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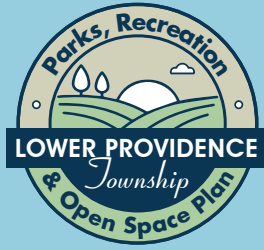
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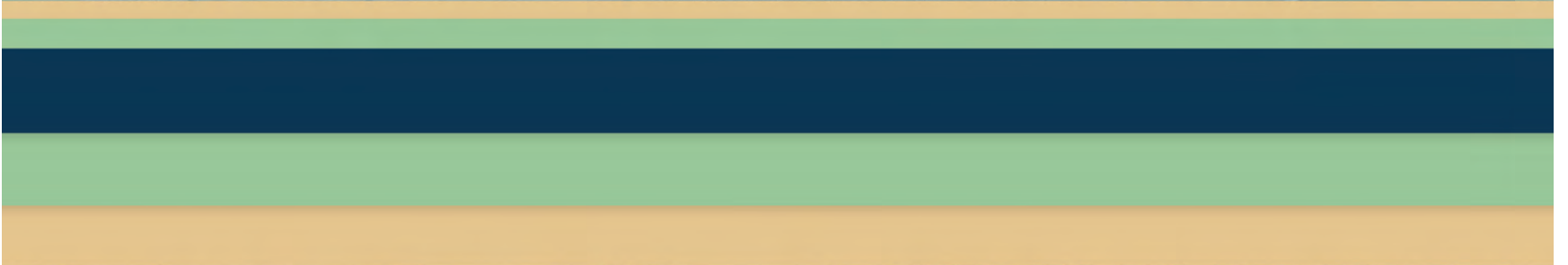
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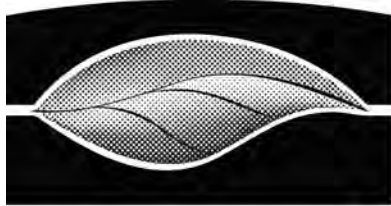
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MEETING NOTES

Project: Lower Providence Open
Space & Recreation Plan

Project
No.: 20028.10

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting
Date/ 8/12/2020
Time: 7:00pm

Re: Committee
Meeting #1

Issue
Date: 08.25.2020

ATTENDEES:

Colleen Eckman - Supervisor

Don Delamater – Township Manager

Jane Delaney – Parks and Recreation
Director

Jean Akers – Chair for Open Space
Committee and member of Township
Park Board (TPB)

Bill Brooke – Township Planning
Commission (TPC)

Erin Di Paolo – TPB

Susan LaPenta - TPC

Beth Ann Mazza - TPB

Kate McGrath – TPB Student
Representative

Peter Simone, RLA, FASLA – Simone
Collins Landscape Architecture (SC)

Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ), AICP – SC

Geoff Creary, Project LA – SC

Joseph Wallace, Staff LA – SC

Michelle Armour, Staff LA – SC

Pat Stasio – Certified Park and
Recreation Professional

Kent Morey – P.E., MS4 Specialist –
Spotts, Stevens and McCoy

GENERAL NOTES:

INTRODUCTION

1. At 7:00 pm, Peter Simone started the meeting with introductions. Peter discussed examples of other current SC projects.
2. Pankaj Jobanputra explained the importance of planning, the project schedule, the public participation process, and the project scope.
3. Joseph Wallace gave overviews and led discussion of the individual parks and open spaces of Lower Providence and their amenities:

a. Eagleville Park

- i. Joseph mentioned that the possibility of a new location for the amphitheater has been brought up in conversation.
- ii. Jean Akers asked Jane Delaney to restate the events that this park supports, issues considering realignment and supporting infrastructure, and events that she would like to have here.
- iii. Jane responded:
 - Easter egg hunt, July 4th, Fall Fest, tree lighting, concerts in the park, trunk or treat, fireworks.
 - It is hard to get the elderly down to the amphitheater; it's great for shade, but a bit of a walk/hill.
 - Sports fields
 - Could use more parking and trees
- iv. Don Delamater stated that electricity has been run for the possibility of relocating the amphitheater behind the municipal building. There is a big hill there for a great view.
- v. Jean said that the recon group noted that it may be valuable to provide additional paved pathways, especially on the long hill, for more universal access. The area below the tennis courts could have a paved path. A general goal for **most** parks: make sure trails provided give good loop experience and if not, create realignments and new pieces of trail for loops and ADA experience.
- vi. Susan LaPenta asked if the trails lead into surrounding neighborhoods. Bill Brooke answered that, yes, there are two in his development, Wooded Glen. Beth Ann Mazza also noted that there is one from Eagleville Elementary.
- vii. Beth Ann stated that she has "amphitheater envy" for other areas, and that there could be better outdoor programming if there were better amphitheaters in the Township. She would like to see nicer spaces for outdoor performance and activities for families. Especially considering the COVID situation, much of what people will want to do may need to happen outdoors.
- viii. Colleen Eckman said that there has been discussion of someday expanding the Township building or relocating the Police Department, as they are crunched for space. Analysis was done (conceptual) of what to do with existing building. No 3rd floor addition (expense). They looked at a different connection that didn't work with the complex (conflicts). A conclusion was that the police could be their own single entity in a building near Ridge Pike, in the open green field above the football field; the sewer authority building could be removed and that department relocated into the Township building. The police department was the main drive of that analysis, because there is not enough physical space in the building. Also, the parking lot for police cars is abutting the most used park area— this is a bit of a conflict with families coming to play, police checking equipment – two uses don't mesh. The area around the building might change. Peter asked if the police leaving the current two-story building would give enough room for the Township, to which Colleen replied yes, plenty for administration. Colleen agreed to share the study with SC

- ix. Wilson Farm Park was cited as a park that has been able to host outdoor concerts, which has to do with the way it is set up; approachable from many angles through trails, there is parking on the outskirts of the park. Eagleville Park has limited parking only located towards upper end of park – one-ended. The park is landlocked because of the creek.
- b. Eskie Park
 - i. Jane stated that the park is used for organizations for softball. It has a nice walking trail with trees on one side, but overall is very open/lacking trees. There are some large areas to utilize in the future, and there are restrooms. There is a lack of parking, making events like the Easter egg hunt difficult to accommodate.
 - ii. Joseph mentioned walking access – in light of coming residential development and the question of sidewalks, this group should advocate strongly for sidewalks. Peter added that this group’s role is as champion for sidewalks. People will appreciate a walking connection and it is remarkable that some governing bodies do not put in sidewalks.
 - iii. Jean brought up the side entries, which present a wayfinding challenge – being able to ID where you are when coming in from side entry with a sign that reads “this is provided by local government, this is where you are, etc.” This is something to add the **general list**.
 - iv. Peter brought up possible addition of a parking lot off of an adjacent cul-de-sac.
- c. Audubon Recreation Fields
 - i. Jean stated that on a park tour 2 years ago, the Parks Board identified the need for master plan (update). The fields provide much value for ARA/little league; but for other users, it is very disjointed – needs better connections within and to neighboring areas. “Where are you and whose park is it?” There is also a parking issue – it might be wise to see if the opposite side of Audubon Rd is usable for overflow parking (municipal parcel?). Parking capacity and redesign could be a good opportunity to create bubble diagrams to connect things and make the space more functional.
 - ii. Joseph mentioned the idea of having restrooms open all season.
 - iii. Peter pointed out that not all the fields have the correct solar orientation; DCNR will want this. He noted that we may want an aerial image on this slide for public meeting.
 - iv. Beth Ann said that it is difficult for anyone with disabilities to get around the park – accessibility. Also, across the street on Pawlings Rd side, there is no distinct safe crossing on this highly traveled road.
 - v. Peter brought up the smash and grab issues in the parking lots, and suggested better visibility by limbing up trees and leaving no hidden areas. Jean said both lots – even the visible one – have the problem, so visibility is not the only issue. Peter said this could be a candidate for security cameras. Beth Ann stated that smash and grab has been prevalent in all parks (has been a victim in Perkiomen park) because the proximity to 422 makes for an easy getaway.
- d. Gabriel’s/Knight cricket field

- i. Jane said the cricket club uses it. They want to make it more playable – upgraded. Only a small part of the field is currently used.
 - ii. Jean said there is room for future design ideas.
 - iii. Peter said it would be easy to do a quick layout: “how many fields can we put here”. This area could be used as more of a sports complex – DCNR money. It needs infrastructure.
 - iv. Jean pointed out that Pawlings Rd trailhead for the Schuylkill River Trail is often packed and has no amenities (such as restrooms and water); maybe collaborate with the County to see what infrastructure could be put there.
 - v. Colleen went over ownership: this is County-owned land (along with ARA Fields). The Township has a dollar lease agreement or something of the like, and has had it for about 12 years – they maintain mowing and use as they see fit. Like ARA, they need County approval for improvements. Parks and Recreation Committee looked at possible uses: ballfields, dog park. One complication – Station Ave divides this with the land that the County owns; crossing this road would be problematic as traffic is heavy.
 - vi. Beth Ann stated that she likes the idea of amenities. (The Parks Board) laid out initial plans for a baseball field and 2 multipurpose fields, play structure, and comfort area. The Township was short on sports fields at the time – a lot has changed in 12 years. Trails are also more used now than before. Joe said that it would be great to have access to that plan – Beth told Jane that a rough drawing should be in records.
- e. Valley Forge
 - i. Geoff Creary explained that the Pawlings Farm section has great access but is a hidden gem. He listed the limekiln, mountain bike trails, running trails, and the SRT. On the north side of 422 there is another portion of park that is very hard to get to; he asked if we will be able to get access. Right now it is an old nursery with lots of green space that is sitting unused, which is not necessarily bad if we want to keep it a naturalized area.
 - ii. Colleen said that NPS has ideas/a master plan for land use on this side of the river. Local municipalities and federal government may have different ideas for land use; the fed supersedes us. Colleen also pointed out that, in the lower part of the farm, on the other side of 422, there are often wanderers; people using the National Park who wander into the neighborhood and knock on doors asking for a bathroom or glass of water. We need to be mindful of that interaction.
- f. Audubon Elementary
 - i. Joseph stated that this is a potential area for expansion; it was recently looked at as potential space for COVID additional bed locations, for example. He asked how we can use this space creatively.
 - ii. Jane – great add on to use for indoor facilities for programs. Large area of land in the back, off of the street. It could be a community center, host boys/girls scouts, basketball clinics, classes, etc.

- iii. Peter asked if anyone has contacted the School District and said that SC can initiate this conversation. Don replied that the Township is already in discussion with the School District about this site and are seeing what can be done here. Pete stated that SC would appreciate whatever information can be shared, if not confidential; “Keep us in the loop, as long as you can.”
 - iv. Beth Ann stated that they have been searching for a home for indoor programming for a long time, and that it would be great if something could be done to move forward.
 - v. Peter cited a nearby model, Upper Merion Senior Center, a renovated building used for many purposes.
- g. Redtail Park
 - i. Joe mentioned that shade trees are generally recommended across the board, including here, to accommodate activities such as picnicking.
 - ii. Jane said that the Methacton baseball organization uses the baseball field. The soccer organization uses the field. She agreed that this park needs shade.
 - iii. Beth Ann added that it needs not only shade, but comfort station as well (restrooms); this was on the five year plan.
 - iv. Kent Morey asked if this parking lot gets full, to which Beth answered that, in the past, if there was baseball and soccer at same time it has come close, but she is not sure if it has ever overflowed.
- h. Pond View Park
 - i. Joseph posed the question: could this park use infrastructure, play equipment?
 - ii. Beth said that play structures may get push back from the neighbors. A nice wooded area with soft nature trail and nature education could be good here.
- i. Hoy Park
 - i. Beth Ann stated that this is one of her favorites because she loves water. The biggest problem is that there is not enough parking. With the boating access and fishing area, there is a problem if there are over 6-8 cars.
 - ii. Jane said that this has been brought up, and lines were added to keep people from parking each other in. This helped a little but there is still a lot of parking and it gets chaotic.
 - iii. Jean pointed out that the Perkiomen Water Conservancy Sojourn (50-100 kayakers) uses this park as a landing point – they leave cars here and are shuttled up to Schwenksville for this one day event. There is potential for more than what the local conservancy does. At the property across Skippack creek, Indianhead Dam Association holds a fishing derby in the dam impoundment area. There is also a sewer extension on the other side of the creek.
 - iv. Colleen said that everyone has found this park this year; it used to be a hidden gem. The Township owns a slightly wooded lot one lot west of Skippack Creek; may be able to do pull off gravel parking there. Colleen pointed out that there have been people swimming in the creek; this makes her nervous because there are young people who may be unfamiliar with the depth of water near the dam and that water can get bad after a storm. She suggested signage to caution swimming activity.

- v. Peter proposed a handicap accessible ADA kayak launch.
- j. Evansburg Point Park
 - i. Jane said this park is used for the football organization and lacrosse uses it as well (one practice and one playing field). There are bathrooms, concessions, a play area, and pavilion. The park is heavily used starting in August. There is a good amount of parking, but we could add a play area or trail.
 - ii. Joseph asked if there are connections to surrounding neighborhoods, to which Beth Ann answered that, other than crossing the street, there is no real connectivity. Neighbors gave push-back on the trail through the woods. This is a State park as well, so everything goes through DCNR which takes extra time. In the main practice field, there is a drainage issue; a large patch of dirt on the aerial identifies the location.
 - iii. Peter suggested that this might be good opportunity for stormwater management for MS4.
 - iv. Beth pointed out a stormwater drainage area at bottom of the football field.
- k. Evansburg State Park
 - i. Beth Ann said this is a hidden gem. It takes up a huge part of Collegeville. Until recently it was not very used. There are great trails that could be better defined or cleaned up.
 - ii. Peter said that it seems there is no relationship between the park and municipalities and asked if the new director is better in this regard. The park seems to keep to themselves, and there are not many trails that connect to it. There could be a much bigger benefit to communities, and this is a missed opportunity. This is the time to strike with DCNR. Peter asked what the relationship is like and if it could be improved.
 - iii. Beth Ann answered that it could be improved. Jane said that there is no relationship with the director. Colleen said she thinks there is a new director, and that the last director was “anti-everything” ; it seemed there was no money for maintenance.
 - iv. Peter suggested that SC initiate the conversation with them. For example, in another community we have a PHMC site, Daniel Boone Homestead. We helped them to get funding for entire facility, so hopefully PHMC can go after money that the park does not typically get. Partnerships should be explored, because the mission for the state park is to have a state park within 20 min of every resident of the commonwealth, and this needs to be remembered.
 - v. Jane said that she can reach out to the park, and Peter suggested that this be done together.
 - vi. Susan pointed out that the pedestrian bridge in the park has some damage from the storm last week. Also, the structure further north – a bridge constructed in the last 10 years – at Anders road(?) – one pedestrian bridge crosses Skippack Creek.
 - vii. Jean said that it is good to be reminded of the desire to create more connectivity for the community – this huge blob of green does not have much connectivity. At some points, people are on the road up against the shoulder

with no guard rail. Let's make this more porous, more accommodating. We will get more people into the park if it connects safely to the neighborhoods. Let's get a conversation going.

- viii. Susan said the park used to connect to a fishing pier near the football fields, opposite Landis Mill Rd down to Skippack creek(?)
- ix. Erin Di Paolo said that several years ago, in the last open space plan, they talked about connecting Eagleville into Evansburg through a trail system.
- x. Kent asked if it makes sense to reach out to Audubon? Jean responded that Audubon has an agreement with the County for the use of Mill Grove Sanctuary. The State park and Audubon have common goals – looking to preserve areas. Audubon is County land – part of the County system of parks and historic sites; this is as much a conversation to have with Montgomery County Parks as with the Audubon center. This is a good point – we should be talking with the County to conserve open space. Peter agreed, and said we should be making connections into those lands.
- xi. Colleen said that Jean brought up an idea that she has been thinking about: we have a huge green space with Evansburg, Valley Forge, and in the middle is County park land. The distance in between would love to see connection and preservation along the Perkiomen Creek corridor. There are steep slopes, and there is Hideaway Day Camp; maybe they can get a land preservation agreement, opening it up (but not to public use). Could bring it down to Arcola Rd and open that up, and make connections along the riparian border.
- I. Arrowhead Elementary School
 - i. Jane said that the Township uses School District properties for summer camps; this is one, as well as Eagleville Elementary and Woodland Elementary.
- m. Level Road Schoolhouse
 - i. Indoor rec area
 - ii. Jane said this is used for smaller programs – bathroom renovations, nice facility. Used for senior yoga and Zumba, and they rent it out for functions for residents. It is used very often.
 - iii. Joe pointed out that there is a lot clustered in this area, giving much potential for connectivity.
- n. IBEW Rec Fields
 - i. Joseph said that maybe we can think proactively, working with existing facilities. Peter asked if there is a relationship with the brotherhood, to which Jane answered that there is none.
 - ii. Colleen pointed out that this is a huge piece of property, maybe good for preservation. PennDOT has plans for a connector road with a 2nd bridge over Perkiomen; it might be valuable.
 - iii. Peter asked if there is an official Township map and mentioned that we have done this other townships. It can be helpful in looking at sites like this and the camp to facilitate preservation in the future.
- o. Cranberry Park and Central Perkiomen Valley Park
 - i. Joe stated there is potential to connect to the neighborhood across the street.

- ii. Jean said that when the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy does their sojourn, and maybe cleanup activities, this is a stopping point preferred lunch spot for them. There is a lot of flood plain, and many tree plantings by the Conservancy.
 - iii. Beth Ann said this is great opportunity to connect to waterways and connect watercraft, like Hoy Park. There is very little parking, and the floodplain could be an issue. People kayak and this is a good lunch spot; it could be good as an access area to the water.
 - iv. Jean – 2 years ago when the Conservancy did a water trail plan, they looked at Cranberry park to improve access to the water, but recently they’ve been working with Collegeville (when they were expanding their sewer). There are other locations with former homes that had improvements that went into the water/floodway; PWC is working to make this the primary launch site in this area.
- p. Sherwood Park
 - i. Joseph pointed out that there is not a lot of shade over the play structure.
 - ii. Jane stated that people can access this park through walking – the walkability is good, but is hot because there are no trees.
- q. Dell Angelo Park
 - i. Joe stated that this is great example of what a park can be, and we can use this as a model for a successful, shaded park with many connections to residential areas.
 - ii. Peter said that if there is pushback, we can point out that this park is well integrated into the community.
 - iii. Jane said that they are hoping to add a gazebo or picnic shelter, and that this park provides of lots of access to residents.
- r. Woodland Elementary
- s. Mascaro Mem Field
 - i. Joseph pointed out the “stellar” ball fields and play area.
 - ii. Jane explained that the Township maintains the play apparatus, and that Methacton runs baseball out of here.
- 4. Geoff spoke about existing data for Lower Providence: Township, Montgomery County, State, NPS – it is rare to work on a project and have all of these datasets. He discussed incorporating the two sidewalk inventories. Geoff shared the Strava maps showing running and biking patterns, which revealed corridors to investigate further. Geoff also discussed greenways. Peter noted that we will look at the Township’s riparian ordinances.
- 5. Pankaj discussed the Public Engagement process, including the Public Opinion Survey, which he asked the Committee to read over and give suggestions. He also discussed WikiMapping.
- 6. The discussion turned to Next Steps:
 - a. Jean recommended setting a deadline to return comments on the survey. Peter proposed September 4th.
 - b. Bill brought up the selective update of the Lower Providence Open Space Plan from 2002, and asked if we had seen it. Peter said we will review it and see what goals were set and if they were met. Joseph confirmed that we do have a copy.

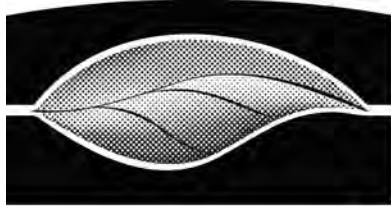
- c. Peter said that we will send a synopsis of an official map; we think it is a useful tool. We did a greenway plan, and as a result several trails were built with no taxpayer cost because they were on an official map.
- d. Kent pointed out that, as part of MS4, as you create impervious area you need to compensate for it. From a stormwater perspective, consideration should be given to what materials are being used. Runoff needs to be treated, but can be worked around. If parking is not being used entirely, maybe remove to put in landscape islands and create rain gardens.
- e. Pat Stasio stated that he had no comments.

This report represents the Professional's summation of the proceedings and is not a transcript. Unless written notice of any correction or clarification is received by the Professional within ten days of issue, the report shall be considered factually correct and shall become part of the official project record.

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Project: Lower Providence Open
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Project
No.: 20028.10

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting
Date/ 9/10/2020
Time: 7:00pm

Re: Committee
Meeting #2

Issue
Date: 09.20.2020

ATTENDEES:

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Beth Ann Mazza - TPB

Don Delamater – Township Manager

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GENERAL NOTES:

Presentation

1. Peter Simone:
 - a. Briefly went over Agenda, Committee/Team Introductions, and Project Schedule.
 - b. Discussed the draft Mission Statement, inviting the Committee to help revise/refine it.
 - c. Plan Goals and Objectives
 - d. Key Committee comments and takeaways from Committee Meeting 1
2. Pankaj Jobanputra:
 - a. Demographics trends: population, age, race, income, education.

- b. Key points of relevant planning documents:
 - i. *Selective Update of the Lower Providence Recreation Plan*, 2002
 - ii. *Lower Providence Township Comprehensive Plan*, 2002
 - iii. *Lower Providence Township Open Space Preservation Plan*, 2005 Update
 - iv. *Natural Areas Inventory Update, Montgomery County PA*, 2008
 - v. *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision – The Comprehensive Plan for Montgomery County*, 2015
 - vi. Jean Akers:
 - Asked if the Team has the GVFTMA Lower Providence Bike Pedestrian Plan from 2008
 - She and Don Delamater will try to get the Team a copy
- c. Zoning and SALDO
 - i. Open Space Residential Development
 - ii. Riparian Buffer Overlay Zone
 - iii. Existing Ordinances: Steep slopes, Trees, Sidewalks, Landscaping
 - iv. Park and Recreation Land: public dedication, fee in lieu
 - v. Zoning and Overlay Districts
- 3. Geoff Creary:
 - a. “Connectivity 101”
 - i. Connectivity/design guidelines reference documents
 - ii. User types
 - iii. Connectivity elements: sidewalks, bike lanes and routes, sidepaths and trails, low-stress routes, destinations
 - b. “Greenways 101”
 - i. Definitions, value, purpose
 - ii. Lower Providence protections under Article XXXIV (Riparian Overlay Zone)
- 4. Michelle Armour:
 - a. Inventory and Analysis Mapping
 - i. Geology
 - ii. Watersheds: Schuylkill River, Perkiomen and Skippack Creek, tributaries
 - iii. Hydrology
 - iv. Land use
 - v. Wooded areas and greenways
 - vi. Historic resources: National Historic Register and National Historic Landmark
 - vii. Public transportation
 - viii. Educational facilities
 - ix. Sidewalks and trails
 - x. STRAVA bicycle and running data
 - xi. Ownership map: Federal, State, County, Municipal, and School District land
 - Jean: pointed out that ownership of Audubon is County (mis-colored on map)
 - Colleen Eckman: suggested/asked if Team is considering small parcels of open space, and if the Team has that information.

- Geoff: stated that we do have information through up-to-date GIS, ownership listing can be off, but help confirming that we have the most up to date data would be great.
 - Pete: asked what she would like to be considered for these spaces – pocket parks?
 - Colleen: responded yes, maybe, or open space/trail connections to existing parks and trails.
5. Geoff:
- a. Analysis next steps:
 - i. Preliminary trail connections:
 - Identify routes and connections to existing trails
 - Identify routes which connect open space and recreation elements near residential neighborhoods: Level Road, Eagleville Road, Park Avenue, Pawlings Road, Ridge Pike
 - Determine appropriate connectivity elements
 - ii. Walking radius mapping
 - Identify 15-min/1-mile walking radius for all open space/recreation resources
 - Identify connectivity gaps
6. Pankaj:
- a. Public opinion survey
 - i. Committee to review questions and provide feedback
 - ii. Goes live prior to Public Meeting #1
 - iii. Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LowerProvidenceParks>
 - b. WikiMapping
 - i. Goes live prior to Public Meeting #1
 - ii. Link – www.wikimapping.com/Lower-Providence-Parks-and-Recreation.html
 - c. Next Steps
 - i. Public Meeting 1: Monday, September 28, 2020 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
 - Link - <https://tinyurl.com/lowerprovidence1>
 - ii. Committee Meeting 3: Thursday, October 22, 2020 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
 - iii. Public involvement poster

Q&A

1. Peter: Went over the live event process for public meetings. SC will go over the study and then facilitate brainstorming - present each park and let people comment on the parks during the presentation. That way we have a list of feedback on parks. Also, comments can be shared with everyone. He asked the Committee for thoughts on this.
2. Jean: Suggested considering questions from the survey that elicit, from people in the meeting, their top priority for recreation (things that they are currently doing, want to do, or that are missing). We can go park to park to get feedback on facilities, but if someone doesn't use the parks, or drives to another township because they can't get to them, they may not have feedback. Try to get non-facility specific laundry list items. Maybe display something similar to

Geoff's slides on cycling, walking, etc. – give them images of activities (ex. there is no parkour, pump track, etc.) to get them going. "If we're missing something let us know."

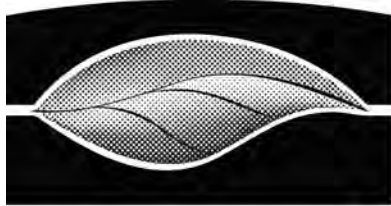
- a. Peter: maybe our facility review will be just that – go through quickly, refer people to the survey, and then focus on big-picture ideas.
3. Beth Ann Mazza: Two questions
 - a. Capability to override everyone's mute in live event?
 - i. Geoff: Yes, explained Microsoft 'live event'.
 - b. What is expected from the Committee at the Public Meeting besides attendance?
 - i. Peter: Listen. We want to stimulate the public to make suggestions. SC will stimulate discussion and listen, and the Committee's job is also to listen.
4. Bill Brooke: The Township did a survey in 2004/05, maybe SC can go over it to address ideas that haven't been addressed
 - a. Pete: Good idea. There are probably unaddressed ideas from other plans as well. We can look for similar ideas. Good ideas last a long time, and lasting ideas that come up again and again may identify priorities for the Township. History is important. The Board has many things to deal with, and role as advocates is important, but how do you get to the top of the list?
5. Beth Ann: How will you promote the meeting to get public participation?
 - a. Pete: Township newsletter?
 - b. Don: Already going out to print
 - c. Peter: Do you have contacts for social organizations – homeowners, fraternal, churches, etc.?
 - d. Don: Email list, Facebook, Constant Contact with businesses, website.
 - e. Pete: school district?
 - f. Susan: Good to contact the SD, they are connected to organizations and have a lot of rec facilities that groups use.
 - g. Don: Should have contacts
 - h. Pete: Patch?
 - i. Jean: There is a Perkiomen patch.
 - j. Don: May be a Lower Providence patch - not sure how much traction it has.
 - k. Bill: Montgomery County's radio alert?
 - l. Don: Used for emergency alerts, not for notices for meetings, etc.
 - m. Pete: Put something on the cover page of the website?
 - n. Don: Can put it right on the main page – first panel.
 - o. Jane: Parks and Recreation email blast.
 - p. Pete: Ongoing list?
 - q. Jane: Yes, whoever registers for a program, through My Rec program
 - r. Beth Ann: Does this include campers?
 - s. Jane: Yes
 - t. Beth: We can share it ourselves, organically.
 - u. Jean: Can share with homeowners' association. Asked for an email with good content.
 - v. Pete: Does the Township have list of HOA's?
 - w. Jean: I have the list for my HOA
 - x. Pete: Stores?

- y. Don: Phone/email contact list for businesses.
 - z. Pete: Email is ideal.
 - aa. Pete: Main thing will be the poster. SC will send tomorrow. Asked the Committee to send it back with suggestions.
 - bb. Jean: Sending notice out to Michael Oscar at John James Audubon center; Ryan Beltz - Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy. Can get contact info to SC.
 - 6. Jean: We need the logo for Lower Providence, which the Township agonizingly made and paid for, to be front and center (SC can update the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy logo if looking to do logos). Use the logo with the leaf.
 - a. Geoff: Can we incorporate a tagline into the logo to brand the Plan?
 - b. Don: Yes.
 - 7. Pete: We will coordinate on email lists with Jane and Bill Roth; survey; mapping
 - 8. PJ: We will send tonight's presentation and the Public Meeting poster for review.
 - 9. Peter: Will send the mission statement as a word document for the Committee to edit, and SC will continue to refine as well.
- Committee homework: distribute the poster.

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MEETING NOTES

Project: Lower Providence Open
Space & Recreation Plan

Project
No.: 20028.10

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting
Date/ 11/18/2020
Time: 7:00pm

Re: Committee
Meeting #3

Issue
Date: 12.03.2020

ATTENDEES:

Colleen Eckman - Supervisor

Beth Ann Mazza - TPB

Don Delamater – Township Manager

Peter Simone, RLA, FASLA – Simone
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Susan LaPenta - TPC

Pat Stasio – Certified Park and
Recreation Professional

GENERAL NOTES:

Presentation

1. Peter Simone:
 - a. Briefly went over Agenda and Committee/Team Introductions.
2. Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ):
 - a. Went over the project schedule.
 - b. Discussed takeaways from Public Meeting 1 brainstorming: goals, facts, concepts, and partners.
 - c. Went over Public Survey and Wikimapping preliminary results

- d. Explained the role of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), some NRPA definitions, and NRPA Benchmarking; discussed where Lower Providence stands compared to 2020 NRPA Performance Review Park Facilities metrics.
 - e. Went over Community Benchmarking of parks and recreation facilities for 2019 and 2040 projected population.
 - f. Jean Akers asked if **disc golf** was included in benchmarking and expressed interest in its inclusion if facilities exist. She shared that, in her experience as a planner in the Pacific Northwest, she witnessed disc golf's growth in popularity, as well as pickleball's growth into a tournament sport.
 - g. Colleen Eckman noted that **bocce courts** were not listed in the benchmarking and asked that they be.
3. Joseph Wallace:
- a. Went over inventory and analysis, including:
 - i. Park service areas/gaps
 - Jean noted that, in the service gaps analysis of walking distance to parks and rec facilities, streets seemed to be examined more so than actual sidewalks, stating that she would not walk many of the routes. She also pointed out that this did not modify for barriers, such as lack of crosswalks.
 - ii. Potential open space and rec expansions
 - Colleen provided some background on the former landfill site, owned by Carmela Farms. It is an EPA Superfund site that was cleaned up with a cap. The site was recently purchased off the tax rolls – it was delinquent – by a neighbor who does not intend to use it except to make sure that he has open space behind his home. There is so much history – EPA Superfund to today – and she would not consider the Township buying the property, as it is a liability. They have met with the EPA and DEP, went to Washington, explored all avenues. They would like to pursue it further.
 - iii. Potential open space and rec acquisition
4. Geoff Creary:
- a. Presented conceptual trail connections, discussing the relevance to Montgomery County's 2018 bicycle plan, *Bike Montco*.
 - i. Jean stated that **this issue (connectivity and trail/sidewalk connections) is the highest priority – it is what drove the need for this plan to be completed before the Comprehensive Plan**, which will follow. One caution she has is about putting too much into sidewalks, as this will also be the responsibility of the transportation element in the comp plan. She expressed being torn between “yes we need this” and “no we don't want all of the energy to go into the transportation”. However, this leads us to building priority for a regional trail that connects from Evansburg all the way down into Worcester Township and the Perkiomen Trail – so if this justifies connecting into the regional system, that is a good thing, because not everyone in Lower Providence is connected to it.

- ii. Peter stated that, hopefully, this will inform the comp plan. He would rather this plan be aspirational and push the comp plan toward more pedestrian connections. We can cut back later, but he thinks that, going into the study, it was clear that connectivity is important. Where is the line between transportation and recreation? There is a lot of overlap.
- 5. Pat Stasio:
 - a. Discussed existing and potential maintenance and programming, including:
 - i. Parks and rec administration
 - ii. Recreation programs offerings
 - iii. Facilities
 - iv. Finance
- 6. Jean pointed out that St. Gabriel's Hall has closed the facility for the boys' program and does not know what they plan to do with it. She suggested that it would be nice to obtain some of that land.
 - a. PJ recalled that someone at a meeting had previously suggested creating multi-use fields.
 - b. Don Delamater stated that it is zoned R-2 residential with a public facilities overlay.
- 7. PJ:
 - a. Went over the Focus Group Lists, which include:
 - i. Active recreation
 - ii. Outdoor recreation/trails/conservation
 - iii. Social groups and/or service organizations
 - iv. Schools
 - b. Presented the list of Key Person Interviews Lists to-date, asking the Committee for assistance identifying additional interviewees.
 - c. **Potential interviewees identified:**
 - i. Director of Montco parks and historic sites (controls Mill Grove – potentially a good future resource)
 - ii. Parks Dept., Montco
 - iii. Shift the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy director from Focus Groups to KPI (good partnership possibility)
 - iv. Carrie Barron – Director of the Audubon Visitor Center
 - d. Discussed **next steps:**
 - i. Committee Meeting 4: Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
 - ii. Public Meeting 2: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
<https://tinyurl.com/lowerprovidence2>
 - iii. Provided links to the public survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LowerProvidenceParks>
 and Wikimapping: www.wikimapping.com/Lower-Providence.html
- 8. Peter stated that, for Committee Meetings in Jan-March, SC will come back with more initial recommendations - we are nearing the end of the analysis phase.
Committee homework: We need help getting contacts for Key Person Interviews and Focus Groups (by sometime between Thanksgiving and early-mid December). SC will be in touch primarily with Jane, and hopefully she will refer us to others in the community as well.

9. Jean asked Jane Delaney and Don if the **Powerpoint presentation of this meeting can be published to the website** for the sake of transparency and an open public process.
Don replied that it is easy to do, just the presentations over and they will post.
Peter noted that the **recommendation for the superfund site will be deleted**.
Jean recommended **removing St Gabriel's Hall from Focus Groups** because of its closing.
Jane confirmed that the first public meeting has already been added to the website.
10. Don asked if the school district should be included in the conversation.
PJ replied that, yes, one of the focus groups is with all schools.
Peter noted that we will probably need to be flexible, as the teacher are likely burnt out on remote learning/Zoom meetings.

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MEETING NOTES

Project: Lower Providence Open
Space & Recreation Plan

Project
No.: 20028.10

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting
Date/ 1/6/2021
Time: 7:00pm

Re: Committee
Meeting #4

Issue
Date: 1.20.2021

ATTENDEES:

Colleen Eckman - Supervisor

Don Delamater – Township Manager

Jane Delaney – Parks and Recreation
Director

Jean Akers – Chair for Open Space
Committee and member of Township
Park Board (TPB)

Erin Di Paolo – TPB

Susan LaPenta - TPC

Beth Ann Mazza - TPB

Bill Brooke – Township Planning
Commission (TPC)

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Geoff Creary, Project LA – SC

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GENERAL NOTES:

Presentation

1. Peter Simone:
 - a. Welcomed the Committee.
2. Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ):
 - a. Reviewed the agenda, project schedule, updated public survey and WikiMapping results.
 - b. Discussed the purpose of an Official Map, which includes, and the benefits of having one.
 - Jean A. asked if the Township has considered an Official Map. Don D. noted that the Township is in the process of of a Comprehensive Plan update, so maybe an

Official Map could be completed in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan. The plan is for the Open Space and Recreation Plan to be included in the Comprehensive Plan. Peter S. gave examples of municipalities that have adopted Official Maps and encouraged discussion of this because of the potential to propose parks and trails. Peter also noted that the Township would have a year to act on acquisitions and is not obligated to take action – it is a flexible document.

3. Joseph Wallace:

- a. Discussed stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs), greenways and stormwater management,
- b. Presented projected facility needs – community benchmarking, and spatial layouts for possible facilities to meet these needs:
 - Knights Cricket Field
 - Agriculture fields north of Eskie Park
 - Open space north of Mascaro Field
 - St. Gabriels Property
 - Two large parcels northeast of Eagleville Park
- c. Facilities analysis (with Redtail Park example)

4. Geoff Creary:

- a. Presented Sidewalk gaps, conceptual trail connections (Central Perkiomen Valley Park, Evansburg State Park Connector, Eskie Park Loop Trail Extension, and Valley Forge National Park Connector)
 - Don D. noted that, near the proposed CPV Park Trail, the assisted living facility has created a connection that goes under that bridge. Starting on river road, go left, under the bridge, and one can connect to the trails at living facility along Perkiomen. They are shown on their land development plans. There is an opening under the bridge, and they built flood walls to accommodate the trail here. They have the intention of connecting into the public trails.
 - Jean A. pointed out that parts of the Perkiomen Trail are under water after rains, lots of maintenance (scraping mud, draining trail) 5-6x year, and about half a dozen times that trails need to be closed.
 - Yerkes Road Crossing:
 - Don D. stated that, at the end of Yerkes Rd, people who live near that road have brought up the possibility of a crossing there. There used to be a crossing – Yerkes Rd used to go up into Upper Providence. There has been thought of creating a pedestrian crossing there that would connect to County trail on other side.
 - Susan L. pointed out that Yerkes Rd connects to Route 29, and before that the Perkiomen Rail crosses the road. She has heard that the bridge was taken out of commission during hurricane Agnes. She believes it is still all PennDOT right of way across at Yerkes rd.
 - Geoff pointed out that one advantage of the proposed Evansburg State Park Connector bridge is that the other side is land owned by the

Lower Perkiomont Valley Sewer Authority, so it is not privately held land.

- Either side of Yerkes road is residential on the Lower and Upper Providence sides, and there are pieces of sidewalk.
- Peter S. noted that, since it is residential, people who live there may either welcome a new connection here or may be resistant to having it. He asked the Committee if this was an important concept to explore.
- Jean A expressed that, considering long-range view, reconnecting a road that is no longer connected is definitely worth exploring. She acknowledged that this could change the traffic pattern for people who live there, but it could be to their benefit. Susan L has heard that the people objected to a bridge being replaced because it will change traffic patterns along Yerkes Rd. Jean noted that a pedestrian bridge **only** would be a different situation.
- BethAnn stated that she has heard over and over from people in that area, in the “arrowhead”, that they have no safe way to connect directly to any of the trails. This old former bridge comes up a lot because if they had that one point of connection they could connect into the trail.
- Regarding the Valley Forge Park Connector:
 - Jean noted that she lives in one of those cul-de-sacs there. The challenge here is the people in the Apple Valley Ln neighborhood cannot walk safely to the Audubon Loop Trail. If a safe crossing were made at Audubon Rd and Pawlings Rd, and then sidewalks installed along the ARA side of Audubon Rd from the Audubon Loop Trail all the way down to Rittenhouse, that would make a great connection. This would also avoid needing to work with NPS or repurposing St. Gabriels. She does not want a proposal like this to take away from the need for sidewalk connections. Also, Jean noted that walking along 422 is not ideal – it is noisy.
 - Geoff agreed that sidewalks need to be added here. However, sometimes an off-road route is better – Valley Forge Park and the farmstead are beautiful
 - Peter S. surmised that the sidewalk project would take priority, and hopefully the trail project would not be too far in the future. Jean agreed.
- Susan L. noted that, up by River Rd and Germantown Pk, where there is a new townhouse development, a trail is being put in along Germantown Pk. There is a portion that goes down to cross River Rd. Also, there is a crossing from that same townhouse development from their internal sidewalks to go over to Cranberry Park. Don noted that this is new, within the past year.
- Don pointed out that in the western end of the town, PennDOT is in the process of reconfiguring the road network: a connector road, a circle, Germantown Pk will turn into river road, no more “Y” intersection. They will be putting sidewalks

in along Ridge Pk, the connector road, and Germantown Pk. He just got preliminary plans today and can send over.

- Geoff encouraged the committee to let SC know if there are any other trails that they would like to see.

5. Pat Stasio:

- a. Discussed programming, finance, and maintenance

6. PJ

- a. Discussed **next steps**:

- Scheduling key person interviews and focus groups – end of January, early February. The Committee was encouraged to look over the focus group list and fill in any gaps if anyone is missing. Also, there are two additional spaces for key person interviews.
- Draft letter to National Park Service (Valley Forge Park) and DCNR (Evansburg State Park)
- Committee Meeting 4: Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
- Public Meeting 2: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
<https://tinyurl.com/lowerprovidence2>
 - Format – ‘live event’ or ‘meeting’?
 - Don felt the live event worked because you can control the questions and address them in depth one-by-one, and people are not talking over each other.
 - Jean suggested that the simplified link should only involve one click to make it easier for a diverse group of people to participate.
- Provided links to the public survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LowerProvidenceParks>
and Wikimapping: www.wikimapping.com/Lower-Providence.html

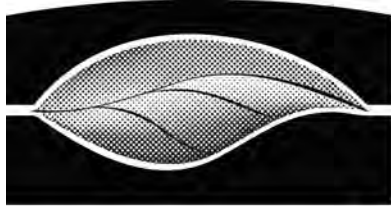
7. Additional Comments:

- a. Jean A suggested looking at ARA site and consider a loop trail on ARA field, which would add ½ mile and connect to the path by the Apple Valley neighborhood. It connects to ARA and gets people to Audobon Rd and Pawlings Rd intersection. The open space behind the two cul-de-sacs is partially owned by the township – the HOA only owns the stormwater basin.
- b. Peter S proposed that, after SC has put together the park improvements, they will be submitted to the committee before getting into the draft plan. Jean recommending also sharing with the Park Board, with their specialized knowledge.
- c. Erin D asked how long Shannondell, a township-owned property, is being leased. Don answered that it is a long-term lease (approx. another 10-15 years). Erin asked if this property should be part of this discussion, to which Peter S replied ‘yes’. Don confirmed that the property was purchased by the Township through a County open space grant, so it must remain open space.

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	3.25.2021 7:00pm
Re:	Committee Meeting #5	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

GENERAL NOTES:

Presentation

1. Peter Simone:
 - a. Welcomed the committee and thanked all in attendance for their participation.
2. Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ):
 - a. Reviewed the agenda, project schedule, updated public survey and Wikimapping results.
 - b. Discussed the purpose of an Official Map, which includes, and the benefits of having one.
3. Joseph Wallace:
 - a. Presented projected facility, open space recommendations.
4. Geoff Creary:
 - a. Presented Sidewalk gaps, conceptual trail connections (Central Perkiomen Valley Park, Evansburg State Park Connector, Eskie Park Loop Trail Extension, and Valley Forge National Park Connector)
5. Peter Simone:
 - a. Discussed programming, finance, and maintenance.

Discussion and Q&A

- Jean A. noted that on the St. Gabe's Field Slide 9 – the area / parcel for St. Gabe's (10 acre north of Ridge Pike or 49 acres south of Ridge Pike) should be clearly noted.
- Jane D. talked to Michelle at County about Knight's Field– they do not want cricket using parking at trailhead.
- Colleen E. noted that anywhere recommendations are proposed on County owned land, there should be a note that improvements will need to be approved by the County.
- Jean A. noted that for the Eagleville presentation slides, it would be helpful to zoom into improvement areas.

- Pete S. noted that committee needs to think about priorities, and it would be helpful if committee directed us on priorities, everyone picks 3-5 priorities.
- Jean A. noted that on Sides 43 – where A is, when you add shade trees, should also naturalize basin.
- Jean A. noted that the Pechins Mill area is high value parcels and noted the realignment for Ridge Pike.
- Bill B. noted that the ideal pedestrian crossing should utilize the existing Arcola Bridge.
- Jean A. noted that the design team should look at rt 29 bridge in Collegeville, could this be a good model for Arcola.
- Pete S. noted that the Perkiomen Creek Trail had a champion, and a bridge like this would need one as well.
- Pete S. noted that every community up and down Evansburg State Park wants a trail, the Skippack Creek Watershed Association can work to get trail built through state park which also acts as MS4.
- Pete S. noted that the Perkiomen bridge does not have to be a solely Township project – it would require many partners and be a long-term project.
- Colleen E. noted that perhaps-maybe suggestion is acquire more lots adjacent to Hoy Park to accommodate extra parking.
- Pete S. noted that the committee should please provide priorities in 3 categories: land acquisition, facility improvements and trail connections.
- Colleen E. noted that in Eagleville Park the police building may move to a new location just off Ridge Pike.

Next Steps

- Public Meeting 3 will take place: Thursday April 15, 2021
 - Public Meeting 3 Link: <https://tinyurl.com/lowerprovidence3>
- Next steps for the Simone Collins Team:
 - Continue Facilities Analysis
 - Work on Draft Plan
- Reach out the Simone Collins Team with questions comments (copy all to ensure prompt response)

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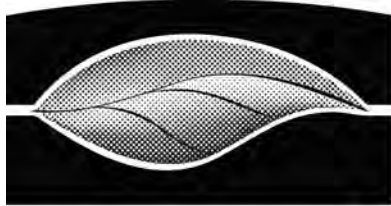
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MEETING NOTES

Project: Lower Providence Open
Space & Recreation Plan

Project
No.: 20028.10

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting
Date/ 6/01/2021
Time: 7:00pm

Re: Committee
Meeting #6

Issue
Date: 06.29.2021

GENERAL NOTES:

1. The project team reviewed the draft plan comments with the committee.
2. Jean Akers: Do not eliminate Cranberry Park entirely – think of the Perkiomen sojourn.
3. Geoff Creary (Simone Collins): Note that Gabe's field path will be mown.
4. Colleen Eckman: Complicated EPP property – real capital improvements that have happened on this property, the sports organizations are the ones putting in the improvements. Turf fields would be improved by the organizations, as well as the Redtail fields.
5. Jean Akers: On the Audubon loop trail, there is a pinch point (narrow sidewalk) – GC recommends a lane shift and making the trail 9' wide.
6. Pankaj Jobanputra (Simone Collins): Cricket field will NOT be removed.
7. Erin Di Paolo: There are two cricket fields at Evansburg.
8. Colleen Eckman: The Knight's field is county owned and the Township leases it for \$1.
9. Jean Akers: Water trail access at Valley Forge is good for Schuylkill. Talked previously about water trail access at Central Perkiomen Park (lock 60). Perkiomen Conservancy is looking to have portage but not water access at Central Perkiomen Park. Consider this location for water access.
10. Erin D. – Best to keep Pond View natural.
11. Don Delamater: Twp does not own fireman's field.
12. Jean Akers: Is the parks board involved in policy and fee structures?
 - o ED: In the past the parks board was involved in this activity.
 - o CE: Capital plan is reviewed by the Parks board and BOS. What Park board does is at discretion of Parks & Recreation direction.
 - o JA: Park board can back and support dept.
13. Jean Akers: For official map, put golf course on map as open space.
14. Colleen Eckman: Shannondell purchased with County open space money. Long term lease (99yrs). Years ago, there was a thought to put a YMCA there – if this would have been done, Township would have had to pay money back to the County.
15. Colleen Eckman: Consider MARA pavilion more centrally located.

16. Colleen Eckman: Continue to grow produce at the 9-acre St. Gabe's parcel to grow food for Norristown food pantry. Community garden at this location.
17. Don Delamater: Add note about how this plan was financed.
18. Don Delamater / Jean Akers: best to keep next public meeting virtual 6.24.2021 ALL VIRTUAL

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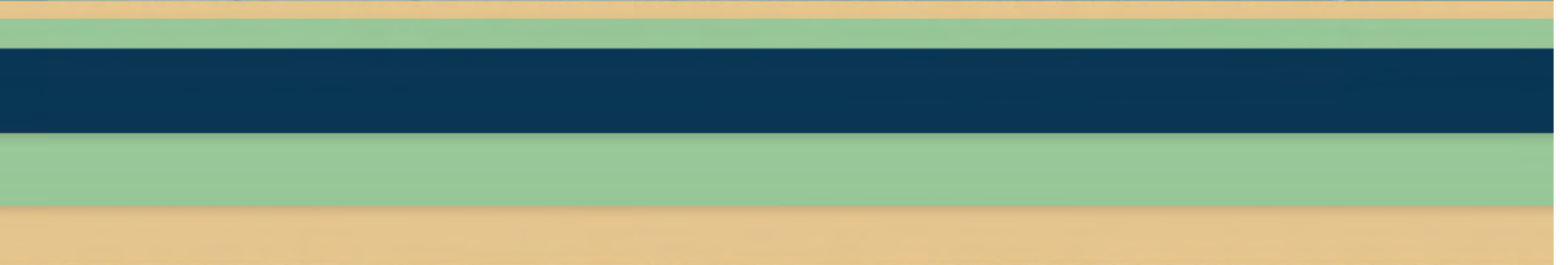


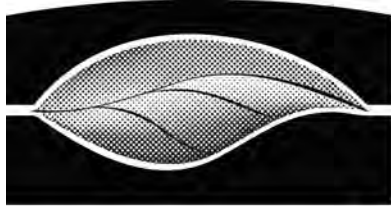
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APPENDIX

Public Meeting Notes





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MEETING NOTES

Project: Lower Providence Open
Space & Recreation Plan

Project
No.: 20028.10

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting
Date/ 10/26/2020
Time: 7:00pm

Re: Public
Meeting #1

Issue
Date: 11.12.2020

ATTENDEES:

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Collins Landscape Architecture (SC)

Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ), AICP – SC

Geoff Creary, Project LA – SC

Joseph Wallace, Project LA – SC

Michelle Armour, Project LA – SC

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Cara Coless

Jane Delaney – Parks and Recreation
Director

Erin Di Paolo – TPB

Joe Ferraro

Susan LaPenta – TPC

Laura Winslow

Julia

GENERAL NOTES:

Presentation

- Peter Simone:
 - Went over the Meeting Agenda, Committee/Team Introductions, Project Schedule, Review of Committee Meetings 1 and 2, the Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives.
- Pankaj Jobanputra:
 - Demographics trends: population, age, race, income, education.
 - Key points of relevant planning documents:
 - *Selective Update of the Lower Providence Recreation Plan, 2002*
 - *Lower Providence Township Comprehensive Plan, 2002*
 - *Lower Providence Township Open Space Preservation Plan, 2005 Update*
 - *Natural Areas Inventory Update, Montgomery County PA, 2008*

- *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision – The Comprehensive Plan for Montgomery County, 2015*
 - Zoning and SALDO
 - Floodplain Conservation District
 - Public Facilities and Open Space Overlay District
 - Steep Slope Conservation District
 - Open Space Residential Development
 - Riparian Buffer Overlay Zone
 - Existing Ordinances: Steep slopes, Trees, Sidewalks, Landscaping
 - Park and Recreation Land: public dedication, fee in lieu
 - Zoning and Overlay Districts
- Geoff Creary:
 - “Connectivity 101”
 - Connectivity/design guidelines reference documents
 - Lower Providence Township *Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvement Study, 2009*
 - User types
 - Connectivity elements: sidewalks, bike lanes and routes, sidepaths and trails, low-stress routes, destinations
 - “Greenways 101”
 - Definitions, value, purpose
 - Lower Providence protections under Article XXXIV (Riparian Overlay Zone)
- Joseph Wallace:
 - Inventory and Analysis Mapping
 - Township Park and Recreation System
 - Geology
 - Watersheds: Schuylkill River, Perkiomen and Skippack Creek, tributaries
 - Hydrology
 - Land use
 - Wooded areas and greenways
 - Historic resources: National Historic Register and National Historic Landmark
 - Public transportation
 - Educational facilities
 - Ownership map: Federal, State, County, Municipal, and School District land
 - Sidewalks and trails
 - STRAVA bicycle and running data
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- Geoff:
 - Analysis next steps:
 - Preliminary trail connections:
 - Identify routes and connections to existing trails
 - Identify routes which connect open space and recreation elements near residential neighborhoods: Level Road, Eagleville Road, Park Avenue, Pawlings Road, Ridge Pike

- Determine appropriate connectivity elements
 - Walking radius mapping
 - Identify 15-min/1-mile walking radius for all open space/recreation resources
 - Identify connectivity gaps
- Pankaj:
 - Public opinion survey
 - Link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LowerProvidenceParks>
 - WikiMapping
 - Link – www.wikimapping.com/Lower-Providence-Parks-and-Recreation.html

BRAINSTORMING/Q&A

Peter explained the “Card Technique” brainstorming and discussion process as a way for participants to contribute ideas for Plan goals, facts, concepts, and partners. The meeting then opened up for questions and comments:

- Anonymous: Are you taking into consideration in your inventory the proximity of Valley Forge National Park and all the trails within minutes of our townships?
Peter: Yes. There are various important trails in this area, but chances are that you need to use a car to get to them, so one of the things we want to do is connect you to those great resources that are very close by.
- What are the projections of population growth based on?
Peter: They’re based on several things – assembled by Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission DVRPC (the municipal planning organization for the region. The planners at DVRPC take existing population data and create models in tested programs, and the projections are based on proven formulas. They’ll never be exact, but they are pretty close. One of the trends in the Township is an increase in multi-family housing, like Shannondell, and you’ve also has an influx of senior population, which contributed significantly to Township growth. That is how these population projections are put together.
- Joe Ferraro: Can the links for the maps being used be posted online?
Peter: Yes and no. We are just starting to develop these maps, but we have a fun tool called WikiMapping, so if you have a specific suggestion for trail/sidewalk connection, you can go online and draw it on the map with a note. As we develop these maps further they will be posted as part of these presentations online. We encourage everyone to contact us by email or phone if you have any questions.
- Anonymous: Do all these "users" live in LP? Doubtful
Peter: Lower Providence is a sophisticated community with a good diversity of ethnic groups and age variation. We think a lot of the user groups do exist there, for the most part. If you look at any data from municipalities, counties, and the state, park and trail use has gone up amidst the COVID crisis. We think you have a good cross section of trails and trail users.
- Anonymous: Children walking to school? Do you live in this century?
Peter: Good question/comment. There are many communities that are trying to go in the direction of encouraging children to walk or bike to school. The reason many of our children do not is because there are no safe routes to take. Ex. Virtual school busses, where an adult will walk with a group of children to school. One of the great problems in this country is childhood

obesity, and one reason for this is that children don't get out and exercise enough. Data has shown that in communities with safe trails and connections, you can encourage kids to walk or ride a bike in good weather. If you are not aspirational with these things, they won't happen.

- Anonymous: Will these slides be available after this presentation?

Peter: Yes, you can see the recording by using the same link to attend this meeting, and a PDF of the slide presentation will be provided on the Township website.

- Anonymous: This is BS. Who rides a bike to the grocery store?

Peter: Again, no one will if you can't ride there, and not to shop for the week, but maybe for short trips to a Wawa or smaller grocery store. If safe facilities exist, people can not only ride for recreation, but for commuting. There is a small percentage of the community who do commute by bike if the distance allows and there are safe routes. Again, biking has gone way up in the last six months.

- Anonymous: Now you're talking! Preserve green space!

- Anonymous: No trails in green ways!!!

Peter: There are some greenways that do not have any trails – “no access greenways”. When there are sensitive environmental resources you may not want to have a trail, or maybe not a biking trail but just a single width, earthen walking trail. There are other instances where is perfectly fine to have a trail – examples are the Schuylkill River Trail or the Perkiomen Trail. There is no one correct way to approach this, but you can certainly have greenways with trails and greenways without.

- Anonymous: Are we going to ride our bike or walk in the winter months?

- Anonymous: If you are not a biker, who cares about this?

Peter: Well, you might care if you're a motorist – if we can get a percentage of people out of their cars and onto bikes, it might have a slight effect on traffic. It might affect people's health. We recognize that not everyone is a biker, but there is a revolution happening in this county, and it is not political – it's about exercise, people appreciating green space, and there is a growing community of people who want to walk and people who want to bike. It's not just LP looking at this. Over the past 25 years, we have worked on well over 100 trail projects across PA; multiply that by 100 other firms doing the same type of work; PennDOT is talking about trails and connectivity.

- Anonymous: So the taxpayers of LP have to pay for a small segment of our residents who want bike paths to connect to the big trails?????

- Peter: There are a couple of ways that trails can be paid for. First of all, PA is a good environment for funding for trails, parks, and greenways. This study was partially paid for by a grant from DCNR. Every year, DCNR has somewhere between \$30-40 million that's paid for by the real estate transfer tax, that is dedicated to projects like this. The state, through Democrat and Republican administrations, has consistently done this because surveys that the state conducts show that people care about parks and recreation. If Lower Providence doesn't go after this money, it will go to another community. So, if this is important to you, it is important to make that known to your elected officials; if it is not, I encourage you to do the same thing. This is how things get done or don't get done for parks and recreation.

- Anonymous: I don't want a water park paid with tax dollars!

Peter: We understand that comment, but there may be some of your fellow residents who would want that. Please understand that, when we referenced a spray pad, we are not talking

about a water park; it is something that may be 15 feet across that has some water coming out of a couple of jets.

- Anonymous: Dog park? Most people who have dogs have backyard.
Peter: Absolutely, but there are many people who don't. Also, another function of dogs parks is that, when you go to there, you meet other members of their community, you form friendships. We've seen that dog park users are some of the most vested people in communities in terms of parks and recreation. They contribute time and energy and become very valuable constituent groups for those parks.
- Joe Ferraro: Can we look at unusable open space as potential for renewable (solar or wind) energy generation?
Peter: Very interesting idea. We have seen park systems where they use photovoltaic solar cells to power things like security cameras. Maybe there will be applications for solar and wind here, moving forward.
- Anonymous: People in Shannondell won't be using the trails!
Peter: Well, I don't know if that's true. Maybe for most people there, but, as someone who is approaching 70, I like to get out and walk. I'm sure there are people at Shannondell who like to get out and walk. There are all levels of senior citizens there - we'll see.
- Cara Coless: Dog Parks are a great way to bring members of the community together who love dogs and like Dog people.
Peter: That has been our experience.
- Jean Akers: Your 1 mile in 15 minutes is a bit optimistic. Few trail users walk that fast. If 1 mile walking distance is for park service area, I think it's too far. My 2 cents.
Peter: We will check those distances and times. Thank you for that comment.
- Laura Winslow: What is the Tyson Mill Complex?
Peter:
- Jean: Concept = bike & pedestrian connections to regional trails & regional parks.
Peter: I take that to mean that one of the concepts of this study is to connect neighborhoods safely to regional trails so that people can get away from needing a car to get to these trails.
- Anonymous: So we are going to build trails to get bikers to big trails....small amount of residents benefitting from a huge cost.
Peter: Our job, as consultants, is to give the Township, the community, you (as residents) and the governing body the information needed to make these decisions. Whether recommendations in this plan are implemented or not will depend on the feedback that the Board of Supervisors gets from you, the community.
- Anonymous: I was told Methacton doesn't want kids coming to school via bikes and walking.
Peter: I'm sure that's true, and this is probably because of a lack of safe routes.
- Jean Akers: Pedestrian/bicycle bridges across Perkiomen Creek.
Peter: The creek can be looked at as a barrier across which we can try to make connection.
- Anonymous: Who is paying for the planned projects? What is the hike in taxes for us in LP?
Peter: As far as I know, there are no tax hikes planned. Like said before, there is grant money out there for these projects.
- Cara: Greenways can actually make great connections to the communities and spaces in town.
Peter: Our charge is to do this in a safe and sustainable fashion. Some of the suggested ideas

can happen quickly, but the bigger ideas will take many years and successive Boards of Supervisors to happen.

- Julia: This is more of a comment. Even if kids aren't necessarily walking to school, families may walk to the school after school hours to use the playground or ball fields.
Geoff: This is definitely true – we've seen connections and shortcuts that people are using to get to schools and facilities.
- Susan LaPenta: I believe Methacton buses a large percentage of students. I know that the neighborhood across from Arrowhead on Level Road were bused. Behind Arrowhead walked.
- Cara: Don't trails and sidewalks increase property values?
Geoff: Yes, they do. There are studies that show this. Radnor Trail is a perfect example – property values adjacent to the trail did go up.
- Anonymous: Is there a priority to connect Lower Providence across the Perkiomen to the county trail system - especially in the upper portion of the township, the Collegeville area?
Geoff: I agree with the idea of making that a priority. We haven't set any priorities yet, but would like to. It is a challenge – there is a lot of elevation change and very few bridges available. We are looking at this and, if there is desire to make this a priority, we will push it to the top.
- Anonymous: There is a dog park in Oaks.
Geoff: Yes, a great dog park - it is extremely popular. It's supposed to be a trailhead, but it is starting to fill in with dogs. It has a large, regional draw.
- Joe F: This is a great way to stop over development - with a strong open space plan. we don't need more traffic as we are built out. Good job guys!!
Geoff: We agree, we are losing open space. The need for housing has increased and developers are developing a lot of properties closer to Philadelphia. It is a balance that we need to figure out as we proceed.
- Anonymous: It would be great to provide access for kids to safely walk to school. There is a movement towards getting kids outdoors and we should set ourselves up to provide this for our students.
Peter: There is a great movement called, something like, The Outdoor Child Movement, inspired by Richard Louv's *The Last Child in the Woods*. It talks about getting children away from screens and into the outdoors. This is important for Kids and adults. You already have a really good park system, and our job is to make it better.
- Anonymous: Greater access to water ways, rental equipment for water sports on the creek (kayaks, paddleboards etc).
Peter: Hoy park is a great park with access on the Perkiomen Creek – there may be other places to get access to the water. Water trails are very important.
- Anonymous: Glad to hear about the grant money! Thank you!
Peter: A good example: Radnor Township in Delaware County. Even though they are very affluent, we were able to get them \$2.25 million to build a five-mile trail system. Viability and strength of the project is looked at more than how affluent your community is.
- Anonymous: Are we connecting with William Penn Foundation on the circuit trails project. The circuit trails are moving rapidly and there is currently funding out there to make connections, some of which are within LP.
Peter: This circuit is the "superhighway" of trails for our region, which includes the Schuylkill

River Trail and the Perkiomen Trail. Lower Providence is in a good position to make connections to the circuit, which will help to have an application prioritized.

- Laura: How do you count private land versus public? Camp Hideaway is a large open space but is private.

Peter: One of things we do is look at public, as well as private, recreation providers. Our inventory will include fitness clubs, YMCAs, gyms, and places like Camp Hideaway. We will try to understand how it is being used now and what future uses could be for it.

- Joe F: Rebuild the Yerkes bridge across the Perk as a footbridge to connect?

Peter: Good suggestion.

- Anonymous: As you are planning for trails and greenways, also make sure to consider appropriate usage levels. I.e. overused parks are also a challenge.

Peter: Yes, they are. As a community that is nearly fully built out, there is not a lot of vacant land. Also, we will meet with people at Evansburg State Park to try to create better connections to and utilization of the State Park.

- Anonymous: Like to see if there is an opportunity to bring to the twp. a YMCA facility- would benefit all ages. Currently have to leave the township for the experience.

Peter: One of the suggestions for the closed school, Arrowhead, was to see if it could become a community center.

- Susan: Camp Hideaway is off of Arcola Road., by the Skippack Creek.

- Anonymous: There are already YMCAs within a short drive. Would prefer to see investments in high quality greenways and trails.

Peter: Thank you. We appreciate you bringing these things up. We depend on your input.

- Joe F: Audubon School WAS a community center that housed the Y back in the day...

- Julia: It's disappointing that the new bridge on Eagleville Rd does not accommodate walkers/bikers very well :-(

Peter: I don't know if there is potential reuse there, but we will look at that. Maybe there are options there for improvement.

- Anonymous: Are there also places along ridge pike that can be redeveloped, rather than take up more open space?

Peter: I'm not quite sure I understand the question, but we will be looking at Ridge Pike. Are you suggesting developing parks or redevelopment of old, already developed parcels? We can look at adaptive reuse of land that was already developed for a use that has since closed. Due to COVID, the whole retail environment is changing dramatically – COVID has accelerated the loss of retail by maybe a number years. Many things are changing and we won't know how the patterns work out for a number of years – it's a dynamic environment right now. But, I have never seen a park that had too many parks and open spaces, so this is something that we can be aspirational about.

- Anonymous: Yes, talking about adaptive reuse. There is a lot of opportunity on Ridge. At the same time, Audubon school is several acres that could be more easily converted to green space.

Peter: Thank you for that comment. One concept that can happen is to take a developed, asphalt space, and deconstruct it. It might be an expensive undertaking, but maybe one of the commercial parcels on Ridge Pike that is no longer viable could be converted into a green space, or, in an under-utilized shopping center, a civic space or plaza could be created with green space and trees. This could help retail operations. Think creatively about how we can take a "grey

field” and turn it into a green field. Dell Angelo park is one of your most beautiful, successful parks – it has great trees, surrounded by housing, commercial nearby. We could suggest some new “Dell Angelo Parks” along some of your more developed area. You can work with the private sector in heavily developed areas. A lot of the newer shopping districts incorporate civic and green space to encourage people to spend more time there.

- Cara: I love the idea of reclaiming green space.
- Anonymous: Like to see St. Gabriel's park reviewed for potential multi-purpose fields for various sports teams.

Pete: We saw this as a tremendous opportunity. It's large, accessible, close to the Perkiomen Trail. It has potential for multi-purpose fields.

- Anonymous: Would love to redevelop "grey areas" to a cultural center with places to eat, drink, walk around etc. Love.

Peter: Again, one of the things the Township could do, and we'd love to help with, is to work with your private sector businesses to help develop green areas.

- Susan: St. Gabes is closing for students.

NEXT STEPS

- Pankaj
 - SC will continue analysis, information gathering, community/NRPA benchmarking
 - Pat Stasio will gather info and make recommendations on programming, maintenance, administration
 - Kent Morey will look at stormwater management opportunities in the parks
 - Public Meeting 2: Tuesday, January 26, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
 - Link - <https://tinyurl.com/lowerprovidence2>
 - SC will continue analysis, information gathering, community/NRPA benchmarking
 - Public Opinion Survey www.surveymonkey.com/r/LowerProvidenceParks
 - WikiMapping www.wikimapping.com/Lower-Providence.html
- Peter
 - Presented contact information and encouraged participants to reach out with information, questions, and concerns:
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BRAINSTORMING CARDS

- FACTS
 - Many Municipal Parks

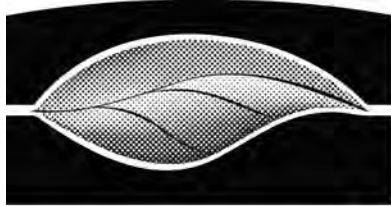
- Existing Trails
- Existing Playgrounds
- range of ages for users, diverse
- many communities in region encourage kids to bike/walk to school
- communities that have safe trails and connections, you can encourage kids to walk
- funding available for trails, parks, greenways
- Methacton SD hesitant with kids walking/biking-perhaps due to unsafe connections
- studies show trail and sidewalks increase property values
- Dog park in Oaks - trailhead for bicyclists; dog park is packed
- Camp Hidaway is private - large open space-off Arcola Rd.
- Methacton buses a large number of students-neighborhood across from Arrowhead was bused
- YMCAs within short drive
- Audubon was community center once that housed Y
- new bridge on Eagleville Rd may not accommodate walkers/bikers very well
- Audubon School has several acres that could be converted to green space
- St. Gabe's closed for students
- CONCEPTS
 - Dog Park - form friendships, others in community, users may maintain parks
 - greenways can make great connections to communities and spaces in town
 - Safe Pedestrian Connections to ARA Fields
 - priority-connect LP across Perkiomen to county trail system, especially near Collegeville
 - taking Valley Forge into consideration - make connections
 - strong open space plan - great way to stop overdevelopment
 - consider "no access" greenways
 - great to provide access for kids to safely walk to schools
 - unusable open space for solar/wind generation
 - greater access to waterways - rental equipment for water sports on the creek
 - *check park service areas and times
 - connect with William Penn Foundation on the Circuit project
 - bike and ped connections from neighborhoods to regional trails and parks
 - families may walk to schools with kids to use facilities
 - ped/bike bridges across Perkiomen Creek
 - rebuild Yerkes bridge across Perkiomen as footbridge
 - consider appropriate usage levels for trails
 - better utilization of state park
 - opportunity for YMCA/community center
 - look at Ridge Pike for redevelopment options
 - new Dell Angelo parks in other places in LP-might be in heavier developed areas
 - look at St. Gabriel's for multi-purpose fields for various sports teams
 - redevelop "grey areas" to a cultural center with places to eat, drink, etc.
- PARTNERS
 - DCNR
 - Montgomery County

- Local Businesses
- William Penn Foundation
- Methacton School District

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	1.26.2021 7:00pm
Re:	Public Meeting #2	Issue Date:	2.12.2021

ATTENDEES:

See Microsoft Teams Attendance List

GENERAL NOTES:

Presentation

1. Peter Simone:
 - a. Welcomed the public and thanked all in attendance for their participation.
2. Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ):
 - a. Reviewed the agenda, project schedule, updated public survey and Wikimapping results.
 - b. Discussed the purpose of an Official Map, which includes, and the benefits of having one.
3. Joseph Wallace:
 - a. Presented projected facility needs – community benchmarking, and spatial layouts for possible facilities to meet these needs:
 - Knights Cricket Field
 - Agriculture fields north of Eskie Park
 - Open space north of Mascaro Field
 - St. Gabriel's Property
 - Two large parcels northeast of Eagleville Park
 - b. Facilities analysis (with Redtail Park example)
 - c. Discussed stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs), greenways and stormwater management,
4. Geoff Creary:
 - a. Presented Sidewalk gaps, conceptual trail connections (Central Perkiomen Valley Park, Evansburg State Park Connector, Eskie Park Loop Trail Extension, and Valley Forge National Park Connector)
5. Peter Simone:

- a. Discussed programming, finance, and maintenance.
- b. Discussed Official Map and its components.

Discussion and Q&A

- A member of the public asked if the final plan will address open space, and not just recreation elements?
 - Pete S. noted that yes open space will be addressed as well as connections to Valley Forge National Historic Park and Evansburg State Park.
- A member of the public asked if the cricket field within Knights Field would be removed in future recommendations?
 - Pete S. noted that the cricket field can be a part of the any future recreation configurations for this site.
- A member of the public expressed that approval for the stormwater best management practices and meadows discussed during the presentation.
- A member of the public asked if a community garden can be part of Eskie agriculture fields?
 - Pete S. noted that a community garden can certainly be in this location.
- A member of the public noted that a boat ramp at cranberry park would be great.
 - Pete S. thanked for the comment.
- A member of the public noted that there is a very large open space between Audubon Road and 422, with abandoned houses for over 30 years, is this an open space that Lower Providence can utilize.
 - The SC team will review this area for ownership and potential open space / recreation.
- A member of the public expressed support for a community garden and noted that an indoor space could include an aquaponic garden that was community based would be accessible for seniors. It could be nice to provide gardening opportunities for those in wheelchairs and with immune deficiencies.
 - Pete S. noted this is a great idea, and perhaps an old building can be adaptively reused for indoor gardening / indoor food production.
- A member of the public asked could the old Audubon school be used for indoor activities?
 - Pere S. explained that the SC team has looked at this school and we are evaluating this. We do not have a lot of detail yet, and we will talk with Methacton School District. Can this potential be a senior /community center?
- A member of the public asked, how does what you presented make the final map?
 - Pete S. noted that the final plan is a booklet that describes process, analysis, recommendations, implementation, and project priorities. SC work with the steering committee to work out priorities. Regardless all recommendations will take a long time to implement and will take funding and dedication to keep issues in front of governing body.
- A member of the public asked if the current agricultural open space adjacent to Eskie Park (owned by Key Bank) is separate from planned housing development along Church Road?
 - Pete S. noted these are likely separate and SC will confirm.
- A member of the public asked if the SC team will email a reminder for the next public meeting?
 - Pete S. noted that if you send us your email, we can send a reminder.

- A member of the public asked can the St. Gabriel's tract be purchased by Lower Providence for open space and parkland?
 - Pete S. noted that if St. Gabriel's is going to sell, can the building be something unique like a boutique hotel? Not likely that the Township can buy the whole parcel but maybe partial purchase or easement for a trail or open space.
- A member of the public asked how to use Wiki to identify sidewalk gaps?
 - Joe W. conducted a walkthrough of the Wikimapping platform to demonstrate the ease of delineating existing conditions and desired future improvements.
- A member of the public asked if there will be an opportunity for members of the public to take charge of a project such as a community vegetable garden, and to reach out with additional details or ideas for the plan?
 - Pete S. noted that it is great and essential for members of the community to take the lead and get involved in many of this recreation programs. Additional thoughts and ideas always welcome.
- A member of the public asked if a "splash pad" could be included in recommendations?
 - Pete S. noted this is a great suggestion. Will be considered.
- A member of the public asked if a business plan part of this plan to determine partners for programming?
 - Pete S. noted that this is a great comment, and while the SC team will not produce a business plan, our Recreation Professional, Pat Stasio works closely with the Township for proposed programming.
- A member of the public asked if a community recreation center not a viable option currently?
 - Pete S. noted that a recreation center is a potential possibility. There are specific grant funding options for the feasibility of a community center.
- A member of the public asked, outside focus groups and key person interviews, what opportunities will the public have for future input?
 - Pete S. noted that anyone from the public can or email the SC team to discuss input on the plan.
- A member of the public asked if possible, to add nature playscapes / nature-based play areas to recreation areas in the Township?
 - Pete S. noted that nature based play a great idea, SC will consider as part of recommendations.
- A member of the public noted that it would be great to have a path from Township Building complex to Hoy Park.
 - Pete S. noted that the SC will look at this.
- A member of the public asked who they should call with questions and comments?
 - Pete S. noted that the public can call the SC office (610.239.7601) and can ask for anyone working on the Lower Providence project.
- A member of the public thanked the team for the presentation and noted support for the Township advancing this plan as opposed to unrestrained development.

Next Steps

- Public Meeting 3 will take place: Thursday April 15, 2021
 - Public Meeting 3 Link: <https://tinyurl.com/lowerprovidence3>
- Next steps for the Simone Collins Team:
 - Conduct Key Person Interviews
 - Conduct Focus Groups
 - Conduct Committee Meetings
 - Continue Facilities Analysis
- Reach out the Simone Collins Team with questions comments (copy all to ensure prompt response)

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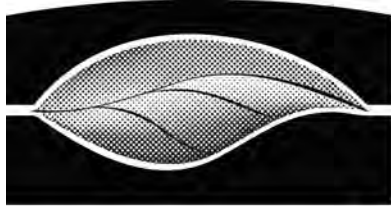
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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	4.15.2021 7:00pm
Re:	Public Meeting #3 – Presentation to BOS	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

GENERAL NOTES:

Presentation

1. The Simone Collins Team briefly presented:
 - a. Project Scope, Schedule
 - b. Project Goals & Objectives
 - c. Wikimapping and Survey Results
 - d. Priority facility improvements
 - e. Priority open space acquisitions
 - f. Priority multimodal improvements
 - g. Draft plan & project priorities

Discussion and Q&A

- Cara C. asked if the SC team will provide funding guidance for priority projects?
 - Pete S. noted that this information will be included in the Implementation chapter of the draft plan.
- Cara C. asked if priority sidewalks will be noted in the plan?
 - Pete S. explained these would be delineated in the draft plan.
- The Lower Providence Board of Supervisors thanked the Simone Collins team and Jean Akers for their hard work and dedication to the process.
- Jean A. noted that she would be closely reviewing and providing feedback on the SC team's draft plan.
- Colleen E. noted that the SC team has done a tremendous and thorough job thus far. After so much planning it is good to see this document nearing completion.

Next Steps

- The draft plan will be available for public review on the Township website 4.22.2021

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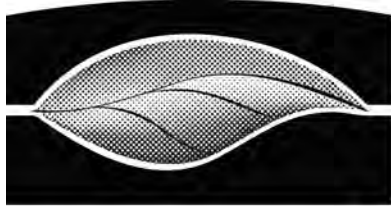
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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	6/24/2021 7:00pm
Re:	Public Meeting #4	Issue Date:	06.29.2021

GENERAL NOTES:

- Peter Simone (Pete S.) of Simone Collins Landscape Architecture (SC) gave a brief presentation which included the following:
 - Introductions
 - Project Scope & Schedule
 - Project Goals & Objectives
 - Updated Survey & Wikimapping Results
 - Plan Recommendations
 - Facilities Improvements
 - Open Space Preservation
 - Potential Open Space and Recreation Acquisition
 - Greenway Recommendations
 - Multimodal Connections
 - Maintenance and Programming
 - Priority Recommendations
 - Cost Estimates
 - Next Steps

DISCUSSION:

- A member of the public noted Exciting how far this plan has come! Great work by all who contributed.
- A member of the public asked if trees will be removed during improvements?
 - Peter Simone (Pete S.) noted good question. We are not at that finite level of detail with this master plan, but yes, generally, the intent is not to remove any trees and there will be a large net gain in trees overall through the park system.
- A member of the public noted: such outstanding projects. Are there spread sheets with preference rating, cost, project time and real possibilities?

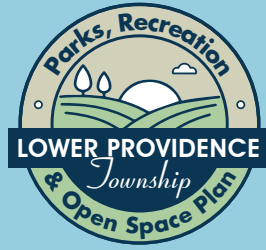
- Pete S. replied: Yes, these are in the plan.
- A member of the public that a footbridge at Yerkes Road would connect to Evansburg State Park via Yerkes Road and Landis Mill Road. Has this also been considered?
 - Yes, we drove it to see what conditions were like and what the road crossing would be like. With this connection and Hoy Park connection, would be transportation bill in near future. Places that will get funding will be places that are ready. Even without federal bill, has not been bad environment for trails.
- A member of the public noted: Thank you to everyone who worked very hard to compile this very comprehensive Plan and the recommendations presented.
- A member of the public noted: Are you aware the Valley Forge (VF) link trail could go south via the existing tunnel under 422 to also join to the main part of VF park? The "tunnel" is in the woods behind the old nursery. It is a creek drainage tunnel.
- A member of the public noted: Thanks for all your work. We look forward to the final plan and planning future improvements.
- A member of the public asked: have you talked to Valley Forge Park about the underused north area? Have you engaged St Gabe's to see if you can get a green way behind it for a path?
 - Yes, we talked to superintendent of VFP, they are generally supportive. Our team has not talked to St. Gabe's, we know Township is in conversation with them.
- A member of the public noted: it would be nice to grab easements even before funding is fully in
 - Pete S. replied: One of the advantages if Twp considers adopting official map, acquiring new parcels, these things take time to develop, if Twp decides to adopt an Official Map and places trails and easement on the Map, it gives the Township seat at the table
- A member of the public noted: Any thought of working with West Norriton to connect from Trooper Road to the SRT Bike path? this would add a connection from Point Park.
 - Pete S. replied: Trooper Rd has been redone with 422, it's an interchange now, difficult navigation to ride, and even though it is outside the Township, do not see great connections there. Lot of riders and runner use this.
- A member of the public asked: has an official map been adopted?
 - Pete S. replied: no but is a recommendation in the plan.
- A member of the public noted: had you planned a sidewalk from the Audubon loop along Pawlings to the strip mall at Egypt rd.?
 - Pete S. replied: Yes, that is in sidewalks gap map, we did put in during comments
- A member of the public noted: Is the Gorski property still being considered for a potential open space acquisition?
 - Pete S. replied it is included in the plan as an important parcel along the county-identified primary greenway. Should be preserved.
- A member of the public noted: Considering we are the lowest 4 in 20 townships in property tax, do we have the money for projects or can we count on property tax?
 - Pete S. replied that this great question to post to Board of Supervisors.
- A member of the public noted: thanks for trying to improve the township and help people be active.

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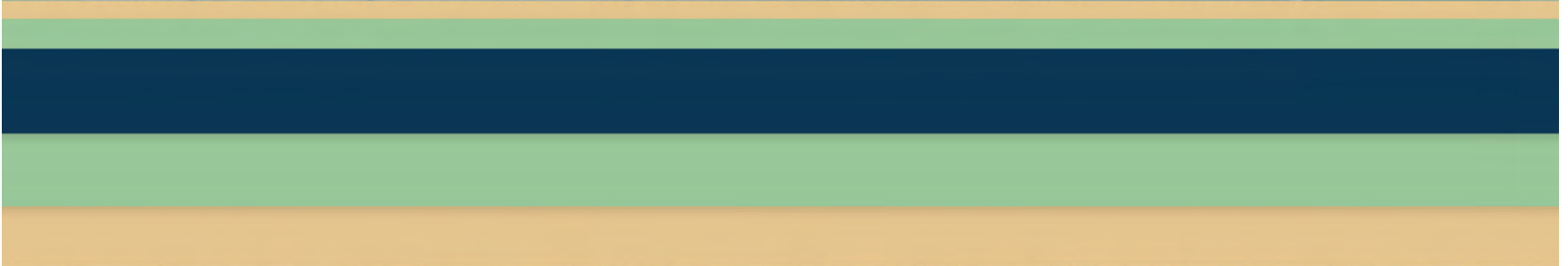
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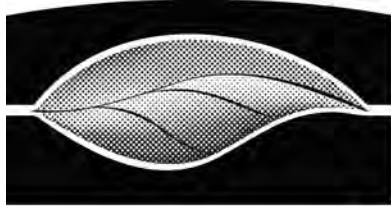


APPENDIX

Focus Group Notes

*Key Person Interview
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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	2.23.2021
Re:	Active Recreation Focus Group	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

Bob McClelland (BM) – LP Warriors
Nick Page (NP) – Methacton Warriors
Gary Nolan (GN) - MARA

Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) – Simone Collins
Geoff Creary (GC) - Simone Collins
Joseph Wallace (JW) – Simone Collins

GENERAL NOTES:

- BM: football programs are limited due to limited fields. Open field next to parking lot (EPP) used for practicing. Open to having more fields.
- BM: Snack bar revenue is critical.
- NP: Football and cheerleading both use one field. More space to practice and play would be important. Wear and tear on fields is difficult.
- PS: what if one field becomes artificial turf? Instead of developing a new set of facilities would it be better to develop turf in existing fields to extend life? BM, NP, GN all agree this is preferred.
- PS: are current facilities adequate?
- NP: artificial field would be ideal for rain. Additional space would be great.
- BM: artificial fields would be welcome. Upper Dublin has turf fields side by side and the twp exclusively gives time slots for sports groups to use.
- GN: Liked the SC team presentation. Overall, new facilities across Township great – However it is better to look at existing facilities first and fix them up before building anything new.
- PS: encourage all on call to send SC team areas of chronic safety concerns (compaction, drainage) tell us what can be improved.
- PJ: what about parking?
- GN: MARA fields host a lot of tournaments (36+ teams over one weekend in particular) Parking can get troublesome. Need additional. Is fine overall but tournaments present a parking challenge.
- NP: Expand Eagleville parking to have 3 rows of parking.
- BM: parking ok overall. Tournaments can be tough for parking.

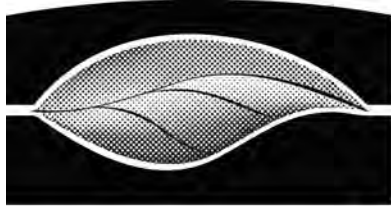
- PS: Are there lights for baseball / softball?
 - GN: There are lights at Redtail Park.
- GN: at Mascaro – would like another ballfield behind existing ballfields up and to the right. 60/90 field with lights here.
- PJ: how is scheduling with Township?
 - MB; NP: good relationship. Easy to schedule time slots and games.
- GN: indoor basketball space is at a premium. MSD paid to use indoor basketball courts.
 - PS: how many gyms do you use? GN: every middle school gym in MSD (4 or 5)
- GN: Focus on existing facilities and programs as preference over building new facilities. Lights, turf.
- BM: help reduce organization costs and help generate revenue.
- NP: concentrate of existing programs. New fields, who is going to manage and build them? Hard to get these programs going.
- BM: Would be good to have more collaborative meetings between sports organizations– its not a competition for resources, it is for the kids. (quarterly or otherwise) joint marketing or adverts on Twp websites. Talk covid best practices.

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	2.23.2021
Re:	Social & Community Focus Group	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

Erin McCool: Environmental Educator, Resident, on EAC (EM)

Lorin Richter: Optimist Club, Resident (LR)

Kiwanis Club of Collegeville (KC)

Barbara Loewengart – Lower Providence Community Library (BL)

Tejal Mehta – Resident, LP Library (TM)

Alicia & Sean Cadogan- Residents (AC)

Florence Maldonado- Resident (FM)

Peter Simone (PS) – Simone Collins

Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) – Simone Collins

Geoff Creary (GC) - Simone Collins

Joseph Wallace (JW) – Simone Collins

GENERAL NOTES:

- BL: Audubon Elementary would be wonderful place for senior center.
- PS: Districts move slowly, SC thinks adaptive reuse of building is a good idea.
- TM: Glad to hear there is strong interest in developing trails, especially connecting to Evansburg so people do not have to use cars to get there.
- BL: How do you think by these enhancements you can work with library? We have active participation from community, we draw on Collegeville and Norristown, we serve a lot of people.
- TM: Looking at the library's strategic plan, in 2013 – library averaged 15,000 individual visits per month and that has increased since then.
- FM: Audubon school, in past it was built as library, limited space that library currently has and how current space could complement each other.
- EM: Important to reinforce trail connections and preserve open space. Would love adaptive reuse at Audubon school.
- PS: If Kiwanis want to be involved in tree planting, tree plantings can help engage the community in stewardship.

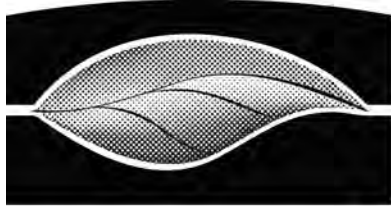
- EM: St Gabriel's: If there is anything we can do to prevent this from being completely paved over and keep as open space would be ideal.
- TM: Earlier discussion about pool, would be good to consider one for the Township.
- PS: Most municipalities are not getting into pool business because of operating costs and maintenance.
- EM: A pool is an interesting concept to explore, very expensive, having access for kids to be able to develop skill to swim, valid concern to explore.
- FM: Important to have ADA access at all parks and trails. Also consider space for a community garden.
- AC: Regarding a pool in Lower Providence - when my children were younger, would sit on bus for 45 minutes each way to get to pool, if we continue to offer summer camp might be nice to offer pool. Also important to offer wintertime activities for children (sledding)
- EM: Any opportunity for kids to walk to open space would be challenging currently, but it is important to get safe walking infrastructure for children.
- LR: Optimist Club has 20 members, and schedules activities for children - maybe we can partner with Kiwanis club for tree planting, we'd be thrilled to work together.
- AC: Used to coach basketball at ARA, always hard to find basketball courts – indoor sports facilities should be explored in Lower Providence Township.

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Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	2.23.2021
Re:	Passive Rec, Trails, Nature Focus Group	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

Bob Menefee – Resident (BM)	Miriam Seeger – Resident (MS)
Lou Savastini -Philly Bicycle Coalition (LS)	Laura Winslow – Indian Watershed at Hoy Park (LW)
Michelle Harris – Montgomery County (MH)	Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) – Simone Collins
Tim Fenchel – Schuylkill River Greenways (TF)	Geoff Creary (GC) - Simone Collins
Deanne Morris – Resident (DM)	Joseph Wallace (JW) – Simone Collins
Madge Monser – Resident (MM)	

GENERAL NOTES:

- Important to keep sledding hill in redbtail park (think 4 seasons)
- DM: Are bike routes different from PADOT state bike routes?
 - GC yes, the routes identified in this plan are different from the state bike routes.
- BM: There are many grade issues with the Hoy Park Perkiomen bridge crossing. Arcola bridge has pedestrian sidewalk. There could be sidewalks along Arcola road. Yerkes road is low stress compared to Level road.
- LW: will there be and updated trail map in the final plan? GC: Yes
- MH: Central Perkiomen park – regional manager (Joe Seltzer) should be a part of this discussion. County does not think of trails as commuter trails (no ice removed). Area around lease area (ARA fields) archaeology sensitive. Important to consider this.
- MH: Knights Field & Palwings Road trailhead – passive recreation is the goal in this area. Pawling lot trailhead is major trailhead. New development in Knight's Field parcel would overwhelm parking. Would be better suited for bird areas and would fit in with natural resources of JJ Audubon Center.

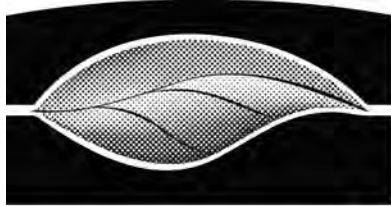
- PS: What if there were expanding parking for the trail at this trailhead? MH: A great addition and worthwhile to look at. In need of more parking at this location.
- LS: In Lower Merion Twp. Had similar issues with heritage trail -had to work to get people to not drive to recreation, but bike to facilities safely.
- LS: Commuting routes: makes a lot of sense that connects to SRT. Bike Coalition to push County to pursue ice clearing and maintenance as SRT becomes.
- LS: Parks and trails are not just as destinations, but bicycle conduits (Norristown farm park serves as a cyclist conduit) Eskie park as well. Dell Angelo park is good too.
- BM: Important to consider parking in all concepts.
- PS: your thoughts on bridge across Perkiomen?
 - TF: Evansburg is disjointed and disconnected from community. Would like to see Evansburg have bike camping for those along local regional trails.
- PS: noted that Lower Providence and the Skippack Creek Watershed Alliance could be an important partner in unique funding strategies to work with DCNR to build Evansburg trail.

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Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	2.21.2021
Re:	Schools Focus Group	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

Melissa Gorla MSD (MG)

Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) – Simone Collins

Tim Bricker MSD (TB)

Geoff Creary (GC) - Simone Collins

Robert Jones MSD (RJ)

Joseph Wallace (JW) – Simone Collins

GENERAL NOTES:

- GC: Does Methacton School District (MSD) promote walking to school?
- TB: MSD policy is to provide a bus stop.
- MG: MSD do not promote walkers. No crossing guards provided. MSD not likely to change on this.
- RJ: discourage outside use of MSD properties during school hours.
 - GC: after hours? RJ: MSD works with community groups for soccer and other activities. They must schedule and pay fee.
- PJ: Does MSD have any plans for the closed Audubon Elementary?
 - TB: board is discussing future of property and building. No decision made.
- RG: Stormwaters BMPs in Mascaro Field needed. Flooding happens from Mine Run and goes to the school across the street. Prior to this, storm drainage has been put in. Anything to remediate this would be welcome.
- GC: mown lawn areas. Open to changing some to stormwater BMPs?
 - RG: This topic would need to be taken to the school board.
- TB: Perkiomen trail connection is important. Heebner park is used for cross country events. GC: Heebner park designed by SC – SC should look at LPT connections.
- RG: When considering playgrounds, also think about adding more bathrooms and consider maintenance that goes with this. Upper Providence has nice restroom facilities. Would like to see sidewalks – even for students walking to bus stops.
- RG: We can get the SC team the top 20 roads that could use sidewalks (from complaints when students trying to reach bus stops)
- PJ: how do you see MSD recreation needs changing over time?

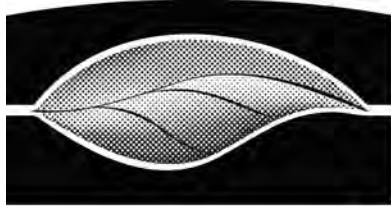
- TB: would be nice to have both baseball and softball from an equity standpoint.
- Redtail used by some MSD students for ballgames.

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Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	3.10.2021
Re:	Twp. BOS – Cara Coless	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisor Cara Coless (CC)
Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) – Simone Collins

Geoff Creary (GC) - Simone Collins
Joseph Wallace (JW) – Simone Collins

GENERAL NOTES:

- CC: Very pleased with the approach of the plan. Question is how do you prioritize what goes where.
- CC: Regarding the Park Pointe Path and the parcel at Egypt Road and Rittenhouse Road, there potentially could be apartments here. These could be affordable units. Half of it could also become a park with multi-use fields.
- CC: It's important to get people to the Schuylkill River Trail (SRT) and Perkiomen Trail (PT). What about other trails? How do they happen?
- GC: You have to have public support for them, there is also grant funding available. You also have to work with the property owner of the area where the trail is proposed. Many people are expressing interest about more trails.
- CC: Can we look at trails along the creek system? This was on an older map.
- CC: I like the idea of the Evansburg connector.
- JW: You can also look at trails to address MS4 requirements.
- CC: We can use waterways as an economic driver, like kayak rentals.
 - GC: There are also water trails connections on the SRT and PT.
 - CC: That's another opportunity.
- CC: A new bridge over the Perkiomen could bring new development along Ridge Pike.
- CC: We need more active / adult recreation. There are less and less people with kids. We need to bring more people together.
- CC: Maybe consider a dog park at Eskie Park.
- CC: Also, maybe look at the parcel in front of Dell Angelo for acquisition. Maybe it could be a bus stop. Can you get acquisition grants?
- PJ: This would require further review.

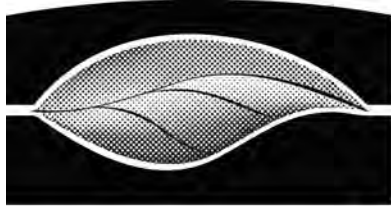
- CC: Regarding the Yerkes Road bridge, it would be expensive but worth looking into.
- CC: Doesn't seem like it would be a benefit for a lot of people. Hoy Park seems to be a better connector.
- GC: Hoy Park is a better connection for most people. How would a 9 year old have the best experience. This route connects the PT with Evansburg.
- CC: With sidewalks, how do you incentivize putting them in?
- PJ: You can revise the SALDO, there is also money for these improvements, like PennDOT's Safe Routes to School program.
- CC: Can we look at the open parcel opposite Eagleville Park next to Streamlight? 3,000 people work between Eagleville, Streamlight and the correctional facility.
- CC: Future outreach efforts should also involve reaching out to the diverse communities of the Township.

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Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	3.10.2021
Re:	Twp. BOS – Colleen Eckman	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisor Colleen Eckman (CE)
Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) – Simone Collins

Geoff Creary (GC) - Simone Collins
Joseph Wallace (JW) – Simone Collins

GENERAL NOTES:

- PJ: Talks with active recreation and sports groups have shown us their desire to improve what they already have, request to look at turfing ballfields.
- GC: NPS wants to utilize Valley Forge land north of 422, they were thinking of a mown or eathen low key trail.
 - CE: After talking with Jean Akers, priority for trail hierarchy would be to connect people to existing trails rather than putting in additional trail.
- CE: There are always an issues with parking overflow fields at ARA fields - area gets muddy.
- JW: County would be open to talking about possible parking near ARA across street from Audubon Road and ARA.
- CE: Redtail park is used mostly for games, recommendations and improvements to allow neighbors to use on daily basis would be good.
- CE: What is a ballpark estimate on pedestrian bridge at Hoy Park to cross the Perkiomen?
 - GC-tough to say, many different engineering factors. Cost estimate will require separate feasibility study.
- CE: Evansburg connector should absolutely happen.
 - JW: DCNR and Beth Hare seemed amenable to future discussion of connector trial through Evansburg State Park.
- CE: Sidewalks on Arcola Rd - certain areas on this road are tight, sidewalk may not be best alternative here.
- CE: Sidepath on Rittenhouse Road is important for pedestrian and bike access.
- CE: Currently there is limited outdoor 4 -season recreation programming. Little to no adult rec. programming.

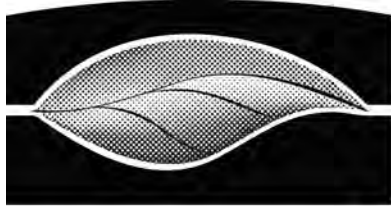
- CE: Important for the consultant team to make funding and grant recommendations as well as potential future partners and partnerships.

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MEETING NOTES

Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	2.16.2021
Re:	Key Person Interview – Peter MacFarland	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

Peter MacFarland (PM) – Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisor

Peter Simone – Simone Collins

Pankaj Jobanputra – Simone Collins

Geoff Creary- Simone Collins

Joseph Wallace – Simone Collins

GENERAL NOTES:

Presentation

- PM noted that grant funding will be important for pursuing larger projects.
- PS noted that one of the important parts of plan is connectivity piece. Lower Providence has a good system, with 2 of best regional trails in the area. Important to make connections to these trails and to Evansburg State Park.
- PS noted that the Township should consider adopting an Official Map.
- PM noted that one of the things we lack is proper athletic fields in various locations, we need to have that as part of the open space plan.
- PM noted that trails should also include environmental education components for children.
- PM noted that for demographics there is one thing to add, that the Township is aging, as each year goes by, enrollment in schools goes down, particularly difficult revenue indicator, people who are retiring. There are a lot of seniors, so we want to make sure we have accommodation for seniors.
- PM noted that we have some opportunities to use County and State land that is available to us. Consider new partnership with DCNR for fields in Evansburg if necessary.
- PM noted that Skippack Creek is under MS4 order regarding sediment reduction. Township is part of the Skippack Creek Watershed Alliance – along with 7 municipalities total. Grant monies could be pursued for BMPs and stormwater management along with trail funding. Perhaps there is State money since the Skippack goes through Evansburg – could help DCNR build trail through the State Park.
- PM noted that SC should look at Streamlight property across from Eagleville Park.

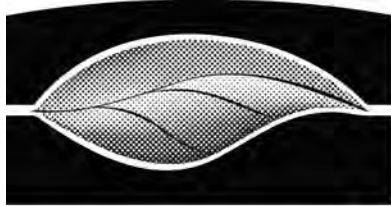
- PM noted that for a crossing over the Perkiomen (multimodal) on Arcola bridge there could be bike facilities.
- PS noted that St. Gabe's is of tremendous interest, and is the last of large properties up for residential development. Important for the Township to figure out what it wants and start this discussion – Twp can set agenda, people may love to see buildings adaptively reused. Would be good to see the exterior preserved.
- PS noted that maintenance funding is also important, not many grants that fund it, and usually the biggest long term cost, option is increases to EIT to apply to properties acquired through EIT (earned income tax).

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Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	2.8.2021
Re:	DCNR – Evansburg State Park – Beth Hare	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

Evansburg Manager – Beth Hare (BH)
Peter Simone (PS) – Simone Collins
Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) – Simone Collins

Geoff Creary (GC) - Simone Collins
Joseph Wallace (JW) – Simone Collins

GENERAL NOTES:

- PJ: When asked, “which parks, natural areas, trails, or facilities do you visit for recreation purposes?” On a list of 21 park and recreation facilities in Lower Providence, Evansburg State Park ranked #2 behind Valley Forge National Historic Park
- GC: explained concept of Evansburg connector to Perkiomen Trail. Ideally, or crushed stone. Details thought through later. Does Evansburg have any plans to expand trails?
 - BH: Several bridges out of service. Does not think anything in the works other than trail maintenance. Heavy trail use, and this is tough on trails. Big picture long term would be good to have trail crews improve some of most well-worn trails. No current plans to expand trails.
- GC: is the Evansburg trail connector ok to include on plans going forward? BH: yes, ok
- PJ: How do you see the implementation of this conceptual trail fitting into Evansburg State Park’s goals and plans? What plans does the Park have for accommodating the increased biking demand (as a result of Covid-19)?
 - BH: people have found the park during Covid and usage will remain high. Expanding trail usage and connections and lengths (beyond 5 mile use) connection to Perkiomen would be good. Needs to be looked at further by DCNR.
- PJ: Are there plans for new educational, trail signage, kiosks? Trails for any trail education signage?
 - BH: should review what we currently have. Haven’t gotten onto the trails yet. Should be reviewed for sufficiency. Currently, with exception of mt. brike trails. Bikes not allowed on other trails (allowed on roadways)

- PJ: What are your thoughts on long term hunting in Evansburg? Is there an annual count / survey of total numbers hunters in the park?
 - Evansburg is open to hunting, fishing, and trapping in the appropriate seasons. Further restrictions on what they can use (in southeast / greater density) Shotgun only. BH: don't foresee hunting changing. One of the few hunting / trapping in the area.

- PJ: What are Evansburg State Park's short and long term goals and planned infrastructure / facility improvements?
 - BH: longterm embarking on a cultural resource plan to determine the historical status of the buildings within the park. Have 40 +/- buildings in the park that area leased out to residents. Others vacant or in disrepair. The park is embarking on plan to evaluate these places and figure out longterm what to do with them (working with PHMC) Will be concentrated with Park Limits
 - Rehab of parks visitor center. Interpretive / resource programming in the parks. Used to be parks educator (no longer) Historic building used to be visitor center. Long term plan to get fixed up and be used by the public (use for programs).

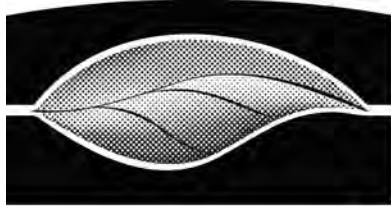
- PJ: How do you envision long term relationships / multi-municipal partnerships between Evansburg and host municipalities?
 - BH: On the to-do list to contact each of the host municipalities. Hope to work hand in hand with hosts and communicate goals and initiatives.

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Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	2.18.2021
Re:	Montgomery County – David Clifford	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

Montgomery County Parks
Administrator– David Clifford (DC)
Peter Simone (PS) – Simone Collins

Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) – Simone Collins
Geoff Creary (GC) - Simone Collins
Joseph Wallace (JW) – Simone Collins

GENERAL NOTES:

- DC: Evansburg trail is part of regional plan, not high on County priority list and would support this potential connection, County's goal is connect points of interest, this seems like it aligns with the County comp plan.
- PS- plan recommendations can inform County and municipal comp planning.
- PS- In reference to potential Perkiomen Creek crossings: Yerkes Rd and Hoy Park crossing – the draft plan will include both options.
- DC: County may be interested in St. Gabriel's parcel (10ac) north of Ridge Pike
- DC: Overall the County wants to preserve its owned parcels for passive / nature systems and experiences – active recreation fields would not work.
- PS: Across street from ARA fields are County property with one historic building, rest is green, could part of this site be used for parking for ARA fields?
 - DC: further discussion needed with County. Would be important not to disturb existing historic structure.
- DC: important to keep the area around Knight's Cricket Field and St. Gabe's as natural and passive as possible.
- GC- as a result of Covid pandemic the SRT being water trail is being used more and there is high demand for parking, NPS says if you cant part at Betzwood, park at Pawlings, Betzwood is filling up quickly with people using water trail, especially with kayakers, they were saying water trail. NPS mentioned the County could look at water access on County-owned land at Pawlings and Gertrude.
- DC: County has no current plans for these parcels which are in the floodplain. NPS could consider water access south of Pawlings Road.

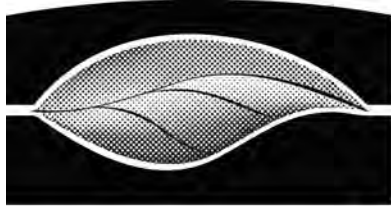
- DC: Central Perkiomen Valley park – we stopped mowing one of these areas, few people like to utilize this area, never envisioned larger trail here.
- GC-we know this is bottom land, prone to flooding, the proposed trails would be mown or earthen for concern about maintenance costs.
- DC: This plan is important to integrate and connect fragmented open space.

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Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	2.11.2021
Re:	NPS – Amy Ruhe	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

National Park Service , Valley Forge
National Historic Park – Amy Ruhe (AR)
Peter Simone (PS) – Simone Collins

Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) – Simone Collins
Geoff Creary (GC) - Simone Collins
Joseph Wallace (JW) – Simone Collins

GENERAL NOTES:

- PJ: Has Valley Forge seen an increase in visitors during Covid-19?
 - AR: Yes, all trails have seen an influx in all user types during the pandemic (hikers, runners, bikers). Trails and trail connections are vital for public health at all times, and especially during this Covid-19 pandemic.
- GC: Would NPS be open to the Valley Forge Connector?
 - AR: further discussion and evaluation would be needed. But from a preliminary standpoint NPS would be open to some sort of trail development here. Trails would need to be natural and low impact (earthen, mown)
 - AR: NPS has been thinking about how to expand access to the Valley Forge parcel north of 422. Under current conditions not many people know that this is even NPS property. Future decisions would be a collaborative effort (Township, County, NPS).
- AR: Water trail access and parking at Betzwood is largely full these days due to high demand and trail use due to Covid-19. The SC team should look for additional water access along the Schuylkill River. Montgomery County has land along the river north of Pawlings Road – this could be an opportunity to gain more water access.

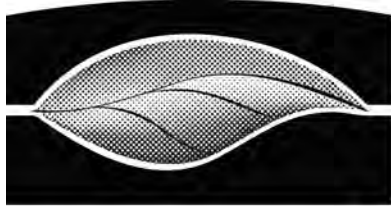
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Project: Lower Providence Open
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Project
No.: 20028.10

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting
Date/ 2.18.2021
Time:

Re: Perkiomen Watershed
Conservancy – Ryan Beltz

Issue
Date: 4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

Ryan Beltz, Perkiomen Watershed
Conservancy (RB)

Geoff Creary (GC) - Simone Collins

Joseph Wallace (JW) – Simone Collins

Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) – Simone Collins

GENERAL NOTES:

- RB: Conservancy founded in 1964 with today approximately 5,000 members, subscribers, volunteers.
- RB: Skippack Creek Watershed Alliance is important (several host municipalities working on MS4 and reducing sediment loading into Skippack Watershed and Creek). Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy has been involved in this process, helped identify areas along creek to do remediation, other goals – look to get PA creek water designation.
- RB: Consultant / rec. plan concept for Central Perk Valley trail is a great idea, appreciated that this trail will not be paved.
- RB: Conservancy looking for more 'pedal & paddle' opportunities along local waterways.
- RB: Conservancy would like to see more connections between the Perkiomen Trail and Schuylkill River Trail.
- RB: Central Perkiomen Valley Park is good spot, already has mown trail – would be nice to have picnic tables and benches at this area outside of the floodplain.
- RB: Partners- 54 municipalities Perkiomen in watershed, 32 of those buy into municipal program, Lower Providence being one. In a typical year, Conservancy has 400-500 community organizations they work with, from preschools to corporations.

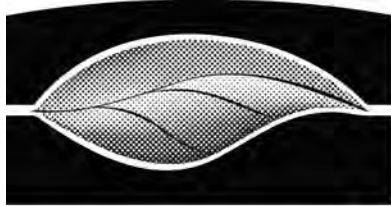
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Project:	Lower Providence Open Space & Recreation Plan	Project No.:	20028.10
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	3.10.2021
Re:	Twp. BOS – Gary Neights	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisor Gary Neights (GN)
Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) – Simone Collins

Geoff Creary (GC) - Simone Collins
Joseph Wallace (JW) – Simone Collins

GENERAL NOTES:

- GN: The Evansburg connector is strategic for that connection to the state park.
- GN: The VF connector trail is consistent with my thinking.
- GN: The intersection of Pawlings and Crawford is a choke point.
- GN: You could have a trail or sidewalk along Eagleville Park, where the Township building is. You can connect the whole development here, go down to the Skippack Creek and you can connect to this trail also.
- GN: I put my bike on the car to get onto the trail system. I can go down to Arcola Road, but that's not a good road to bike on.
- GN: How much would the Yerkes Road bridge get used. On the Lower Providence side, you'd have a select number of people who would use it since it's pretty steep. For the Hoy Park bridge, the problem is being at the bottom of the hill, but you could go up Skippack. For Yerkes, you'd have to go up a significant hill. Hoy Park makes sense.
- GN: What about an internal connecting strategy, a connecting mechanism where every park had connections to other parks, you would have a linkage system.
- GN: I would love to see an overlay that takes municipal greenspace and shows how to get from one location to another.
- GN: What about sidewalks along Ridge Pike.
 - PJ/JW: We will look at the county comprehensive plan for sidewalks.
- GN: You can also look at a loop around Shannondell golf course, you can intersect with it from the other side of Egypt Road.

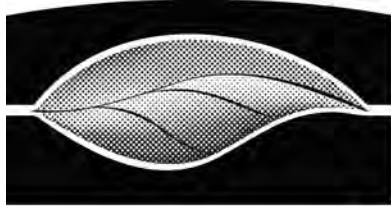
- GN: Right now, you cannot safely get from Trooper Road to the trail system where the road intersects with Route 422.
- GN: The new bridge will cross the Perkiomen near where Classic Coachwork is. The approach to the bridge would go near here, cross Ridge Pike and turn 45 degrees towards the Creek. With the completion of the bridge, Ridge Pike could be an area for new development. Maybe the Perkiomen Bridge becomes a pedestrian promenade.

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Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	3.10.2021
Re:	Audubon Center at Mill Grove – Carrie Barron	Issue Date:	4.21.2021

ATTENDEES:

John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove Director Carrie Barron (CB)
Pankaj Jobanputra (PJ) – Simone Collins

Geoff Creary (GC) - Simone Collins
Joseph Wallace (JW) – Simone Collins

GENERAL NOTES:

- CB: Our facility is 225 acres and is owned by Montgomery County. We operate with the County and have a 50 year lease with them. We have 5 miles of internal trails and 5 miles of paved trails.
- CB: We run canoes and kayaks on the Perkiomen Creek.
- CB: We have an 18,000 sf museum and we combine outdoor education and history.
- CB: For our canoe program, we go up to the Egypt Road bridge and then turn around. We don't go downstream past the dam.
- CB: We do not utilize Hoy Park. We've partnered with Take It Outdoors. We always launch our canoes from the same spot.
- CB: Thinking about Knights Field, I would like to see a managed habitat for birds. Meadow habitat is essential. The concern is that property owners of meadows mow them when it's most convenient.
- CB: Parking is congested at the ARA fields.
- CB: Eskie would be a good place for a birding trail.
- CB: It would be good to connect to the NPS trails, we do not currently have good connections.
- CB: We have an online trail map, not great, but gives a basic idea.
- CB: We also have a meadow plan.
- CB: I like the idea of the Hoy Park / Evansburg connector.

- CB: Currently, there are security concerns at the old mine shaft entrance near the old mine run, if something like this is being considered for reuse or open space.
- CB: In terms of accessibility, we have a mobility program for folks in wheelchairs, we worked with ArtReach on this. There's also a new program, a southeast birding mobility club.
- CB: We're thinking about ADA spaces, and accessibility as a whole and accessibility for birding in general.

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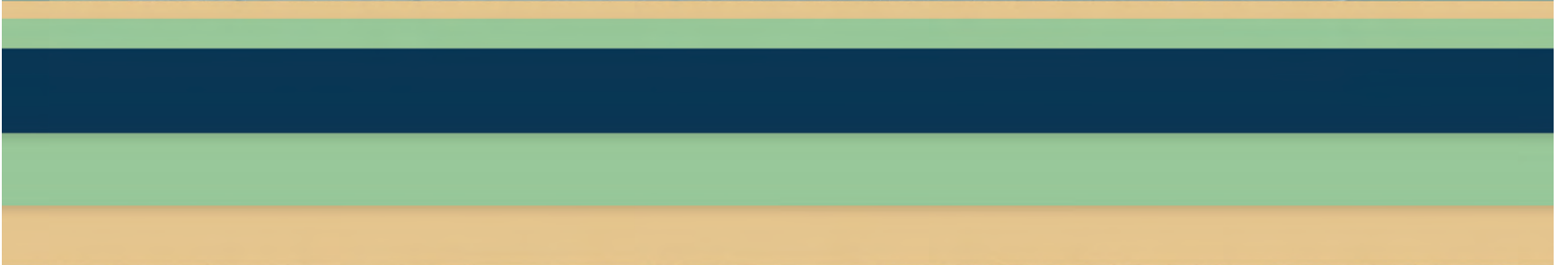
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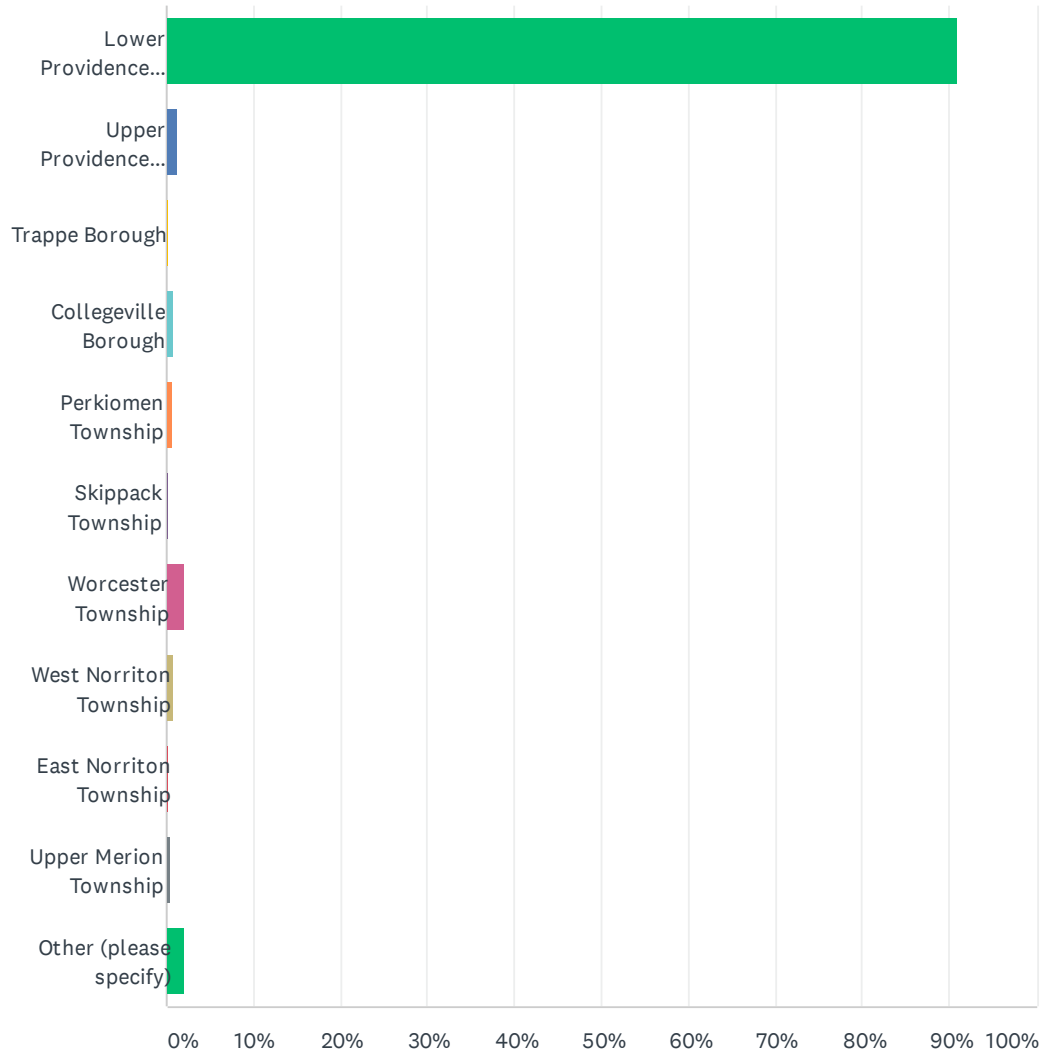
APPENDIX

Full Public Opinion Survey Results



Q1 What is the name of the municipality you live in?

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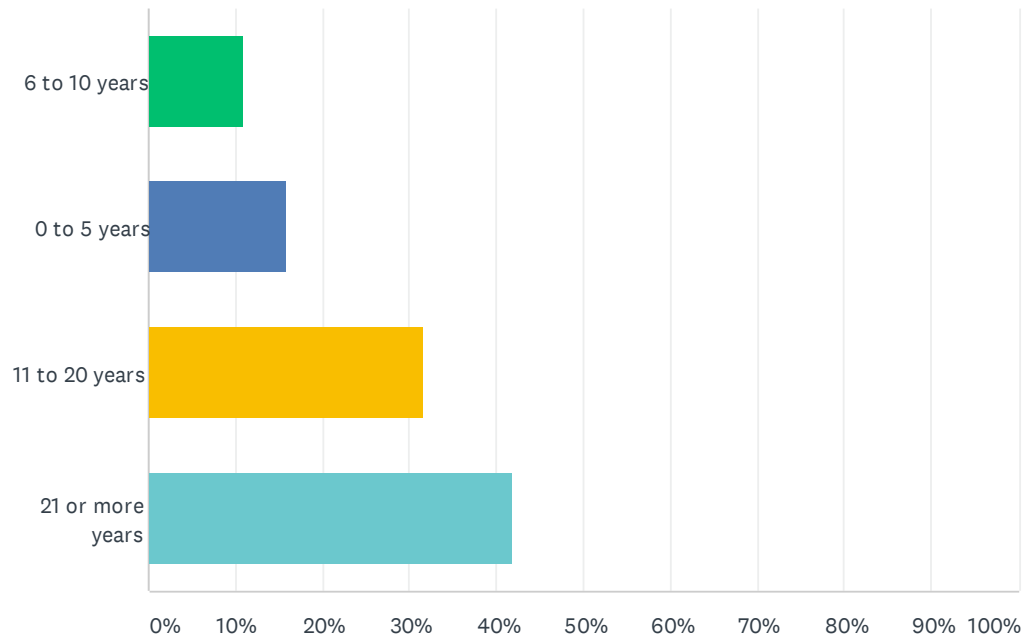
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lower Providence Township	91.02%	588
Upper Providence Township	1.24%	8
Trappe Borough	0.31%	2
Collegeville Borough	0.77%	5
Perkiomen Township	0.62%	4
Skippack Township	0.31%	2
Worcester Township	2.01%	13
West Norriton Township	0.93%	6
East Norriton Township	0.31%	2
Upper Merion Township	0.46%	3
Other (please specify)	2.01%	13
TOTAL		646

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Lower Salford	10/29/2020 10:32 PM
2	Schuylkill Township	10/26/2020 10:35 PM
3	Limerick	10/26/2020 8:18 PM
4	East Brandywine	10/26/2020 11:20 AM
5	None	10/1/2020 6:36 PM
6	Tredyffrin Township	9/25/2020 10:26 AM
7	Upper Frederick Township	9/24/2020 9:57 AM
8	Schuylkill Township	9/22/2020 9:59 PM
9	Schuylkill	9/22/2020 7:04 PM
10	Lower Merion	9/22/2020 6:44 PM
11	Worcester	9/22/2020 6:07 PM
12	East Pikeland	9/22/2020 5:41 PM
13	Plymouth	9/16/2020 10:37 AM

Q2 If you live in Lower Providence, how long have you lived in the Township?

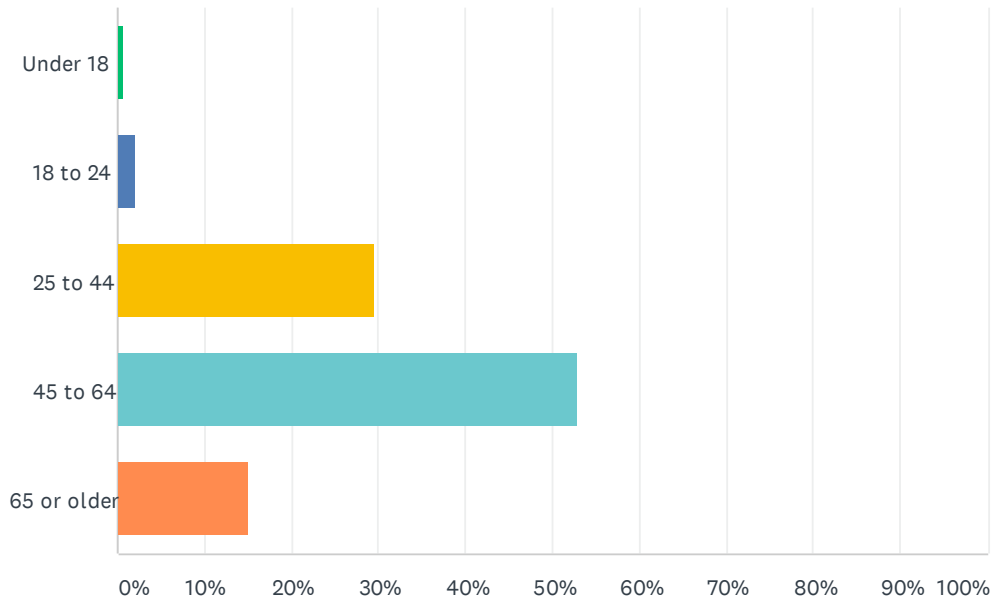
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
6 to 10 years	10.78%	65
0 to 5 years	15.92%	96
11 to 20 years	31.51%	190
21 or more years	41.79%	252
TOTAL		603

Q3 What is your age?

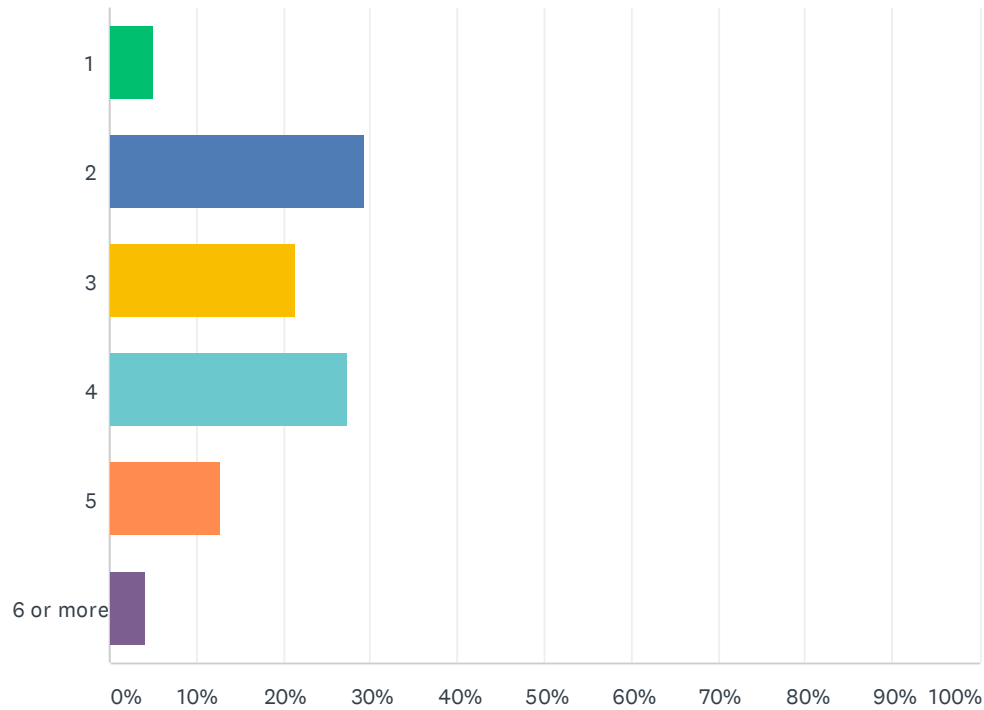
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.62%	4
18 to 24	2.02%	13
25 to 44	29.46%	190
45 to 64	52.87%	341
65 or older	15.04%	97
TOTAL		645

Q4 How many people currently live in your household?

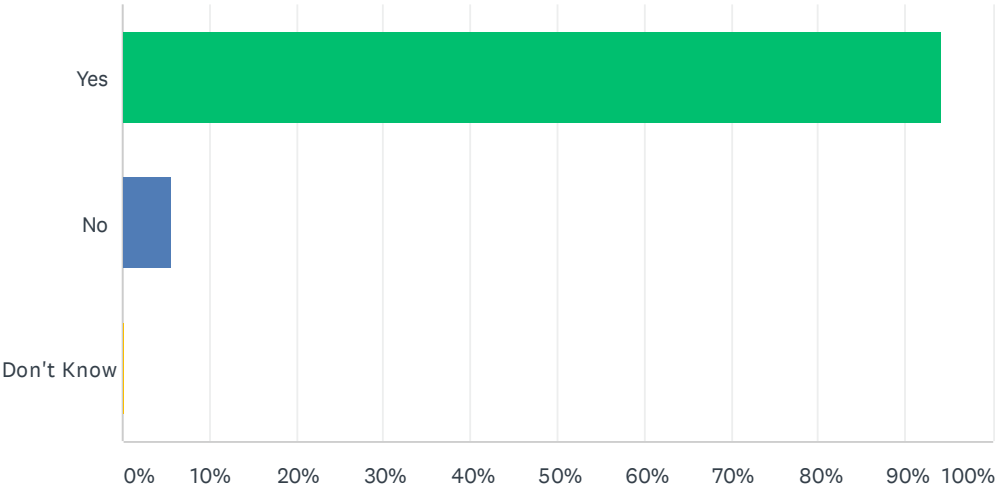
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	4.95%	32
2	29.37%	190
3	21.33%	138
4	27.36%	177
5	12.83%	83
6 or more	4.17%	27
TOTAL		647

Q5 In the past 12 months, has any member of your household participated in any activities in parks, natural areas, or open spaces in or around Lower Providence Township? This would include any recreational activity, such as walking, biking, participating in team sports, swimming, bird watching, boating, etc.

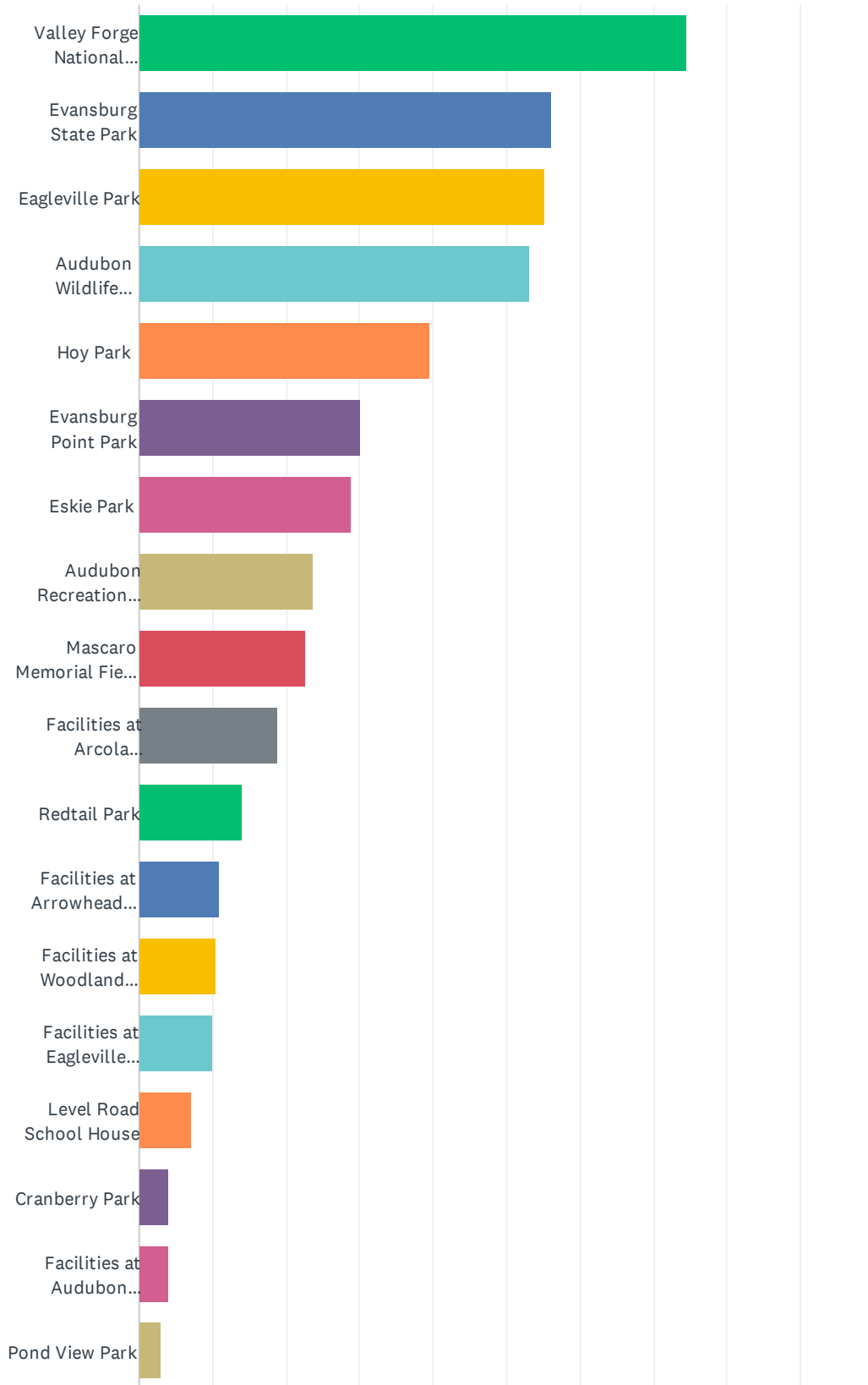
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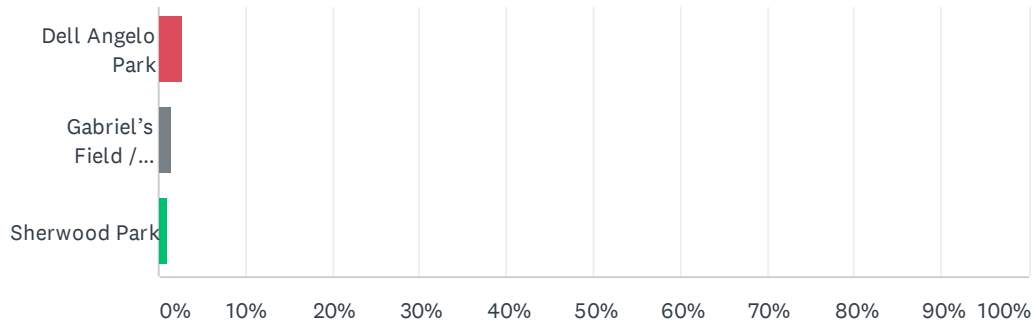
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.13%	513
No	5.69%	31
Don't Know	0.18%	1
TOTAL		545

Q6 Which parks, natural areas, trails, or facilities do you visit for recreation purposes? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 527 Skipped: 121



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Valley Forge National Historic Park	74.38%	392
Evansburg State Park	55.98%	295
Eagleville Park	55.22%	291
Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary	53.13%	280
Hoy Park	39.47%	208
Evansburg Point Park	30.17%	159
Eskie Park	28.84%	152
Audubon Recreation Association Fields (ARA)	23.72%	125
Mascaro Memorial Field and Community Park	22.58%	119
Facilities at Arcola Intermediate School	18.79%	99
Redtail Park	14.04%	74
Facilities at Arrowhead Elementary School	10.82%	57
Facilities at Woodland Elementary School	10.44%	55
Facilities at Eagleville Elementary School	10.06%	53
Level Road School House	7.21%	38
Cranberry Park	3.98%	21
Facilities at Audubon Elementary School	3.98%	21
Pond View Park	2.85%	15
Dell Angelo Park	2.66%	14
Gabriel's Field / Knight's Cricket Field	1.52%	8
Sherwood Park	0.95%	5
Total Respondents: 527		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Audubon Loop Trail, Perkiomen Trail, Schuylkill River Trail	3/22/2021 9:38 PM
2	The schools had guards chasing walkers off.	3/17/2021 3:58 PM
3	Norgwn Park and Pool	3/16/2021 9:49 PM

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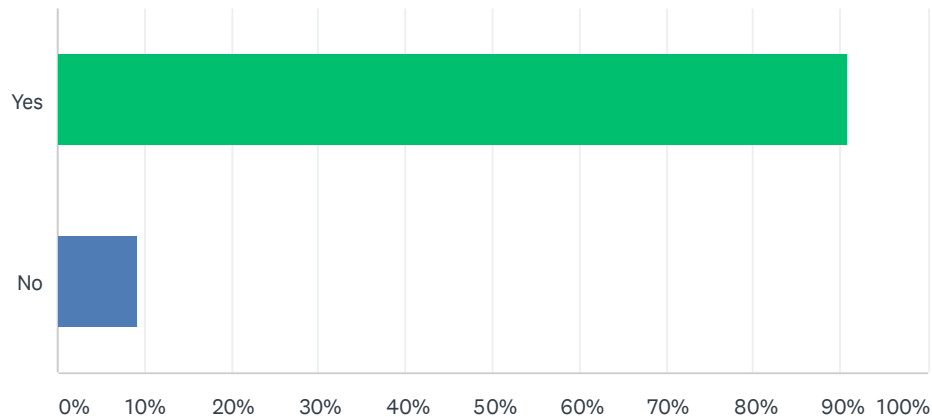
4	Audubon Loop	3/16/2021 5:48 PM
5	Audubon Loop; Perkiomen Trail	3/15/2021 8:07 PM
6	Green Lane Reservoir Park	2/16/2021 2:28 PM
7	Heebner	2/11/2021 8:41 PM
8	John James Audubon Center	2/11/2021 10:42 AM
9	Perkiomen trail	2/11/2021 7:20 AM
10	Worcester elementary school facilities	2/10/2021 10:00 PM
11	County's Perkiomen and Schuylkill River Trails	2/10/2021 9:36 PM
12	Perkiomen Trail	2/10/2021 7:46 PM
13	Heebner	2/10/2021 7:30 PM
14	Hebner Park	2/10/2021 6:45 PM
15	Eagleville Park	2/7/2021 6:09 PM
16	Perkiomen Trail	1/28/2021 10:31 AM
17	Lower Perkiomen Valley Park	1/26/2021 8:10 PM
18	Lower Perkiomen Valley Trail	1/24/2021 12:48 PM
19	The grass should be better maintained	1/22/2021 10:39 PM
20	Perkiomen Park	1/20/2021 4:07 PM
21	Hebener Park	1/19/2021 4:49 PM
22	Perkiomen park in Oaks, the canal in Mount Clare, Schuylkill valley trail, Norristown trail	1/15/2021 6:30 PM
23	Bike trail	1/15/2021 3:46 PM
24	Heebner Park, Palmer Park	1/9/2021 8:17 PM
25	Shoemaker House music lessons	1/8/2021 6:38 AM
26	Heebner Park	1/8/2021 5:07 AM
27	Lose perkiomen park	1/7/2021 11:53 PM
28	Trails	11/23/2020 12:54 PM
29	Betzwood	10/26/2020 11:55 AM
30	YMCA-Phoenixville	10/21/2020 9:54 AM
31	perkiomen and schuylkill trails	10/14/2020 9:02 AM
32	Heebner, Audubon loop, Zacharias creek trail	10/11/2020 8:32 PM
33	perkiomen and schuylkill trails	10/9/2020 9:51 PM
34	Warrior Field	10/9/2020 7:40 PM
35	Betzwood Park	10/6/2020 2:13 PM
36	Perkiomen Trail	10/3/2020 5:22 PM
37	Mill Grove	9/24/2020 9:07 PM
38	Heebner Park, Zachariah Creek Trail	9/24/2020 3:09 PM
39	Sidewalks for morning walks.	9/24/2020 10:04 AM
40	Betzwood Park	9/22/2020 6:53 PM
41	No trails listed. Perkiomen, Schuylkill	9/22/2020 4:50 PM

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42	Lower Providence Park & Mount Kirk Park	9/19/2020 12:23 PM
43	Lower Perkiomen valley park. French creek state park. Norristown Farm Park Warwick county park	9/18/2020 4:31 PM
44	Fairview Village Church parking lot and around my neighborhood	9/18/2020 1:31 PM
45	Mt Kirk Park, Heebner Park, Fischer's Park	9/17/2020 1:40 PM
46	Walking Arcola road over bridge to trails	9/17/2020 6:47 AM
47	Heebner Park	9/16/2020 9:19 AM
48	Schuylkill River Trail	9/16/2020 8:28 AM
49	Audubon Loop	9/15/2020 8:50 PM

Q7 Do you walk, run or bike on area trails or roadways? (NOTE: As part of the public participation for this project, you will be able to propose trail routes, connections and improvements on the project Wikimap: www.wikimapping.com/Lower-Providence.html)

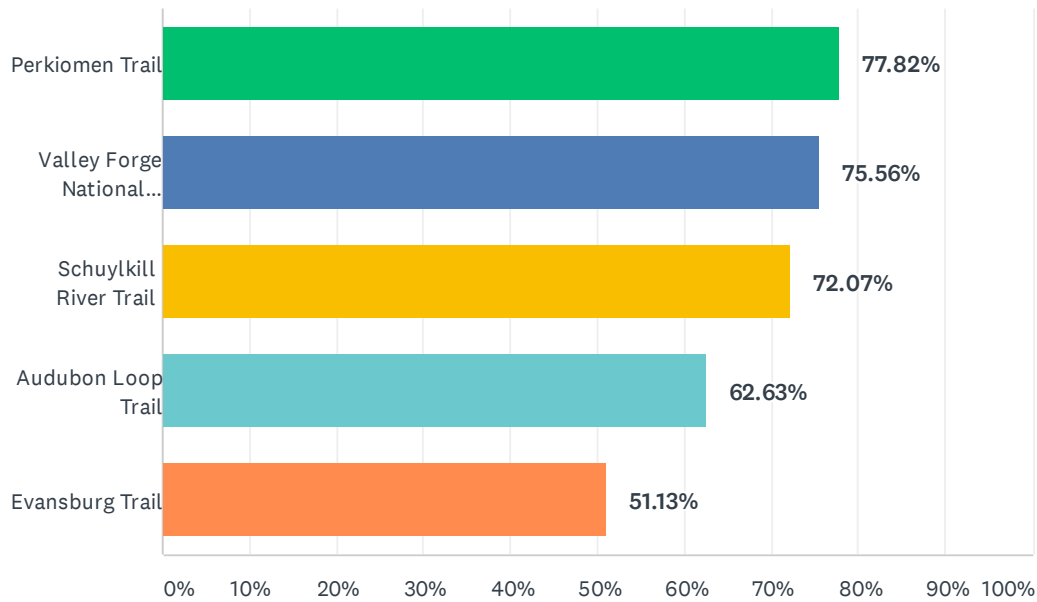
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		90.79%	493
No		9.21%	50
TOTAL			543

Q8 If you do use area trails, which ones do you use? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 487 Skipped: 161



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Perkiomen Trail	77.82%	379
Valley Forge National Historic Park	75.56%	368
Schuylkill River Trail	72.07%	351
Audubon Loop Trail	62.63%	305
Evansburg Trail	51.13%	249
Total Respondents: 487		

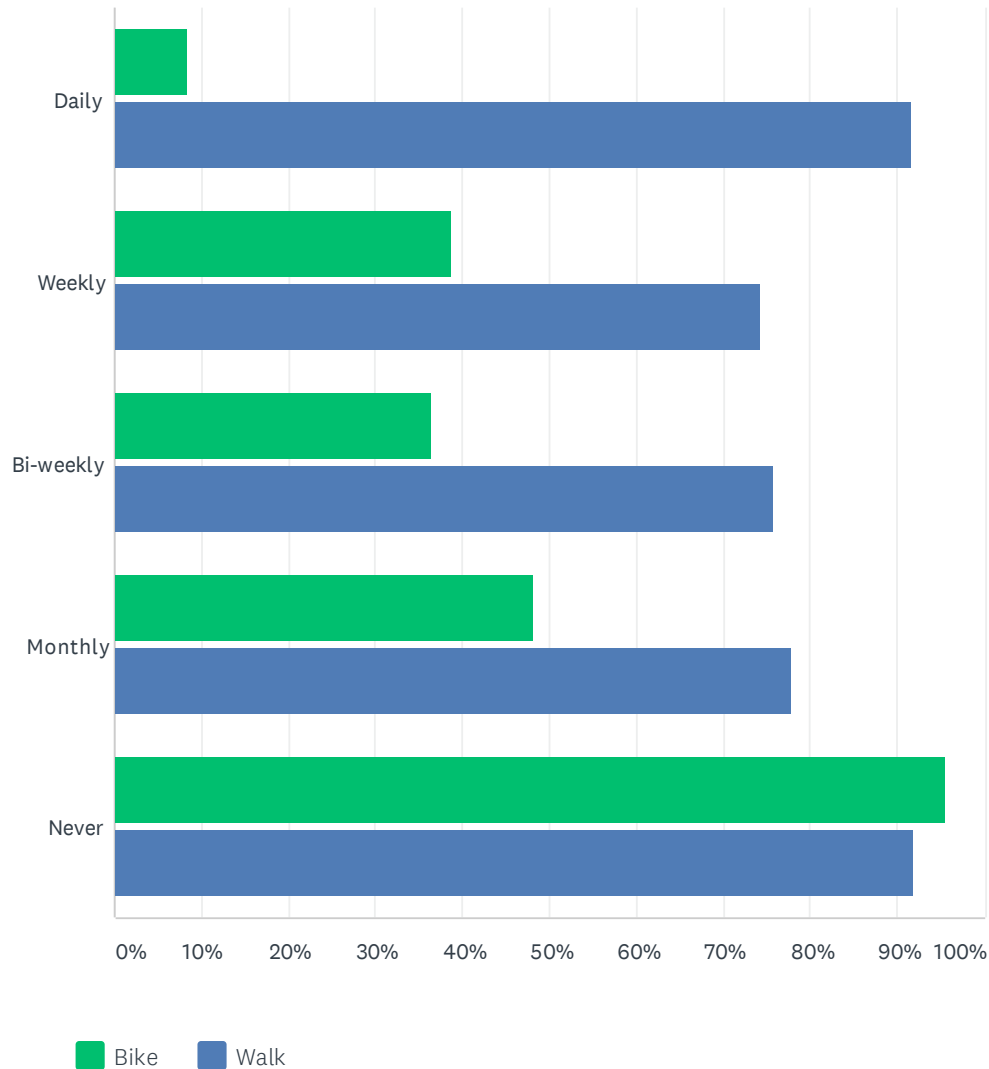
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1	Skippack Trail	3/17/2021 10:45 AM
2	Green Lane Reservoir Park	2/16/2021 2:28 PM
3	Black Rock road skate park	2/10/2021 11:02 PM
4	heebner	1/20/2021 4:09 PM
5	Farm park	1/15/2021 2:32 PM
6	Heebner park trails	1/9/2021 9:53 AM
7	Lower Perkiomen Valley Park	1/8/2021 12:57 PM
8	Skippack Trail	1/8/2021 12:46 PM
9	Heebner	1/8/2021 5:07 AM
10	Mostly just walk in neighborhoods	11/15/2020 8:49 PM
11	betzwood	10/26/2020 11:55 AM

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12	Skippack Trail system	10/3/2020 5:22 PM
13	Zachariah Creek Trail	9/24/2020 3:09 PM
14	Other trails at John James Audubon Center	9/22/2020 6:53 PM
15	French creek trail, French creek state park trails.	9/18/2020 4:31 PM
16	Eagleville Park paved trail and dirt trails	9/18/2020 10:42 AM
17	upper perkiomen park	9/17/2020 9:38 AM

Q9 How often do you bike or walk to work/school or to run errands?

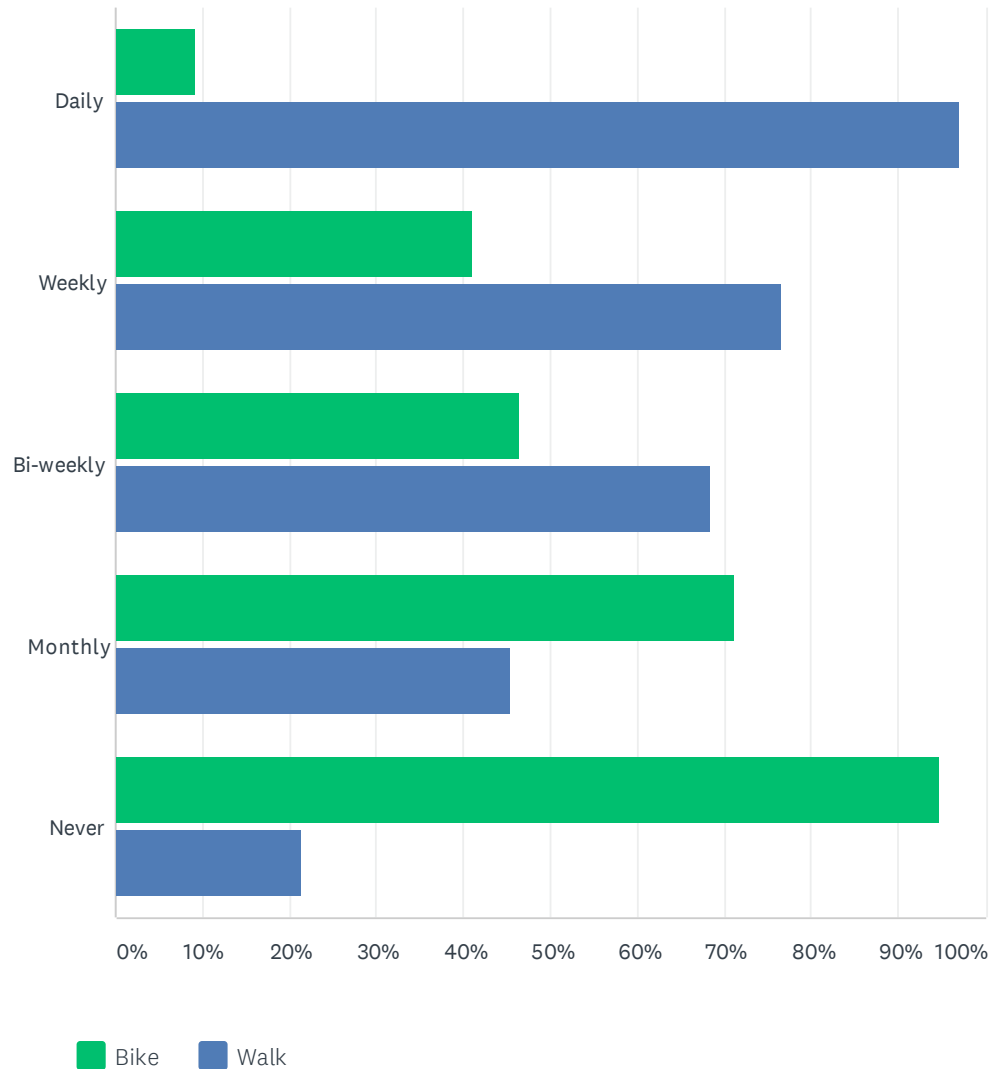
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	BIKE	WALK	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Daily	8.33% 4	91.67% 44	48
Weekly	38.71% 24	74.19% 46	62
Bi-weekly	36.36% 12	75.76% 25	33
Monthly	48.05% 37	77.92% 60	77
Never	95.65% 330	91.88% 317	345

Q10 How often do you bike or walk for recreational purposes?

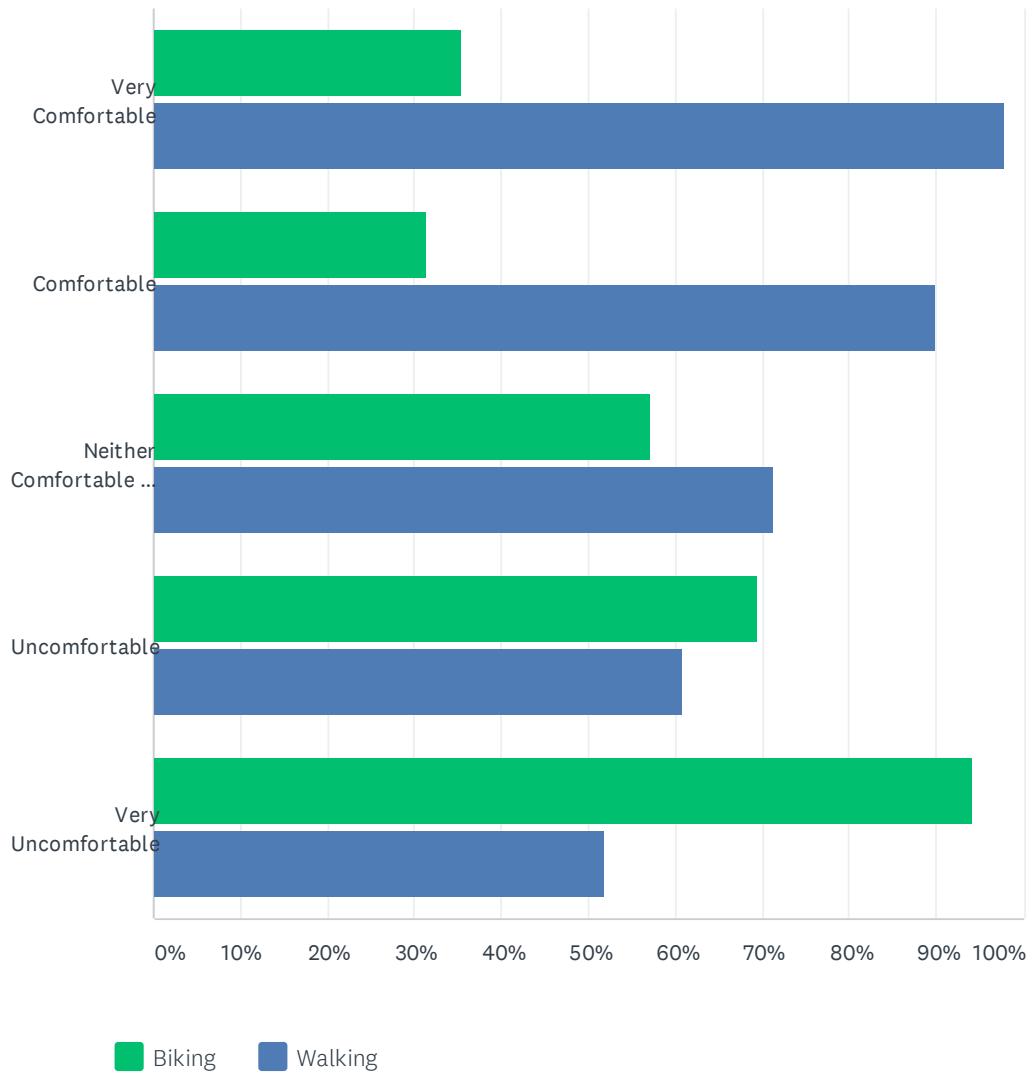
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	BIKE	WALK	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Daily	9.16% 25	97.07% 265	273
Weekly	40.97% 93	76.65% 174	227
Bi-weekly	46.53% 47	68.32% 69	101
Monthly	71.17% 116	45.40% 74	163
Never	94.68% 89	21.28% 20	94

Q11 From a traffic safety perspective, how comfortable do you feel biking or walking in Lower Providence Township?

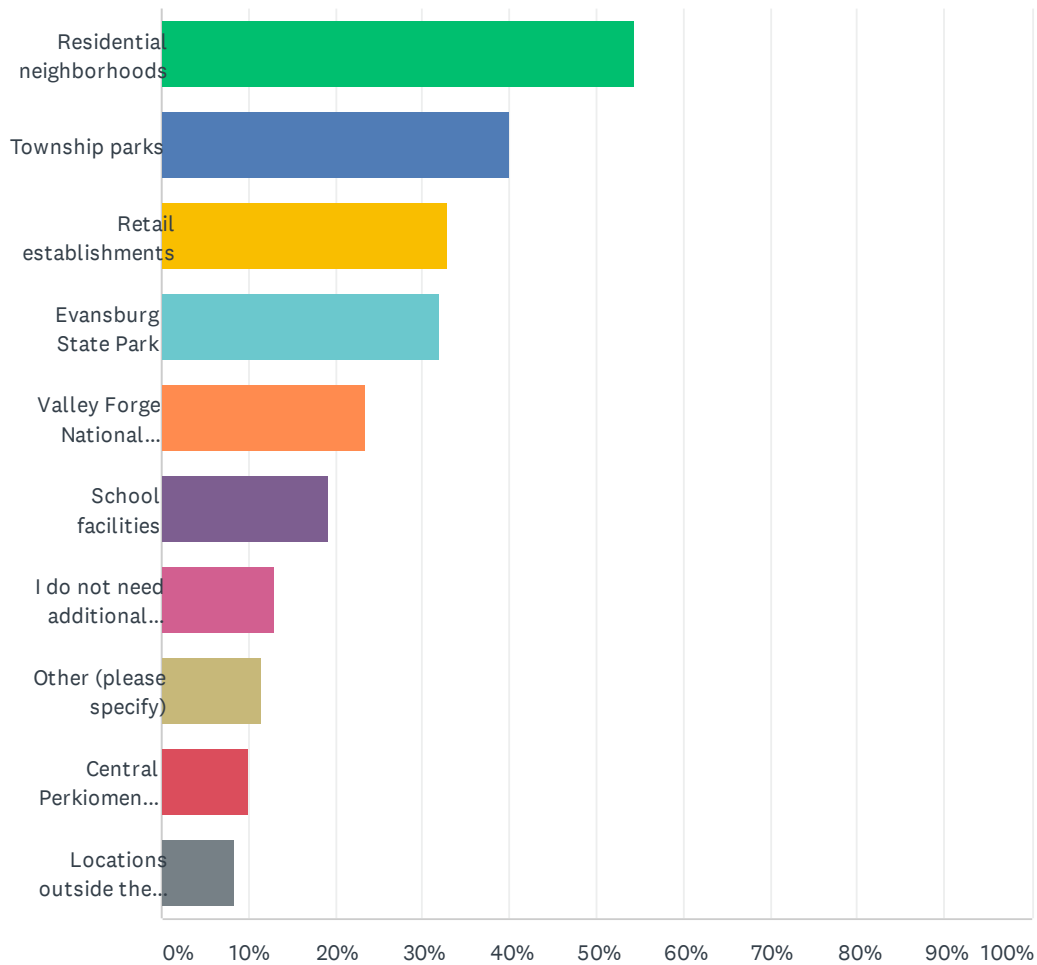
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	BIKING	WALKING	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Very Comfortable	35.42% 34	97.92% 94	96
Comfortable	31.38% 59	89.89% 169	188
Neither Comfortable or Uncomfortable	57.14% 84	71.43% 105	147
Uncomfortable	69.52% 130	60.96% 114	187
Very Uncomfortable	94.12% 96	51.96% 53	102

Q12 To what areas would you like improved pedestrian and bicycling access? (Please check all that apply.)

Answered: 508 Skipped: 140



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Residential neighborhoods	54.33%	276
Township parks	39.96%	203
Retail establishments	32.87%	167
Evansburg State Park	32.09%	163
Valley Forge National Historic Park	23.43%	119
School facilities	19.29%	98
I do not need additional pedestrian or bicycling access	12.99%	66
Other (please specify)	11.42%	58
Central Perkiomen Valley Park	10.04%	51
Locations outside the Township	8.46%	43
Total Respondents: 508		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Lower perkiomen valley park	3/26/2021 5:06 PM
2	I like on Lantern Lane. Need path from Rittenhouse to corporate park, so that I can walk to Bald Birds! And Valerio. Or jog to the corporate park and around it. Also need sidewalk Lantern down pawlings to Audubon sanctuary. Been going since the work from home thing, but could use a frigging sidewalk! Would raise prop values.	3/26/2021 4:51 PM
3	Sidewalks to get to township parks	3/21/2021 1:35 AM
4	Egypt Rd	3/19/2021 5:50 PM
5	Arcola Rd - Hoy Park To Perkiomen Trail	3/16/2021 5:05 PM
6	Perkiomen Trail; getting to the trail and to parks could be safer/better	3/15/2021 8:07 PM
7	Main roadways	2/11/2021 12:35 PM
8	Non neighborhood roads	2/11/2021 4:31 AM
9	We need a skate park and a walking path for parents next to it	2/10/2021 11:02 PM
10	Connection roadways - Ridge Pk, Level Rd	1/28/2021 10:31 AM
11	Corner of Miami ave and park. Sidewalks to make travel to mascaro field possible for kids	1/25/2021 5:12 PM
12	audubon loop on Egypt RD	1/25/2021 5:02 PM
13	North Park Avenue	1/23/2021 3:01 PM
14	We need safe walkways to the trail across the Arcola bridge....please.	1/21/2021 1:37 PM
15	bike and walking access on major rds (park ave, audubon rd, trooper rd, rittenhouse rd, egypt rd)	1/21/2021 11:59 AM
16	There needs to be a more concerted effort to connect isolated islands of residential homes via sidewalks or bike lanes with the greater community. I live in one such isolated island that could be so easily connected without a huge effort.	1/20/2021 4:36 PM
17	Seitz Rd, Maple Ave	1/19/2021 9:13 PM
18	Main roads like Ridge Pike...Shoulders are littered and narrow at points. Eagleville road is extremely dangerous.	1/15/2021 3:46 PM
19	Access to Perkiomen trail off Yerkes rd	1/11/2021 12:55 PM

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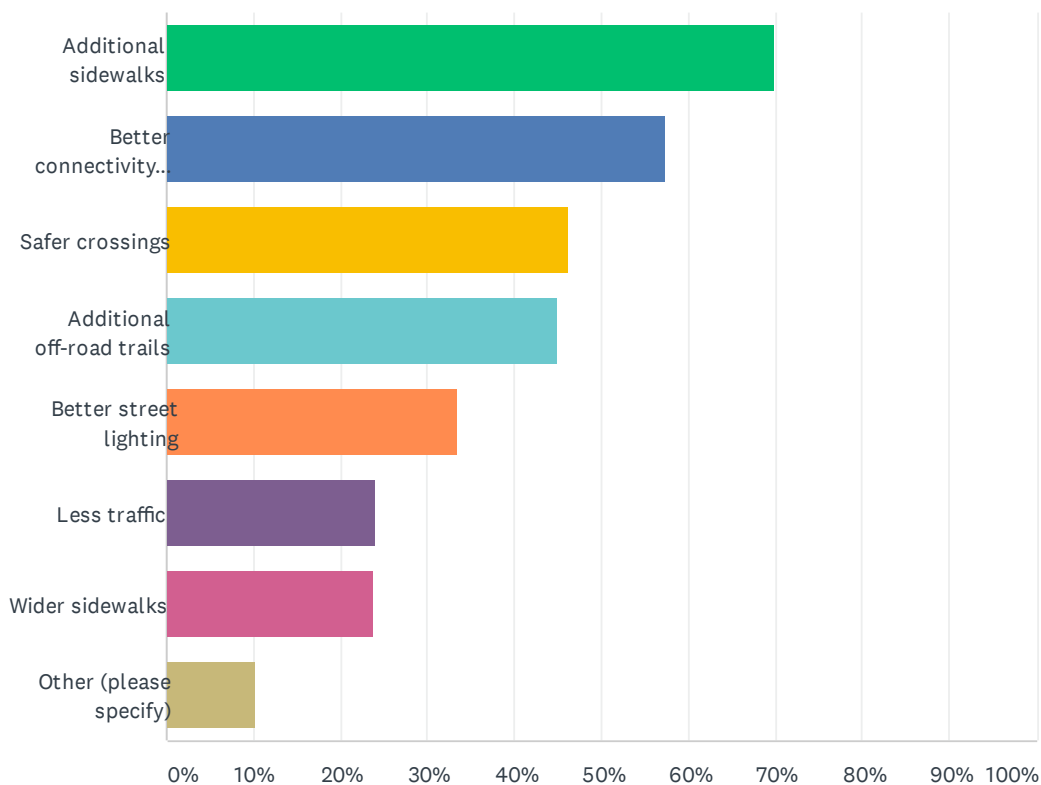
20	Need a sidewalk on River Road	1/9/2021 8:17 PM
21	Streets in and around the trails	1/9/2021 9:53 AM
22	Audubon Loop needs better access	1/9/2021 8:48 AM
23	Access from Evansburg Trail to the Perkiomen/Collegeville trail	1/8/2021 6:01 PM
24	For #11 I feel comfortable generally to walk or bike ON TRAILS. But I do not feel comfortable to bike or walk outside of parks/trails bc there is insufficient connectivity, making it necessary to travel on the road, often where there is little to no shoulder or sidewalk, at some point in the journey	1/8/2021 4:56 PM
25	River Road for Cranberry Park - even getting back with canoe to the water source is not adequate - risky slope to get into water after cutting through woods	1/8/2021 1:30 PM
26	River Road, specifically in the area around Cranberry Park. The access to Collegeville is far from ideal, yet people walk River Road daily, while cars speed by. We've seen a few near-miss pedestrian incidents.	1/8/2021 1:12 PM
27	Connection to the Perkiomen and other trails. I ride my bike on the road to the trails and it is scary.	1/8/2021 12:46 PM
28	It's not that these areas need improvement, its the connection between those areas. For example, I feel comfortable running around my little neighborhood but I can't get to any of the other neighborhoods safely to put together a longer run or to walk to meet up with friends.	1/8/2021 6:38 AM
29	Neighborhoods	1/8/2021 12:36 AM
30	Sidewalk or bike lane on Arcola Rd as it approaches the bridge at Level and Arcola Rds to provide access to trail on the other side of the creek.	1/8/2021 12:01 AM
31	All Township Parks should be interconnected	12/31/2020 12:59 PM
32	Would like to see the sidewalk extended on Germantown from Cross Keys down to the new townhome development. Right now it stops at Superior and walkers are forced on the street or on the often-muddy and riddled-with-holes grass.	10/26/2020 10:21 AM
33	Connecting neighborhoods, schools, and retail	10/26/2020 8:13 AM
34	All roads that do not have sidewalks-Mt. Kirk, Rudge Pike	10/7/2020 4:59 PM
35	Additional trails or sidewalks to connect. Sidewalks should be installed along Ridge Pike.	10/6/2020 10:01 AM
36	Access to perkiomen trail from Arcola road bridge	10/4/2020 8:23 AM
37	A culvert footbridge at site of the old Yerkes Road bridge.	10/3/2020 5:22 PM
38	Sidewalks along Ridge Pike	9/29/2020 11:35 AM
39	Perkiomen trail access	9/24/2020 10:04 AM
40	I do not walk at high pedestrian/biking times	9/23/2020 5:22 PM
41	Betzwood Park	9/22/2020 6:53 PM
42	Trails. Perkiomen, Schuylkill	9/22/2020 4:50 PM
43	I drive to upper providence to bike in lower because pinetown road is dangerous and no crossing at egypt - the bridge crossing on egypt as part of audubon loop is dangerous - the residential connections to the trails are non-existent	9/21/2020 10:21 AM
44	Bike lane or sidewalks on arcola road to the bridge going to cinder mill to gain access to trail	9/20/2020 8:57 PM
45	Perkiomen trail	9/20/2020 8:40 PM
46	Would love to be able to walk along Egypt or Park to get to the CVS and Redners area	9/20/2020 12:20 PM
47	Make Audubon one of the best small towns to live!	9/18/2020 5:10 PM
48	I walk along Ridge Pike and Germantown Pike to get to residential areas to walk. It would be nice to have more side walks along theses roads so that we are not so close to traffic.	9/18/2020 1:31 PM

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49	Access to Perkiomen Trail from Yerkes Road (Lower Providence side across the creek)	9/18/2020 11:00 AM
50	1) Would like to see a trail connecting Eagleville Park or neighborhood on the north to Evansburg State Park. 2) Would like to see a side walk on Church Road between Walker Lane and Eskie Park entrance for safety reasons.	9/18/2020 10:42 AM
51	Connector paths to existing trails, i.e. Apple Valley Ln to Audubon Loop	9/17/2020 12:22 PM
52	Hoy park from arcola rd and Hoy to perk. Bike trail	9/17/2020 8:19 AM
53	access to parks through high traffic areas	9/16/2020 11:34 PM
54	GW	9/16/2020 4:19 PM
55	Lower Perkiomen Valley Park	9/16/2020 10:45 AM
56	Id like to be able to get to Collegeville and Skippack	9/16/2020 12:14 AM
57	Access to the Schuylkill River Trail	9/15/2020 9:44 PM
58	Audubon Loop on Egypt Road	9/15/2020 8:50 PM

Q13 What would encourage you to walk more? (Please check all that apply.)

Answered: 512 Skipped: 136



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Additional sidewalks	69.92%	358
Better connectivity between sidewalks	57.42%	294
Safer crossings	46.29%	237
Additional off-road trails	44.92%	230
Better street lighting	33.40%	171
Less traffic	24.02%	123
Wider sidewalks	23.83%	122
Other (please specify)	10.16%	52
Total Respondents: 512		

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1	Also, put one down Audubon road. I mean really, it would get people to move more. Plus, nice to walk a "loop" around neighborhood. Get this going now!	3/26/2021 4:51 PM
2	make homeowners/township cut bushes or trees back that are obstructing the sidewalk	3/25/2021 2:42 PM
3	asphalt pavement so I do not have to run/walk on concrete	3/23/2021 8:10 PM

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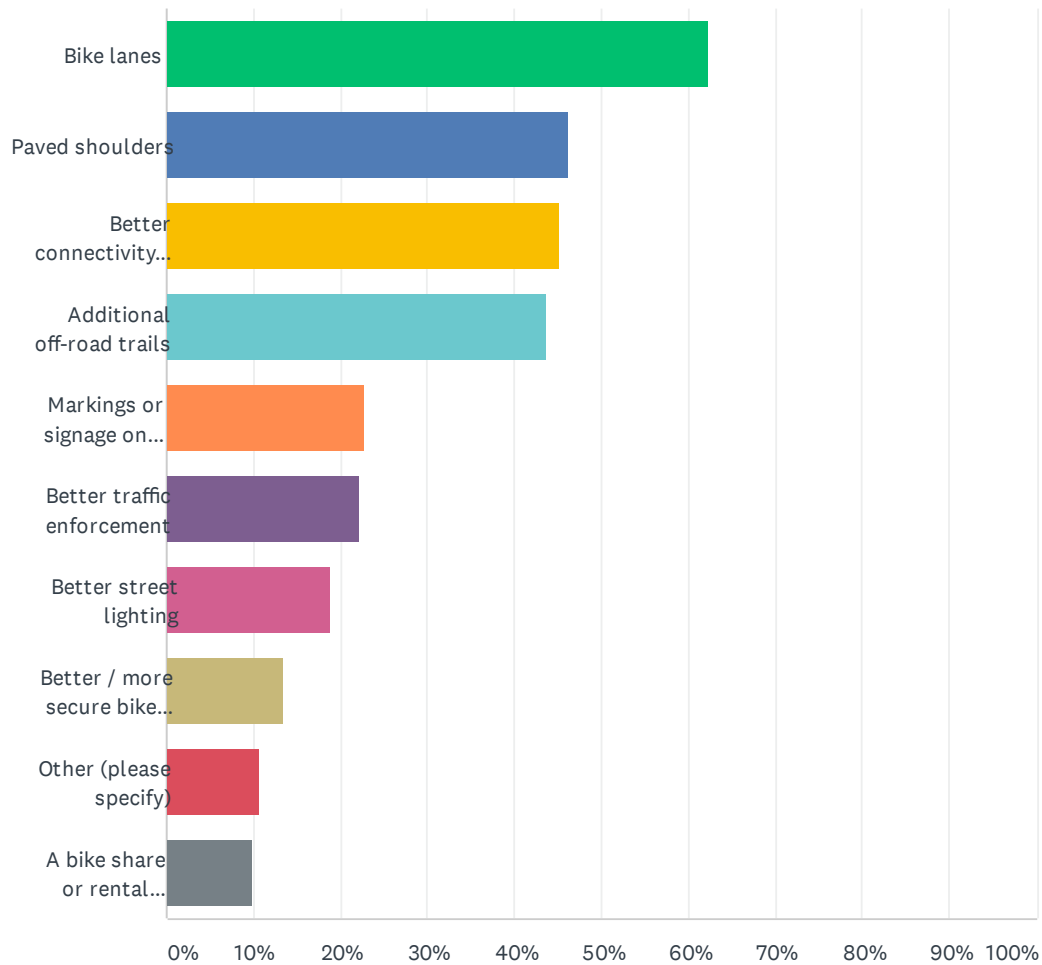
4	asphalt development sidewalk for running, walking. cement sidewalks are not too healthful	3/23/2021 6:09 PM
5	Dog park	3/17/2021 3:58 PM
6	Scenery	3/16/2021 9:49 PM
7	Flashing stop signs would help	3/16/2021 11:54 AM
8	Much more cleaning and surfaces of walking area	2/16/2021 2:28 PM
9	Need a finished sidewalk to hoy park from Barrington. The sidewalk just ends there and doesn't connect to hoy park.	2/12/2021 9:27 PM
10	Parking near walking areas	2/11/2021 4:13 PM
11	Better weather	2/11/2021 2:23 PM
12	More courteous drivers who actually stop at lights and stop signs	2/11/2021 10:42 AM
13	Time off	2/10/2021 11:26 PM
14	A place to walk where my kids are playing like a skate park	2/10/2021 11:02 PM
15	Warm weather. ☀	2/10/2021 10:37 PM
16	We've been walking in the new neighborhood at Markley Farms. It's so pretty with the estuary and the houses.	2/10/2021 10:00 PM
17	Better eye sight	2/10/2021 8:00 PM
18	Better maintained sidewalks	2/10/2021 7:44 PM
19	More stop signs. Like on the Church Road Raceway.	2/10/2021 6:48 PM
20	Access to the trails from my neighborhood is non existent unless I go down passings rd from Egypt or down trooped	1/25/2021 5:12 PM
21	Nothings	1/20/2021 7:17 PM
22	Shared bike and walking trails make me feel unsafe and especially during the pandemic	1/20/2021 7:07 PM
23	We love walking around here! But you can't walk safely on many roads	1/15/2021 3:04 PM
24	Curbing	1/15/2021 2:58 PM
25	No street lights in our neighborhood.	1/10/2021 7:20 AM
26	n/a	1/9/2021 10:51 PM
27	Sidewalk on River Road to safely walk to neighboring townhouses	1/9/2021 8:17 PM
28	SIDEWALKS	1/8/2021 4:56 PM
29	The roads the cars drive on need more help	1/8/2021 7:29 AM
30	Better street lighting may be appropriate in some areas but not others. My neighborhood has no lighting and I actually think that helps wildlife and we are adjacent to open areas and habitat. In that situation I don't think it would be beneficial to add street lights.	1/8/2021 6:38 AM
31	Sidewalks are sporadic	12/29/2020 12:57 PM
32	Separate Walking and Biking Trails	12/16/2020 3:23 PM
33	Better advertising of available trails. I didn't know there was an Evansburg Trail.	11/23/2020 12:54 PM
34	People obeying speed limits and being mindful of pedestrians, pets and wildlife	11/15/2020 8:49 PM
35	No hunting	10/26/2020 3:41 PM
36	better health	10/26/2020 2:13 PM
37	No hunting in Evansburg	10/26/2020 11:47 AM
38	No hunting	10/26/2020 11:45 AM

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39	PLEASE consider disallowing hunting at Evansburg State Park. Please. There are many trail hikers all over the loop and it's now becoming unsafe to walk out there with the number of hunters. A person was just shot at Nox State Park by a hunter, I do not want to see that here. We are in Evansburg 3-4 times/week for jogging and hiking, and take the kids and high schoolers over there for training.	10/26/2020 10:21 AM
40	Less Corona	10/26/2020 8:49 AM
41	Path/trails to connect audubon village and golf course to audubon loop	10/8/2020 1:28 PM
42	The walk way on the Audubon loop that puts you on Egypt Rd is dangerous.	10/7/2020 10:20 PM
43	Bike lanes or availability for Bike lanes	10/6/2020 2:13 PM
44	None	10/5/2020 2:15 AM
45	A culvert footbridge at site of the old Yerkes Road bridge.	10/3/2020 5:22 PM
46	Not having to work	9/30/2020 9:46 PM
47	bike lanes to trails	9/20/2020 8:57 PM
48	Put a line on the mixed use trails, bikes one side, pedestrians the other.	9/18/2020 4:31 PM
49	More dog friendly parks	9/18/2020 9:05 AM
50	Walking path from Hoy Park to Arcola Road Bridge is needed!	9/17/2020 9:05 PM
51	Within neighborhoods sidewalks seen great but neighborhoods are very isolated from eachother/ no sidewalks connecting	9/16/2020 10:36 PM
52	Cars stopping at stop signs	9/16/2020 6:26 PM

Q14 What would encourage you to bike more? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 416 Skipped: 232



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bike lanes	62.26%	259
Paved shoulders	46.15%	192
Better connectivity between bike facilities	45.19%	188
Additional off-road trails	43.75%	182
Markings or signage on roads	22.84%	95
Better traffic enforcement	22.12%	92
Better street lighting	18.75%	78
Better / more secure bike parking	13.46%	56
Other (please specify)	10.58%	44
A bike share or rental program	9.86%	41
Total Respondents: 416		

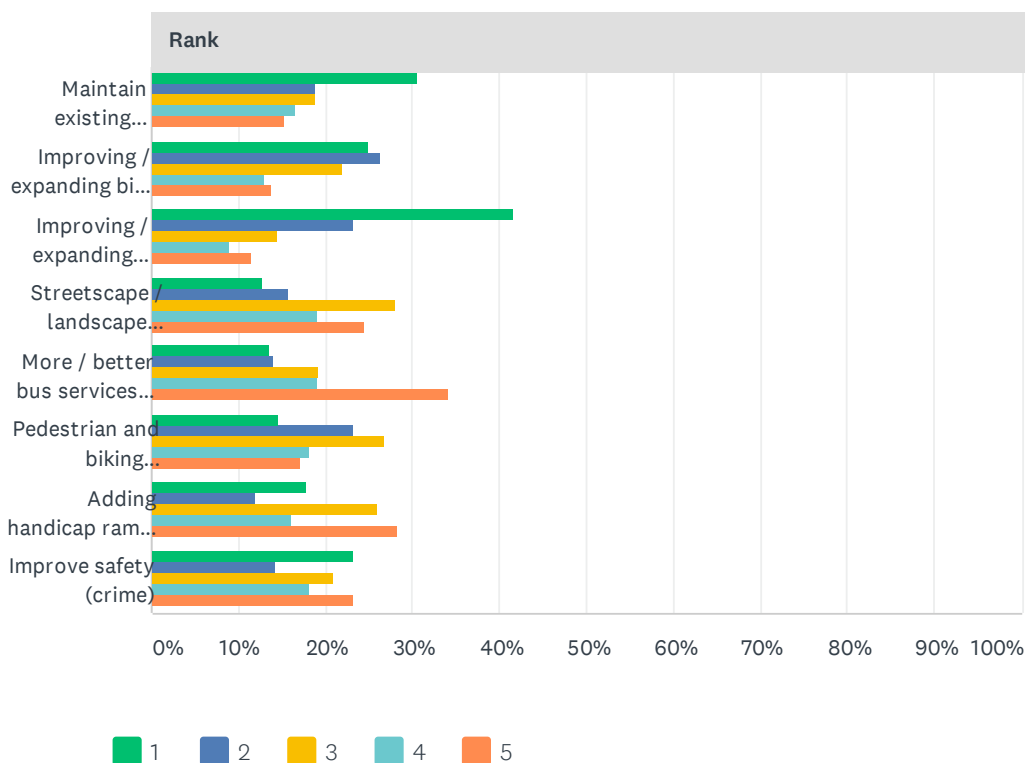
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1	N/A	3/29/2021 2:20 PM
2	we don't bike at home, only on vacation	3/25/2021 2:42 PM
3	Nothing	3/24/2021 10:13 PM
4	N/A	3/24/2021 8:28 PM
5	the new lights/crossings in Collegeville don't help pedestrians	3/17/2021 10:45 AM
6	Not applicable, interested on running & walking	2/16/2021 2:28 PM
7	Buying a bike	2/11/2021 9:49 PM
8	Better parking	2/11/2021 4:13 PM
9	I have to buy a bike first.	2/11/2021 10:42 AM
10	A trail from my home to the current trails so i do not need to drive to bike	2/11/2021 9:50 AM
11	Time off and a bike	2/10/2021 11:26 PM
12	Multi-language signage for trail manners	2/10/2021 9:36 PM
13	None	2/10/2021 9:13 PM
14	More bike trails	2/10/2021 8:28 PM
15	Do not bike	2/10/2021 8:00 PM
16	Less traffic	2/10/2021 7:23 PM
17	Wider lanes	2/7/2021 1:31 PM
18	connectivity to the trails	1/28/2021 10:31 AM
19	,	1/26/2021 8:55 AM
20	Do not own a bike.	1/22/2021 1:09 PM
21	Nothing	1/20/2021 7:17 PM
22	I don't bike	1/20/2021 7:07 PM
23	me	1/20/2021 5:28 PM

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24	Clean shoulders...Too much debris and brush that hang into the shoulders	1/15/2021 3:46 PM
25	No additional resource required for biking	1/10/2021 7:20 AM
26	A dog basket on my bike!	1/9/2021 10:51 PM
27	Better roads without pot holes	1/8/2021 7:29 AM
28	Bike rental on the trail would be a great little business and a benefit. More secure parking and bike racks are really important but won't get used unless you also increase connectivity to the point that people can get around for work, errands, etc.	1/8/2021 6:38 AM
29	:	1/8/2021 1:58 AM
30	Nothing	1/7/2021 11:48 PM
31	new knees	10/26/2020 7:46 PM
32	No hunting	10/26/2020 3:41 PM
33	Not interested- bikes should not be on roads	10/7/2020 4:59 PM
34	More vehicle parking near trails	10/7/2020 2:13 PM
35	None	10/5/2020 2:15 AM
36	A culvert footbridge at site of the old Yerkes Road bridge.	10/3/2020 5:22 PM
37	Not having to work	9/30/2020 9:46 PM
38	keep the existing shoulders clear. It is hard to bike sometimes on Ridge Pike because there is so much debris on the shoulders	9/23/2020 2:49 PM
39	Having somewhere to keep a bike, I live on the third floor in an apartment. Maybe build single bike storage lockers to rent at the trail heads.	9/18/2020 4:31 PM
40	Signage about 4-foot law	9/18/2020 11:00 AM
41	we don't bike	9/17/2020 7:08 AM
42	Sidewalks to Arcola bridge down Arcola and level roads KOP	9/17/2020 6:47 AM
43	Bike parking at shops	9/16/2020 7:49 PM
44	I live off of Arcoka road - biking is terrifying, which is unfortunate because it would be the natural connector to wonderful bike trails	9/16/2020 10:01 AM

Q15 Rank the five (5) most important issues that could create better connectivity in Lower Providence Township. (1=High Priority, 5=Low Priority)

Answered: 509 Skipped: 139



Rank	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Maintain existing infrastructure (sidewalks, roadways, etc.)	30.52% 141	18.83% 87	18.83% 87	16.45% 76	15.37% 71	462
Improving / expanding bike paths and routes	24.83% 111	26.40% 118	21.92% 98	12.98% 58	13.87% 62	447
Improving / expanding sidewalks and pedestrian paths	41.74% 202	23.14% 112	14.46% 70	9.09% 44	11.57% 56	484
Streetscape / landscape projects to improve corridor aesthetics	12.85% 50	15.68% 61	28.02% 109	19.02% 74	24.42% 95	389
More / better bus services and routes	13.64% 36	14.02% 37	19.32% 51	18.94% 50	34.09% 90	264
Pedestrian and biking improvements in commercial corridors	14.59% 62	23.29% 99	26.82% 114	18.12% 77	17.18% 73	425
Adding handicap ramps / accessibility	17.83% 51	11.89% 34	25.87% 74	16.08% 46	28.32% 81	286
Improve safety (crime)	23.26% 70	14.29% 43	20.93% 63	18.27% 55	23.26% 70	301

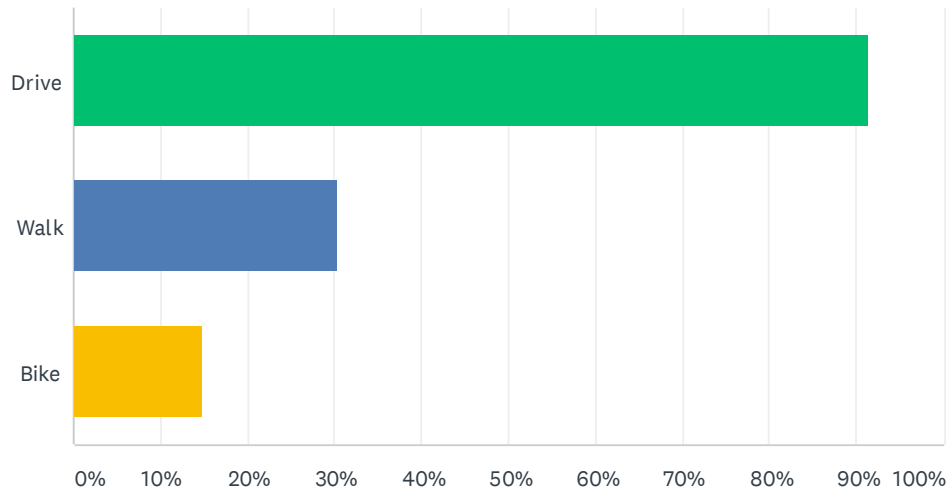
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1	Start something---side walk to Bald Birds, side walk to Audubon Sanctuary, Connect a couple of sidewalks.	3/26/2021 4:51 PM
2	less new building/home construction and more open space	3/25/2021 2:42 PM
3	Bus stops getting a pad to stand on while waiting	3/17/2021 3:58 PM
4	Street lights and sidewalks in neighborhoods near Eagleville School	3/16/2021 3:15 PM
5	While this is a low crime township, the drivers are horrible.	2/11/2021 10:42 AM
6	These topics seem very loaded and not diverse	2/10/2021 11:26 PM
7	We need a skate park that is local.for our kids	2/10/2021 11:02 PM
8	Clean the waterways and streets.	2/10/2021 10:37 PM
9	preserve more open space, reduce traffic, curb residential and commercial building	2/3/2021 8:59 AM
10	Adding sidewalks to amazing trails in our area, especially off of Arcola bridge.	1/21/2021 1:37 PM
11	Nothing	1/20/2021 7:17 PM
12	Connecting audubon shopping center to aducbon bird sanctuary by side walks. There are some in place but they don't connect	1/9/2021 10:44 AM
13	Adding sidewalks to link to existing ones	1/9/2021 6:43 AM
14	Making more trails for biking/walking in Evansburg SP	10/26/2020 2:24 PM
15	Hunting within Evansburg park only on certain days	10/26/2020 12:39 PM
16	No hunting in evansburg	10/26/2020 11:47 AM
17	First priority: Preserving existing natural areas and expanding to larger spaces. Capturing water runoff to keep it out of our waterways and preserve our resources. Educating residents on the impact they can make on their own property.	10/7/2020 9:20 PM
18	A culvert footbridge at site of the old Yerkes Road bridge.	10/3/2020 5:22 PM
19	Make it routine design like upper p does	9/24/2020 10:04 AM
20	Improve access to waterways for boating	9/24/2020 10:02 AM
21	bike lanes on roads	9/20/2020 8:57 PM
22	Connecting main parks (eg Eagleville to Evansburg) with trails or safe passage	9/18/2020 10:42 AM
23	More dog friendly places	9/18/2020 9:05 AM
24	bike lanes linking trails to retail shopping	9/17/2020 12:22 PM
25	better accessibility to parks via walking	9/17/2020 9:38 AM

Q16 How do you usually travel to area parks? (Please check all that apply)

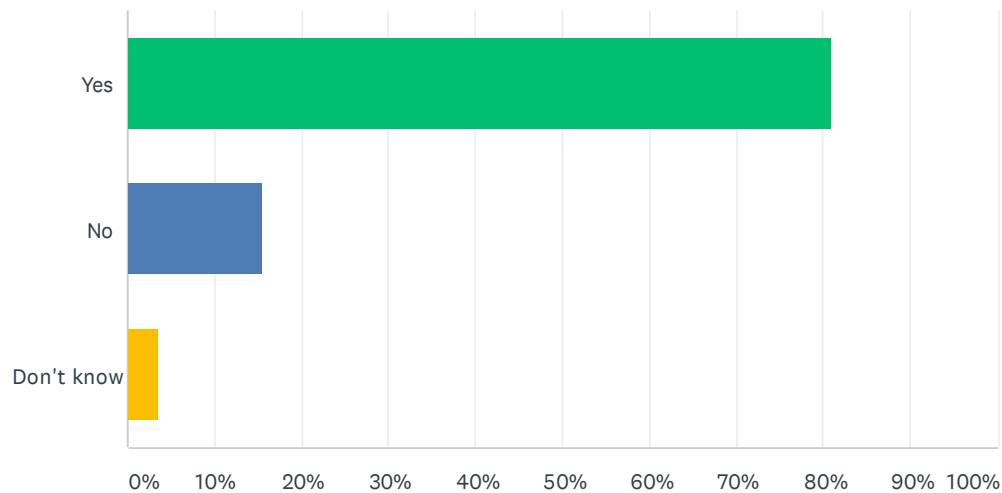
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Drive	91.42%	469
Walk	30.41%	156
Bike	14.81%	76
Total Respondents: 513		

Q17 Do you feel that there are an adequate number of parks, natural areas, and trails available to you in or in close proximity to where you live?

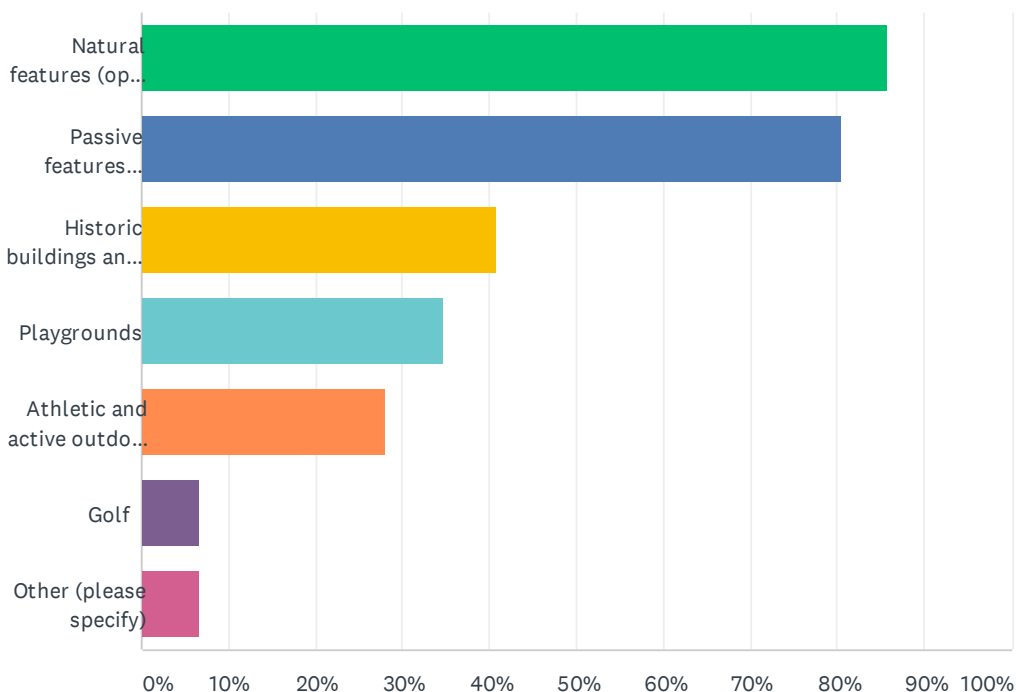
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.91%	411
No	15.55%	79
Don't know	3.54%	18
TOTAL		508

Q18 What are your favorite types of park features? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 511 Skipped: 137



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Natural features (open space, wildlife habitat, outdoor education, etc.)	85.71%	438
Passive features (trails, benches, picnic facilities, etc.)	80.63%	412
Historic buildings and facilities	40.70%	208
Playgrounds	34.64%	177
Athletic and active outdoor activities (fields, courts, pools, fitness equip, etc.)	27.98%	143
Golf	6.65%	34
Other (please specify)	6.65%	34
Total Respondents: 511		

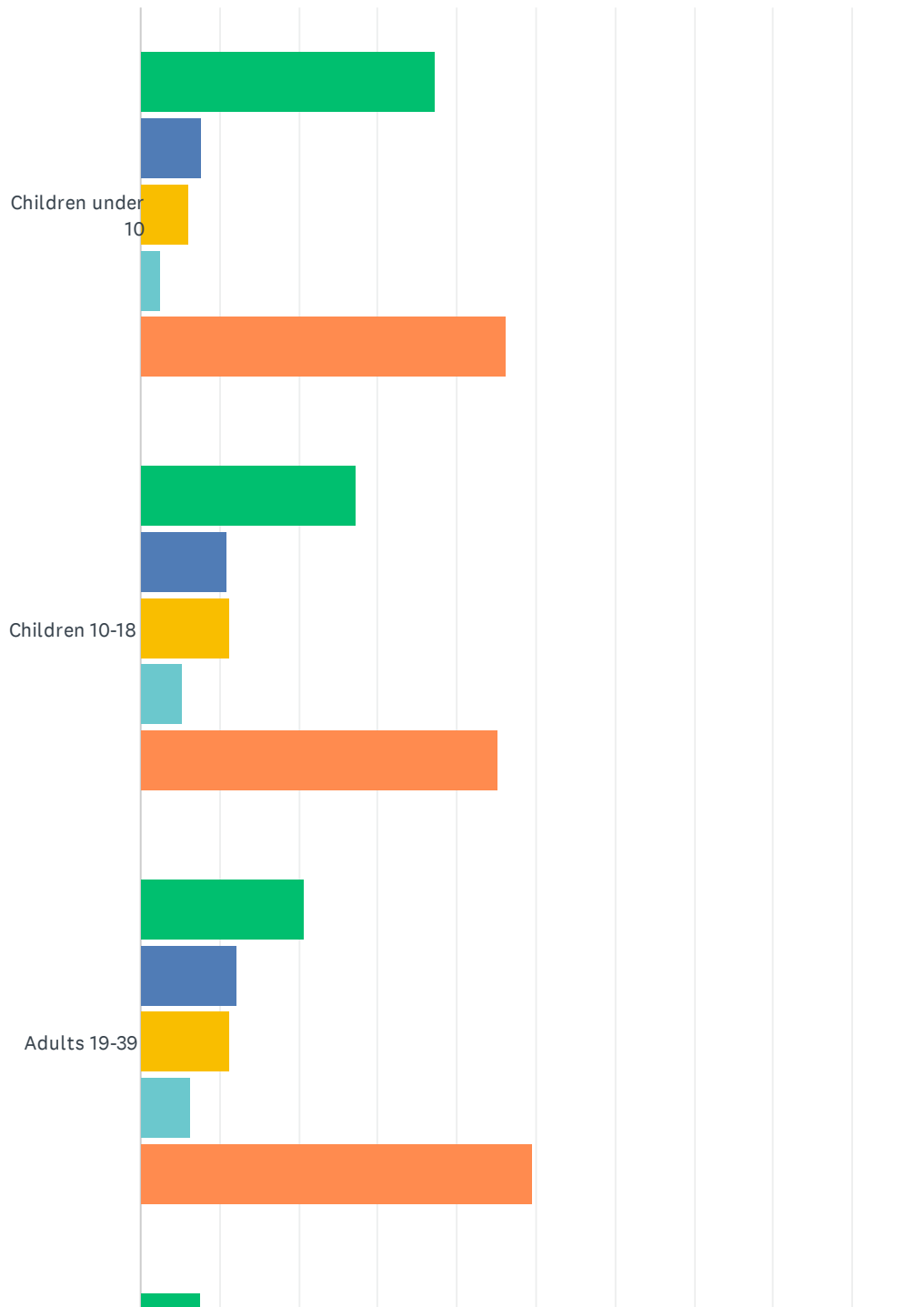
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2	Wish we had a splash park at Eagleville	3/17/2021 4:03 PM
3	any chance for more pickleball playing?	3/17/2021 10:48 AM
4	Activities	3/16/2021 8:52 PM
5	adequate parking spaces; easy access from roads	3/16/2021 5:38 PM
6	Green space, community gardens, pollinator gardens. Less pavement, more nature	3/16/2021 3:18 PM

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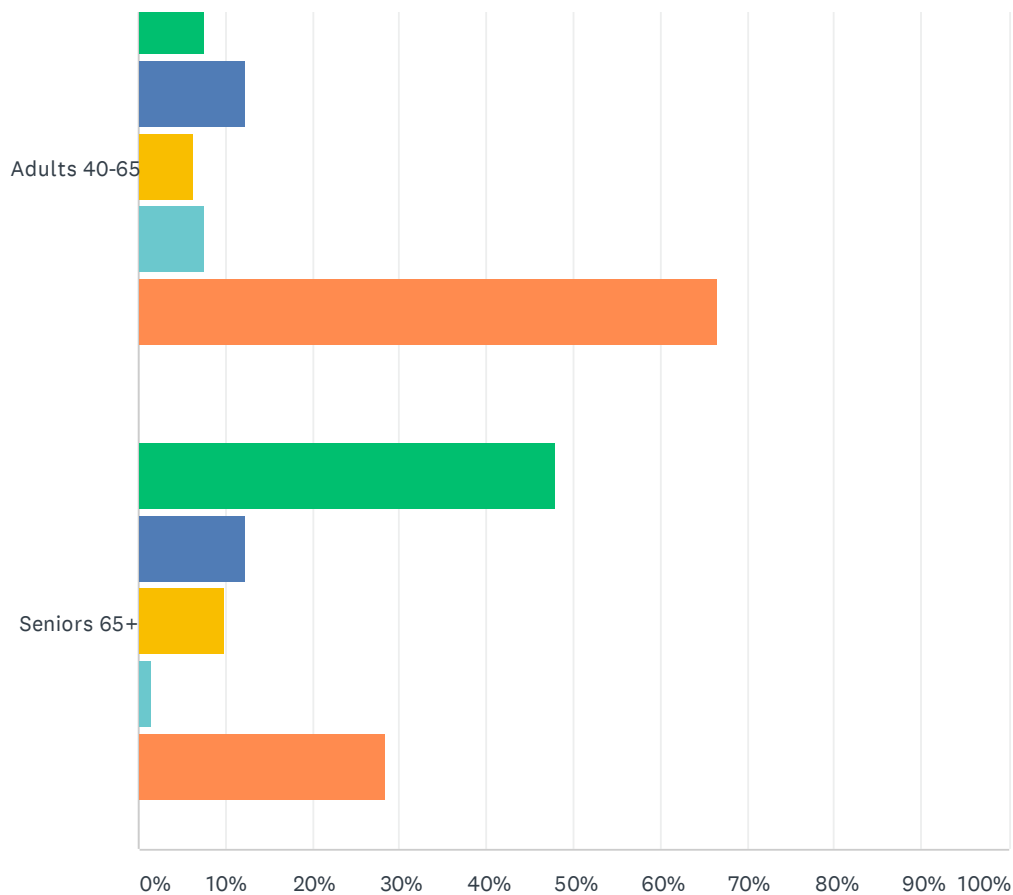
7	Adult Softball fields	3/16/2021 10:03 AM
8	We need a Frisbee golf course in lower providence	2/12/2021 9:32 PM
9	More and more available places to refill water bottles would be nice and more trash and recyclable cans.	2/11/2021 10:46 AM
10	Trash cans	2/10/2021 9:40 PM
11	None	2/10/2021 9:15 PM
12	Well maintained trails with diverse scenery and options to keep it from getting boring.	2/10/2021 9:04 PM
13	Dog park!	1/26/2021 6:15 PM
14	Dedicated trail or path to explore	1/25/2021 5:15 PM
15	Walking paths	1/21/2021 1:41 PM
16	Area for dogs	1/21/2021 11:25 AM
17	Need to create habitat attracting Nature centers that do not have bikers or roaming pets. Attracting birds and mammals to observe would be great. Bird blinds and water habitat features	1/20/2021 7:13 PM
18	Dog friendly	1/8/2021 12:16 PM
19	Any place where wildlife killing is not allowed	11/15/2020 8:52 PM
20	Mountain bike accessible trails.	10/26/2020 10:42 PM
21	mountain biking trails	10/26/2020 11:20 AM
22	proper open restrooms	10/9/2020 7:43 PM
23	All of it	10/6/2020 2:15 PM
24	I would LOVE to see a nature playscape or splash pad, especially at Eskie park where the large grassy areas consistently have little to no use.	9/29/2020 10:09 PM
25	Wish there was a splash park for children	9/24/2020 10:10 AM
26	Skate park	9/20/2020 3:16 PM
27	We need a tennis club, perhaps where Audubon Elementary was? Buds bar and the bank were epic fails.... Now the chiropractors office is for rent..... that corner needs vast improvements. Why not a park?	9/18/2020 5:16 PM
28	Fishing access	9/18/2020 4:31 PM
29	Dog friendly	9/18/2020 9:07 AM
30	paved walking paths	9/17/2020 1:41 PM
31	We have lived in area for over a year now and see many trails but there are very few trailheads with parking and no sidewalk connections stil access seems very difficult though trails seem abundant	9/16/2020 10:44 PM
32	Need more public tennis courts	9/16/2020 9:17 PM
33	Safe walking areas; many times branches, depressing make walking uneven	9/16/2020 9:24 AM
34	Creeks and streams	9/16/2020 12:18 AM

Q19 Thinking about members of your household who are in the age groups listed below, how many trips in total have the members of your household made to parks, trails, natural areas and open spaces in the past 12 months? For example, a family of 4 visiting a park equals 4 separate trips in the appropriate age groups below. (If certain age groups are not applicable, leave boxes blank.)

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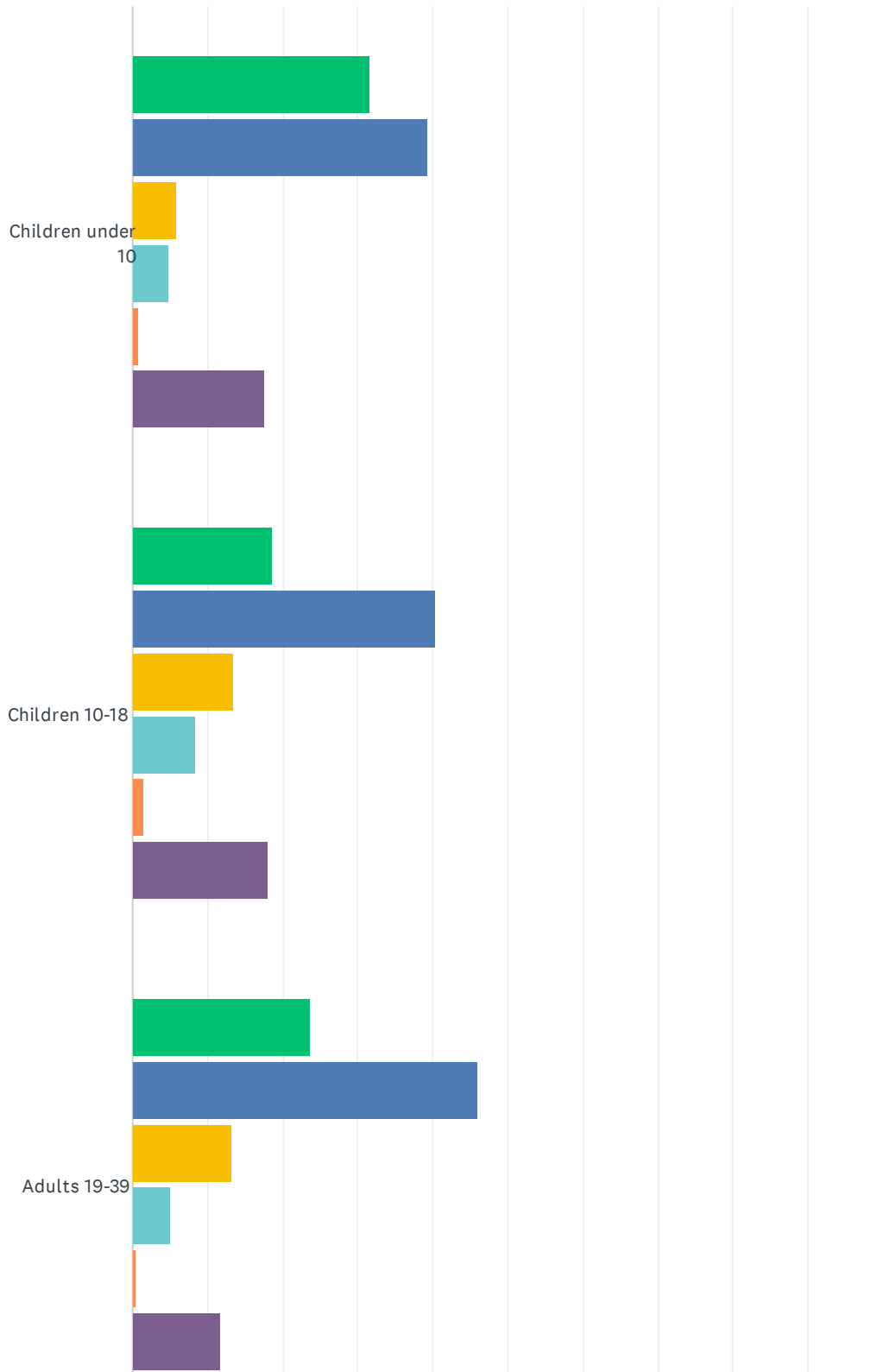


None 1-3 4-6 7-9 10 or more

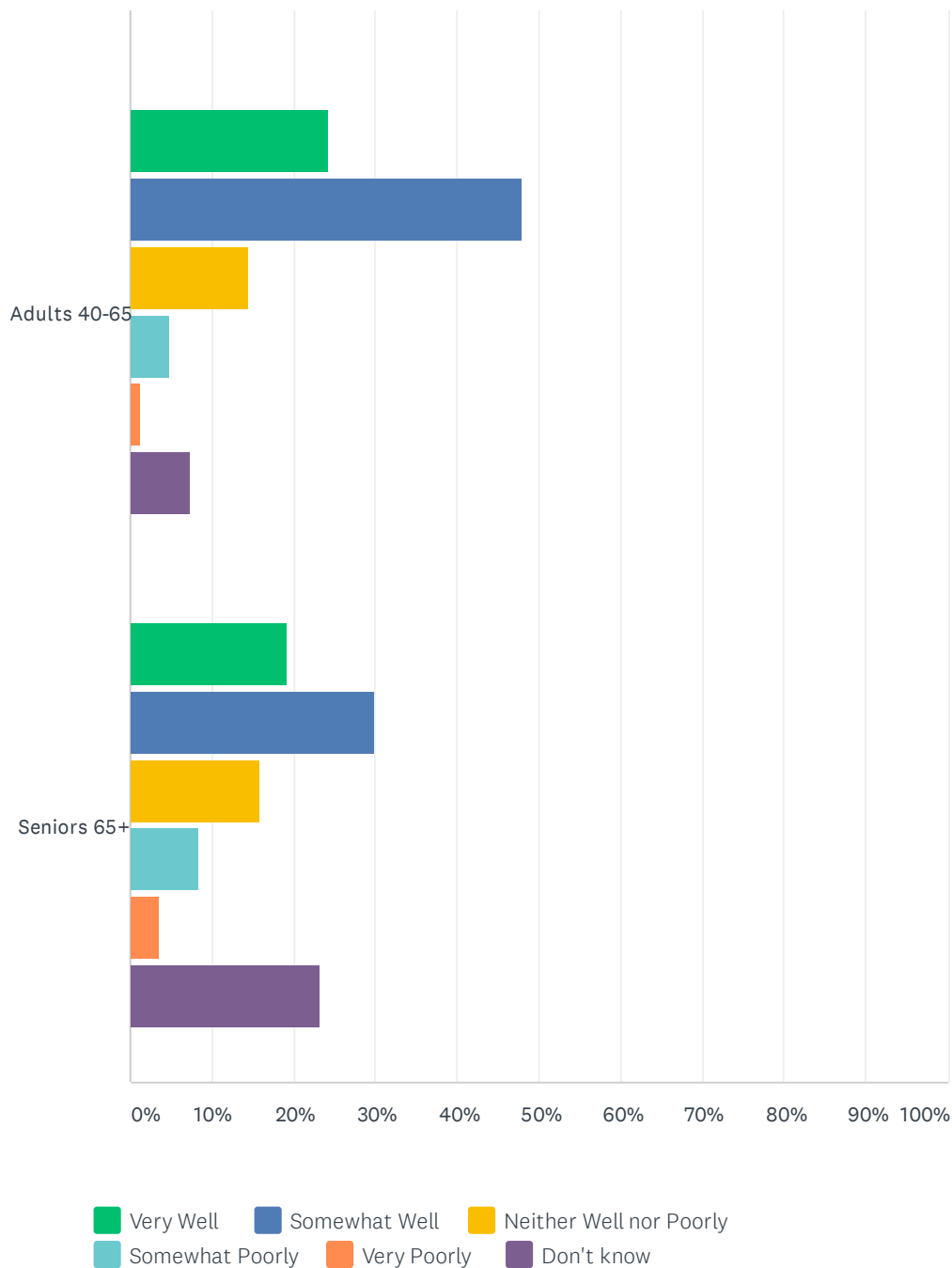
	NONE	1-3	4-6	7-9	10 OR MORE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Children under 10	37.30% 91	7.79% 19	6.15% 15	2.46% 6	46.31% 113	244	3.13
Children 10-18	27.24% 67	10.98% 27	11.38% 28	5.28% 13	45.12% 111	246	3.30
Adults 19-39	20.80% 57	12.04% 33	11.31% 31	6.20% 17	49.64% 136	274	3.52
Adults 40-65	7.44% 30	12.41% 50	6.20% 25	7.44% 30	66.50% 268	403	4.13
Seniors 65+	47.94% 93	12.37% 24	9.79% 19	1.55% 3	28.35% 55	194	2.50

Q20 In general, how well do you think the age groups listed below are served by parks, recreation, and open space in or near Lower Providence Township?

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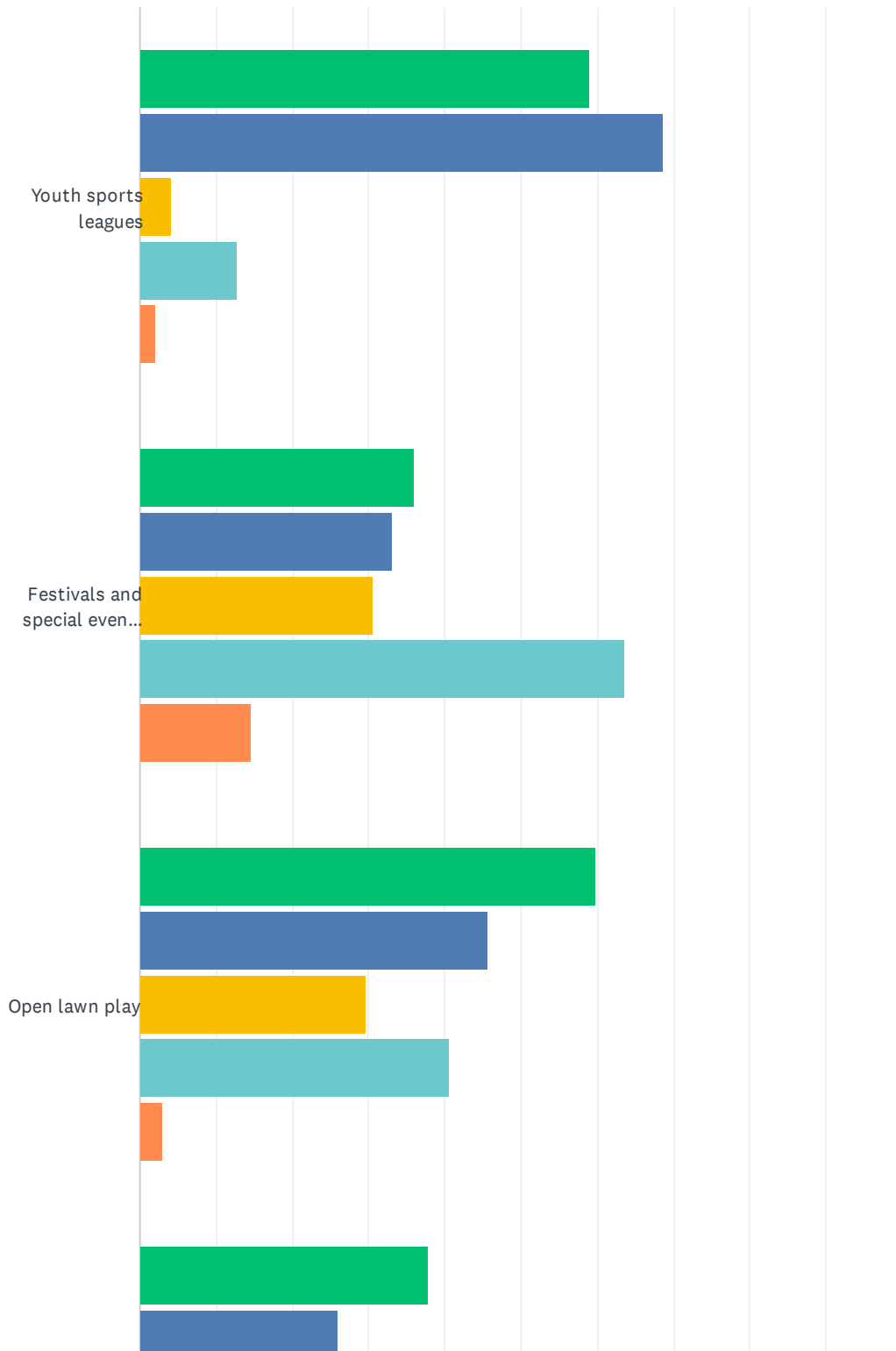
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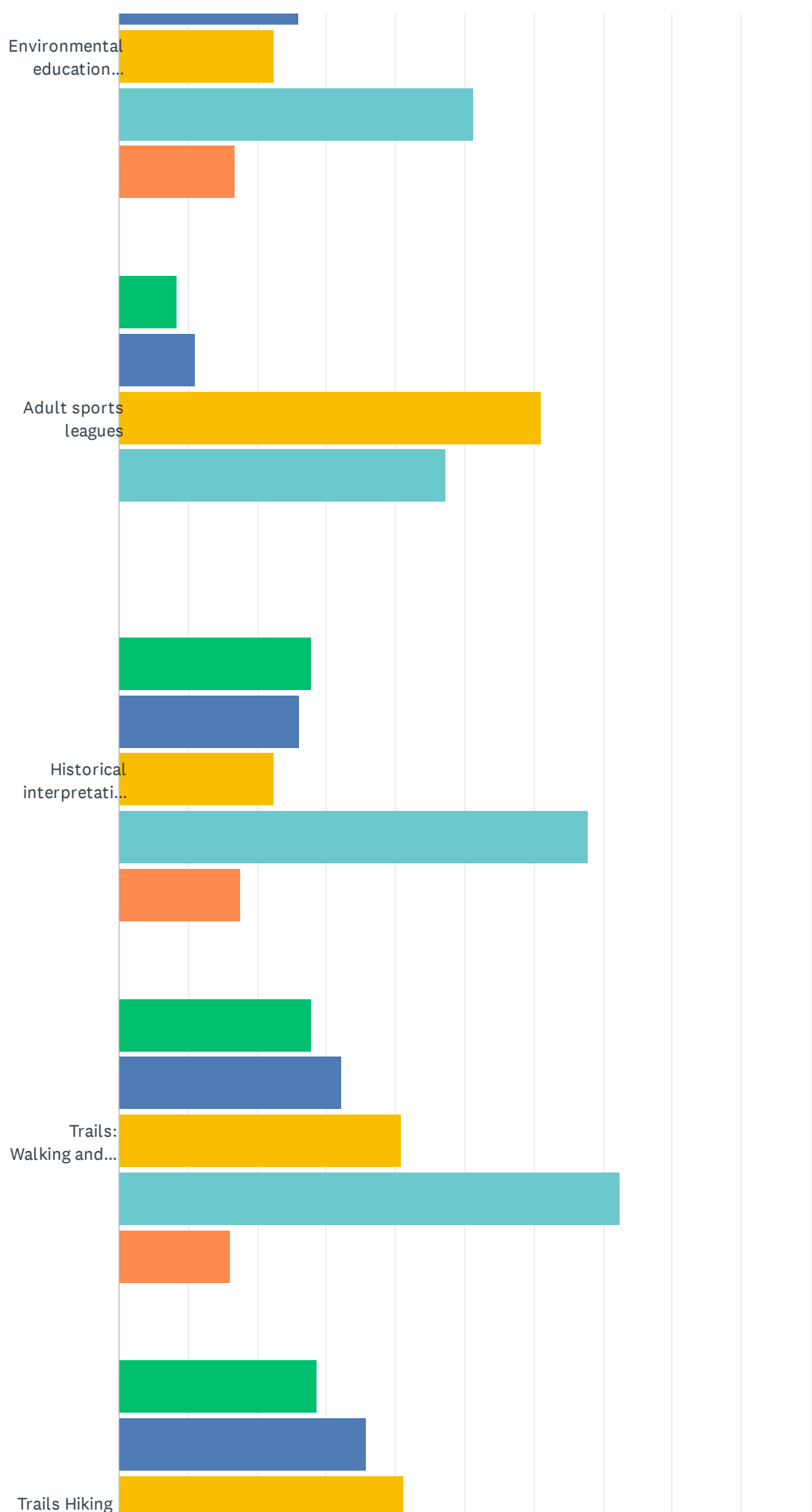
	VERY WELL	SOMEWHAT WELL	NEITHER WELL NOR POORLY	SOMEWHAT POORLY	VERY POORLY	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Children under 10	31.53% 140	39.41% 175	5.86% 26	4.73% 21	0.90% 4	17.57% 78	444
Children 10-18	18.62% 81	40.46% 176	13.33% 58	8.28% 36	1.38% 6	17.93% 78	435
Adults 19-39	23.56% 102	45.96% 199	13.16% 57	5.08% 22	0.46% 2	11.78% 51	433
Adults 40-65	24.18% 110	47.91% 218	14.51% 66	4.84% 22	1.32% 6	7.25% 33	455
Seniors 65+	19.26% 78	29.88% 121	15.80% 64	8.40% 34	3.46% 14	23.21% 94	405

Q21 The following is a list of outdoor activities often found in parks, natural areas, open spaces or recreation facilities. What activities did each age group in your household participate in and around Lower Providence Township? (Please check all that apply)

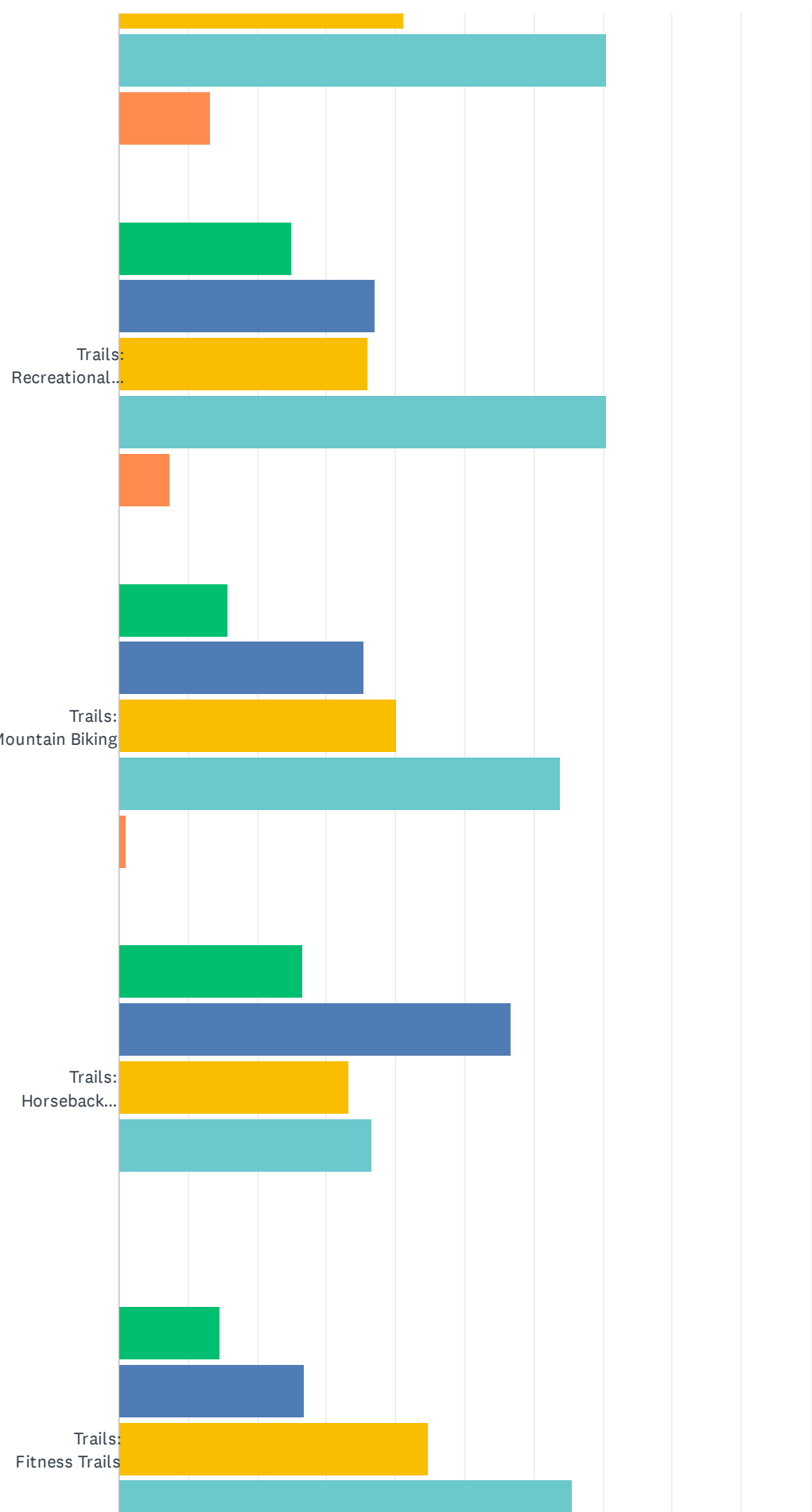
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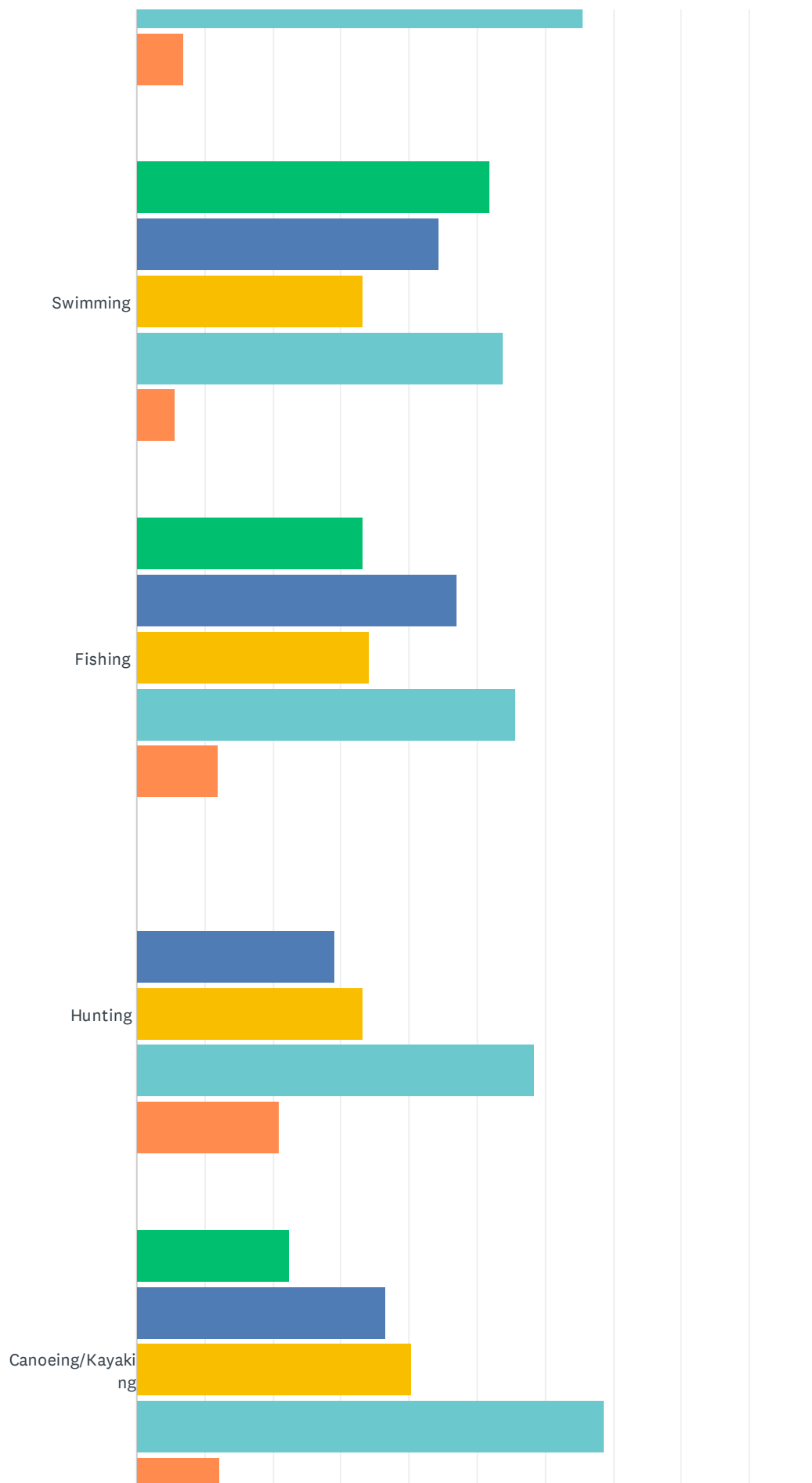
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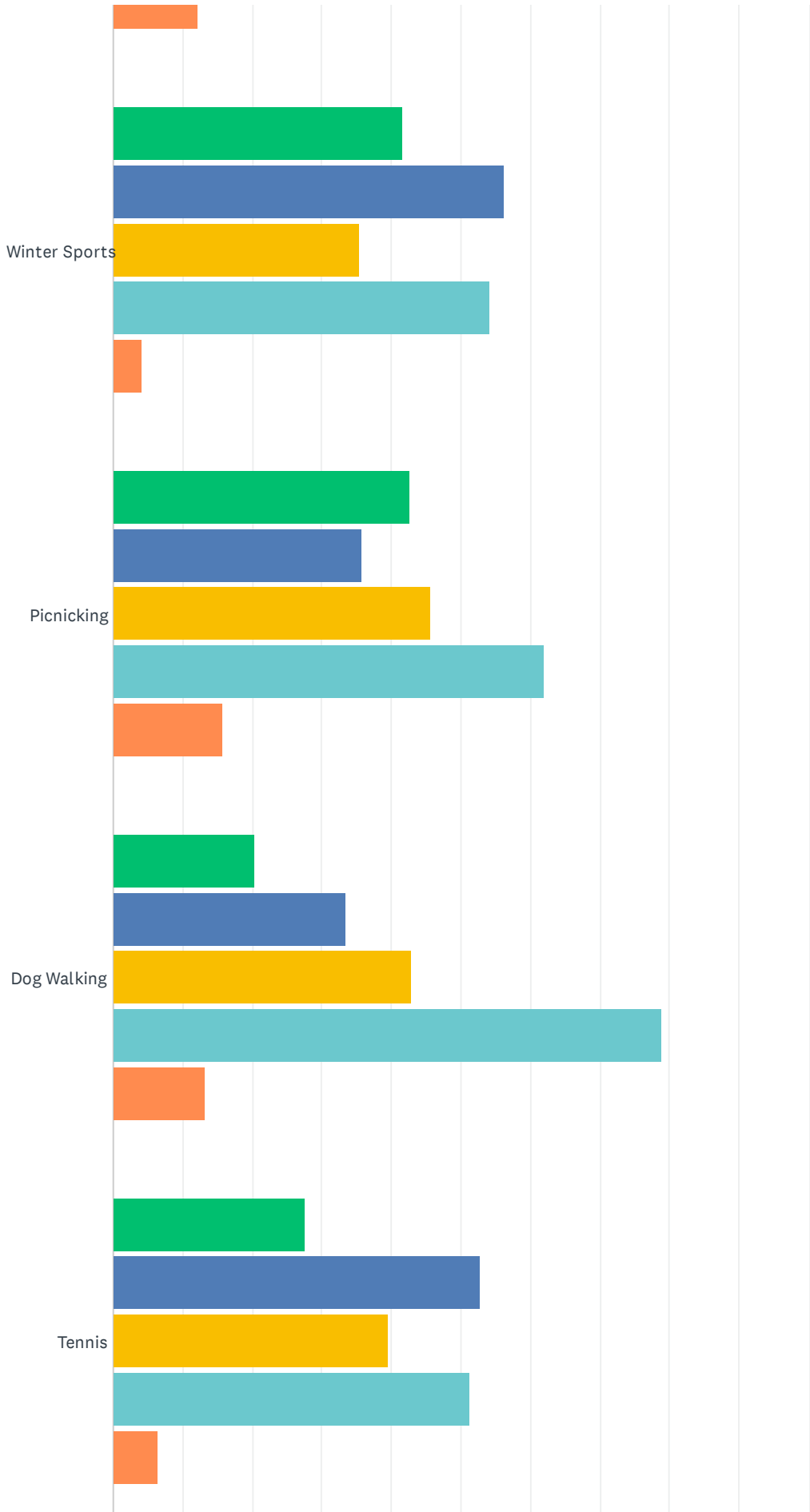
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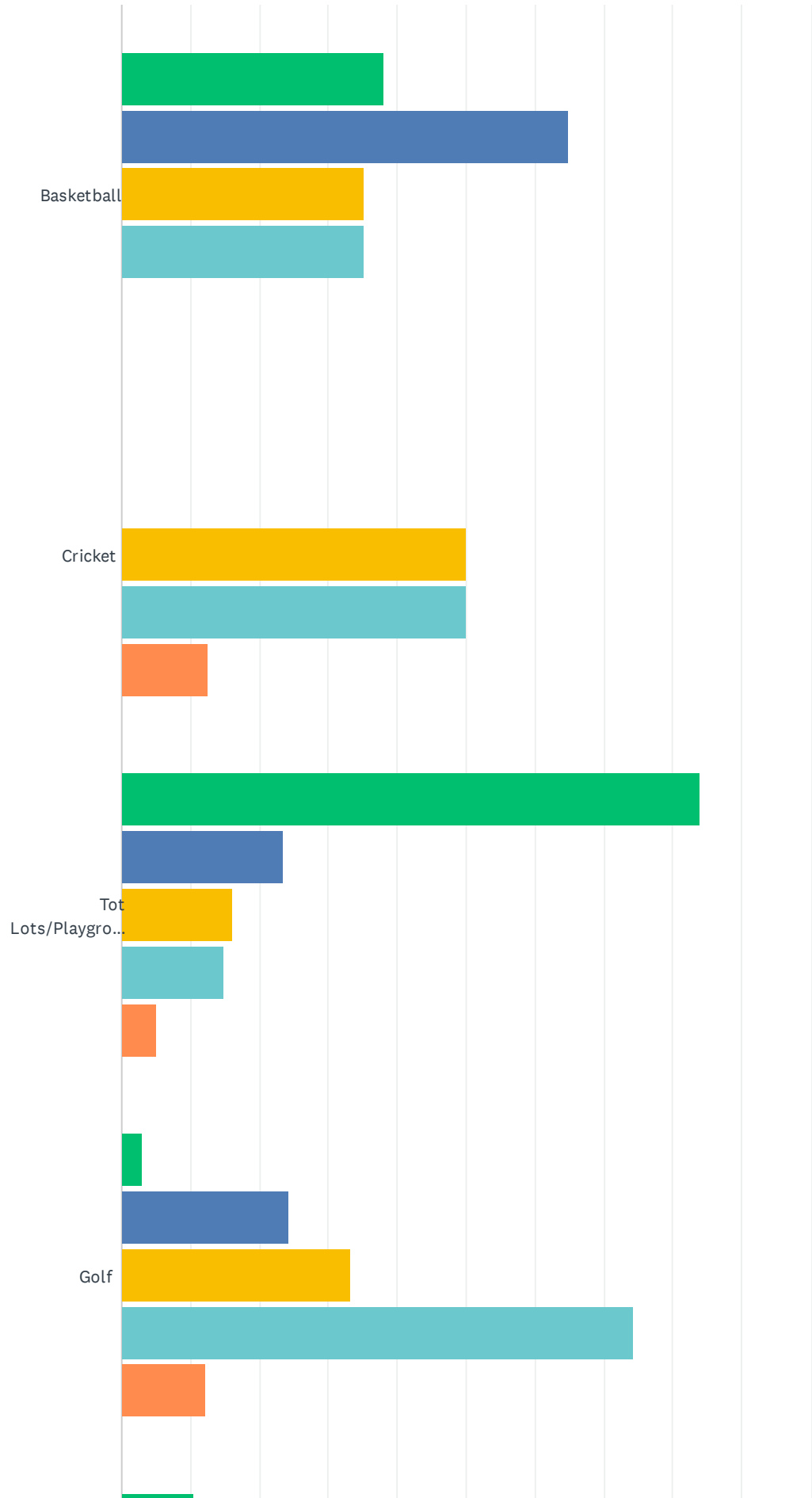
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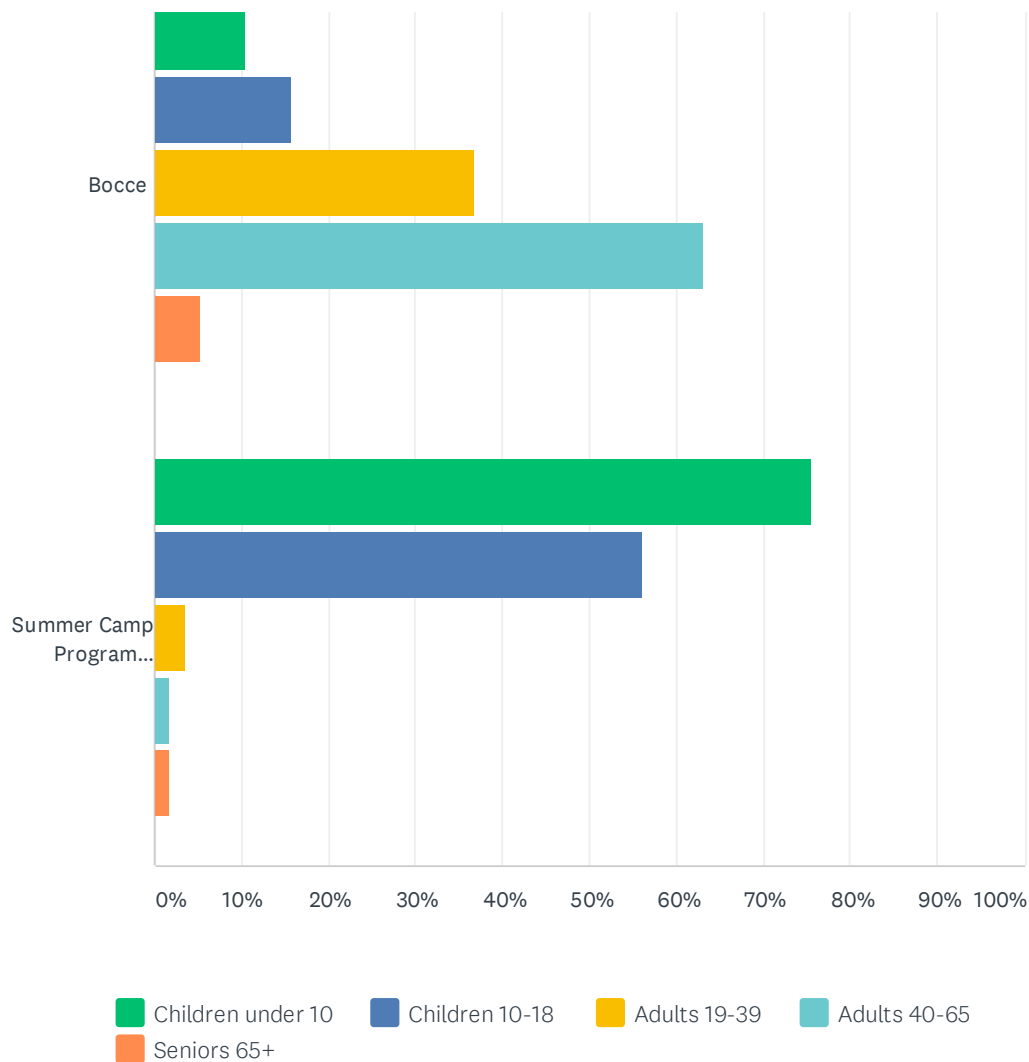
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	CHILDREN UNDER 10	CHILDREN 10-18	ADULTS 19-39	ADULTS 40-65	SENIORS 65+	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
Youth sports leagues	59.04% 111	68.62% 129	4.26% 8	12.77% 24	2.13% 4	188
Festivals and special events (e.g., concerts, theater)	35.92% 88	33.06% 81	30.61% 75	63.67% 156	14.69% 36	245
Open lawn play	59.90% 121	45.54% 92	29.70% 60	40.59% 82	2.97% 6	202
Environmental education (e.g., nature studying, bird watching)	37.80% 79	25.84% 54	22.49% 47	51.20% 107	16.75% 35	209
Adult sports leagues	8.33% 3	11.11% 4	61.11% 22	47.22% 17	0.00% 0	36
Historical interpretation (e.g., farmsteads, mills)	27.88% 46	26.06% 43	22.42% 37	67.88% 112	17.58% 29	165
Trails: Walking and jogging	27.84% 130	32.12% 150	40.90% 191	72.38% 338	16.06% 75	467
Trails Hiking	28.76% 111	35.75% 138	41.19% 159	70.47% 272	13.21% 51	386
Trails: Recreational Cycling	25.00% 68	37.13% 101	36.03% 98	70.59% 192	7.35% 20	272
Trails: Mountain Biking	15.69% 16	35.29% 36	40.20% 41	63.73% 65	0.98% 1	102
Trails: Horseback Riding	26.67% 8	56.67% 17	33.33% 10	36.67% 11	0.00% 0	30
Trails: Fitness Trails	14.66% 17	26.72% 31	44.83% 52	65.52% 76	6.90% 8	116
Swimming	51.85% 28	44.44% 24	33.33% 18	53.70% 29	5.56% 3	54
Fishing	33.33% 39	47.01% 55	34.19% 40	55.56% 65	11.97% 14	117
Hunting	0.00% 0	29.17% 7	33.33% 8	58.33% 14	20.83% 5	24
Canoeing/Kayaking	22.44% 35	36.54% 57	40.38% 63	68.59% 107	12.18% 19	156
Winter Sports	41.67% 20	56.25% 27	35.42% 17	54.17% 26	4.17% 2	48
Picnicking	42.69% 73	35.67% 61	45.61% 78	61.99% 106	15.79% 27	171
Dog Walking	20.34% 48	33.47% 79	42.80% 101	78.81% 186	13.14% 31	236
Tennis	27.63% 21	52.63% 40	39.47% 30	51.32% 39	6.58% 5	76
Basketball	38.14% 37	64.95% 63	35.05% 34	35.05% 34	0.00% 0	97
Cricket	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	50.00% 4	50.00% 4	12.50% 1	8
Tot Lots/Playgrounds	83.95% 136	23.46% 38	16.05% 26	14.81% 24	4.94% 8	162

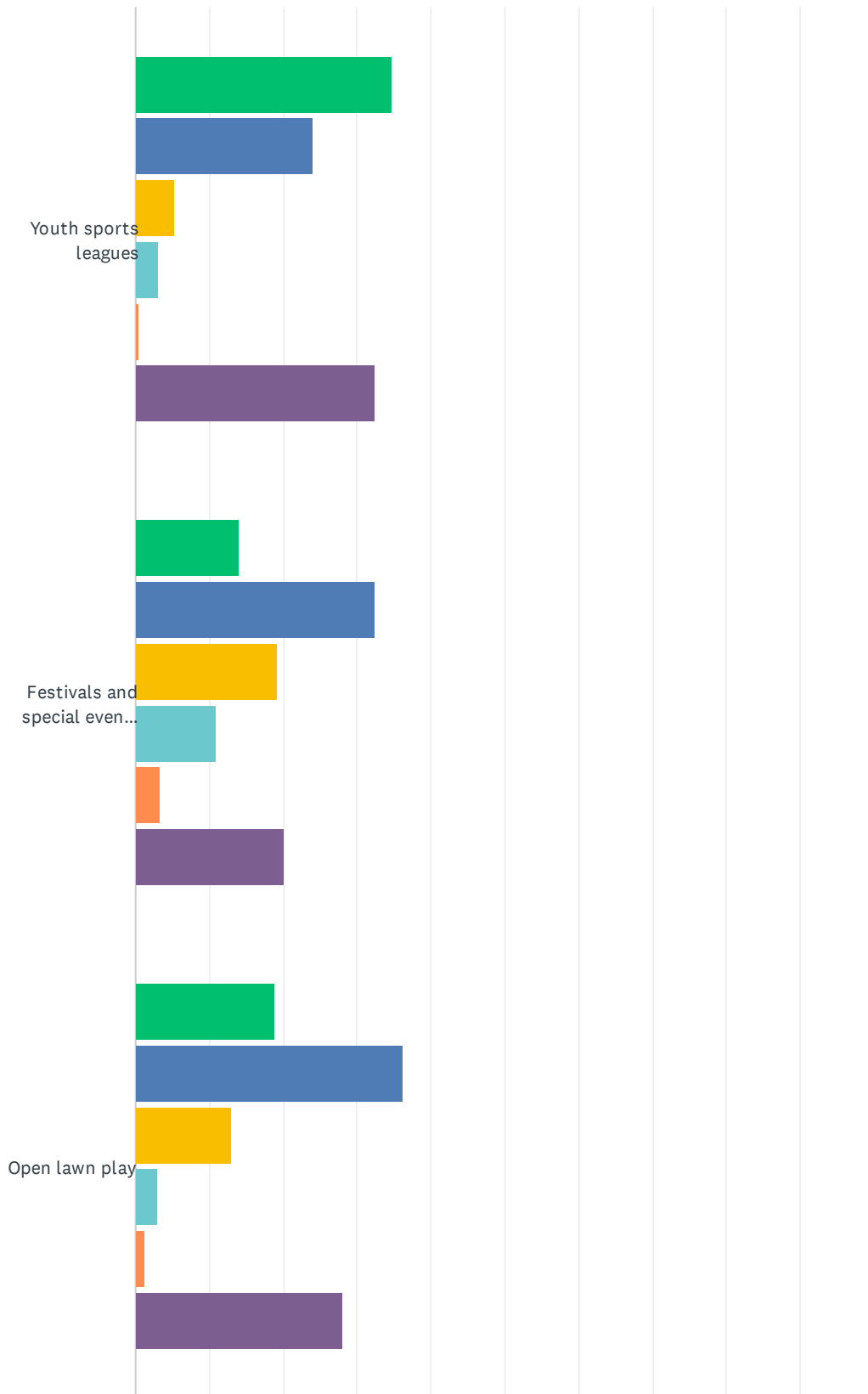
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Golf	3.03% 2	24.24% 16	33.33% 22	74.24% 49	12.12% 8	66
Bocce	10.53% 2	15.79% 3	36.84% 7	63.16% 12	5.26% 1	19
Summer Camp Program (Eagleville Park)	75.44% 43	56.14% 32	3.51% 2	1.75% 1	1.75% 1	57

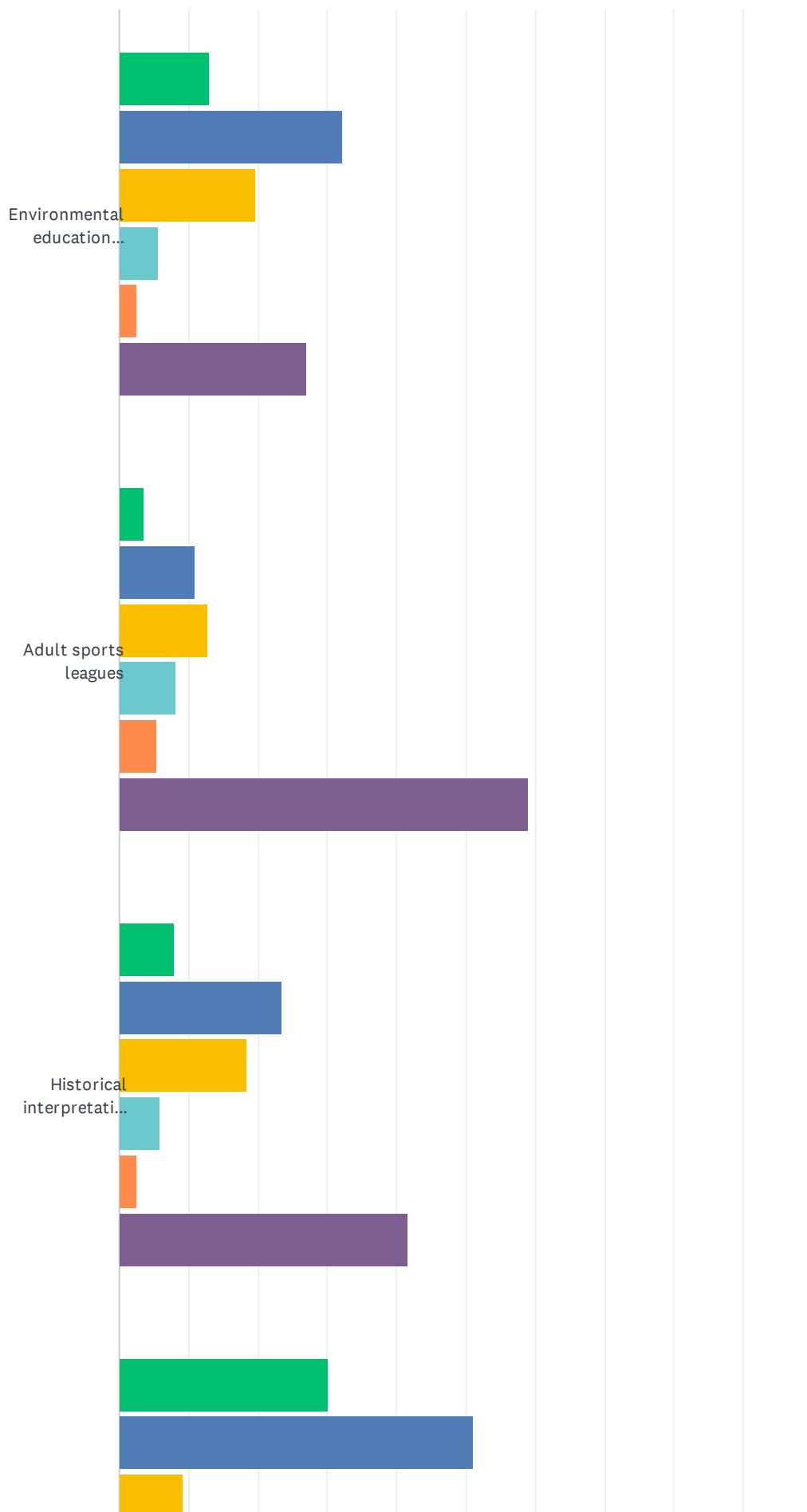
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Geocaching including pokemon go	3/17/2021 4:03 PM
2	golf?	2/12/2021 1:21 PM
3	GEO Caching	2/11/2021 9:53 AM
4	Baseball	2/11/2021 4:35 AM
5	Dog park	1/26/2021 6:15 PM
6	This is very long... please know we love the parks and all you do!	1/15/2021 3:05 PM
7	We would have had two kids in summer camp had COVID not hit.	1/8/2021 5:03 PM
8	Ugh take fishing and hunting off of here. They completely discourage us from using the parks more often.	11/15/2020 8:52 PM
9	Dog park with accesses to the water for swimming and play. Larger Dog park in shaded tree areas	10/26/2020 10:42 PM
10	Please add a sand volleyball court somewhere! :)	10/11/2020 9:07 AM
11	Bird Watching	9/22/2020 5:48 PM
12	Birding	9/15/2020 8:08 PM

Q22 How well is each activity provided for in or around Lower Providence Township? (Please check below)

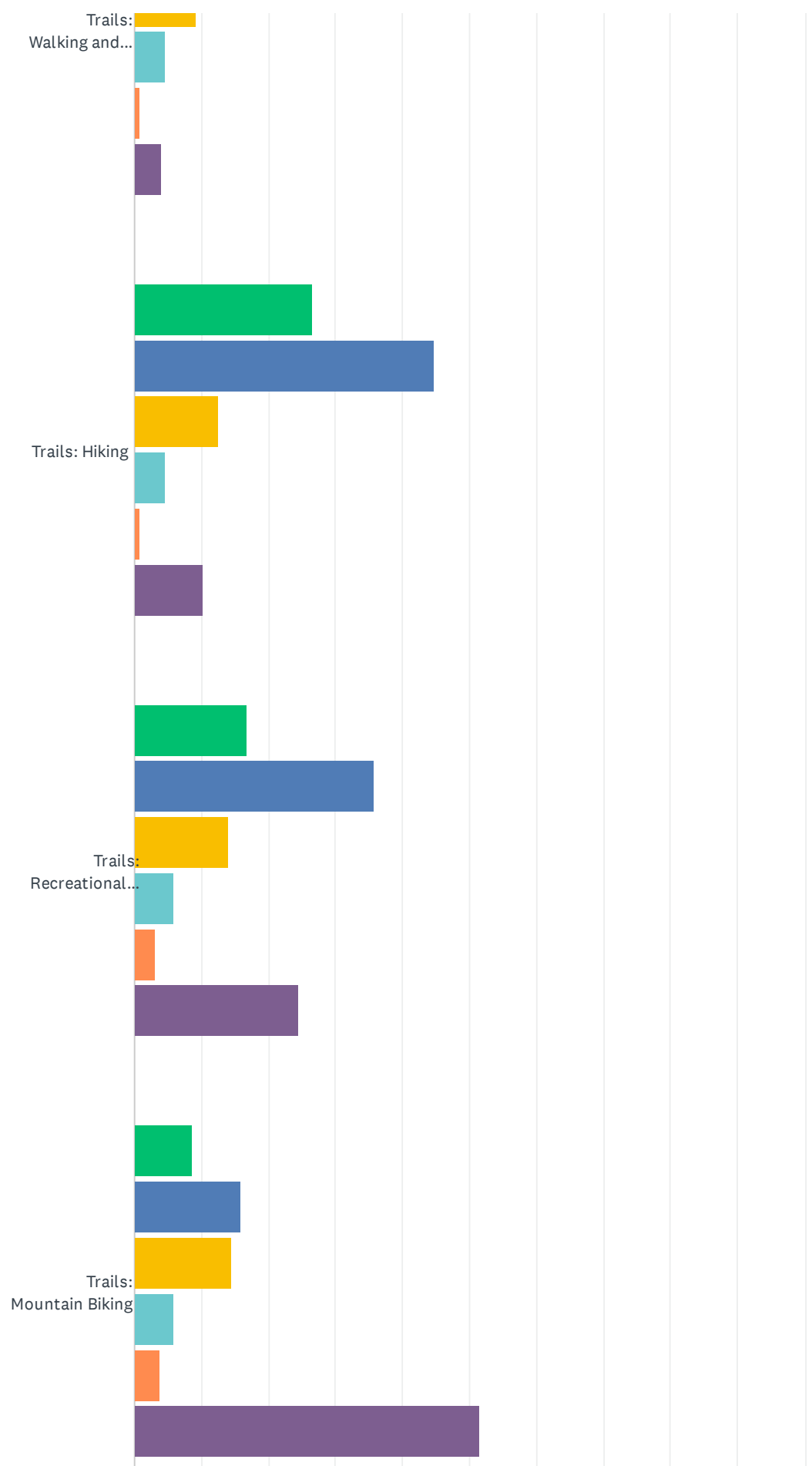
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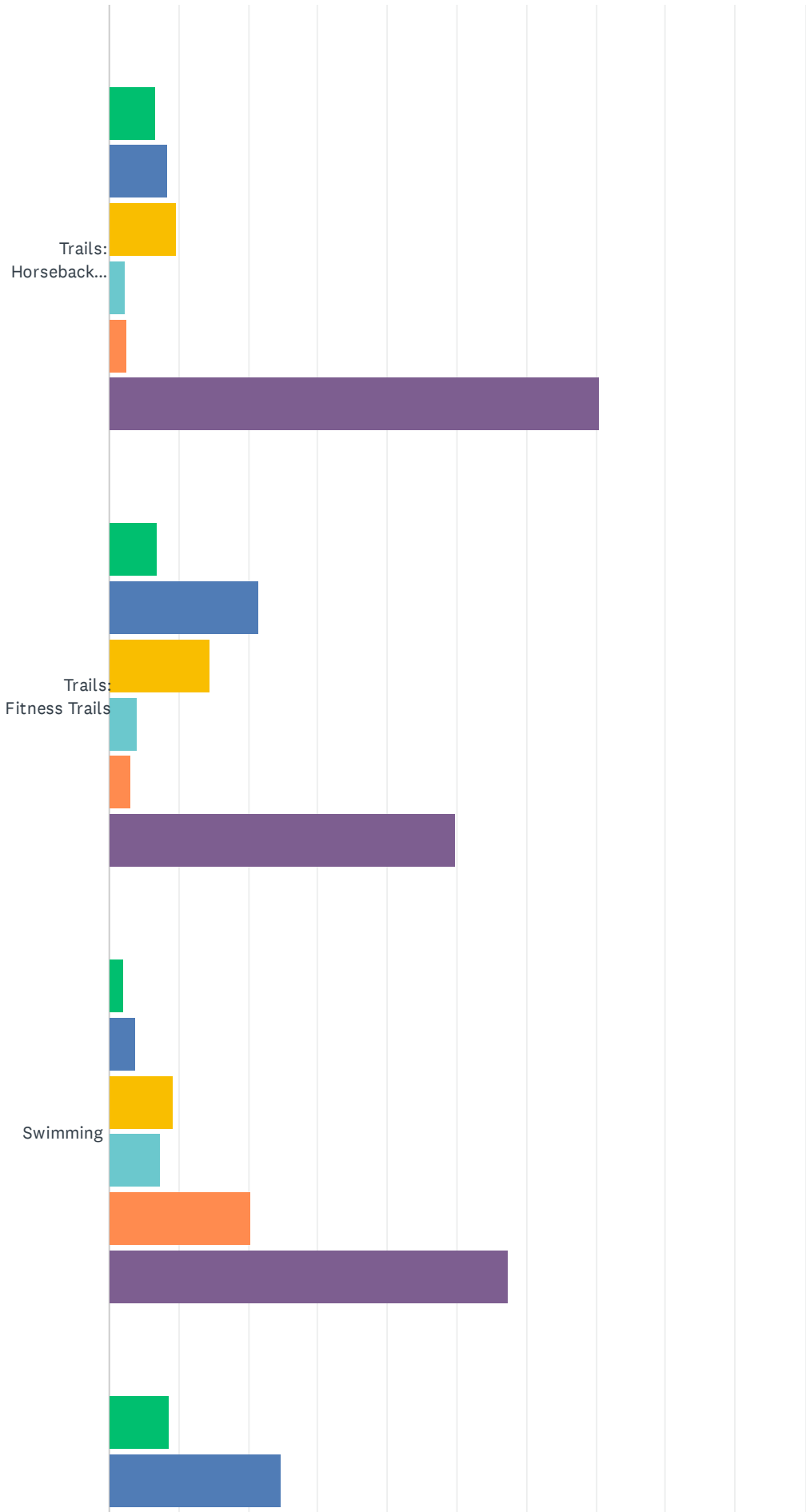
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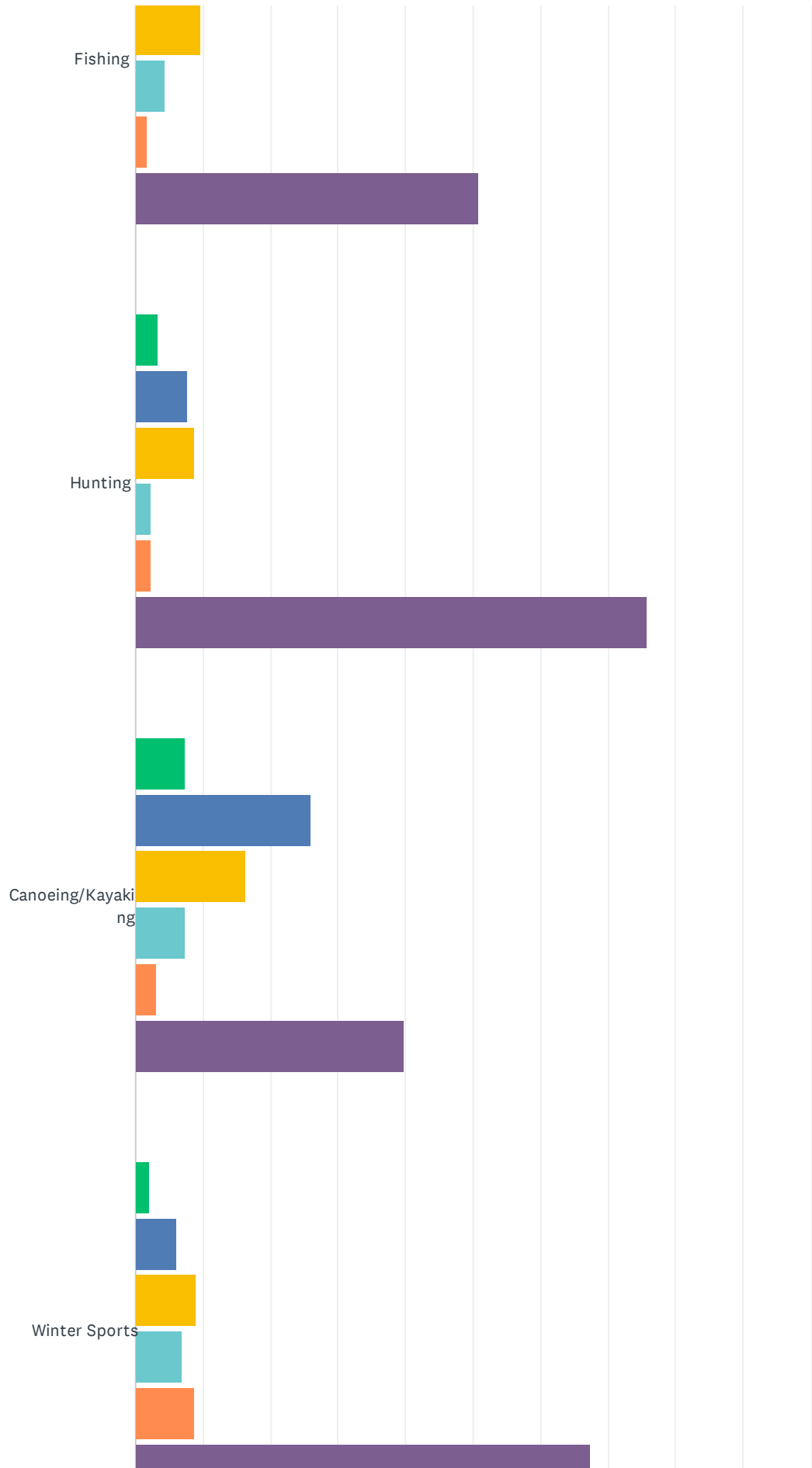
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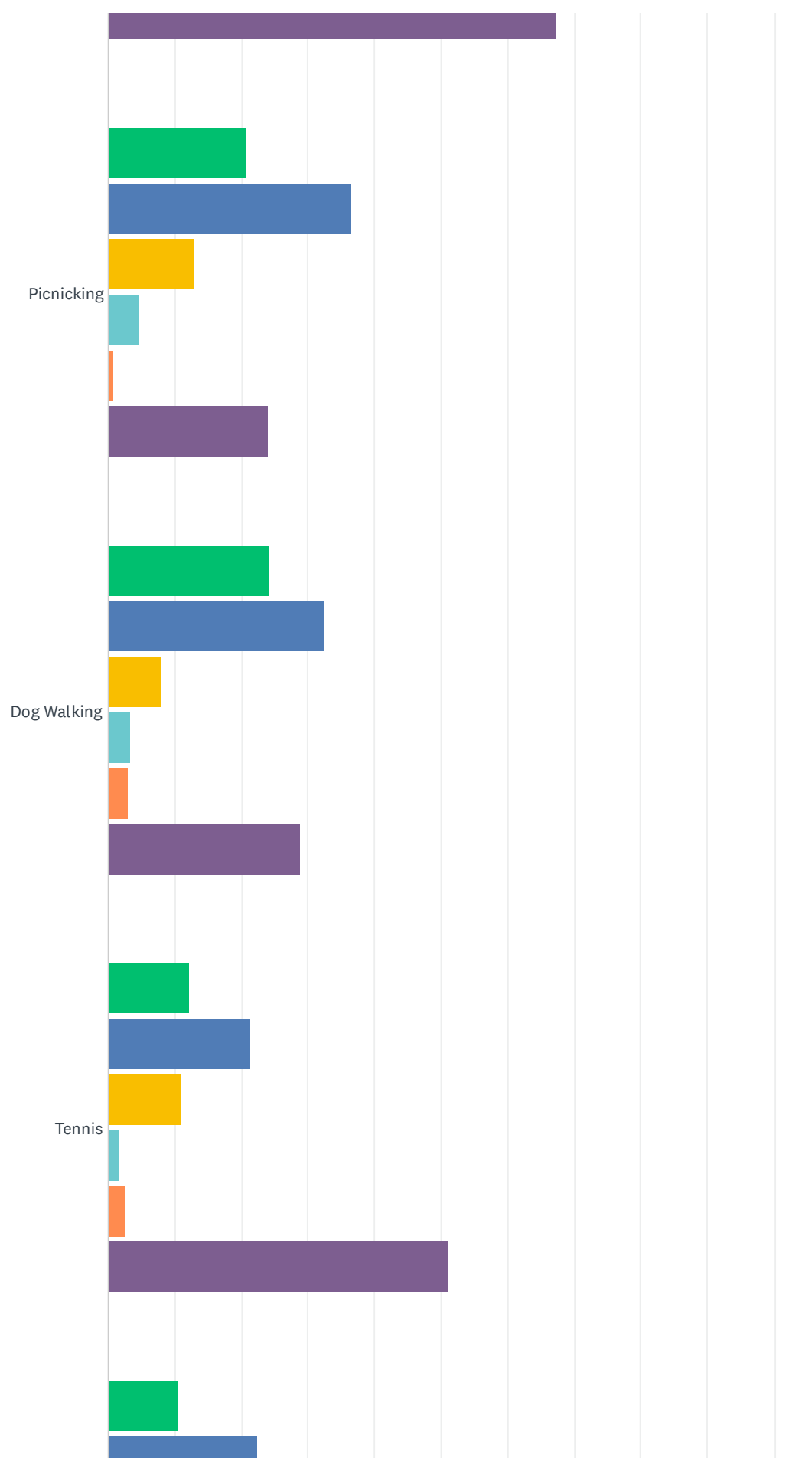
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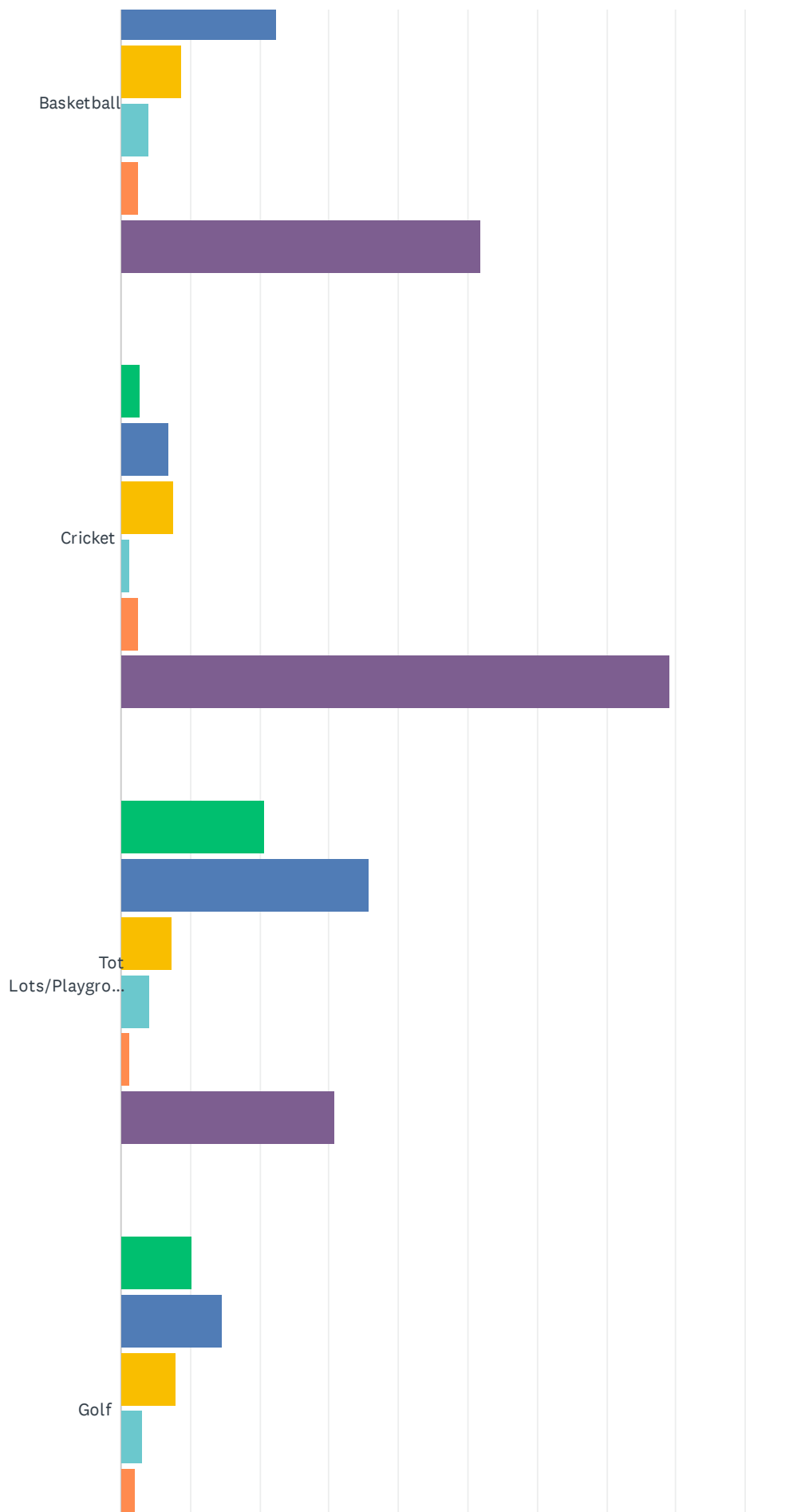
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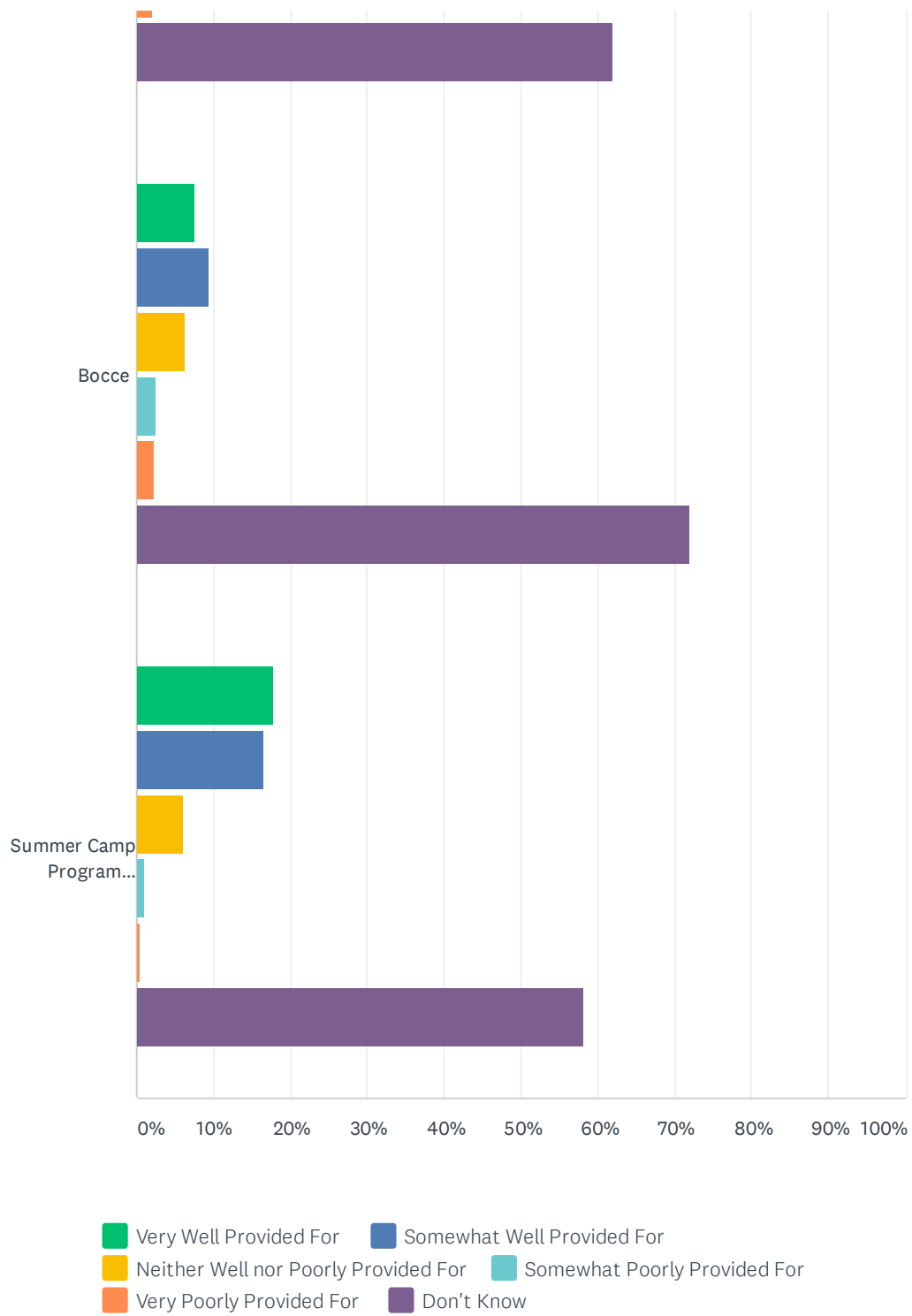
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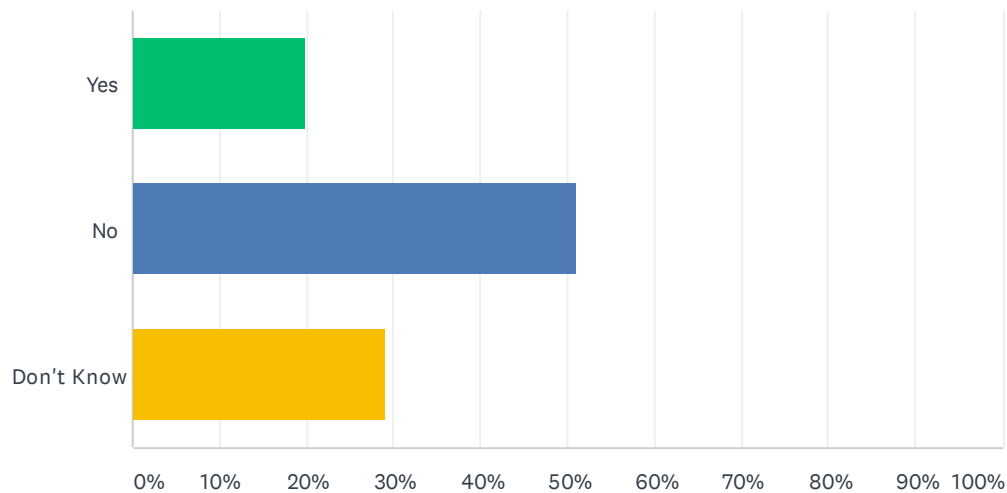
	VERY WELL PROVIDED FOR	SOMEWHAT WELL PROVIDED FOR	NEITHER WELL NOR POORLY PROVIDED FOR	SOMEWHAT POORLY PROVIDED FOR	VERY POORLY PROVIDED FOR	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Youth sports leagues	34.81% 149	24.07% 103	5.14% 22	3.04% 13	0.47% 2	32.48% 139	428
Festivals and special events (e.g., concerts, theater)	14.08% 60	32.39% 138	19.25% 82	10.80% 46	3.29% 14	20.19% 86	426
Open lawn play	18.90% 79	36.12% 151	12.92% 54	2.87% 12	1.20% 5	27.99% 117	418
Environmental education (e.g., nature studying, bird watching)	12.97% 55	32.31% 137	19.58% 83	5.66% 24	2.59% 11	26.89% 114	424
Adult sports leagues	3.64% 15	10.92% 45	12.86% 53	8.25% 34	5.34% 22	58.98% 243	412
Historical interpretation (e.g., farmsteads, mills)	8.04% 34	23.40% 99	18.44% 78	5.91% 25	2.60% 11	41.61% 176	423
Trails: Walking and jogging	30.09% 133	51.13% 226	9.28% 41	4.52% 20	0.90% 4	4.07% 18	442
Trails: Hiking	26.67% 116	44.83% 195	12.64% 55	4.60% 20	0.92% 4	10.34% 45	435
Trails: Recreational Cycling	16.67% 70	35.71% 150	14.05% 59	5.95% 25	3.10% 13	24.52% 103	420
Trails: Mountain Biking	8.58% 35	15.93% 65	14.46% 59	5.88% 24	3.68% 15	51.47% 210	408
Trails: Horseback Riding	6.72% 27	8.46% 34	9.70% 39	2.24% 9	2.49% 10	70.40% 283	402
Trails: Fitness Trails	6.95% 28	21.59% 87	14.39% 58	3.97% 16	3.23% 13	49.88% 201	403
Swimming	2.01% 8	3.77% 15	9.30% 37	7.29% 29	20.35% 81	57.29% 228	398
Fishing	8.64% 35	24.69% 100	9.63% 39	4.44% 18	1.73% 7	50.86% 206	405
Hunting	3.32% 13	7.67% 30	8.70% 34	2.30% 9	2.30% 9	75.70% 296	391
Canoeing/Kayaking	7.33% 30	25.92% 106	16.38% 67	7.33% 30	3.18% 13	39.85% 163	409
Winter Sports	1.99% 8	5.97% 24	8.96% 36	6.97% 28	8.71% 35	67.41% 271	402
Picnicking	20.69% 84	36.70% 149	13.05% 53	4.68% 19	0.74% 3	24.14% 98	406
Dog Walking	24.33% 100	32.36% 133	8.03% 33	3.41% 14	2.92% 12	28.95% 119	411
Tennis	12.16% 49	21.34% 86	11.17% 45	1.74% 7	2.48% 10	51.12% 206	403
Basketball	10.37% 42	22.47% 91	8.89% 36	3.95% 16	2.47% 10	51.85% 210	405
Cricket	2.78%	6.84%	7.59%	1.27%	2.53%	78.99%	

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	11	27	30	5	10	312	395
Tot Lots/Playgrounds	20.64% 84	35.87% 146	7.37% 30	4.18% 17	1.23% 5	30.71% 125	407
Golf	10.22% 41	14.71% 59	7.98% 32	3.24% 13	2.00% 8	61.85% 248	401
Bocce	7.58% 30	9.34% 37	6.31% 25	2.53% 10	2.27% 9	71.97% 285	396
Summer Camp Program (Eagleville Park)	17.75% 71	16.50% 66	6.00% 24	1.00% 4	0.50% 2	58.25% 233	400

Q23 Do you think Lower Providence Township needs more sports fields (soccer, baseball, football, etc.)?

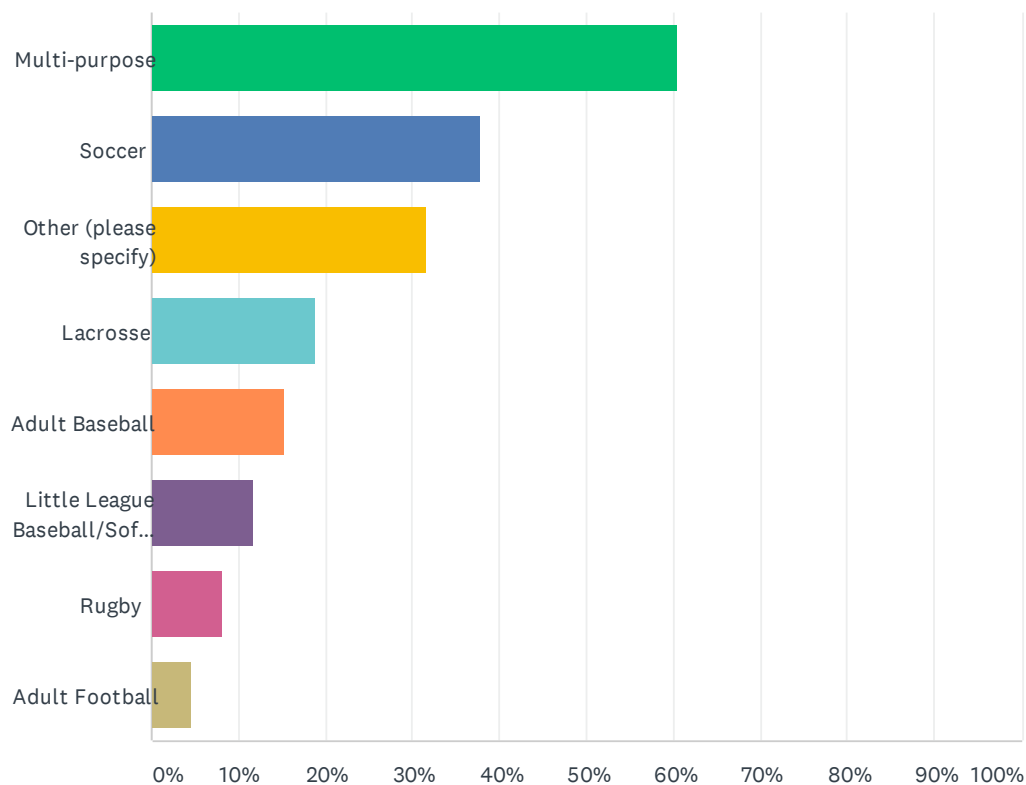
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	19.91%	93
No	50.96%	238
Don't Know	29.12%	136
TOTAL		467

Q24 If you answered yes on the previous question, which sports do you feel are in need of fields? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 111 Skipped: 537



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Multi-purpose	60.36%	67
Soccer	37.84%	42
Other (please specify)	31.53%	35
Lacrosse	18.92%	21
Adult Baseball	15.32%	17
Little League Baseball/Softball	11.71%	13
Rugby	8.11%	9
Adult Football	4.50%	5
Total Respondents: 111		

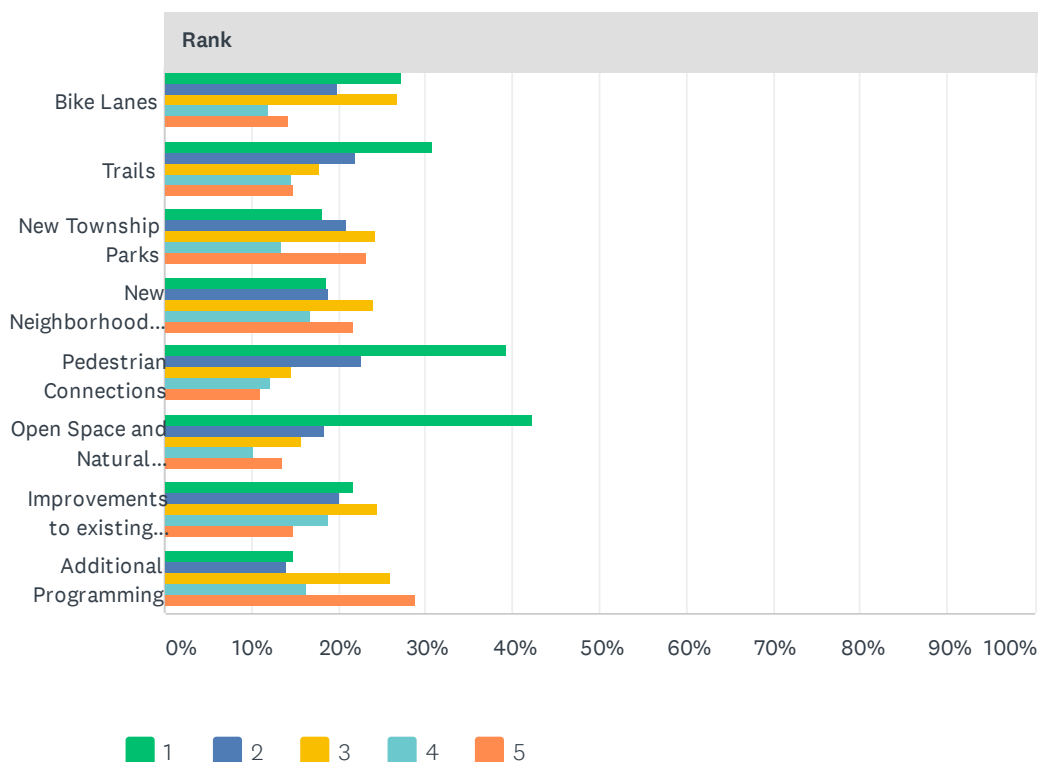
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1	N/A	3/29/2021 2:25 PM
2	Pickle ball	3/27/2021 7:34 PM
3	Disc Golf would be good. Perhaps softball fields for adult leagues. Maybe even adult football.	3/26/2021 5:01 PM

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4	Tennis courts	3/17/2021 4:07 PM
5	Field hockey	3/16/2021 12:02 PM
6	Adult Softball	3/16/2021 10:06 AM
7	turf for field hockey and lacrosse	3/16/2021 9:41 AM
8	Basketball	3/16/2021 8:42 AM
9	Sand VolleyBall	2/11/2021 9:58 AM
10	Pickleball!!!	2/10/2021 6:51 PM
11	Skate park, dog park	1/25/2021 9:56 PM
12	Volleyball	1/20/2021 9:15 PM
13	outdoor turf w/lights- pay to play	1/20/2021 4:41 PM
14	Multi purpose fields- baseball fields serve one sport only	1/15/2021 12:19 PM
15	NA	1/8/2021 5:09 PM
16	T	1/8/2021 6:46 AM
17	Dec Hockey / Multi sport - Field Hockey/Lacrosse/Rugby	12/16/2020 3:29 PM
18	Pickleball	10/26/2020 9:03 AM
19	sand volleyball!	10/11/2020 2:08 PM
20	Pickle Ball	10/7/2020 7:20 PM
21	Should consider a multi-purpose turf field	10/5/2020 9:19 AM
22	Tennis/roller hockey	9/24/2020 10:15 AM
23	I see many unused fields. We need exercise courses	9/22/2020 4:55 PM
24	more 90ft baseball fields. And more open space in certain residential areas (ie AUDUBON between Park and Sunnyside)	9/20/2020 11:22 PM
25	Skate park, BMX bike track	9/20/2020 3:21 PM
26	Tennis!!!!!!	9/18/2020 5:20 PM
27	Fitness Center	9/18/2020 10:50 AM
28	Dog park!	9/18/2020 9:10 AM
29	Dont know	9/16/2020 10:50 PM
30	tennis courts	9/16/2020 9:22 PM
31	pickleball courts	9/16/2020 7:58 PM
32	Basketball	9/16/2020 5:24 PM
33	BASKETBALL	9/16/2020 3:42 PM
34	more facilities with lights to extend usage	9/16/2020 9:01 AM
35	Adult Soccer	9/16/2020 12:21 AM

Q25 Please rank the top 5 priorities that you feel Lower Providence Township should focus on in this plan. (1 = High Priority, 5 = Low Priority)

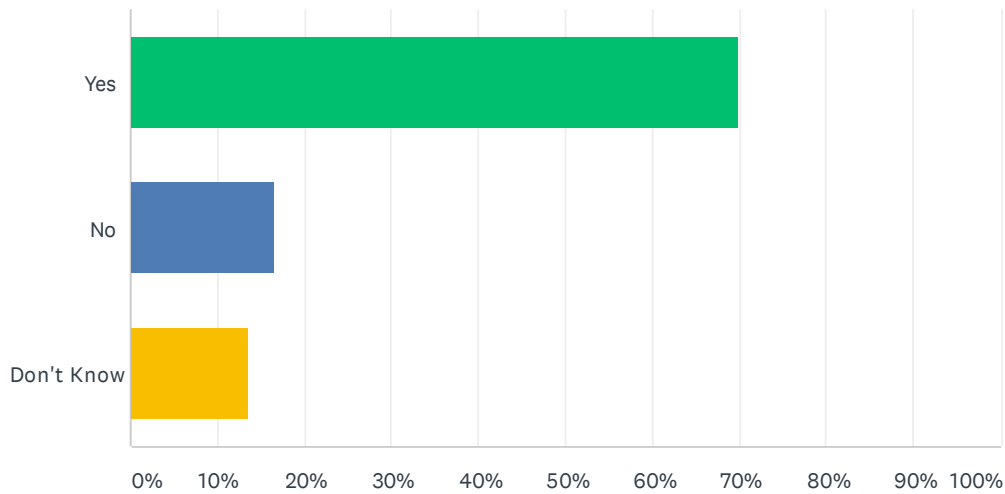
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	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
Bike Lanes	27.30% 92	19.88% 67	26.71% 90	11.87% 40	14.24% 48	337
Trails	30.81% 118	21.93% 84	17.75% 68	14.62% 56	14.88% 57	383
New Township Parks	18.25% 48	20.91% 55	24.33% 64	13.31% 35	23.19% 61	263
New Neighborhood Parks	18.55% 51	18.91% 52	24.00% 66	16.73% 46	21.82% 60	275
Pedestrian Connections	39.36% 148	22.61% 85	14.63% 55	12.23% 46	11.17% 42	376
Open Space and Natural Resources Preservation	42.20% 165	18.41% 72	15.60% 61	10.23% 40	13.55% 53	391
Improvements to existing facilities	21.77% 81	20.16% 75	24.46% 91	18.82% 70	14.78% 55	372
Additional Programming	14.91% 34	14.04% 32	25.88% 59	16.23% 37	28.95% 66	228

Q26 Open spaces are areas of land or water designated for use as active or passive recreation or for natural resource protection. Please note that these are not vacant, undeveloped lands. Do you think that more public parks, natural areas, and open spaces are needed in Lower Providence Township?

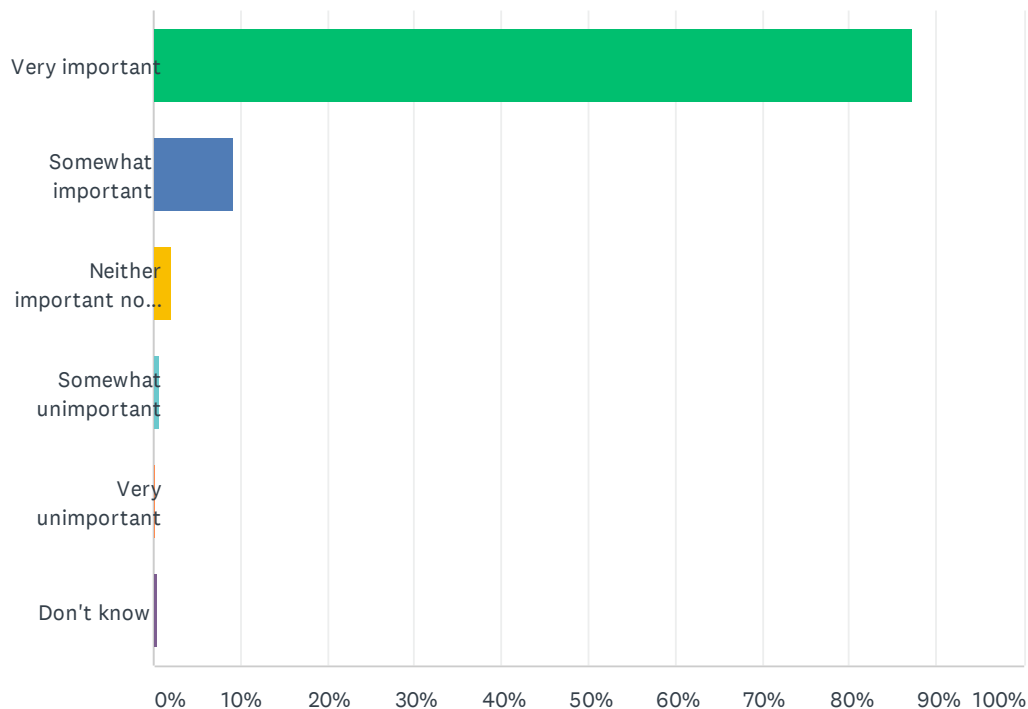
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	69.93%	321
No	16.56%	76
Don't Know	13.51%	62
TOTAL		459

Q27 In general, how important do you feel public parks, trails, natural areas and open spaces are to the well-being and quality of life in Lower Providence Township?

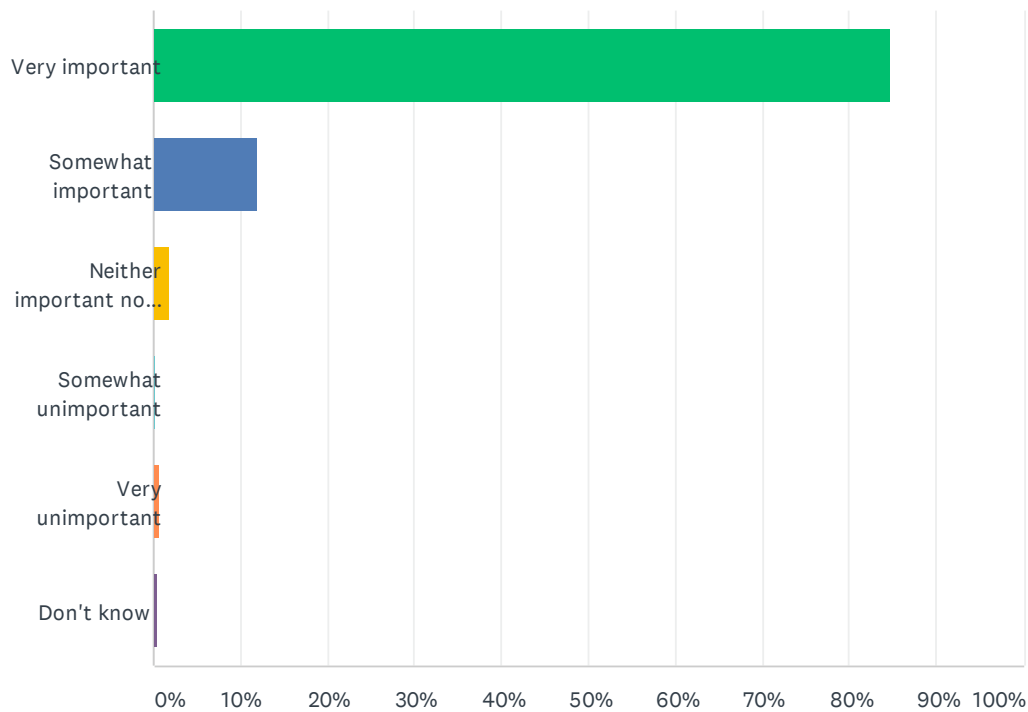
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	87.26%	404
Somewhat important	9.29%	43
Neither important nor unimportant	2.16%	10
Somewhat unimportant	0.65%	3
Very unimportant	0.22%	1
Don't know	0.43%	2
TOTAL		463

Q28 In general, how important is the conservation of natural open spaces such as wetlands and wooded areas in Lower Providence Township?

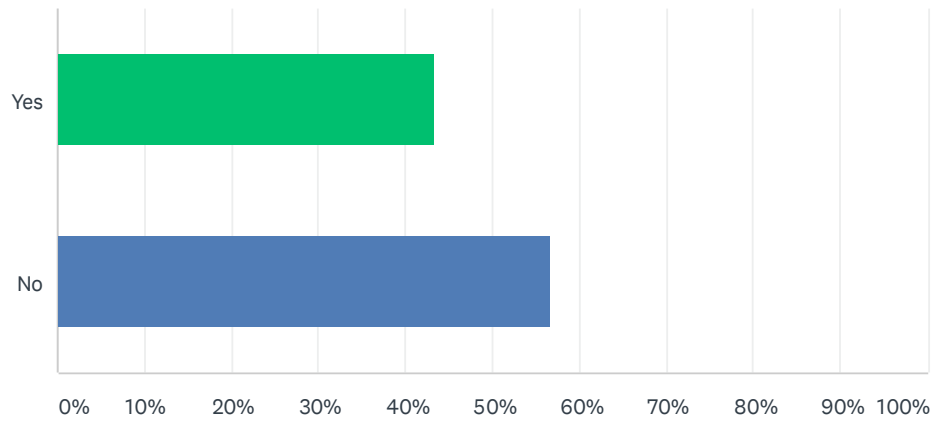
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very important	84.80%	396
Somewhat important	11.99%	56
Neither important nor unimportant	1.93%	9
Somewhat unimportant	0.21%	1
Very unimportant	0.64%	3
Don't know	0.43%	2
TOTAL		467

Q29 Do you visit gymnasiums or workout centers for fitness or recreational purposes?

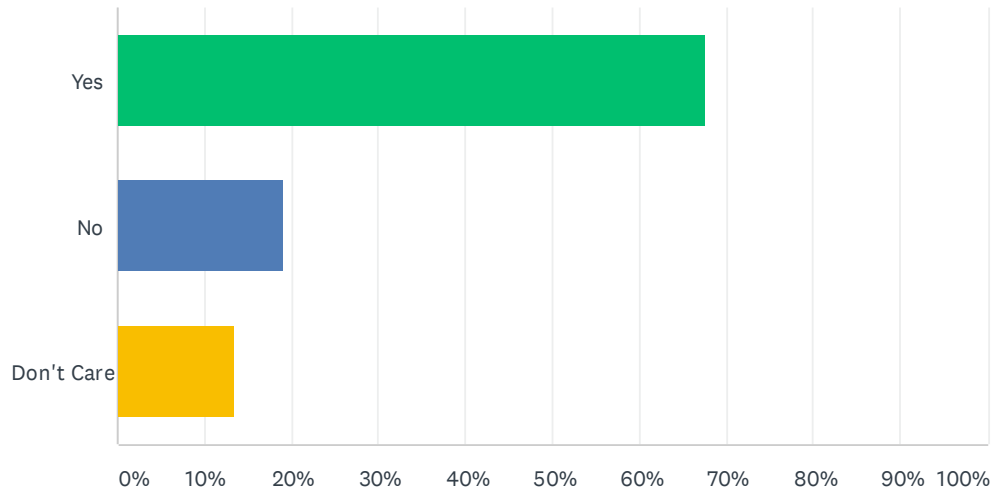
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		43.25%	202
No		56.75%	265
TOTAL			467

Q30 Should Lower Providence Township consider the development of a community center that provides facilities for indoor recreation, fitness and other sports, recreation and community activities?

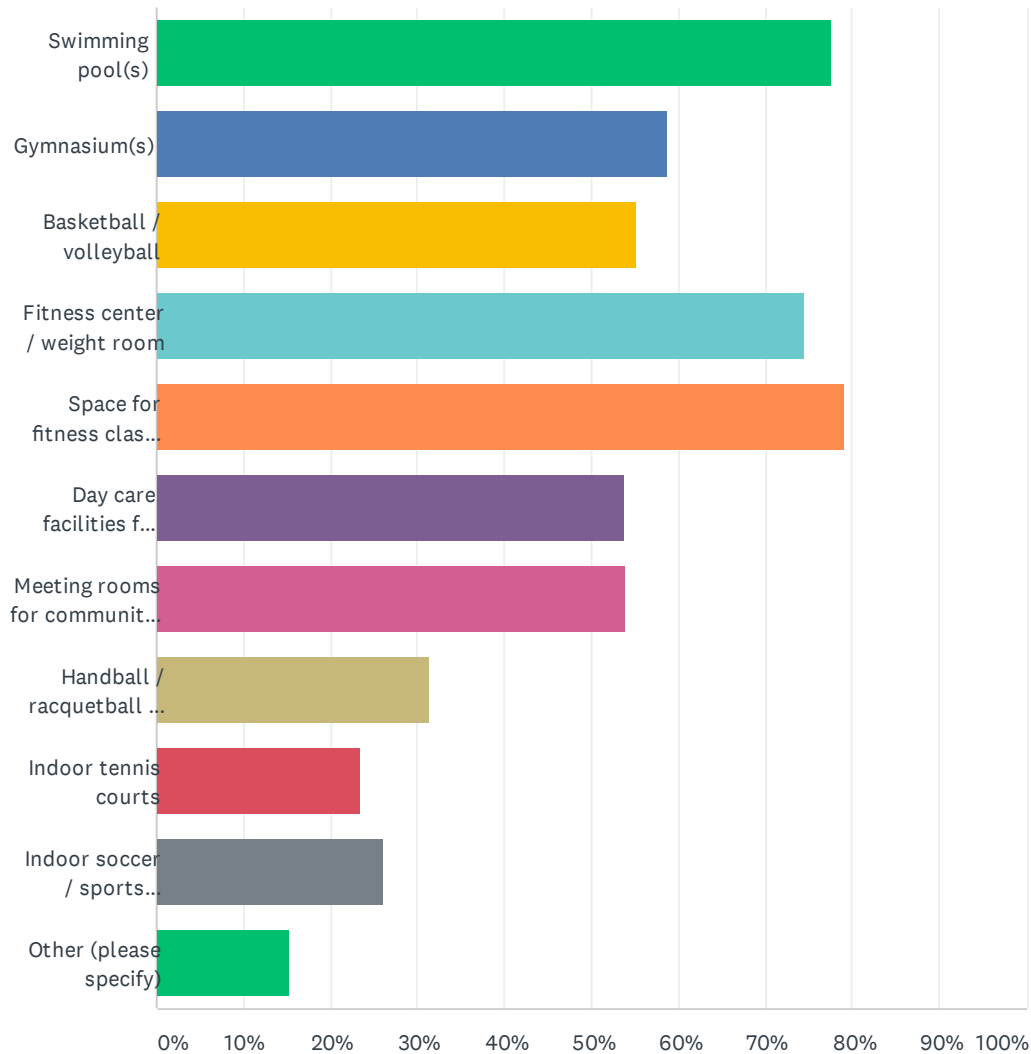
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.53%	314
No	19.14%	89
Don't Care	13.33%	62
TOTAL		465

Q31 If Lower Providence Township was to plan for a community center, which facilities should be included in this building (check all that you feel are needed)?

Answered: 402 Skipped: 246



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Swimming pool(s)	77.61%	312
Gymnasium(s)	58.71%	236
Basketball / volleyball	55.22%	222
Fitness center / weight room	74.38%	299
Space for fitness classes (spin classes / yoga / dance, etc.)	79.10%	318
Day care facilities for parents while exercising	53.73%	216
Meeting rooms for community groups	53.98%	217
Handball / racquetball / squash	31.34%	126
Indoor tennis courts	23.38%	94
Indoor soccer / sports practice fields	26.12%	105
Other (please specify)	15.17%	61
Total Respondents: 402		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Pickle Ball.	3/26/2021 5:02 PM
2	summer outdoor swim club	3/23/2021 8:16 PM
3	Our taxes are high enough. Please use any funding for a community center to pay our police and emergency services instead.	3/18/2021 5:22 PM
4	Public WiFi and computer use.	3/17/2021 4:08 PM
5	Indoor walking	3/16/2021 10:02 PM
6	I don't think a township should run a recreation center.	3/16/2021 9:34 PM
7	somewhere for teens to hang out safely	3/16/2021 4:30 PM
8	Field hockey and outdoor tennis	3/16/2021 12:04 PM
9	Adult Softball	3/16/2021 10:07 AM
10	Not sure Ctr is needed since the building of the I Roy gym . Way to big	2/11/2021 8:50 PM
11	Should be affordable to all.	2/11/2021 7:38 PM
12	Welcome the YMCA into the twp	2/11/2021 2:28 PM
13	Pickleball	2/11/2021 1:51 PM
14	Yoga studio.	2/11/2021 10:53 AM
15	Volleyball	2/11/2021 10:03 AM
16	Pickle Ball	2/11/2021 5:15 AM
17	Indoor track	2/11/2021 4:38 AM
18	we must better utilize what we have not add more	2/10/2021 8:31 PM
19	Arts Performance Spaces	2/10/2021 8:06 PM
20	I	2/10/2021 6:56 PM
21	Pickleball!!!	2/10/2021 6:51 PM

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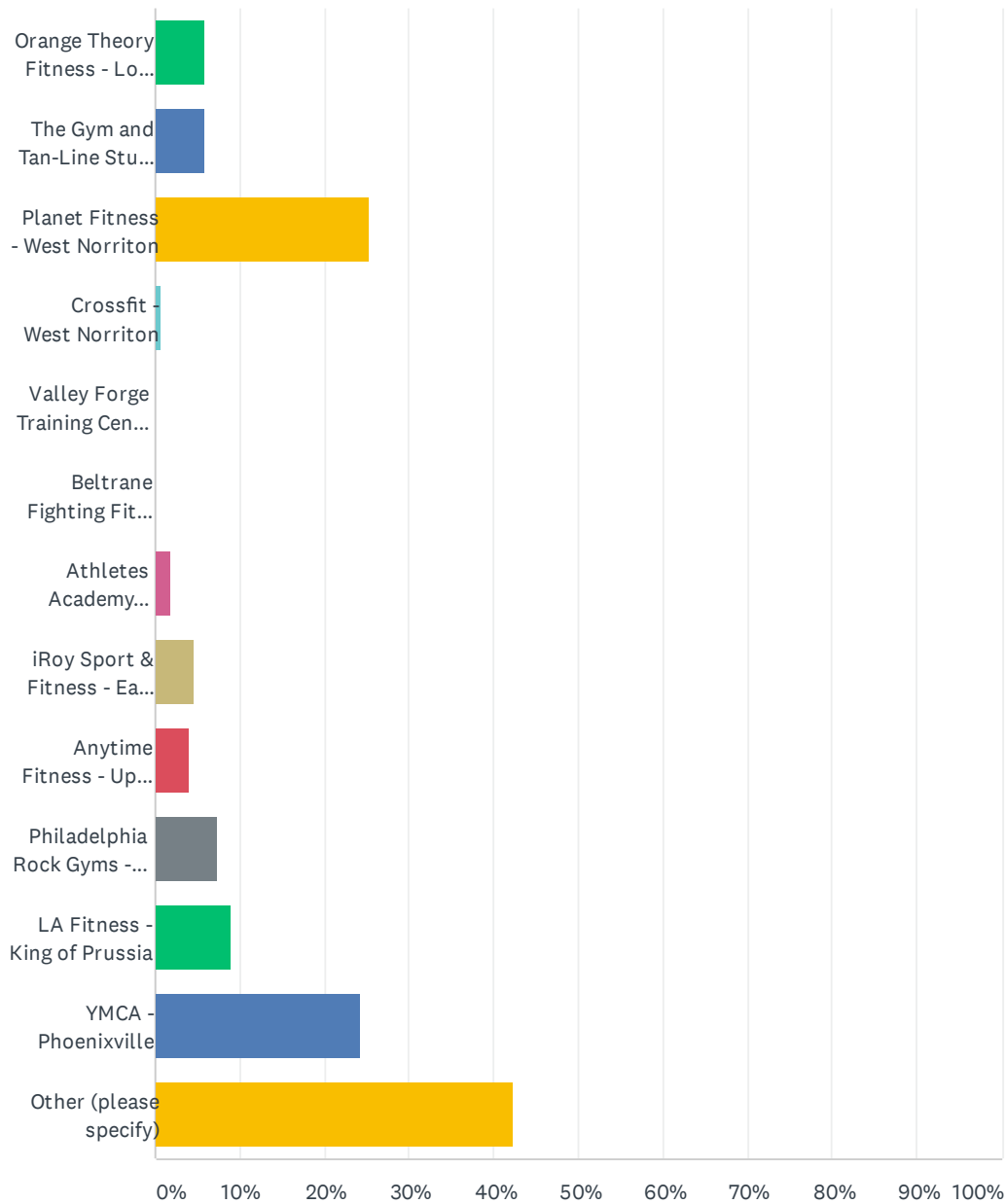
22	Indoor Xtreme Sports Training like Woodward	2/9/2021 7:36 PM
23	Some of the organized or group sports require too much of any available space	1/28/2021 10:46 AM
24	Indoor skate park	1/25/2021 10:00 PM
25	Activities for kids to join in	1/25/2021 5:21 PM
26	Pickleball	1/23/2021 3:07 PM
27	Football	1/22/2021 10:45 PM
28	Not needed	1/20/2021 7:22 PM
29	Homeschool classes	1/15/2021 3:00 PM
30	Golf	1/8/2021 5:13 PM
31	As many as possible	1/8/2021 7:34 AM
32	If you were to put in a center, I would like to see it run and managed by a professional like the YMCA. A small center that does not get maintained and is not used broadly across the township is useless.	1/8/2021 6:49 AM
33	I was looking forward to having a facility like this but the township supervisors didn't want the YMCA at the Washington golf course. Such a shame for our community to loose that opportunity.	1/8/2021 12:00 AM
34	There are plenty of commercial gyms. We had the opportunity for a Y and this was shot down. Community centers tend to not cover their costs and there are plenty of commercial alternatives as shown in question 32.	12/31/2020 1:06 PM
35	Walking trails around the building	12/16/2020 3:33 PM
36	Only if you use existing space, and don't knock down more trees	11/15/2020 8:57 PM
37	Indoor skatepark	10/29/2020 10:50 PM
38	go outside	10/26/2020 8:27 PM
39	We have community centers nearby. Open space and quality natural areas are more of a long term asset for communities.	10/26/2020 7:54 PM
40	Pickleball	10/26/2020 9:05 AM
41	Senior center, physical therapy	10/21/2020 10:31 AM
42	None-we have what we need	10/7/2020 5:09 PM
43	Ability to rent large room for parties	10/7/2020 2:19 PM
44	None - waste of money - private sector has this figured out pretty well	10/5/2020 2:17 AM
45	outdoor skateboard park/plaza	10/3/2020 5:33 PM
46	both outdoor and indoor pools	9/29/2020 10:12 PM
47	get a good ymca built, similar to phoenixv, or spring hse	9/28/2020 8:32 AM
48	A large flexible space	9/24/2020 10:17 AM
49	Pickleball	9/22/2020 6:16 PM
50	Do not build a public fitness center - let private business like ymca etcprovide	9/21/2020 10:30 AM
51	A swim club with Pool, open fields, bball courts, etc. Like Whitpain Greenes but modern. Shannondell too small	9/20/2020 11:24 PM
52	Skate park	9/20/2020 3:22 PM
53	Indoor walking trails & Sauna	9/18/2020 5:22 PM
54	Dog park	9/18/2020 9:11 AM
55	Rock climbing wall	9/17/2020 1:44 PM

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56	Pickle ball courts. Indoor & outdoor	9/16/2020 9:18 PM
57	pickleball courts	9/16/2020 7:59 PM
58	Senior center	9/16/2020 6:35 PM
59	Gyms and exercise facilities are already plentiful in the township. No need to spend tax dollars on a community rec. center.	9/16/2020 4:48 PM
60	All of the above	9/16/2020 4:30 AM
61	Dog Park	9/16/2020 12:24 AM

Q32 Which private recreational providers do you or members of your household belong to and / or utilize? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 277 Skipped: 371



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Orange Theory Fitness - Lower Providence	5.78%	16
The Gym and Tan-Line Studio - Lower Providence	5.78%	16
Planet Fitness - West Norriton	25.27%	70
Crossfit - West Norriton	0.72%	2
Valley Forge Training Center - East Norriton	0.00%	0
Beltrane Fighting Fit - East Norriton	0.00%	0
Athletes Academy Training Facility - East Norriton	1.81%	5
iRoy Sport & Fitness - East Norriton	4.69%	13
Anytime Fitness - Upper Providence	3.97%	11
Philadelphia Rock Gyms - Upper Providence	7.22%	20
LA Fitness - King of Prussia	9.03%	25
YMCA - Phoenixville	24.19%	67
Other (please specify)	42.24%	117
Total Respondents: 277		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Yoga One	3/29/2021 4:48 PM
2	Soulbeat	3/29/2021 4:31 PM
3	N/A	3/29/2021 2:25 PM
4	None now. But would have loved to have a local YMCA.	3/26/2021 5:02 PM
5	Soul Beat Studio	3/25/2021 6:29 PM
6	umly	3/25/2021 8:35 AM
7	Spring Valley YMCA until COVID.	3/17/2021 3:08 PM
8	Methacton High School	3/16/2021 5:22 PM
9	Spring Valley YMCA and IMX Pilates Blue Bell	3/16/2021 5:18 PM
10	LA Fitness Collegeville	3/16/2021 5:14 PM
11	Spring valley ymca, aerobic rhythmic classes, fitness classes at LP Fire Dept	3/16/2021 2:30 PM
12	Soul beat	3/16/2021 12:04 PM
13	Kinetix in Fairview Village	3/16/2021 9:31 AM
14	Lower Providence Rod and Gun Club	3/16/2021 8:44 AM
15	Peloton at home due to covid	2/19/2021 12:22 AM
16	none during pandemic	2/12/2021 1:23 PM
17	La Collegeville	2/11/2021 8:50 PM
18	LA Fitness- Collegeville	2/11/2021 1:51 PM
19	Most have been closed or had hours reduced due to the pandemic, and I would not rejoin either iRoy or LA Fitness in Collegeville until the pandemic is over.	2/11/2021 10:53 AM

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20	KINETIX	2/11/2021 10:03 AM
21	SoulBeat	2/11/2021 9:02 AM
22	Kinetix	2/11/2021 5:15 AM
23	Kinetix and LifeTime in KOP - but we stopped going during the pandemic and have been walking, biking and using our Peloton	2/10/2021 10:23 PM
24	Algeo MMA & Kickboxing - King of Prussia	2/10/2021 9:41 PM
25	Lifetime	2/10/2021 9:18 PM
26	Ymca spring valley	2/10/2021 8:51 PM
27	None	2/10/2021 8:43 PM
28	Kinetix	2/10/2021 7:36 PM
29	Kinetix	2/10/2021 6:53 PM
30	Aim High - Owner Aimee is an awesome contributor to our community.	2/7/2021 1:40 PM
31	Spring valley YMCA	1/26/2021 6:17 PM
32	None currently Bc of covid. Everything we did got put to a halt	1/25/2021 5:21 PM
33	Aim High Fitness, SoulBeat	1/24/2021 11:07 AM
34	LAFitness collegeville	1/21/2021 1:46 PM
35	Synergy in kop,	1/20/2021 9:16 PM
36	None of them	1/20/2021 7:22 PM
37	kinetix	1/20/2021 4:57 PM
38	YMCA - Spring Valley, Aim High Worcester	1/20/2021 4:47 PM
39	kinetics	1/20/2021 4:43 PM
40	Rascals Upper Providence	1/20/2021 4:28 PM
41	Life Time	1/20/2021 4:13 PM
42	Cycle zone collegeville	1/17/2021 7:13 PM
43	plymouth township recreation center	1/17/2021 5:10 PM
44	kinetics	1/17/2021 3:09 PM
45	Shannondell	1/15/2021 6:35 PM
46	YMCA - Spring Valley	1/15/2021 6:29 PM
47	kietics	1/15/2021 3:45 PM
48	YMCA collegeville	1/15/2021 12:20 PM
49	None	1/10/2021 7:39 AM
50	YMCA Spring Valley	1/9/2021 8:25 PM
51	Employee fitness center at work	1/9/2021 10:37 AM
52	Rascals collegeville	1/9/2021 9:59 AM
53	La fitness collegeville	1/9/2021 7:59 AM
54	Lifetime king of Prussia	1/9/2021 5:46 AM
55	Aim High Studio	1/8/2021 6:23 PM
56	Ymca Spring Valley	1/8/2021 6:07 PM
57	Aim High, TOMA	1/8/2021 5:13 PM

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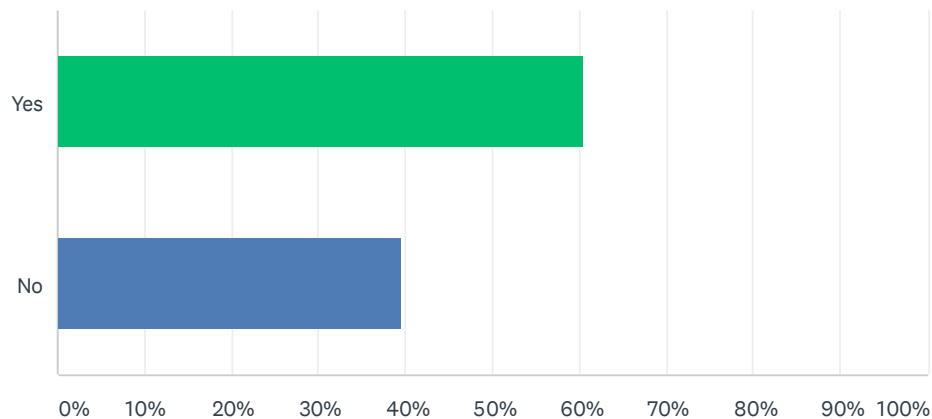
58	La fitness Collegeville	1/8/2021 3:33 PM
59	LA Fitness- Collgeville	1/8/2021 1:44 PM
60	Aim High	1/8/2021 1:16 PM
61	None	1/8/2021 9:20 AM
62	Soulbeat	1/8/2021 5:17 AM
63	Gym at work and home gym	1/8/2021 12:05 AM
64	Aim high, yoga one	1/8/2021 12:00 AM
65	Gym at work. Rascals (though since they didn't enforce COVID precautions we cancelled).	12/31/2020 1:06 PM
66	Kinetix - Brother plays basketball with friends in winter	12/16/2020 3:33 PM
67	LA Fitness Collegeville	11/15/2020 8:57 PM
68	all can enjoy. just get along	10/26/2020 8:27 PM
69	shannondell facilities	10/26/2020 2:27 PM
70	Rascals	10/26/2020 1:33 PM
71	Fit Results skippack	10/26/2020 12:51 PM
72	Rascals	10/26/2020 11:29 AM
73	Lifetime - KOP	10/26/2020 11:24 AM
74	Rascals	10/26/2020 10:28 AM
75	Community Center in Plymouth Meeting	10/20/2020 12:43 PM
76	Kinetix	10/14/2020 12:10 PM
77	none	10/12/2020 12:47 PM
78	Spring-Valley YMCA	10/8/2020 2:00 PM
79	None	10/8/2020 1:33 PM
80	LA Fitness Collegeville	10/7/2020 10:27 PM
81	LA Fitness- Collegeville	10/7/2020 9:29 PM
82	YMCA - Spring Valley	10/7/2020 7:21 PM
83	Rascals, Collegeville, Upper Providence Recreation Center	10/7/2020 4:46 PM
84	Kinetix	10/7/2020 3:06 PM
85	sports programs through Methacton school district	10/7/2020 3:04 PM
86	Township fitness classes at schools	10/7/2020 7:04 AM
87	YogaOne- Trooper	10/5/2020 8:33 PM
88	SoulBeat; SolYoga	10/5/2020 4:37 PM
89	YMCA Spring Valley	9/29/2020 10:12 PM
90	Yoga One Studio	9/25/2020 10:46 PM
91	I am not a member but shannondell isn't listed	9/24/2020 10:17 AM
92	Spring Valley YMCA	9/23/2020 2:54 PM
93	UM Community Center pre-pandemic	9/23/2020 6:40 AM
94	LA Fitness in Collegeville and Planet Fitness	9/22/2020 6:24 PM
95	LA Fitness East Norriton	9/22/2020 6:16 PM

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96	Gym at CrossPoint in KOP	9/22/2020 4:56 PM
97	YogaOne	9/20/2020 12:55 PM
98	Soulbeat Studios	9/20/2020 7:49 AM
99	YMCA - Spring Valley	9/19/2020 12:31 PM
100	The Club at Shannondell	9/18/2020 5:22 PM
101	Planet Fitness Limerick, not since Covid.	9/18/2020 4:31 PM
102	Crunch (East Norriton) pre Covid	9/18/2020 10:51 AM
103	LA fitness collegeville	9/17/2020 4:15 PM
104	La fitness Collegeville	9/17/2020 7:01 AM
105	YMCA - Spring Valley	9/16/2020 10:52 PM
106	YMCA Royersford	9/16/2020 9:24 PM
107	Spring- valley	9/16/2020 6:37 PM
108	Reality Pilates Royersford	9/16/2020 6:35 PM
109	aim high	9/16/2020 5:07 PM
110	Life Time	9/16/2020 4:57 PM
111	none	9/16/2020 4:48 PM
112	YMCA- Spring Valley	9/16/2020 10:12 AM
113	rascals	9/16/2020 9:52 AM
114	Home gym	9/16/2020 9:28 AM
115	YMCA - Spring Valley	9/16/2020 9:28 AM
116	Aaaaaa	9/16/2020 5:54 AM
117	YMCA - Audubon until it closed.	9/15/2020 9:44 PM

Q33 Would you support a referendum in the near future to allow the Earned Income Tax to be increased to finance the acquisition of property to preserve as open space?

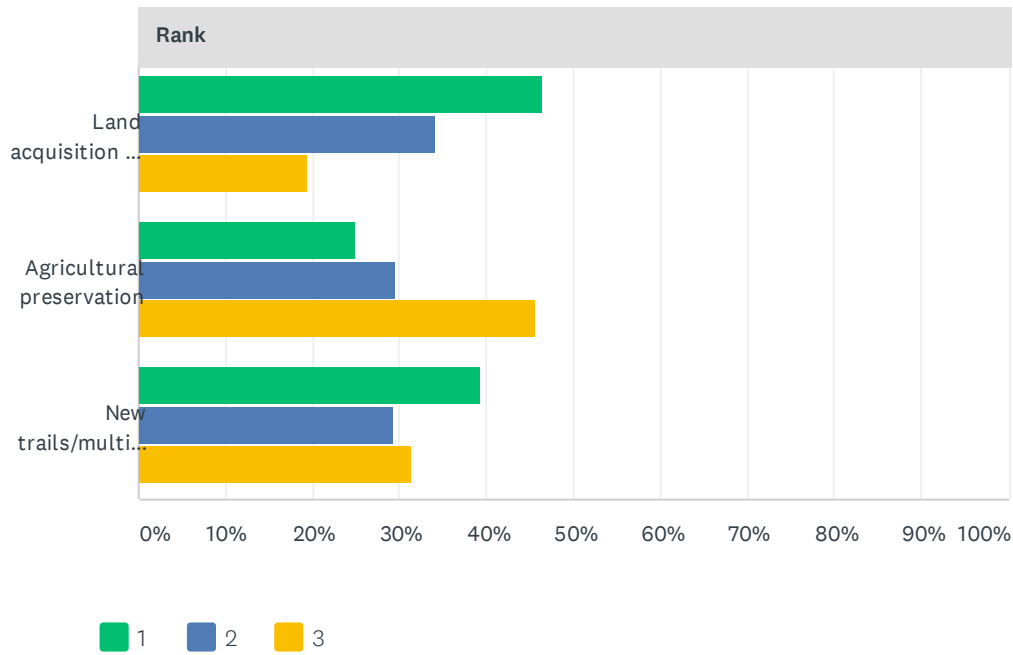
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.49%	274
No	39.51%	179
TOTAL		453

**Q34 The information below identifies how such funds might be allocated.
Please rank the order of importance to you 1 to 3 (1 being the most important).**

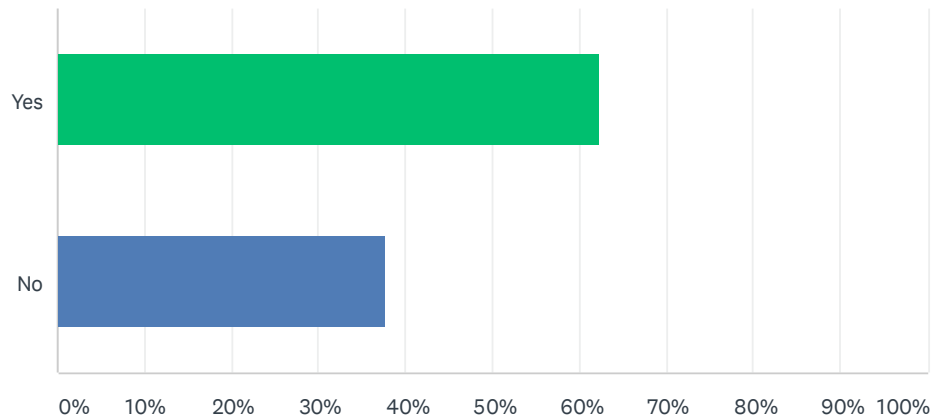
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Rank				
	1	2	3	TOTAL
Land acquisition for parks / open space	46.52% 194	34.05% 142	19.42% 81	417
Agricultural preservation	24.94% 104	29.50% 123	45.56% 190	417
New trails/multi-purpose trails	39.43% 166	29.22% 123	31.35% 132	421

Q35 Do you support increasing taxes to pay for additional recreational and connectivity opportunities such as parks, trails and sidewalks?

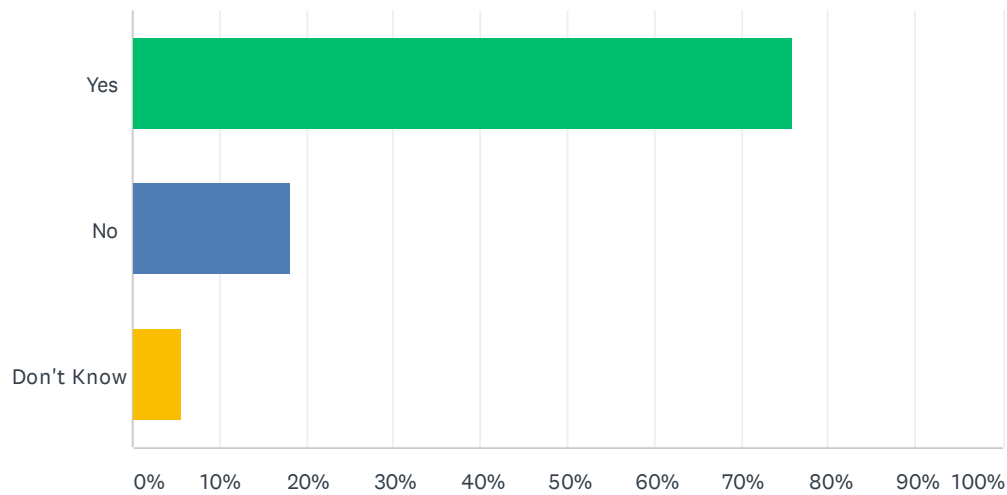
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.28%	284
No	37.72%	172
TOTAL		456

Q36 Generally, are your household's recreational and open space needs being met in or around Lower Providence Township?

Answered: 459 Skipped: 189



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		76.03%	349
No		18.30%	84
Don't Know		5.66%	26
TOTAL			459

Q37 If you have any additional comments or ideas. Please provide them below.

Answered: 189 Skipped: 459

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please preserve open spaces	3/29/2021 4:32 PM
2	Pond View Park is NOT a park. It is considered wetlands and should be preserved as is - not increased traffic through the area. The name should be changed to reflect actual purpose. The red foxes have returned and it's wonderful.	3/29/2021 2:29 PM
3	Extending the sidewalk down Pinetown, or at least improving the shoulder is needed improve bike and pedestrian to access the Audubon loop and SRT. The road is currently narrow and dangerous as there is no way for a pedestrian or biker to safely access lower perkiomen valley park.	3/26/2021 5:19 PM
4	Thanks for asking. Would love sidewalks to connect to rec. areas (Audubon Bird Sanctuary). Or as noted here, places like Valerio and Bald Birds. Then, locally, connect some sidewalks so that we can walk a loop safely near our homes. Or jog. I run around the neighborhood, and its odd how choppy the sidewalks are. Seems like we have been talking about this stuff for 20 years. I do appreciate the Audubon loop, and just think, that did not exist when I moved to this area. Now, please find a way for me to safely get to it from Lantern lane!!! May 100 feet of sidewalk.	3/26/2021 5:08 PM
5	I think better street lighting and a ymca in the Audubon/Eagleville area would be great	3/26/2021 4:03 AM
6	Pond View park should be preserved as a natural area/wetland and not classified as a park. This is Based on the location and also the animal habitats and wetland type area. Thank you for your consideration. I would also love to see the addition of a member only township dog park. This could have great value for the community. Thank you for considering!	3/25/2021 6:33 PM
7	Pond View Park should be a protected wildlife sanctuary and/or have a protected environmental designation and should never be developed. None of our current parks/open areas should be developed.	3/25/2021 2:54 PM
8	Pondview park should be designated as a environmentally protected wetlands area rather than a park.	3/24/2021 10:21 PM
9	rename those parks that are really wildlife refuge areas as wildlife sanctuaries instead of parks.	3/23/2021 8:19 PM
10	Would like to see truly protected wildlife sanctuaries where wildlife is protected	3/23/2021 6:27 PM
11	Formally Certify Pond View Park (a.k.a., Mountain View Natural Area) as a Nature Preserve.	3/23/2021 10:59 AM
12	survey was too long	3/21/2021 8:45 PM
13	Raising taxes to fund community centers while recovering from a pandemic is a terrible idea.	3/18/2021 5:25 PM
14	We need more trail access and sidewalks. Please, would love access to the Schuykill trail from Evansburg Park.	3/18/2021 10:39 AM
15	Township should be trying for more grants.	3/17/2021 4:09 PM
16	The township in general needs to be more walkable, sidewalks, etc. to allow for safe access to shopping, etc. We are in the local parks often and constantly have to avoid dog poop. Evansburg Point Park is one of the worst examples of this. I know it's hard to monitor and we like dogs and dog walkers but they need to be cleaned up after.	3/17/2021 3:13 PM
17	I am in favor of less development, more open space to protect the environment, to support agriculture and outdoor activity.	3/17/2021 10:56 AM
18	LP needs to establish a community center. A place we residents can do the following: 1) send there kids to camp 2)Community Pool 3) Gym These items are important to younger and	3/16/2021 10:02 PM

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senior residents. We need to attract people to live in Lower Providence to generate business for small business owners and have amenities that attract people to live in LP. For example, in a town close by they have an amazing playground and community swimming pool. This is something homeowners would deserve within the community.

19	I think there is a disservice to meeting the need for adolescent activities in our community. My children are HS junior and senior but we went thru a time where kids age out of sports at 13/14. Other activities are up to 4th grade. Middle schoolers have trouble getting jobs even at 16 so between 14-17 these kids have nothing and more chance to get in trouble just from boredom. Please do more for the kids in between. They need something desperately.	3/16/2021 9:08 PM
20	Being a new parent, I have found that trying to sign up for recreational sports in our area for our 5 year old to be quite difficult and lack of information through the township site. I had to use word of mouth rather than rely on the township. The website seems dated and needs improvement.	3/16/2021 9:03 PM
21	please save st gabes	3/16/2021 5:56 PM
22	We have enough open space, we have increased our taxes making it undesirable to live here, we are one of the highest tax base behind Norristown, my taxes went up from 3,000 to 8,600 in 25 yrs.	3/16/2021 5:18 PM
23	NO MORE DEVELOPMENT	3/16/2021 4:31 PM
24	Sidewalks that connect residential areas to our many local parks is the most important topic for me in this survey. I would love to be able to walk to some of the parks, but there are many roads that are unsafe to walk along due to the amount of traffic and lack of sidewalks (i.e. Park, Eagleville, Egypt).	3/16/2021 2:43 PM
25	Add a dog park. Often travel to the Oaks dog park.	3/16/2021 2:36 PM
26	I wish we could walk to a center shopping area like Phoniexville & Skippack has. There are no really sidewalks to connect us to a town center. The township is not walkable.	3/16/2021 12:58 PM
27	We need to keep lower providence clean and safe . More lighted areas at night . Skippack is such a nice area ,lower providence needs to look more like that area or like the mainline. we don't want to look like the next Norristown borough. The area behind Ollie is going downhill . That's needs to be spruced up .	3/16/2021 12:11 PM
28	An outdoor township pool for the summer would be very beneficial. Any other pools nearby are expensive and affordable options are far.	3/16/2021 10:17 AM
29	We need an adult softball league. I used to run a 32 team coed league on fields in East Norriton, West Norriton, Plymouth, Norristown and Bridgeport. I would be willing to run a league in Lower Providence. George Gibson (610) 539-1573 ggibson360@gmail.com	3/16/2021 10:10 AM
30	a community center would be wonderful and we need more walking areas for restaurants and retail	3/16/2021 9:42 AM
31	When I was a child, the township I was raised in made it easy and safe for children to get to local parks on their own by bikes or walking so they didn't need their parents to constantly drive them to the park to meet friends to play basketball, tennis, soccer or baseball, or to just hang out talking at picnic tables. My children have never had this opportunity in Lower Providence Township, they are totally land-locked within our development unless we drive them to meet friends at the park because there are no sidewalks on any main roads in the township that lead to the parks, and even the shoulders on the main roads are narrow or nonexistent. I think it's a great thing to provide tweens and teenagers some independence before they get a driver's license, and that's not feasible in this township because they can't safely walk or bike anywhere outside of their own neighborhood. I get very nervous when I'm driving on Ridge Pk and need to pass young kids who are biking to Eagleville park on the shoulder of the road because the shoulder is so narrow, I worry that a car may hit them.	3/16/2021 9:41 AM
32	A community gym for parents with a supervised kids room and/or babysitting staff would be so immensely popular, charge fees and it would be a cash cow. The people demand it and would much much rather pay the township than some corporate gym. Thank you	3/16/2021 9:16 AM
33	There are a lot of great resources. I would be very happy if there was a better, safer way to connect to the Perkiomen Trail. The route to it from Level Rd / Arcola Rd is a little dicey.	3/15/2021 8:15 PM

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34	Connect Walker lane and Village Green lane.	2/21/2021 12:39 PM
35	Need to mention one item. PA state parks that are located in my township are responsible to meet some standards and they don't ? Example is the Evansburg park off of Ridge park, building they bought and left it?	2/16/2021 2:46 PM
36	Need a finished sidewalk to hoy park from Barrington. The sidewalk just ends there and doesn't connect to hoy park. We also urgently need a Frisbee golf course in a nearby park.	2/12/2021 9:38 PM
37	Not sure I support raising taxes for this purpose without knowing what the intention & the plan is	2/11/2021 8:53 PM
38	More representation in playground areas for younger toddlers would be helpful. I would also love to see some thing in our township that is similar to the "castle park" in upper Gwynedd Township.	2/11/2021 7:56 PM
39	I want sidewalk connectivity on Arcola road, I would like to see a public pool in lowpro. I would like to see pond view park further developed, walking oval track, picnic benches, etc...	2/11/2021 7:42 PM
40	Existing facilities should be improved via comfort facilities & security cameras to protect twp assets & people using facilities	2/11/2021 2:31 PM
41	I answered 36 as "Don't know" because I think the current facilities can be improved and that we need more accessible outdoor space and facilities to improve our fitness.	2/11/2021 10:55 AM
42	If we are talking raising taxes, LP should cover trash collection in taxes then they can contract anyone they want	2/11/2021 10:04 AM
43	Pickle ball courts would be nice	2/11/2021 5:18 AM
44	This survey is entirely too long. The questions and the total survey need to be substantially truncated to be effective.	2/10/2021 11:51 PM
45	Taxes in lower providence are to high as they are. We are missing the bot not having a community center	2/10/2021 11:49 PM
46	Would love a YMCA or community center local to LoPro rather than traveling to Phoenixville or Spring Valley.	2/10/2021 11:06 PM
47	We need to clean our creeks and waterways. Streets. Right-of-way areas. Enforce cleaning of parking lots. West Norriton should do the same w Wawa and the Walmart lot (Tornetta).	2/10/2021 10:53 PM
48	We would love to see Main Street become more pedestrian friendly and more visually appealing. It would be such an improvement for our community and build up local businesses as well.	2/10/2021 10:26 PM
49	When the township would not let the ymca come into the area, they missed a great opportunity. Inst3ad as always, we deal with the traffic through the yownship but get no revenue since we chase the business away.	2/10/2021 9:22 PM
50	We have great parks. Would love to see sidewalks up Church Rd. to Eskie Park, or E. Mont Kirk to Walker, making it safer to walk to the parks without having to walk in the roadway. Love the paved trails but it would be nice if there were well maintained paths that went through the woods too (like at Heyser Park in Worcester.	2/10/2021 9:17 PM
51	The biggest need I feel we need is affordable access to a swimming pool in the area.	2/10/2021 8:50 PM
52	I only support increase of taxes.to improve and maintain as a last resort. In general taxation is theft ;)	2/10/2021 8:44 PM
53	we need to sell the General Washington course and use that money to fund additional improvements - we do not need more facilities (like the Audubon Elementary School) - it should be sold and use that money to improve current facilities and in addition to the tax revenue a new owner would pay for the school	2/10/2021 8:35 PM
54	Please use more native plants in the township parks and include educational materials/sign to encourage residents to plant more native flowers, bushes, and trees that support local wildlife including pollinators. Please reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides which are harmful to local wildlife, especially pollinators likes bees and butterflies.	2/10/2021 8:26 PM
55	Make sure the trails are cleared for walks and appropriately graded so that water doesn't pond	2/10/2021 8:22 PM

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so that the trails don't get muddy or icy.

56	A percentage of LP residents do not bother to clear snow from sidewalks. Perhaps better education and enforcement on that issue could encourage more walking (especially by parents who feel compelled to drive their children to the school bus stop because its not safe to walk).	2/10/2021 8:06 PM
57	I am particularly concerned with new development taking away open space and creating more traffic. The roads don't seem to be able to be widened (I live off of Egypt and park ave). I support raising taxes to prevent developers coming in building homes and leaving more traffic and less open space. This will have a negative affect on the quality of life my family has here in lower providence	2/7/2021 6:34 PM
58	We pay plenty in tax money both to township and school district therefore, our expectation is high that this would be included without any further increase. What are we paying for now?	2/7/2021 1:42 PM
59	If St. Gabriels Hall, Fatlands and properties become available they should be open space/park/community recreational space. There should be no residential and or commercial development in this area (Pawlings Road by Mill Grove and Valley Forge Park). This area has too much traffic that over the years has increased and continues to overwhelm the area roads and highways. Best would be if St. Gabriels Hall and Fatlands become part of Valley Forge Park that currently borders these properties.	2/3/2021 9:15 AM
60	need connectivity to the parks and trails	1/28/2021 10:48 AM
61	We need a dog park!	1/26/2021 6:18 PM
62	Dog park please. Skate park. Improved walking and biking trails.	1/25/2021 10:06 PM
63	Do not raise taxes!!!!!!!!!!	1/25/2021 6:20 PM
64	I'm all for a community center of sorts, and I am Open to a tax increase as minimal as can be, if it is explained and voted on before it comes to pass	1/25/2021 5:23 PM
65	I advocate for sidewalks in our neighborhoods and along busy streets for safe walking.	1/25/2021 1:49 PM
66	I am opposed to the installation and use of stadium/night lights at recreational fields that adjoin a residential community like those at Redtail Park. They are blinding and obnoxious.	1/24/2021 1:09 PM
67	We are excited about the possibility of new trails to connect existing trails. And we would also really love a community center with a swimming pool!	1/24/2021 11:09 AM
68	As long as I have lived in LP, I believed that if we just had walkwaysconnectors....to the amazing trails within steps of our township.... A beautiful Arcola bridge with a walking path but no way to safely get to the bridge. Hoy Park is wonderful yet no way to safely get there without a car. Thank you for all you are trying to accomplish. Definitely would be a draw to this township.	1/21/2021 1:51 PM
69	We need a dedicated, secured, dog park like Upper Providence has. Let people register with a credential yearly to gain access.	1/21/2021 11:30 AM
70	It takes very little resources to not cut trees down in riparian areas or the township. Creating natural habitat for Birding and passive hiking trails are best. Our major thoroughfares thru this township are an ugly eye sore. These new cheapvugly steel building in Germantown pike are a disgrace to this beautiful land. Please have some decent architectural standards along the commercial corridors.	1/20/2021 7:30 PM
71	I enjoy horses as much as I enjoy riding mountain bikes. Unfortunately, horses do a tremendous amount of damage to the trails and make it difficult to run/hike on especially after it rains/snows and freezes up. Why are mountain bikes limited to only the Fern Ave side of the park? I realize this is a state park but an alternative to ride mountain bikes for advanced and beginner levels within the township would be beneficial!	1/20/2021 4:49 PM
72	We need a quality indoor pool. Township kept the Y from expanding here and it was a big mistake.	1/20/2021 4:48 PM
73	We have plenty of open space, trails, and parks. The biggest issue is that our community is not well inter-connected through any means other than driving in a car. Work to create sidewalks and cross walks for pedestrians and lanes for bikes would be the best use of money to make our community a more enjoyably livable community rather than having so many parts be isolated automobile required areas. This includes the ability to safely travel between	1/20/2021 4:48 PM

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commercial areas and residential areas by means other than cars. This means finding ways to interconnect residential neighborhoods with other residential neighborhoods when doing so safely today is not possible due to lack of sidewalks and bike lanes and being walled off by major roads such as Park Avenue and Ridge Pike that have no safe way to cross.

74	Being home for so many facilities that we already have and a 5000 acre state park I see no need to acquire more open space in Lower Providence. Certainly not to raise taxes to accomplish it. We are already paying taxes towards open space through other venues there's no need to burden the local taxpayers on the local level to acquire more open space that would be nice to have but is not really needed.	1/20/2021 4:32 PM
75	We need a community center for youth and adults like GPCC need an indoor pool and walking area	1/20/2021 4:26 PM
76	Community Center would be fantastic. We live next to the landscaping company were a YMCA was considered. Sad it did not go through. A Community center there would be awesome.	1/19/2021 4:58 PM
77	can not support tax increases because our income will not be increasing to do so	1/17/2021 3:09 PM
78	WOODED AND OPEN AREAS CONTINUE TO BE DEVELOPED IN LOWER PROVIDENCE WHICH IS VERY DISAPPOINTING	1/15/2021 5:47 PM
79	I am an active cyclist and former racer and cycle to Collegeville/Green Lane as well as Royersford and South as well as to Philadelphia. The MAIN roads in Lower Providence generally are ok, but the back roads leading to the Perk trail need revision as the guard rails are up against the road and the corners are blind with no shoulders at all. I want to teach my son to be able to ride on the road, but I know the drivers in the area are very distracted and would cause an accident if the cyclist would lose focus even for a moment. The same goes for motorcyclist as I was one for a time.	1/15/2021 4:01 PM
80	Too much development still happening. Every open piece of land gets a new cul-de-sac of homes jammed into it. If we didn't have Evansburg State Park there would be minimal open space. Worcester Twp is the model but it would be too little too late.	1/15/2021 3:08 PM
81	Support either. I think we have enough to satisfy but as a mom of youngsters and teens more could always be good.	1/15/2021 2:38 PM
82	Linking trails and providing safe sidewalk connections should be explored further. I live in the Evansburg section of the township and there is no sidewalk access to walk/ run to township facilities or parks. I believe there is also an opportunity to link and develop trails along the perk creek with trailheads at Cranberry park and following the river. Also it seems the township youth sports are baseball/ football heavy- It does not appear alternatives such as soccer, lacrosse, rugby, hockey, basketball, etc. are given much attention. There are to many baseball/ softball fields.	1/15/2021 12:25 PM
83	Connection from Yerkes Rd to the Perkiomen trail would allow access for us to Collegeville and Providence Town Center all the way to Phila and Green Lane all without a car and the pollution that comes with it. There is currently no access to trails via bike lanes and limited shoulders on Level Rd to Arcola Rd. There is no safe access to Evansburg without the use of a car. We live walking distance to Arrowhead yet rely on bus s to get to school because there is no safe path for bikes or pedestrians.	1/11/2021 1:08 PM
84	Please plan for more children playgrounds.	1/10/2021 11:13 AM
85	Need more streetlights for safety. Parks are overwhelmed and could use additional neighborhood parks. For the most part, we are satisfied.	1/10/2021 7:41 AM
86	We are in Evansburg state park several days a week as we live next to the park. We are very worried about continued hunting in the park, please consider prohibiting hunting for the majority of the year! Perhaps have just a few dedicated hunting days a year. But for 6 days a week, we have too many people hiking the Evansburg loop and other trails, it is incredibly concerning to see so many hunters out there. With the hunting death at Nox state park a few months ago, we do not want to see something like that happen here. This park is surrounded by home, and provides the only real source of looped trails in our area, with many families there each day. Please ban hunting for the safety of all our community!	1/9/2021 10:03 AM
87	LP has wonderful parks/trails etc., however we shouldn't have to always drive to them. Improve the connectivity to access these trails. A sidewalk along Egypt Rd from the Redners	1/9/2021 6:56 AM

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shopping center to the Audubon loop with allow so many people safely utilize the trails and improve the walk ability in our area.

88	I love the existing park and trails and they have been a blessing through the Covid lockdowns. I would LOVE better connectivity to retail and residential areas. Fir instance, connecting the Audubon Loop to Audubon Village would be so valuable for businesses like Ebru and Brusters. The distance is short from the trail, but it is certainly not welcoming or safe to walk/bike along Egypt Rd or Pawlings Rd, let alone with children.	1/9/2021 5:49 AM
89	I would really like to see a reasonably priced community pool.	1/8/2021 7:11 PM
90	Taxes -- I do support a reaasonable tax increase but would want to know how much of an increase before saying yes.	1/8/2021 5:15 PM
91	It's the lack of sidewalks to get around and to the actual parks and trailheads. It's very dangerous to get down River Road and Germantown Townpike corridors to Collegeville trail heads or Evansburg trails.	1/8/2021 1:59 PM
92	My top concern is the need for more sidewalks and street lightening throughout the residential neighborhoods in Lower Providence and bike lanes. Pre-COVID my family if 4 visited the local parks and recreational areas and I think overall the township does a beautiful job maintaining the. My two young children love the playgrounds at Eagleville and Mascaro parks.	1/8/2021 1:48 PM
93	Part of why we chose to live in LP is because of the number of parks. We do not like the lack of sidewalks. We live a short distance from commercial areas and the library, but cannot safely walk there because there are no sidewalks or a shoulder along Eagleville Rd. We moved from Conshohocken where we walked everywhere and really miss that.	1/8/2021 10:22 AM
94	More trails, better sidewalks, and preservation of natural resources are at the top of my list.	1/8/2021 9:54 AM
95	Community center needed, particularly for teens/teens. Additional meeting spaces for community groups such as scouts.	1/8/2021 7:53 AM
96	No taxes we already pay a ton why not get community persons together to volunteer....	1/8/2021 7:35 AM
97	We are an active outdoor family so we go out of our way to find the resources we need. There is a lot of untapped potential in terms of outdoor recreation in the township and I would like to see us be great in this area and make it something that Lower Providence is known for. We have playgrounds and facilities but I rarely see them being used which leads me to believe there could be improvement. We look for playgrounds where there are kids playing and I rarely see that in township facilities which is a bummer, what can we do to make it easy for families to get to the playgrounds and use them. We routinely use the school because we can walk but if we could walk to other parks and meet up with friends that would be amazing.	1/8/2021 6:54 AM
98	LP needs safer roads and sidewalks and bike lanes for walking/biking and connectivity.	1/8/2021 12:03 AM
99	Lo Pro is right next to a great network of trails but you have to drive to get to them. We need inter-connectivity. Also, we should not repeat mistakes like were done with 422 and Arcola Road Bridge where a multi-million \$ road projects were done with poor pedestrian connectivity. At 422 you there is no sidewalk or good way to get from Audubon Road to the Trailer Community and Valley Forge Park. You cannot even legally or safely cross the street from the gas station to the Taco Bell. At Arcola Road bridge, the pedestrian crossing is too narrow and there is not good pedestrian signage / lining. Yet it is a major connector between Lo Pro and Perk Trail.	12/31/2020 1:12 PM
100	Not sure who is responsible for maintaining park roads to trail heads but a lot are in poor shape. The lot off Old Baptist rd and even the road to the main Evansburg park entrance is really bad. Also the roads to the fishing spots are bad too	12/29/2020 1:05 PM
101	Having been almost hit by cars on more than one occasion while running, I would like to see sidewalks installed in neighborhoods. I also wish parks like Mascaro would have a field for older kids/teenagers with a multi purpose field. Not everyone plays baseball and a turf field for kids to access would be amazing.	12/16/2020 3:37 PM
102	Sidewalks need to be installed on Summit Lane to access Eagleville Elementary School and on East Mt. Kirk to access the Ridge Pike shopping center.	12/2/2020 12:53 PM
103	Love Walking Trails. Advertise where they are located within the township please.	11/23/2020 1:01 PM
104	We are uncomfortable in a lot of the areas due to hearing shots from the gun club, or	11/15/2020 9:00 PM

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encountering poorly monitored individuals who discard wildlife bodies and body parts after killing them. We support a much better preservation of habitats, and activities that in,cue respect for life and nature in general.

105	You guys are doing well but this twp needs a face lift on the main road.	11/12/2020 12:20 PM
106	Me, being a mountain biker tend to run into many hikers/walkers, etc. walking the wrong way up an obvious mountain biking trail. Maybe adding specific mountain biking/hiking markers on trails to keep everyone from running into each other	11/2/2020 9:13 PM
107	If there's an opportunity to create more mountain bike trails, then you will grow your volunteer base to help maintain those trails. Mountain bikers are eager to help maintain trails as they are more likely to spend an abundance of time on them. Mountain Bikers love the outdoors and love to help care for the trails they are allowed to use. There's a huge community ready to tell! Including youth mountain bike programs/teams associated with PICL and NICA. I'm spot to discuss further, Heather Hpasq@hotmail.com	10/26/2020 10:51 PM
108	Look at unusable open space as potential for passive or renewable energy generation. Add a municipal authority to maintain and distribute power to residents.	10/26/2020 7:52 PM
109	These are comments of a 91 year shannondell resident. Since this is probably not a significant portion of the population this might affect your conclusions	10/26/2020 2:32 PM
110	The idea that there are hunting is going on at the same time as recreational activities in Evansburg State Park is concerning. I would like to see designated days or weeks for hunting with lots of signage informing those using the park for recreation.	10/26/2020 12:58 PM
111	In the 35 years that i have been using Evansburg park, i have seen very little up keep. In fact most maint has been done by volunteers.	10/26/2020 12:14 PM
112	Please get rid of hunting in Evansburg. It us too close to the road/housing developments and I fear for a shot that goes astray.	10/26/2020 11:52 AM
113	I live 1 mile from both the Perkiomen trail and Evansburg park trails, but the roads to get to both trails have no sidewalks and 35-45 mph speed limits. More sidewalks would be ideal.	10/26/2020 11:31 AM
114	Please consider increasing mileage of mountain bike trails within the township. The sport is growing in popularity year over year, and the amount of mtb trail mileage is not increasing to meet the increased number of users. Also, please consider dedicated MTB trails and hiking trails with no hunting permitted to ensure user group safety during hunting season.	10/26/2020 11:26 AM
115	Please work with the state to stop hunting in Evansburg Park. With so many active hikers I pass each day, it is becoming a very scary place to hike and walk due to the number of hunters we come across. We've encountered hunters around the loop, and with covid pushing the number of folks outside for fresh air (with many other activities cancelled), this year is especially important to curtail hunting. A youth was just shot at Nox State Park, we do NOT want to see that here at home. Please stop allowing the hunters, or greatly reduce to just a few days a season!	10/26/2020 10:31 AM
116	Generally our needs are being met but we would love some thoughtful improvements! For example if we want to walk or bike to Rita's, there is a challenging street crossing and gaps in sidewalks but we finally found a good route where we can enter through the back parking lot. Our biggest wish is for continuity in the sidewalk to Woodland Elementary from our street. There is a piece of Woodland near Trooper that is missing sidewalks and is pretty high traffic. We walk it a lot but seem to annoy the cars (and cause my mother worry and I'm sure prevent other people from walking and biking there).	10/26/2020 8:28 AM
117	More activities are around and not in the twp, YMCA, athletic teams-practice & events, historic maintained parks, etc.	10/21/2020 10:51 AM
118	Need better collaboration cross townships to have increased integration of recreational connectivity/activity. Should look into purchasing land adjacent to Mill Grove connecting to the river trail as St Gabe is closing.	10/20/2020 12:47 PM
119	Fix traffic issues and speeding on Ridge pike cut thru streets. I have to drive somewhere to walk my dogs safely. I would pay a tax for speed bumps or one way streets.	10/14/2020 9:09 AM
120	We are currently using Evansburg State Park, Valley Forge National Historic Park, Lower Perkiomen Valley Park, and the Schuylkill River Trail on a daily basis. Love our outdoor	10/12/2020 12:51 PM

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	spaces!!	
121	Some of these questions were difficult to answer given the current pandemic. More outdoor spaces are needed...indoor spaces are challenging right now. Also, there is way too much new "home" construction being allowed...especially given the traffic issues already experienced in the area.	10/12/2020 9:22 AM
122	Walking trails need better signage. They are hard to read and hard to find parking at some.	10/11/2020 8:40 PM
123	Seen many surveys like this. Ignored not followed.	10/9/2020 10:03 PM
124	The tax base already in existence needs to be managed/allocated better by virtue of the previous questions wherein a referendum on earned income and general tax (i assume a property tax on the value of the structure) to pay for items that would make this area more desirable to live is a little backward---- ie: property values would go up and therefore revenue as well. Also - any new developement of residential units (homes /apts) should be subject to net zero energy usage and the highest standards of low impact land use and run-off, passive and active solar heating and electric, these standards should also apply, to some extent, on commercial developement.... this type of building and developement, although a little more expensive at the building and planning end and, given that the premium paid above the actual building costs in this area are high... and could go higher with open space and sustainable township infrastructure. a rise in actual construction costs will only serve to ding the margin of the developer.... who, as you know, could not give a damn beyond his profit margin at the expense of the community value and reduced services needed by the township - for instance, reduced police and fire activity due to fire protected buildings with positive community activity and open space to name just one of many other reasons to put taxes on the land value and not upon that which is built upon it . To tax someone more for improving and putting to better use his property and taxing someone less for an ill-built, polluting, and potentially hazerdous structure, seems to me to be putting the cart before the horse!!!	10/8/2020 2:00 PM
125	Open spaces are important to preserve our nature's diversity and also to plan for water management, which is an increasing problem that needs to be better planned for. With the Increased development expanding impervious surfaces and creating more runoff, and the increased rainfall in our storm events, this is a consideration for our natural resources and residents' property.	10/7/2020 9:34 PM
126	I think that Pickle Ball courts would be highly utilized. It is a game that people of all ages can enjoy.	10/7/2020 7:23 PM
127	Allow mountain bikes to utilize the same trails as horses	10/7/2020 3:08 PM
128	Please please please build a community pool!!	10/7/2020 2:54 PM
129	Would love to see bike trails connecting local parks or parks in neighborhoods and definitely a community center would be very beneficial to this Township	10/7/2020 2:37 PM
130	I think this is upper providence, not lower, but where the new sewer line is going under Arcola road bridge, move the trail there so you don't have to cross Arcola road twice when using that trail	10/7/2020 2:30 PM
131	Township should purchase the Audubon School property and make it a community center.	10/6/2020 6:15 PM
132	None.	10/6/2020 2:19 PM
133	In the future, would like to see more programs in the parks to engage the community, promote wellness and generate revenue to maintain/improve parks rather than raising taxes. However preserving open space is important to us as township residents for environmental reasons and we feel it should be a priority.	10/5/2020 8:40 PM
134	More sidewalks are needed between neighborhoods and commercial areas to allow residents to take advantage of walking to stores and restaurants.	10/5/2020 4:39 PM
135	More open space, no fluff is needed though!	10/5/2020 2:18 AM
136	Side walks to connect hoy park to perkiomen trail via Arcola road bridge	10/4/2020 8:33 AM
137	Yes. The township should build a culvert footbridge at site of the old Yerkes Road bridge.	10/3/2020 5:35 PM
138	I live close enough to walk/bike to multiple parks, but am unable to due to unsafe traffic conditions.	9/30/2020 3:28 PM

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139	I would really love to see improved playgrounds. I think one or more splash pads, "nature play spaces", or better playgrounds would be a phenomenal addition to the park system. I would like to see playgrounds that have more of a "wow" factor - a giant castle, water fountains, something new or unique, that makes it stand out.	9/29/2020 10:18 PM
140	All the playgrounds need more shade!!!	9/29/2020 10:03 PM
141	We love, love, love all our parks! We loved it when you had concerts in Eagleville Park in the summer.	9/29/2020 11:43 AM
142	also get a dog walk area in LP, utilize some of the MANY vacant shopping areas. Also why can't recreation areas be built off the very large space, off between Audubon Road and 422 that was slated for 422 building option. A huge piece of land doing nothing for community	9/28/2020 8:35 AM
143	Open space in our township is being over-developed and should be purchased to keep as open natural space thru local or state grants.	9/26/2020 10:38 AM
144	In general, preserving green space and making parks and spaces more accessible by foot (including access for wheelchairs/other mobility devices and strollers) are the most important aspects of this survey.	9/25/2020 10:48 PM
145	I am not a resident so any of my answers must be considered from that perspective. I do know that in the last 50 years the U.S. has lost 30% of its birds. The primary reason for this is the loss of habitat. We must change our use of land to allow for native plants and wild areas to maintain biodiversity and a sustainable ecosystem for humans.	9/25/2020 10:39 AM
146	Stop building houses and keep more open space!	9/24/2020 11:15 PM
147	Lower Providence Twp should purchase the Fatland Ford estate along Pawlings Road (across from Mill Grove) and preserve it as an historical site. It ties in well with the John James Audubon history of Mill Grove and would augment nicely the undeveloped land of the area.	9/24/2020 9:16 PM
148	Lower Providence is blessed to have access to so much county, state and federal open space in the surrounding area. We should not take this access for granted and should plan for own open spaces. Is there any thought or plans for partnering with the YMCA and for them to build in the township?	9/24/2020 1:35 PM
149	Builders should be providing sidewalks and trail access, not taxes. More should be done jointly with surrounding townships.	9/24/2020 10:19 AM
150	It is difficult to walk and bike on the roads in our township. There are few sidewalks and bike lanes and the cars drive very fast. I would love it if our Township was more walkable, particularly the Ridge Pike corridor.	9/23/2020 2:57 PM
151	In and around our township there are lot of beautiful trails and forest. But recently I see lot of new constructions, though I am not against that but not at the cost of cutting down nature. I see people are cutting down creeks or dumping waste on creeks which on a long run will result in flooding and damaging the eco system. Humble request, please take care. Once gone, will be gone forever.	9/23/2020 11:50 AM
152	The survey is great, however, this has been an extremely unusual year with COVID lockdowns in place for the spring and summer. These have prevented myself and many others from doing the outside activities with the regularity that I normally do, affecting my answers. Hopefully you'll take this into consideration for planning purposes.	9/22/2020 7:10 PM
153	Connect LP to existing surrounding trails. Be able to walk / bike safely from every LP park to every other park, school, government building, Valley Forge, and Mill Grove. This idea was in plans from 2005 - why are we still planning? Why was nothing done? Why was no safe bike / walking connection put in place with the Trooper / 422 work? Why can't we safely bike to Mill Grove?	9/22/2020 5:01 PM
154	Too many sports fields, not enough open space!	9/22/2020 4:54 PM
155	I would love to see a pedestrian bridge at Yerkes road to be able to get to the Perkiomen Trail.	9/21/2020 7:04 PM
156	I think the parks are great. The areas is missing a summer swim club with open space for sports/activities. Shannondell is not ideal. Also...need to convert some space in residential ares to open fields. More space like Redtail would be great...can just be an open field as many developments are overcrowded with small yards so not enough space for children to play	9/20/2020 11:26 PM

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sports/etc. And very tough to bike to those a mile away due to busy roads. Ban Tractor Trailers on Park Ave would be a start...lots of problems there...should petition to the state.

157	I cannot stress enough the importance of sidewalks or bike lanes to connect to the Arcola road bridge to the Perkiomen trail. It is unsafe that residents travel on a narrow road of Level road or Arcola Road to access the bridge. Residents in Upper Providence have bike lanes. Lower Providence does not. Bike lanes need to run all the way up to ridge pike on both. It is very dangerous.	9/20/2020 9:12 PM
158	The more of a priority that is placed on fixing the broken sidewalk and bike connection it will help to ease congestion and pollution on the roadways as reliance on cars will be reduced.	9/20/2020 8:56 PM
159	Before raising taxes, should look at where spending is currently being done.	9/20/2020 12:58 PM
160	We would love to see the land and space of Audubon Elementary School used in a positive way such as a community center or park. Very concerned about this vacant space.	9/20/2020 12:26 PM
161	Show me a plan and I'll support referendums. Don't just raise taxes indefinitely.	9/18/2020 5:24 PM
162	Have all new development include recreation areas for kids walking trails and paths to local stores and public transport.	9/18/2020 4:33 PM
163	1) Connect Eagleville park to Evansburg (even if using a combination of trails and neighborhood sidewalk routing but avoiding walking on Ridge/Germantown Pike. 2) Add sidewalk to connect from Walker Lane to Eskie Park entrance on Church. 3) Add concerts at Eagleville Park state.	9/18/2020 10:55 AM
164	A safe walking path from Hoy Park to Arcola Bridge and trails beyond is needed	9/17/2020 9:15 PM
165	no new taxes- reel in spending if revenue needed	9/17/2020 3:23 PM
166	I live near Mill Grove and the Audubon loop and cycle to the Schuylkill river trail 3-4 times per week. The Betzwood ped bridge is such an asset to this area. This type of access is a major reason I live in Lower Providence. I view connection trails as the most important improvement.	9/17/2020 12:44 PM
167	We need a Lower Providence Clean Up Day. I pick up around my development, but it would be nice to have the twp run the event. I would be willing to help organize.	9/17/2020 11:44 AM
168	Biggest issue is isolated neighborhoods on islands forcing people to drive because getting to close by areas is too dangerous. As an example, I live in Audubon Hunt on Peacock Dr. in Lower Providence. There are no continuous sidewalks that connect this community of 30+ homes with the neighboring communities since Appledale has no sidewalks. They would be easy to add for the short distance needed. Also, no continuous sidewalks along Park Ave connecting us to the close and easily walk-able or bike-able Ridge Pike businesses sector. Forcing people to drive the mile or 2 to be safe.	9/17/2020 10:48 AM
169	create more riparian buffers and stop developing along the creeks	9/17/2020 9:52 AM
170	I don't want to see any more development in the township. I understand that you want the tax money but too many new homes are going in that can't be supported by the infrastructure.	9/17/2020 7:19 AM
171	We have fabulous trails in the area but no safe way to walk to these trails. A beautiful Arcola bridge with a walking path but pedestrians cannot get to this safely. Love adding anything that improves walking access but LP taxes are extremely high and a deterrent from moving to this township.	9/17/2020 7:07 AM
172	As a family of avid hikers who loves the outdoors ther number one issue weve had is finding trails and especially lack of accessibility (ie: parking/more trailheads and/or more sidewalk connectivity)	9/16/2020 10:56 PM
173	Please have less grass and more meadows in parks. Plant proper trees along roads that will not interfere with overhead wires, provide shade and improve air quality and aesthetics.	9/16/2020 9:47 PM
174	Don't raise taxes!!! Plenty of parks and recreation facilities nearby!!	9/16/2020 9:21 PM
175	Two of the most hazardous Perkiomen Trail road crossings are located adjacent to the Arcola Bridge. When the sewer line replacement project is completed the trail should be routed under the Arcola Bridge to eliminate these two risky trail crossings.	9/16/2020 7:57 PM
176	Would like to be able to bike from residential areas to trails	9/16/2020 6:52 PM

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177	I would love to see additional sidewalks and street lining throughout lower Providence! A way to connect our town.	9/16/2020 6:40 PM
178	Need activities/center for seniors.	9/16/2020 6:36 PM
179	The township really missed the mark when they turned away the YMCA. Funny that now this survey hints to the need not being met.	9/16/2020 5:17 PM
180	Focus on making existing roads pedestrian & bicycle friendly & connected	9/16/2020 4:58 PM
181	What land would the township be purchasing that is zoned for a recreational facility? How much money would it cost the tax payers to acquire and maintain such a property? It's not a need, it's a want....just like Skyview Upper Elementary was and that didn't work out so well for the residents of this township. Now is not the time to be building any new facilities in this township. It's already been overdeveloped.	9/16/2020 4:51 PM
182	why isnt the GW Golf club included in the survey? Why are we subsidizing this property for the benefit of 1 company at a loss to taxpayers? We should sell it. We should also not consider acquiring the Audubon School from the MSD at any cost. The MSD should sell it - it has been unused for more than 4 years, is falling into disrepair and will soon be an eyesore like Buds and other properties on Egypt between Park and Trooper - we can and should be doing better	9/16/2020 4:28 PM
183	I do not use the recreational services in this area because I just don't feel comfortable/welcome.	9/16/2020 4:26 PM
184	I don't support the township building a recreation center. Leave that to the experts. I'd support the township partnering with the YMCA in building a local facility. Phoenixville and Royersford are just a little too far.	9/16/2020 9:31 AM
185	Connecting to the parks from home is the biggest issue. Cycling/walking down Egypt Road, Park Ave, Audubon Road, and Trooper Road is dangerous...but we do it if we just want to enjoy a trip without loading up the car to go 1 mile to park it again. Wouldn't it be nice if Audubon could uproot Buds Bar and expand that intersection to be more walkable? Pedestrian access to the Audubon center from nearby neighborhoods can open up a world of opportunity for outdoor activities. Connecting to it is a nightmare now, but once you're there, you can get to Valley Forge park, bike to Philly, head up to Green Lane, or just play in the fields in Oaks.	9/16/2020 6:50 AM
186	Seniors new to township. Need taxes to remain steady. No increases	9/16/2020 5:33 AM
187	Before spending money to acquire parks. I'd like to see the investment in existing open space. Create trail connections along the creeks as was proposed 20 years ago. Invest in sidewalks in the community Create a way for kayakers to drop into Cranberry Park, Enforce sidewalk ordinances, Invest in sports parks rather than hold non-profit youth sports organizations hostage for improvements.	9/16/2020 12:32 AM
188	We believe a community center would be a great idea--highly appealing to a young family with no YMCA close by. Farmer's Market also appeals.	9/15/2020 9:46 PM
189	Lower Providence needs to acquire undeveloped land before there isn't any left in the township to acquire...especially bordering Collegeville.	9/15/2020 8:38 PM

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23

A RESOLUTION CLOSING OUT COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIPS
GRANT PROJECT (BRC-TAG-25-138)

WHEREAS, the Lower Providence Township has
prepared a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan for the
Lower Providence Township area; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to update the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Plan was financed in part by a Community Conservation Partnerships Program grant under the administration of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, under contract number **BRC-TAG-25-138**.

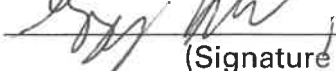
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township that:

- a. The project was completed in accordance with the Grant Agreement.
- b. All project expenditures have been made and were in accordance with the Grant Agreement.
- c. The Plan and related materials are acceptable to the Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors.
- d. The Plan and related materials will be used to guide future recreation and conservation decisions.

ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF August, 2021, by the

Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors


Peter MacFarland, Chair

Attest:  Interim Township Manager
(Signature and title)

