open to the public until Monday, Dec 2.

Public Comments from Nov 13, 2023 Open House

Comment Cards: What would you add or change to improve the parks (or a specific park)?

Topic	Comment
Logan Park	Love the idea of revitalizing Logan Park/school. Neighborhood parks are so wonderful to have as community gathering spaces!
Marketing	We need to better market and advertise what we do have. Make it a planned stop and not a random chance discovery.
Marketing	Would love to help discuss/collaborate on marketing and programming to increase awareness of activities (Parker Zbaraschuk, parker@zbarco.com)
Rail - High Speed	High speed rail plans are slowly making progress. They are estimating a roughly 20 year timeline - similar to the trails plan. New rail will likely be proposed near existing BNSF tracks. How will be ensure both long term visions are compatible?
Trails	I really love the Hub City Greenways Plan and the trails planning noted on the boards.
Trails/Rails	Is there a plan/thought towards rail development alongside our parks? Could make our parks more accessible (or break it if not planned around.)

Comment Cards: What excites you the most about the future of Centralia's parks?

Topic	Comment
Borst Homestead	Keeping history alive and well @ historic Borst Museum and site. Continue developing the history programs to include our younger community members.
Borst Homestead	The program at the Borst House.
QR codes	QR code sculptures throughout the city
Smart Growth	Keep it green. Connect it intelligently. Embrace SMART growth.
Trails	Priority: trail from Borst Park to bridge street
Trails/Safety	Interconnectivity via Greenways! Please consider adding police call boxes and extensive lighting along trails and in parks!
Trees	There should be a clear evaluation and plan for the trees throughout the city, to minimize the danger of falling trees and branches, in weather events

Notes on Posters: Fort Borst Park

Topic	Comment
Borst Home	Like Borst Home Tours
Borst Home	During summer season onsite. History buff who can answer questions about Borst House and other interesting historic facts.

Soccer	How can Centralia Youth Soccer help out? Contact Keith Neeley
Sports Complex	Sports Complex. How can this space be used off season?

Notes on Posters: Centralia Parks

Topic	Comment
Disc golf	Thanks for putting disc golf on the radar for Riverside
G Washington	Need organized tour
G Washington	Tree planting
G Washington	Events to bring the public
Gold Street	Install better enclosures to help control the littles! (gates)
Logan	This is essential. Fully support this.
Logan	Enter into an agreement with the school district - do it!
Skate park	Make skate park more than just concrete!
Sports Court	Have Gold St (and Edison School) be home to the covered sports court instead of the pool space.)

Notes on Posters: Natural Areas, Open Spaces and Cemeteries

Topic	Comment
Disc Golf	Love idea of disc golf at Woodland
Seminary Hill	Please add walkable sidewalk between Seminary Hill and Downtown, and directional signage
Seminary Hill	Need wayfinding signage from downtown to Seminary Hill

Notes on Posters: Lakes and Associated Properties

Topic	Comment
Bridge St	Love idea of planting trees
Hayes Lake	Fountain would also be a great visual
Plummer Lake	Such an underused asset
Plummer Lake	Clean out trash near canoe launch
Trails	Please prioritize Hayes Lake trail and connection between Borst and Riverside Parks
	Cispus Learning Center has a mobile repairs program

Comment Cards: What are your favorite ideas for the Pearl Street Park?

Topic	Comment
Climbing	Love the climbing wall and would like to see it enlarged.
Courts	Wouldn't basketball courts be better on Gold Street?
Courts	Basketball courts on Gold St
Courts	No need for courts - sports is elsewhere. Let's make this something different and unique
Courts	If there is a covered sports court, how will the City keep the homeless from camping there? If it's locked, what would the hours be? It has to be regularly maintained by city staff.
Design	Like the paved accessibility but would love to see it more "meandering" rather than all straight lines, and one level (flat). This could be a history walk and include science/tech/engineering/arts and math interactive areas
Design	Raised areas for variety and interest
History	To have a kiosk at the Park St Park site that tells the story of how it became a memorial and the history surrounding it
Name	When the pool was destroyed, the memorial was destroyed. Please do not re-create a Veteran's Memorial. The Veteran's Memorial was destroyed when the pool was destroyed.
Nature	Would love to see more trees, shade, color and natural areas
Nature	Family/nature focused
Nature	Greenspace
Nature	Trees!
Nature	Watch A Tree Grow
Partner	Partner with Weyerhaeuser
Partner	Opportunities for partnership and education. Weyerhaeuser, Chehalis Tribe, TransAlta, Schools
Partner	What is the possibility of partnering with Weyerhaeuser for "green space" science and learning?
QR codes	QR codes in parks and common areas
QR codes	QR code sculptures - showing the history of the footprint. No plastic, with a nature feel
Splash Pad	Like the splash pad for the little ones
Staffing	There needs to be more full time parks staff to be able to maintain what we have. Volunteers have been taking care of litter and graffiti.
STEAM Park	Work with Weyerhaeuser to include a science/environmental component where the sports court is currently listed/set. The early learning center will have both a sports court and rental space. We really don't need more.
STEAM Park	Interactive, accessible, sensory, engaging for little kids and families
STEAM Park	What happens to rain/wind/sun
STEAM Park	What nature provides
Trail	History Trail
	Please have a Veteran's seat (memorial, interactive, etc.)

	Idea	"Votes"
A	Phase 1 existing	
B	Covered picnic area	4
C	Maintenance Building	
D	Rental Hall	4
E	Splash Pad	4
F	Rock Wall/Zip Line	3
G	Playground	5
H	Covered Sports Court	5
I	Seating Area	

Comment Cards: Can you think of a new name for this park?

NAME IDEAS
Veterans Memorial STEAM park
Memorial Plaza
Veteran's Memorial Park
Veteran's Memorial STEAM Park (science/tech/environment/art/music)
Veteran's Memorial STEAM Park
Pearl Street Memorial Park
Veteran's Memorial Park
Note: donations were originally to teach kids how to swim, so if in war they would not die as soldiers did (drowned) on D-Day

Listening Session for the Hispanic Community – December 5, 2023

5 participants

Please tell us about your experience visiting Centralia's parks. Which parks do you use and how?

- Borst Park very popular with Hispanic Community
 - they call it "Batos Park" – Spanish word for duck
 - Jogging, biking the trail
 - Rental facilities are affordable
- Seminary Hill – jogging in summer
- Schafer Park – refer to as "Mexican Park"
- Discovery Trail
- Cedar St – kids want to play basketball there

How do you think Centralia can make our parks better?

- Grills
- Basketball for teenagers
- More things for teenagers
 - More exercise equipment
 - recreation
- Repair Riverside playground
- Ask school kids
- Big pole so kids can play games
- Climbing equipment
- Be more strict about rules (smoking, drinking, drugs, dogs on leashes)
- Indoor pool is too expensive (\$5 per kid)
- More for kids with disabilities
- More trails
- More signage in Spanish at parks and playgrounds

One of the things Centralia is trying to work on is creating neighborhood activity hubs. These are places within each neighborhood for people to connect and engage outside of the home - examples could include a park, a community garden, a coffee shop, a little restaurant or food cart – these activity hubs may look different in every neighborhood. Although this vision will take decades to come to life, we are talking to community members about it now to see if people think we should work on making this easier to do. Would you be interested in having something like this in your neighborhood? What should the City be thinking of as we develop a long-term plan to create neighborhood activity hubs?

- Love the idea of neighborhood activity hubs – places for people to come together
- Why have drinking fountains disappeared?
- Water for pets
- More trees, more shade with benches and tables

Please tell us about your experience with getting housing in Centralia. Was it relatively easy or hard to find a suitable place to live? Why?

- Very hard
- Lots of competition for apartments
- Even low income apts are expensive (\$1,200/month) although utilities are less expensive
- Rent is going up a lot – seniors really struggling, owners complaining about property taxes
- If people don't have a social security # they don't have a lot of options
- If no SS card can't buy a house – need that to get a loan
- Some apartments are for people who work in the fields only – can't access if work at a restaurant for school
- Down payments 2-3x monthly rent
- For apts can sometimes ask a relative to sign for you
- Being in the middle class is very hard – don't make enough to afford to live, but make too much to apply for support
- Forms are not translated
- Not everyone can read the forms
- Some people don't know to save their pay stubs
- Financial stress on marriages

The City will be engaging the community more over the next 18 months as we update our long term Comprehensive Plan. We want to engage more with members of the Hispanic and Latino community. Are there any specific people or groups you recommend we reach out to?

- Easy to talk to people after mass – St Josephs and St Mary's
- Thru the school district – sent flyers and ask parents to come
- Adrianna might set up a Hispanic Facebook page
- Flyers at
 - El Amigo
 - Fullers
 - Churches
 - La casino (Lucky Eagle)
- Bring Tamales
- "Or community doesn't get involved much"
 - Language barrier
 - Some think "we just came here to work and then will go back" but we rarely go back
 - Parents are busy and overworked
 - Culture of husbands thinking women are in charge of the house
- Help Hispanic community feel welcome
 - Invite to things like this
 - Inform, invite, say "you belong here"
 - "Everyone is welcome"
- It will be harder to engage the undocumented – they may think they need a SS# to attend

Listening Session for People with Disabilities – December 8, 2023

7 participants

Please tell us about your experience visiting a park or parks in Centralia. Which parks have you been to? What did you do?

- Borst Park
 - Watching and feeding the ducks
 - Ride wheelchair around park trails
 - Enjoy nature
 - Borst Lights – really enjoyable!
 - Shelters
 - Dog park
- Trail at Borst Park the best thing!
- Indoor pool
- Gravitate toward water
- Riverside – fenced and covered playground makes it easier because son is runner
- Splash Pad
 - Water not good for wheelchairs
 - Squishy surface is good for not falling down
 - Need accessible parking at the splash pad – can't cart child with disabilities very far

Are there any parks you are interested in visiting, but haven't due to barriers? What are the barriers?

- Borst Lake
 - Like to fish but hard in a walker because need walkways and benches
- Borst Trail
 - where can wheelchairs go when cars come by? Hard to wheel the chair through the grassy areas
 - Full loop hard for heavier set to get through – need places to sit
 - Except gravel area bogs down when wet – can't get wheelchair through there
- Covered areas at park hard to get up to in a chair – edges aren't flush with ground, needs to be smoothed
- Doorway at Kitchen #1 not set up for wheelchair – wheels get stuck in door threshold
- Pea gravel is hard for wheelchairs or walkers – see ground from Penny Playground
- Homelessness has deterred from using the parks
- Schafer park – trail not maintained so can't wheel through it

What should Centralia do to make our parks more inviting and accessible to people with disabilities?

Are there any new types of recreation amenities you would like to see in our parks?

- Widen trail at Borst so peds/bikes don't interfere with cars
- Look at doors and smooth access to get up on shelters, into kitchens, etc.
 - Doors need automatic pushbuttons, round door handles not good

- More disabled parking
- Need more benches so can sit down and rest – sturdy metal benches (not wood) – see designs with bucket seating – some people can't put legs around the seats
 - People with disabilities may need benches with backs so they can rest back or they fall off
- Playground equipment
 - Need fences for kids who are runners
 - Don't have some toys off to the side, have inclusive play equipment throughout
 - Playground at Borst separates me from my kid due to ramps
 - Equipment for different ages
 - Son is large and will want to continue to play for years – concerned there won't be toys that fit him pretty soon
 - See Tumwater Falls slide
 - See Autism Acres in Rochester – bucket chair, zip lines
 - More slides, swings
 - Sensory inviting items (good for Autistic kids)
 - Different types of swings
 - Big round disc swing
 - Swing that goes back and forth
 - Netted kind you can lay in
 - Visual boards that use pictures to communicate
 - Spinning toys (good for autism)
- Get people to slow down
- Have shaded areas and other areas without trees/shade so it's brighter
- Do a nighttime light audit

Is there anything else you want to tell me?

- Try not to drink liquids while out because we never know if there will be an accessible bathroom
- Can't go to the tractor parade because no comfortable place to sit down
- Use recycled asphalt to make more walkways, paths
- Boy Scout projects
- Consider rain gardens
- Love the holiday stuff at the park
- Being a more inclusive community benefits everybody – connection to public health

Dear Centralia Parks,

My 4th grade class has been learning about citizenship and civics and we recently had the Centralia mayor visit our classroom. We have talked about community and what makes a community. Parks are an important part of the community because they are a gathering place for people and offer outdoor activities. Inclosed are letters from most of my students about what they think would be a great addition to our parks. They are excited and eager to hear back about their ideas!

This is a great way to connect our students with their community and I appreciate you doing this!

Sincerely,



Callie Bissonnette
4th Grade Jefferson Lincoln Elementary

11-15-23

W.W.

Dear Centralia Parks,

I think under ground rest area would be impressive in a park. First, it will be a good place for partys. Second, There will be board-games so you could play with a friends. Lastly, it will be really spacious. In conclusion a under ground rest area would make a park wonderful.

Thank you,

Momo.

Saray

11-15-2023

Dear centraia parks,

I think bouncing toys would be more fun at a park. First, the kids will have more fun. Second, kids can exersis more. Lastly, kids can make more friends at the park. A bouncing toy would make a park more fun.

Thank you,

Saray

Anthony 9-15-09

Dear Centuria Parks,

I think A Zipline Would be Fun At A

Park First. I want a zipline class.

You could travel faster and not waste so

much time. Second And Also it would be fun

because it would be fast, last and so on.

don't want fun And so they can go. Finally

All, A zipline would make A great class.

Thanks You, Anthony

11-15-2023

Dear Centralia Parks,

I think some older
Kid Toys would be nice
at the park. First, there
are some kids that
want to go on fun
toys but were too big.
Second, younger kids will
have more people like them.
Lastly, why not? Kids would
get along. This would all
be great. Thank you, Alyssa.

May 18 11-15-23

Dear Centralia Parks,

I think Mazes/scavenger hunt would be good at a Park.

First Kid's would have fun.

They have to look for

items. Second, they will meet

new people. Lastly, the kid

would get a prize. A

maze/scavenger hunt would

make a Park a lot fun.

Thank you

Mitzzy

11-15-2023

Dear Centralia Park's,

4-B Lincoln
Elementary

I think more play areas would be nice at a park, first kids would be happier when they go to parks, second poor people could let their kids have fun for free, lastly to help the Economy, you can use left over plastic to build the play ground! More play areas would make a park more fun. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nawal Alsaeedah.

Nov-15-23

Dear Centralia Parks,

I think a zipline with a box would be nice at a park. First, people don't spill stuff that loses it. Second, people don't have to carry heavy things. Lastly, it might be faster and you can use it more than one time. A zipline with a box would make a park be much funner.

Thank you,

Tyler

November 15

Dear Sirs & Madams,

I think a game
station and a
station would be a
good idea. First, if
you get bored of
anything it would be
fun to go & sit on a
bench and do other stu-
(second) some people don't like the toys.
Lastly some people like to play
and play other games. I think it was
that fun if there was more information

Dear Centralia Parks,

I think a trampoline would be good at a park. First, it would be fun at a park. Second, kids like them. Lastly, more people would go there because no parks have trampolines.

Thank you,
Serenity

11-15-28

Dear Centreville Park,

I think a zipline would be good at a park. First it would be nice if a soccer field was put it would be nice second it would be nice if we had a slide. Lastly, it would be really nice if they put a safety sign. Lastly, if they put a really big slide next to the normal slide they can go back and forward.

Thank you,

Carly

November 15, 2023

Dear Centralia Parks,

I think free food stands would

be nice at a park. It is to help

the homeless. Second, people don't

have to pay. Lastly, more

people will come.

A park system would make a

park system will have a

big difference. We could make a

park that has a lot of

personality.

Liam

Nov 15/2022

Dear Centralia Parks,

I think a zipline would be good at a park. First, you could have a race. Second, others would like it. Lastly, it could be useful for people to catch a breeze and hot day.

A zipline would make a park cool.



Thanks, Liam

SIP
Lind

Julian 11-15-23

Dear Senator Parks

I think Wipes would
be Good at the Park-Airs

The Phoenix Why we need
WIPES is Because Same

People Wipe their Boogers

to A it is That's Why we

Need Wipes.

Thank you.

Julian

shawha NOVEMBER 15 2023

Dear Centralia Parks,

I think more Bee's
would Be good at a Park

1. Pollenation. 2. helpful and
Beautiful flower lastly.

catch the Bee's a Bee
would make a Park.

Better. thank you from Shawha

Dear Ms. Buckler,

My name is Kim Roberts. I teach 5th grade at Jefferson (Mc)ln Elementary. My class was very excited to be involved in your assignment. I love that the parks board wanted to hear from our community youth on this.

Thanks again
Ms. Kim Roberts

Dear AMY BUCKLER

hello my name is TAVEN and
i am a 5th grader. i am
writting to you because
to make all of your parks
more fun. if you are
reading this pleas

Dear Amy Buckler,

My name is Jackson and
I am 11. I like the
park

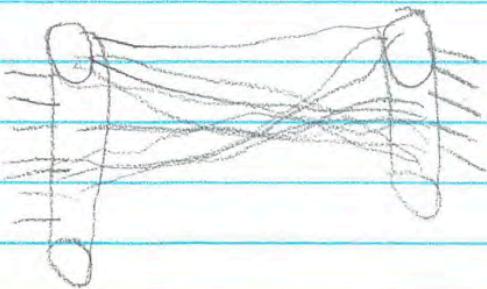
Dear AMY BUCKLER

hello MY name is Jonathan
and I am a 5th Grader
Student and what I WOULD
like to see in the Park
is trampolines and cooler slides and
Vending machines IF Parks didit have
Vending machines kids would be thirsty
becas of running and playing and
becas of the sun day it is and with

11/1/23

Dear Amy BUCKLEt
my name is ap tohiD
And i Am in 5th grade.
And i go to Jefferson Libra
And i Am writing to
you because i wanted
to tell you if you
could pls put a zip line
into the water. Also
a slide. And a sand box
and a tag area

AMY BUCKER
I'm in fifth grade.
My name is Jackson 10.M.1.
I like playgrounds but I don't
want anything to change but
here or some where odd



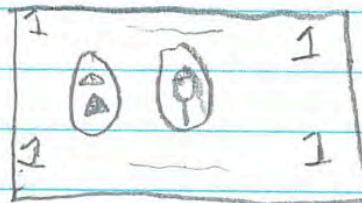
I went to get climbing from

12
13

11-3-28

Dear Amy Buckler

I'm a 5th grader and I'm writing to you because my teacher made me do it. So here I am talking to you. I live in Lewis County in Washington. So I need you to upgrade the parks like ziplines, tree houses, and obstacle courses. Some parks are boring and some not so boring. So please add them. Plus more people that come, more money you get, thank you.



Sincerely,
Soddy

rich A,
Sorry

PLUS you gotta
much money

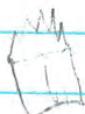
Dear Amy Buckler,

Hello. My name is Tony and I am in the fifth grade. I want to play at the park water slides at Penny Playgrand. I want to see bouncy houses at the parks please. Thank you for making the parks. Good job.

Sincerely,
Tony

Dear Ami Bakkeri
Hello, my name is Tony and I
am in the fifth grade. I want
to play at the park water slides at
Pechay playground. I want to see
boathouse houses at the parks
please. Thank you for making
the parks. Good job.

Sincerely,
Tony



11-1-23

Dear Amy Buckler

My name is Joey I am in 5th grade. I'm writing to you because I want in tall the parks a Zip line 20 feet in the air and a trampoline. that's all.

Sincerely,
Joe

11/1/23

Dear Amy BUCKLER

Hello my Name is Uriel and I'm a 5th grade student at Jefferson Lincoln Elementary. And i wanted you to know what i would like to see at the centralia Parks. Here is my List: Bike area, Grills, sand box, Trampoline and more big slides and the last thing is a waterfountains. I think people would like to see that kind of Park equipment Thank you.

Sincerely,
Uriel Deigado

DEAR AMY BUCKLER
my home is ahtohio
And i Am A 5th grader
i go to jeFFerson LibCOh
And i Am Writing to
you because i wanted
to tell you if you
could pls put A zip like
i htg the water. Also A slide.
And A sand box And A so
A LASer TAG center

sihce hely
ahtohio'

Jade

Dear Amy Buckler

11/11/23

Hello. My name is Jade and I'm in 5th grade and I hope I can see a Umbrella toy, Vipline, See Saw, Swing, long slide, obstacle course and a hanging toy and thank you.

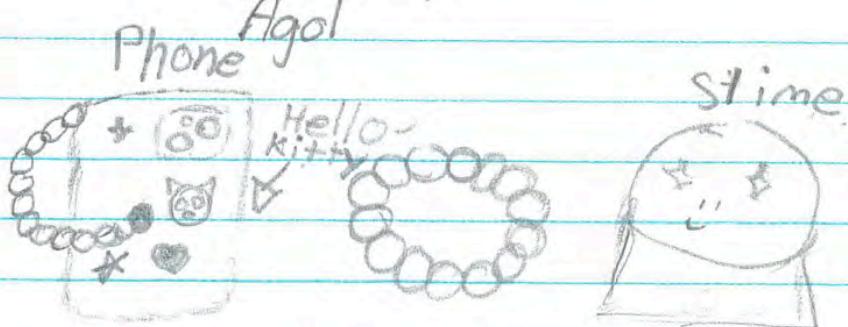
Sincerely
Jade

11-1-23

Dear Amy Buckler,

Hello my name is Agol
And I am in 5th grade
at Jefferson Lincoln Elementary.
And I am writing to you
because some things I
whan to see form Parks
is a craftroom the thing in
the craftroom are making
bracelets, Phone cases,
making stickers, making Slime.
Games rock climbing, zip line.
I thing thes thing will make
all Parks better. U

Sincerely,
Agol



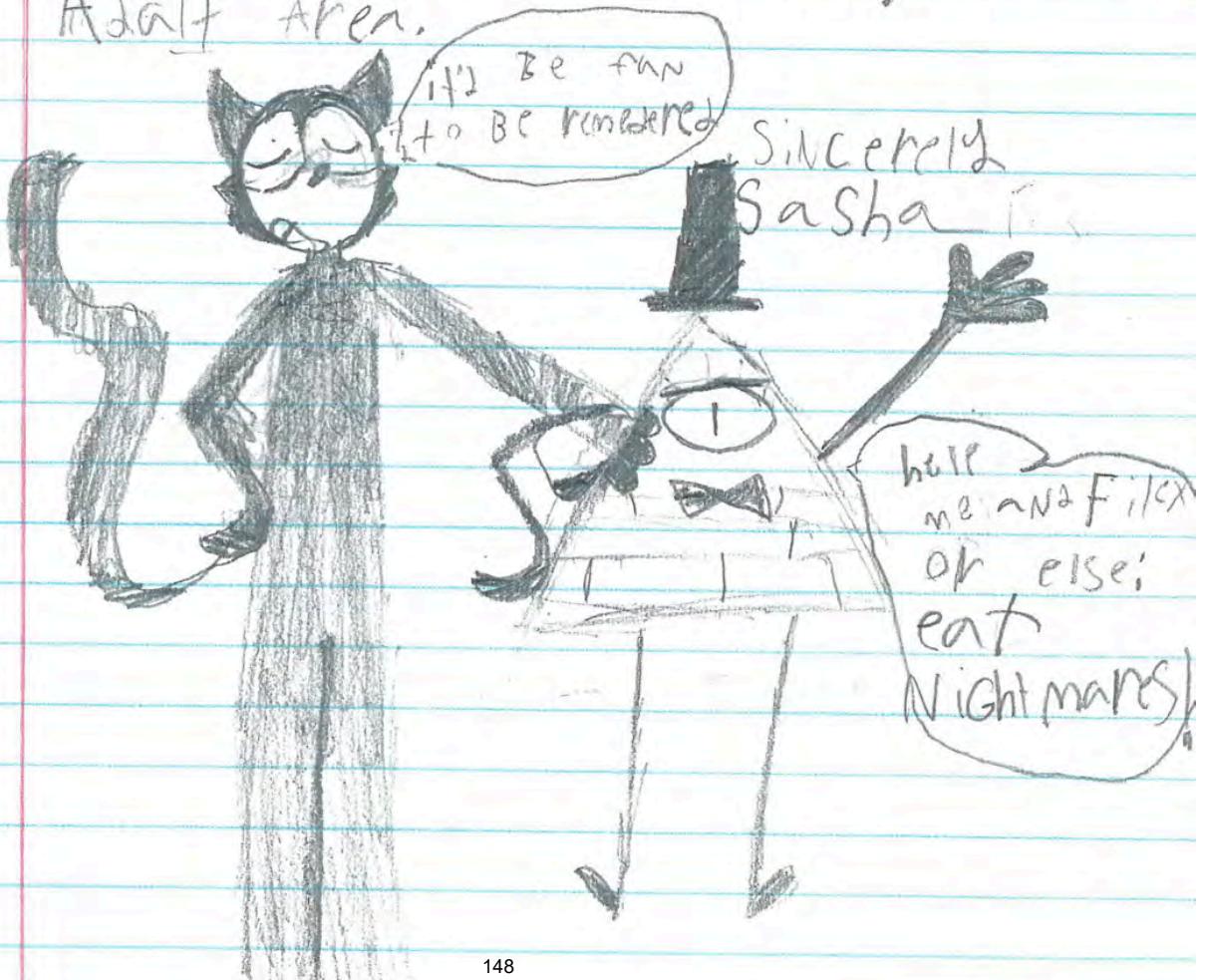
Dear my brother,
my name is +Fey and
I am a 5th grader. I
am writing to you because
I do not want to see anything
new at the park.
the park ~~is~~ a nice and I
thats ~~different~~ there.

Sincerely
+Fey

11/2/23

Dear Amy Buckler,

Hi, My Name is Sasha French-Ramerics. I am a student from Jefferson Lincoln Elementary School. I have come to write to you about what I like to see at the parks. First, I would like to see a Bill Cipher Statue, and somethin about Filex the cat (please), and a Adult Area.



Dear Amy Buckler,

I love park so much
I ~~want~~ like a ~~and~~ swing
and monkey b~~l~~ys

Sincerely,

Haley

Dear Amy Buckler

I wonder if you can add
some new toys like a
~~+~~ trampoline, more swings,
and some more slides,
and change penny back
to wood please.

Hunter
sincerely
Hunter

Dear Amy Buckler

Hello my name is Wyatt and I'm a 5th grader at Jefferson Lincoln Elementary and I would like to see a playground like Pennys playground but made of wood.

Sincerely
Wyatt



11/01/23

Dear Amy Buckler

Hello. My name is Nataly and I am a student from Jefferson Lincoln Elementary School. At the park I want to see a tree house and water park and a Lemonade stand a mini store if people are hungry. A splash pad if people wouldn't want to go at the river or lake. A ride at the fair. I will want to see one stuff at the park. I am writing to you because the stuff is I want to see at the park at a local city here at Centralia.

Sincerely,
Nataly



11-3-23

Dear Amy Buckler,

Hi my name is Aryana and I am a fifth grade student at Jefferson Lincoln Elementary School. I am writing to you because I would like to tell you what I want to see at a local city park here. I will like to see a Zipline and a trampoline and maybe a sand box too at a local park. I will also like to see something that can make me dizzy and a walking trail too and maybe a big slide too at a local park here. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Aryana

Dear my buckle

HELLO MY name is JAXON
AND i AM IN fFTH grade from
JEFFERSON LINCOLN. AND i WANT TO
THANK YOU FOR MAKING PARKS A SAFE
TO PLAY AT. AND THANK'S FOR YOUR HELP
IT'S GOOD THAT YOU MADE PARKS SO
PEOPLE CAN HAVE FUN.

Sincerely,
JAXON WRIGHT.

Dear Amy
BUCKLER

Hello my name is JC
and i em 10 years old at
Jeffersonelinh. I em writeing
to you. Because i am telling
you wat i want to see if the
parks. I wood like to see
nothing diffrikt because i
are retea like the parks. How
they are.

Sincerely

JC

Eliett

11/1/23

happynovember

Dear AMY Buckler Parkletter

Hello! My name is Eliett Konkel. I'm a 5th grade student at Jefferson Lincoln Elementary. Just for disclosure I'm a girl. Today I'm writing to you because I want you to hear my suggestions. I hope to see more climbing toys, and longer slides and a zipline. Different swings like tire swings etc etc. We need new bathrooms PLEASE! The old bathrooms are musty and crusty and no soap. Please change or add more soap regularly. Can we have a fort or a tree house. A sand box and more spinning things. Can we have more things to hang off of please. For we also have seasons and bonfires please! Thank you for reading bye!

Sincerely

Eliett

There's a picture on the back

DEAR AUNT BUCKLE

I AM BRASTON AND I AM A 5TH
GRADER. I DONT WANT YOU
TO CHANGE ANYTHING.

Sincerely

BRASTON

Amy Buckler

From: Rebecca Staebler <rebecca@hubbubshop.com>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2023 3:16 PM
To: Amy Buckler
Cc: Jan Nontell
Subject: [External]STEAM park ideas

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Amy,

We didn't get super far in coming up with an actual concept but here are some notes and some photos.

Overall we'd like to see more of a flow to the whole property. This looks pretty broken up into stations. We'd like to see a path, some elevation changes, surprises around the corner. Several different things in an area may be better than say one section that is all musical instruments or playground. Where the courts are in your drawing would be the perfect spot for an area focused on something that relates/connects to Weyerhaeuser. I talked with Justin Zenkner last night (new to the CDA board) and he says that the current greenhouses are coming down and will be replaced with something else. Good time to work together! (FYI he is studying to be an urban forester and is eager to work with the city on all things trees!)

What about using the strip where the pool house is currently for an open covered area with some benches that look out on both the splash pad and the rest of the park. Perhaps a structure at one end that could be used as a stage as well as a play/seating area. I don't think an enclosed gathering space is needed. That's planned for the ULC.

I'd love to work with the Autism Coalition on developing some amenities that are particularly suited for those with sensory issues (some great articles out there) and with Spanish language signage as well as braille. Making the park accessible will be good for the community and visitors and also likely position us for funding.

Another point to ensure that the park has things for all ages — from wee littles to things adults would enjoy meandering.

Here are some photos we found of structures and overall look that we love. I can't find the photo right now but there's a really cool one of a giant sun dial. We'd love the back wall to be a climbing and/or "living" wall. There are several examples I saw of incorporating stream beds and run off. Not sure if that's feasible or not.

Jan may send some other photos and she's talked to someone about sketching something. I'm off for the weekend and will be back Monday evening. Thanks for working on this and giving us the opportunity to contribute. We would really love to see something that puts us on the map! A unique place in a unique little town.

Oh, and the name — Centralia STEAM Park, with STEAM standing for Science, Technology, Environment, Art and Music. Some murals like is shown in one photo could depict our connection to both trains and the steam plant:~) Funding from TransAlta would be awesome!

Rebecca





Amy Buckler

From: klongabaugh@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 2:01 PM
To: Brian Mittge
Cc: Judy Bell; Amy Buckler
Subject: [External]Re: Parks Plan - Open House November 13

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Good morning Brian, Judy and Amy!

Thank you for the email notice about the upcoming meeting on Nov. 13th. My husband, Scot and I will not be available to attend, but wanted to share a couple thoughts for the meeting and future planning.

Adding the trails and pathways throughout the community and surrounding areas is an important and beneficial addition for the community.

As important as they will be for the community, we feel there are additional options to consider that also would bring great benefits to our community.

As active adults with very active grandchildren, we love being able to get the kids outside to play and explore. Playgrounds are one of the best opportunities for kids and families to play, grow and socialize.

We would like to suggest that the City, Parks Dept., City Council, and those involved in making these planning decisions would consider creating more neighborhood parks and playgrounds. Doing so could strengthen connections between neighbors, and be a draw for families to settle in Centralia, and remain longer.

These neighborhood parks could consist of playground equipment for a variety of ages, basketball courts, open spaces, dog parks, etc.

Many neighborhoods currently have vacant lots scattered about, even existing buildings or homes in need of being torn down that could be replaced by a neighborhood park.

Funding could come in the form of grants and from the City budget.

Also, we would like to recommend that any future residential building developments - whether apartments or single and multi-family dwellings be required to include neighborhood parks and playgrounds in their developments.

We would also like to recommend that the current outdoor pool area be turned into a "Penny Playground" style play area along with a covered seating area. This would create another year round play area for families.

Thank you all for proactively working to make Centralia a wonderful community to live, work and play in!

Karen & Scot Groshong

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 30, 2023, at 10:49 AM, Brian Mittge <chehalisbrian@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello friends! Here is a great opportunity for us to engage with Centralia's new assistant city manager, Amy Buckler, and support her in her additional role as head of parks. In case you haven't seen it, Centralia has an awesome new 20-year "[Hub City Greenways](#)" plan to create a whole network of trails and walkways around the city. It's very innovative and forward-looking. By our participation, we can help ensure that there is budgetary and staff support for this and other parks-type projects in Centralia.

Also, huge congrats to our wonderful friend and hardworking volunteer Leah, who is featured on this poster!

I hope you consider attending this open house.

Thanks and talk to you soon.

Brian Mittge
President, Friends of the Seminary Hill Natural Area

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Amy Buckler <ABuckler@cityofcentralia.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 8:13 AM

Subject: Parks Plan - Open House November 13

To:

I encourage your participation, and please forward to your contacts – thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

Centralia Parks Plan Open House

Monday, Nov 13

- Drop In 5:30-6:30 PM
- Borst Park Kitchen #2
- Learn what's in the draft Parks Plan
- Share your ideas with the Parks Board & staff

See you there!

Amy Buckler

Deputy City Manager

City of Centralia

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Centralia, WA 98531

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Amy Buckler

From: klongabaugh@gmail.com
Sent: Friday, November 10, 2023 9:31 AM
To: Amy Buckler; Brian Mittge; Judy Bell
Subject: [External] Making green space available to all | The Seattle Times

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Good morning Amy, Judy & Brian,

I recently read the article below from the Seattle Times that supports the health and social benefits for individuals, families, neighborhoods and communities of having more parks and green spaces that are easily accessible in neighborhoods.

I thought it might be beneficial to share with the Parks Board as planning and decisions are made.

Thank you for sharing this information at the upcoming December meeting as well.

Have an enjoyable day.

Karen & Scot Groshong

https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.seattletimes.com%2fsponsored%2fmaking-green-space-available-to-all%2f&c=E,1,BHHX3GhINPFENGd-wRGuHBVtnZWbPVP9ajdvvUkOcep5MmVnqp0iPXK-J-5sN3dSaUWYFmlr5x2TzyYJQkrjzsBE6iBtXdLVJeu4qUab_6sCBE7RUaghWw,,&typo=1

Sent from my iPhone

Making green space available to all

Oct. 18, 2023 at 11:55 am



Trust for Public Land staff collects park design input from Jennie Reed Elementary students. (Adair Freeman Rutledge photo, courtesy Trust for Public Land)

By

[Trust for Public Land](#)

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Nature invites you to discover the many benefits it offers. Spending time in nature can perk up your mental health, improve your cognition and calm your busy brain. Mounting evidence suggests nature [promotes both physical and psychological well-being](#).

Green spaces — forests, parks, shrubs and tree-studded neighborhoods — play a large part in nature's design.

“If we had a medicine that delivered as many health benefits as parks, we would all be taking it,” says Dr. Howard Frumkin, senior vice president and director of the Land and People Lab for [Trust for Public Land](#).

Parks are a mental health resource, with [studies showing](#) that people who spend regular time in green spaces enjoy lower levels of stress and are less likely to experience anxiety disorders and depression. For young people, parks provide a space to decompress, exercise and hang out.

But not everyone has equal access to the benefits of green spaces.

According to the World Economic Forum people living in more affluent areas have access to more public green spaces. That makes the opposite true; those who live at or below the poverty level often can’t get to a park or green area by walking.

“In Tacoma, over 51,000 people don’t have access to parks within a 10-minute walk from their homes,” says Mitsu Iwasaki, Northwest director of [TPL](#). Tacoma has the largest park access gap of any big city in Washington.

Iwasaki also says, “Transforming America’s schoolyards into shared public parks is a common-sense, cost-efficient solution to our country’s park equity problem.”



Jennie Reed Elementary playground before renovations. (Trust for Public Land)

In Tacoma, a plan currently underway has combined the efforts of Tacoma Public Schools, Metro Parks Tacoma and Trust for Public Land to create a Community Schoolyards pilot program. The overarching focus of this program is to convert existing schoolyards into radiant and beautiful neighborhood parks. Students have the opportunity to enjoy the transformations of their play area during school hours and the community has access after school and on weekends. The pilot schools for this program include Helen B. Stafford, Mann, Whitman, Larchmont and Jennie Reed — all elementary schools.

Jennie Reed Elementary, one of the five elementary schoolyards now under construction, had more than its fair share of issues when it came to the lack of nature and green spaces.

“This school is next to an eight-lane freeway and contains the most concrete of any elementary school in Washington,” says Abby Sloan, principal of Jennie Reed. “That contributes to bad air quality.”

“The play structures were purchased in the 1950’s, the grassy field is underwater from November through April and the students had been asking for a new playground for years,” Sloan says.

Students got their say in how their schoolyard was renovated. By including them in the design process, says Sloan, they realized environmental injustices existed in their own backyard. Students asked for basketball courts, a track that did not flood in the winter and increased accessibility for people with disabilities.

Jennie Reed got a new track, something they didn’t have before. Trees and other vegetation were planted to buffer the noise from the freeway and lessen the air pollution. These additions are particularly meaningful for elementary students, as studies have shown that students who spend time outdoors and in nature have improved academic outcomes when compared to students that lack the same access. Ongoing fundraising for the schoolyards is supported by a mix of public and private funding. As pilot sites, these five Tacoma schoolyards are a test case for increasing access to green space in Washington and community members are encouraged to learn more about how the schoolyards can create access to nature-rich community spaces for students and neighbors.



South Lynnwood Neighborhood Park grand opening in Lynnwood, June 22, 2022. (David Ryder photo, courtesy Trust for Public Land)

“Health experts encourage others to use parks, socialize there as a means to alleviate loneliness and improve one’s health,” says Iwasaki.

Beyond their social benefits, parks also help to mitigate the health damages of climate change. Building more green spaces improves air quality, reduces emissions, and reduces the heat experienced in a neighborhood. One [study found that areas within a 10-minute walk of a park](#) are as much as [6 degrees cooler](#) than areas beyond that range.

Where we live has a huge impact on our mental and physical health. Communities like Tacoma are showing that many solutions for healthy lives are within our grasp — we just need to build them one park at a time.

Trust for Public Land is a national nonprofit that works to connect everyone to the outdoors. As a leader in equitable access to the outdoors, TPL works with communities to create parks and protect public land where needed most.

Trust for Public Land

Red 11/13/23
From Judy Bell

PARKS PLAN

★ The vision of the Centralia for the Hub City Greenways is exactly what Centralia needs. It was an antique hub for years, but has always been more than can be promoted. Centralia is the Cultural Center of Lewis County: Centralia College (NW Symphony & other musical events), Plays @ Evergreen Theater & Centralia College, educational and community forum.

The Hub City Greenways adds dimension and incorporates many aspects of what the area has and could be. It should be a focal point for the new Parks plan and budgeting for this investment in the future.

* The walking/bike trail from Borst Park to the Discovery Trail has long been a dream. It would bring hiking and biking groups to Centralia to hike and shop.

The New Parks plan

★ There should be a Management plan for all parks or groups of parks. The current plan describes the parks, but not how they will be managed.

★ Seminary Hill Natural Area Master Plan should be part of the Parks Plan. It is an official city document approved by the City Council. It should not stand alone, but should be recognized as part of Centralia's master plan and management plan for all the parks. The plan includes a management plan with timelines.

Other groups management goals/objectives should be included in the parks management plan.

★ A Budget should be devised for all the parks. Currently there is a large budget for Borst Park but the other parks are lumped together with a minimal budget.

★ Budget: There should be money allotted in the budget for groups that support the parks. For example: Friends of Seminary Hill Natural Area, Jan at Borst Park, Rotary Club at Riverside, or other groups that work to maintain the parks

★ Grants: The Parks dept should find grants for the other parks and support getting them. Grants are directed to Borst Park. Friends of Seminary Hill Natural Area has obtained grant information and assistance from Lewis County Weed Control. They specifically looked for grants for the "Friends" and assisted with help to prepare them.

★ How will the new 20 year plan be managed.

Continued Page 2

ROTARY RIVERSIDE PARK PLAN - 2023 VERSION

August 16, 2023

Sheet1

Rcd 1/13/23
From Kahle Jennings (Centralia
Rotary)

PAST CENTRALIA ROTARY/CITY ACTIONS

- Sam Agnew deeded land to Rotary Playfield Association
- Construct 3 covered "kitchens" (picnic areas)
- Construct restrooms, originally with showers
- Construct play area with concrete boat
- Gift to City of Centralia with name of "Centralia Rotary Riverside Park"
- Fitness trail around perimeter
- Handicap accessible play equipment and city provided wooden playground equipment and upgraded baseball field
- Rotary teamed with Centralia High School construction class
- To build the skateboard clubhouse/concession stand.
- Rotary contributed partial funding for new playground equipment
- Centralia College Welding Club fabricated
- Three new Rotary Riverside park signs
- ADA Playground
- Install Basketball backboards provided by City
- Roof over ADA Playground with rainfall infiltration
- Repair of ADA fall protection surface

PAST CITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- Skateboard Park
- Install "Corn Hole" targets
- 2005 City Project
- 2023

PROPOSED FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- Remove aged exercise equipment along trail
- Replace worn out benches on some ball fields
- Repair backstop fencing

SMALL
SMALL
SMALL

Refurbish picnic tables	SMALL
Install interpretive signs with history of park	SMALL
Install updated bathroom facilities	LARGE
Convert existing bathrooms to caretaker's apartment	LARGE
Install Park Gates at both entries	SMALL
Install new exercise area	LARGE
Improve river front access and safety	SMALL
New Sidewalks	SMALL
New barrier fencing between streets, parking and play areas	SMALL
Refurbish ball field grass turf	SMALL
Add portable soccer goals	SMALL
Install splash pad	LARGE

Upgrade/Update skateboard park elements

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

¹⁷² Boca Ball courts? (Included in previous plan)
 Dog Park
 Radio controlled car track

SMALL
LARGE
SMALL
SMALL

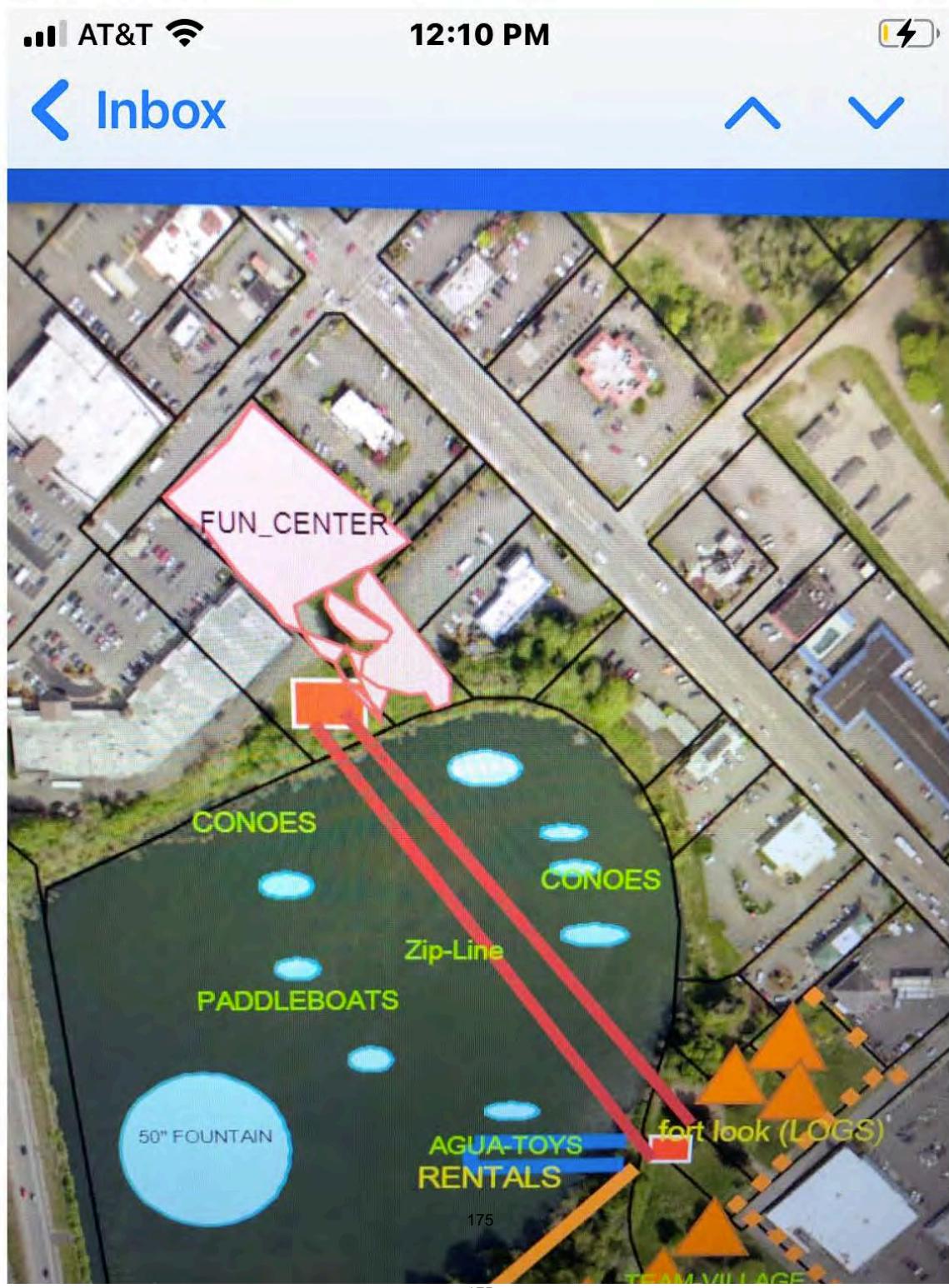
1-2 Years
2-3 years
3- 5 years

LONG/ SHORT TERM PROJECT	COST	SOURCE OF FUNDS	LIMITING FACTOR	NOTES
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ROTARY/CHS ROTARY/CITY				
ROTARY WELDING CLUB				
ROTARY CITY PARKS				
ROTARY CITY/ROTARY/FEMA				
RCO grant + Rob Fuller Donation + City Light grant City Parks				
SHORT SHORT SHORT				Parks has aluminum benches with backs we may be able to use.

SHORT	Rotary work party						
SHORT	Rotary						
SHORT	ROTARY FOUND'N?	\$	\$ +flood proofing				
INTER	FUND RAISE	\$					
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SHORT	FUND RAISE		labor				

This comment was submitted by Dale Pullin at the Open House on Nov 13. He would like to see Hayes Lake more fully utilized, including with a zip line and boat rentals. He also envisions a team village with a fort theme and a fun center where kids can spend the night under supervision – this would entice families to visit and enable parents to have a night out while kids play.



Amy Buckler

From: Amy Buckler
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 4:59 PM
To: 'Hallie Ralls'
Cc: Thomas Ralls
Subject: RE: [External]More thoughts on Parks!
Attachments: WESTSIDE CONNECTOR - PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS - PROJECT NOTIFICATION Pattysdocx

Hi Hallie and Thomas,

Thanks so much for coming to the open house last night – it was great to see you there! I will make sure the Parks Board gets this when we meet again in December to review all the feedback. I added some comments below.

From: Hallie Ralls <halliesimons2012@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 8:55 PM
To: Amy Buckler <ABuckler@cityofcentralia.com>
Cc: Thomas Ralls <tralls.pnw@gmail.com>
Subject: [External]More thoughts on Parks!

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Hi Amy,

Thanks for putting on a really great community engagement event tonight! We really enjoyed the open format and being able to ask questions and offer feedback. After leaving, my husband Thomas (CC'd) and I thought of a few more points of feedback we'd like to offer and a question or two.

1. Secured & covered bike storage at all neighborhood hubs and especially downtown to encourage Greenway use as viable transit rather than driving. I will share this with Community Development. The trails part of Hub City Greenways will go in the parks plan, and the hubs stuff will be further developed next year as part of the Comprehensive Plan and subsequent development regulations.
2. Wayfinding signage that encourages Greenway use over driving options, especially at parking locations. Also noted.
3. Can you provide any additional clarification on what the neighborhood hubs will look like? Will they have a unified look & amenities, or will each be unique? We'd personally like to see these with a public plaza feel and some standard amenities (public restrooms, water stations, bike storage, public art, shade trees, lighting at night, etc), but also pay tribute to the neighborhoods they're located in. The hubs need to be further fleshed out. At this time we have a broad vision to discuss it with the community to see what comments, concerns, ideas people have. So thank you for yours. We expect the hubs to be unique to each neighborhood, although perhaps there will be some common amenities as you mention. They will be somewhat opportunity driven – in some neighborhoods the opportunity may be to activate an underused school facility (like in Logan); in other neighborhoods it may be that more flexible zoning standards are needed to allow a corner or a strip of housing to redevelop into small neighborhood uses like a coffee shop or bakery (like First St near the old barber shop,

for example); in another neighborhood it may be that an old grange could be redeveloped (think Fords Prairie); in another neighborhood maybe transportation safety improvements are needed along with food carts to activate a hub (think Gold St near Harold's Burger Bar). Those are all examples for illustrative purposes only – the neighborhoods may see different opportunities. This is a long term vision that will take decades to materialize. And it will take actions by the City and partners along with private investment. The City is pitching that over a 20 year period we engage each neighborhood around a plan for their hubs. We will most likely start with the Logan district.

4. Thomas submitted a comment card at the event on this topic, but I'd like to reiterate here that we'd love for the city to get involved with the Cascadia high speed rail project at this early phase. Greenways paired with the Cascadia line (both 20 year plans currently) could make Centralia one of the best positioned places to live, work, commute etc, all without the need for additional cars and parking. But as with all long term plans, it involves thinking critically now while we have the opportunity to influence the project. Interesting – first I've heard of it.

5. I'd like to see the Westside Connector prioritize multi-modal transit, with clear, secure paths for pedestrians and bikers given equal priority to drivers. I believe that is the plan. I've attached a short description that was provided to me by Public Works.

Thanks again for always being open to ideas and feedback! We're really excited to see where the Parks department goes under your guidance and how these plans come to fruition.

Thanks – we'll have a lot of fun in the coming years!

Best wishes,

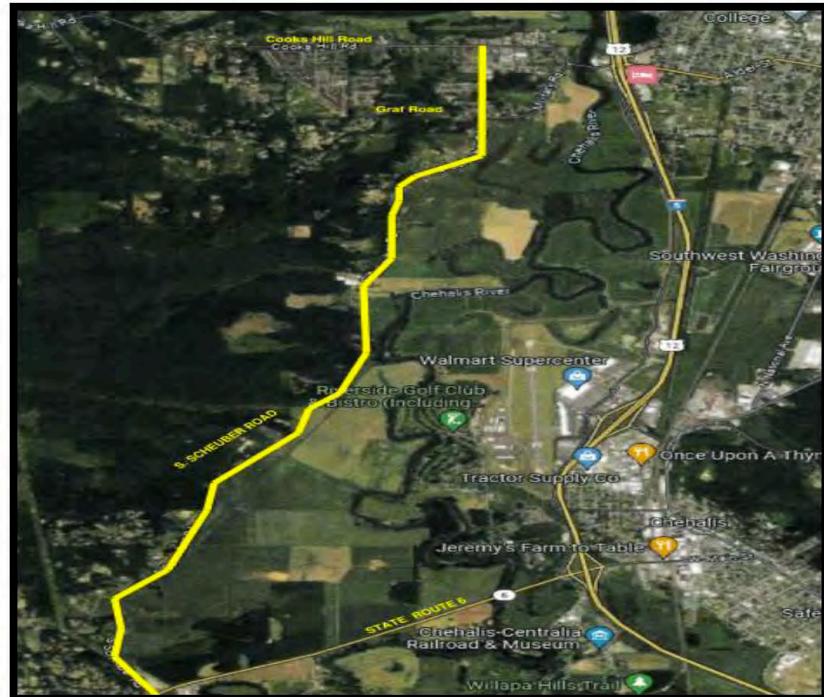
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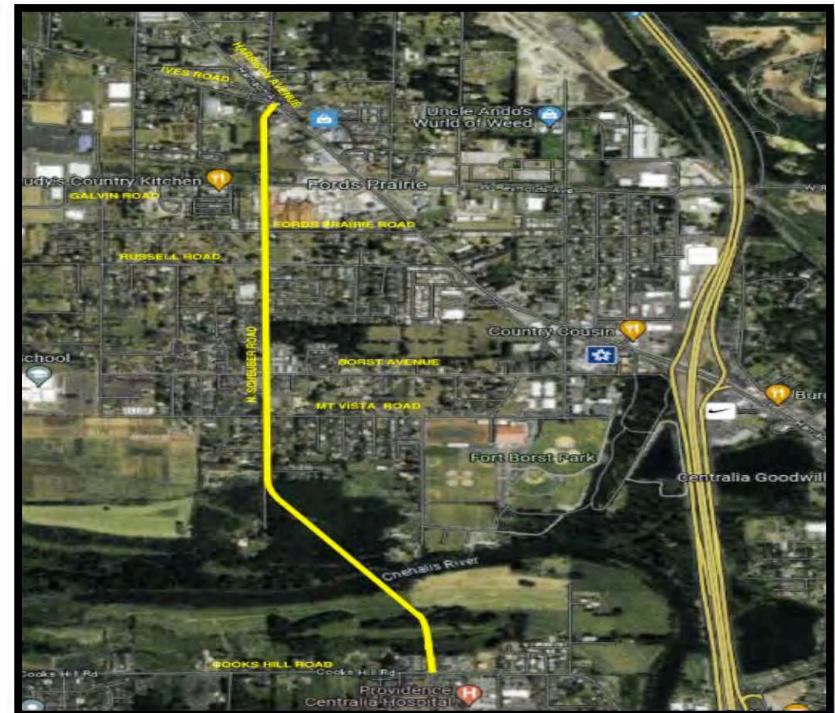
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LEWIS COUNTY / CITY OF CENTRALIA WESTSIDE CONNECTOR PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS



South Link – SR 6 to Cooks Hill Road



Mt. Vista to Galvin Road, Type, Size, and Location (Bridge), and North Link – Galvin Road to Ives Road / Harrison Avenue Intersection

OVERVIEW

Lewis County, the City of Centralia, and our consultant, HDR Engineering, are collaboratively working together to implement a three (3) phased approach for the ultimate construction of the Westside Connector corridor on South and North Scheuber Road between State Route (SR) 6 and the Ives Road / Harrison Avenue intersection.

The Westside Connector Phase I improvements will be addressed in a three (3) Stage process:



Stage I improvements will consist of improving N. Scheuber Road from Mt. Vista Road north to Galvin Road. These improvements will consist of widening N. Scheuber Road to provide one through lane in each direction with a center two way left turn lane, bike lanes, bioretention and stormwater facilities, street lighting, cement concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalks *including including the relocation of existing overhead power, cable, and buried electrical utilities and water and sanitary sewer utilities*.

These same improvements will be used for assessing costs for of the North Link of the Westside Connector corridor between Galvin Road and the Ives Road / Harrison Avenue intersection in Stage III.



(Stage II Conceptual Rendering)

Stage II of this project will re-evaluate the Type, Size, Location, and construction cost for a *future* new bridge crossing over the Chehalis River between Cooks Hill Road and Mt. Vista Road identified in *the* original Type, Size, and Location study conducted for the project in 2009.

Stage III will consist of evaluating the horizontal and vertical alignments of *the* Westside Connector corridor's *future* north link (N. Scheuber Road –between Galvin Road and the Ives Road / Harrison Avenue) and south link- (S. Scheuber Road – between State Route 6 and Cooks Hill Road) to better assess future right-of-way and construction costs needed for the improvement of the north and south links of the Westside Connector corridor.



(South Link Conceptual Rendering)

The findings of Phase II and III of the multi-phased Westside Connector project will be used to develop and procure funding grants for use in the ultimate construction of the new Chehalis River bridge and north and south links of the Westside Connector corridor.

SCHEDULE

Stage I – Complete Design/Bid 2024 / Construction in 2025.

Stage II and III Assessment – Start Sept. 2023 / Complete Sept. 2024
Construction – No current timeline

CAN THE PUBLIC PROVIDE INPUT?

Public participation is critical to the success of projects of this type and is strongly encouraged. A series of meetings will be held at key milestones during the design / development of the project to invite comments from the public. In addition follow-up information will be posted to www.cityofcentralia.com and [Current Projects \(lewiscountywa.gov\)](http://lewiscountywa.gov) websites for the community to access and comment on during the design / development phase of the project.

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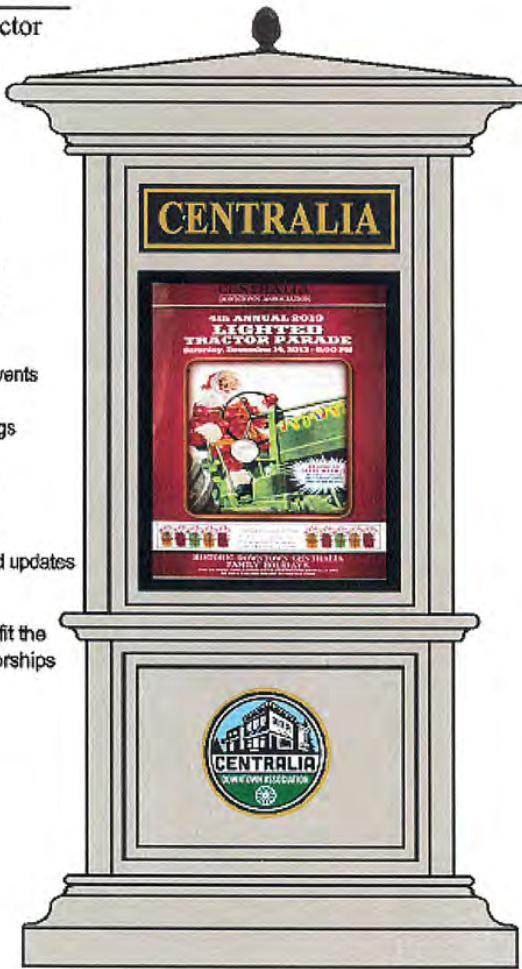
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