

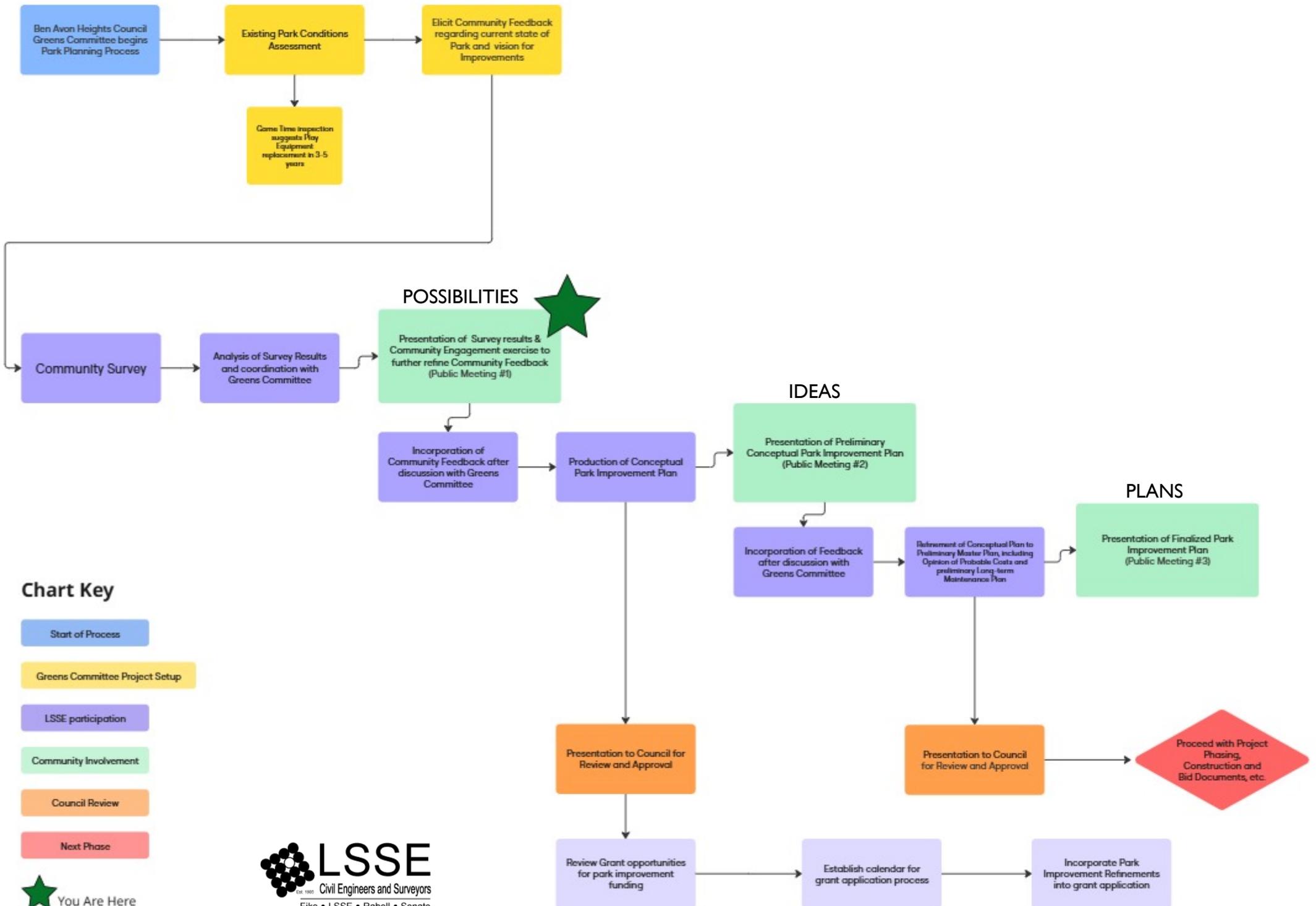


Welcome to the Ben Avon Heights Community Open House. We are LSSE Civil Engineers and Surveyors, the municipal engineers for the Borough, and we will be sharing the results of the Community Survey and outlining the Park Beautification process moving forward. We will open with a discussion of the origins of the Park Beautification Project, and describe our involvement in the process. We will then present some of the tabulated results of the survey, and explore more in-depth a few areas of park improvement possibilities that emerged from the survey responses. We will also share conceptual images of what some of the improvement possibilities might look like, and ask the community attendees to express their preferences among the options.

## **AGENDA**

- A. Introduction and Opening Remarks: BAH Greens Committee
  
- B. Introduction to the current Park Beautification Project: LSSE
  - a. Who is LSSE and why/how are they involved in this process
  - b. Brief History of Park Improvements and motivation for current Beautification Project
  - c. What is the process for the current project, where are we in the timeline, and what comes next
  - d. Introduction to the Survey: why we did it and what does it all mean?
  
- C. Summary of Survey Results: LSSE
  - a. Presentation of Graphs showing survey responses
  - b. Presentation of Exploration List based on survey response numbers
  - c. Public Comment
  
- D. Image Board Presentation of Conceptual Alternatives: LSSE
  - a. Exploration A: Playground (replacement of worn structures, expand age range, unify spaces, safety, etc.)
    - i. Q&A/Public Comment
  - b. Exploration B: Shade/Seating (target areas, types/styles of seating, types/styles of shade structures, potential cost differences)
    - i. Q&A/Public Comment
  - c. Exploration C: Refurbish Court spaces (ADA access, multi-use potential, integration with seating/screening options, etc.)
    - i. Q&A/Public Comment
  
- E. Interactive Feedback Session
  - a. Introduction and explanation of “sticky dot” exercise
  - b. LSSE and Ben Avon Heights Greens Committee members available during the session for more Q&A (informal)

# Ben Avon Heights Park Beautification Project - Process Flowchart



## Chart Key

Start of Process

Greens Committee Project Setup

LSSE participation

Community Involvement

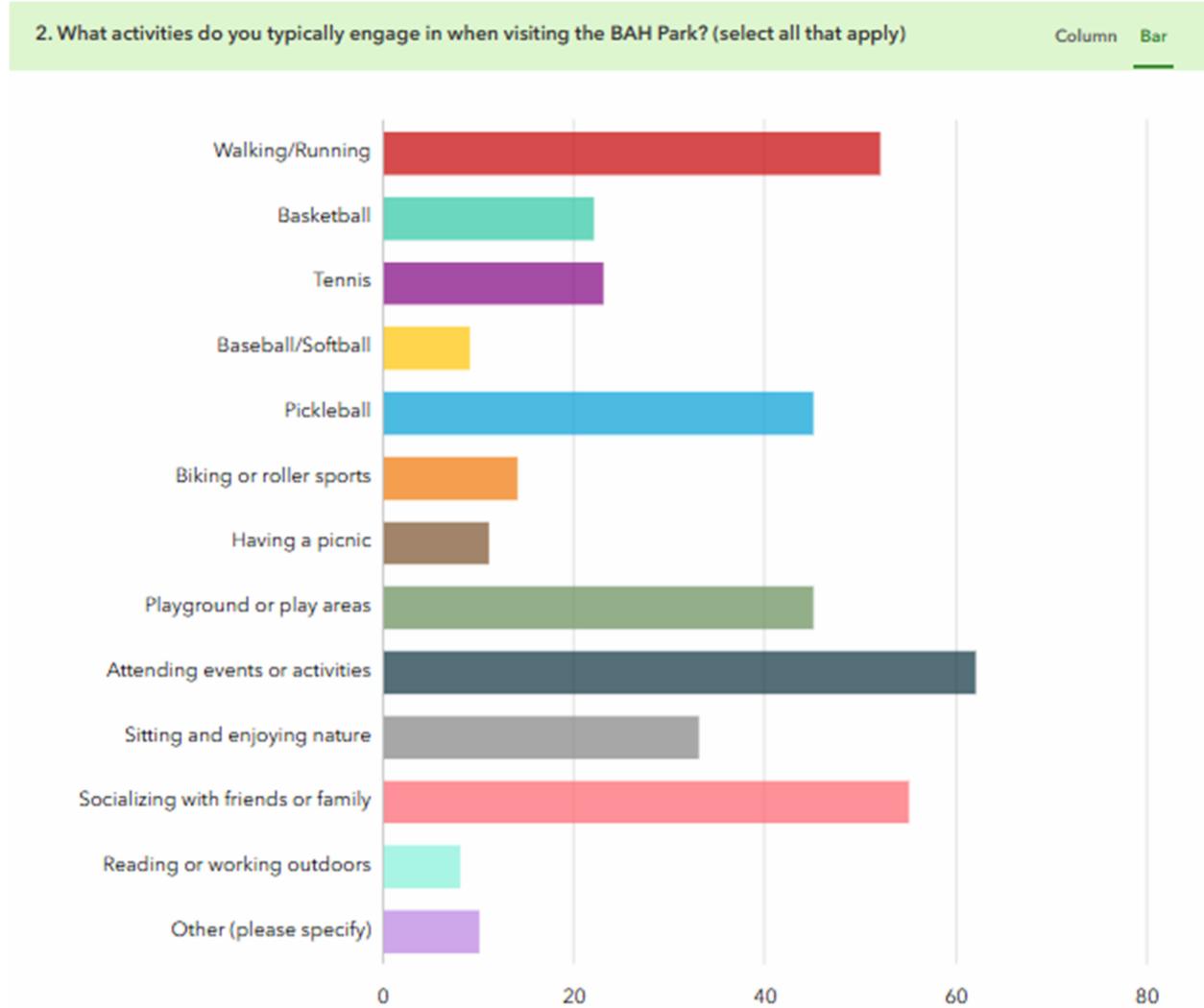
Council Review

Next Phase

You Are Here

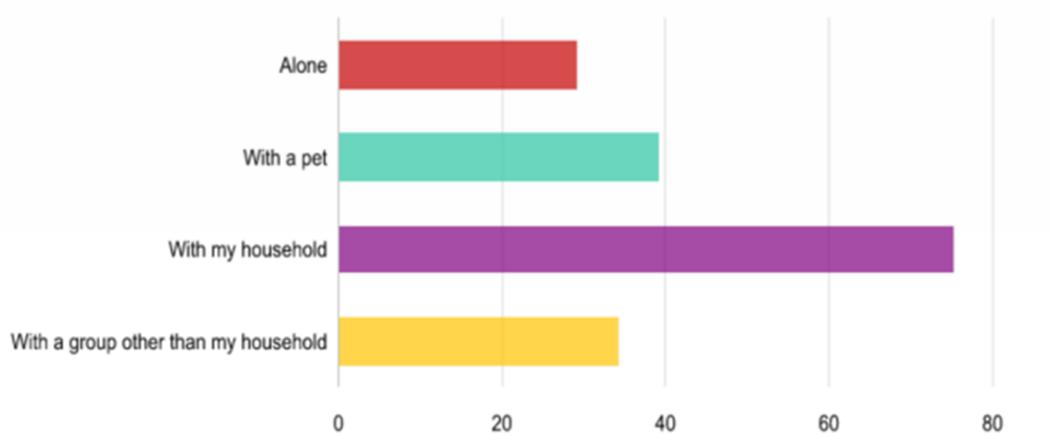
**Survey Background/Purpose:**

The Borough of Ben Avon Heights conducted a community survey to gather input on planned upgrades to Ben Avon Heights Park. Residents shared their priorities, ideas, and feedback to help shape future improvements, including recreational amenities, accessibility, and overall park experience. The responses provided valuable insights that will guide the enhancement of the park to better serve the community. The survey was open February 20 through March 5, 2025. A total of 104 surveys were submitted.

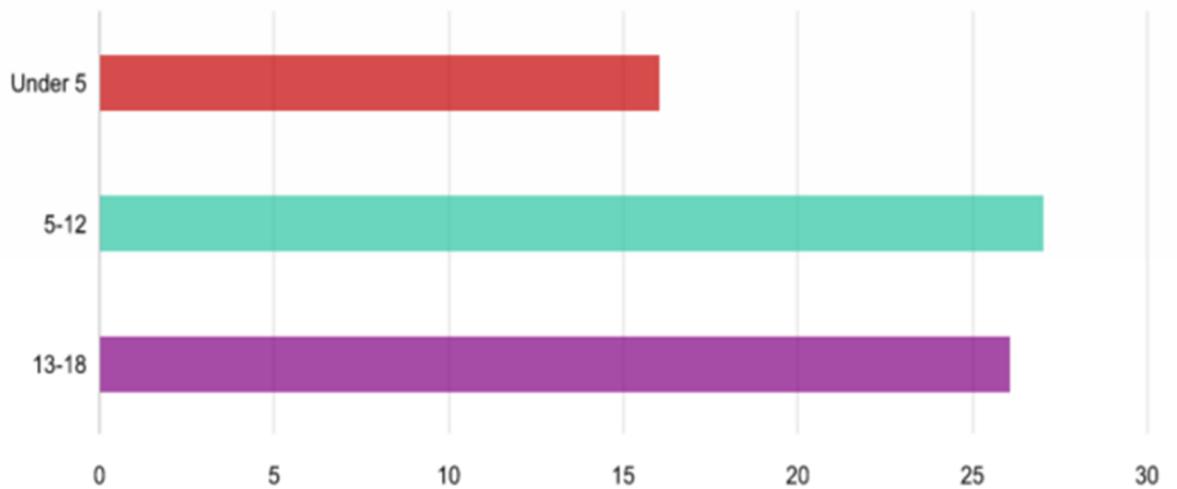


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**When I visit the park, I am typically... (select all that apply)**

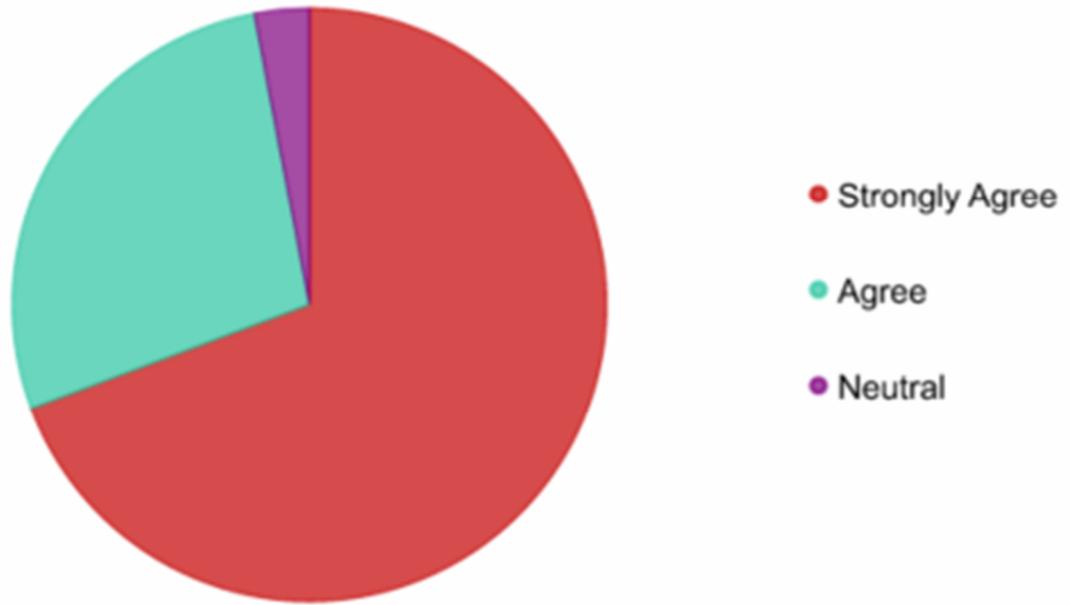


**If you have children under 18, what are their ages?**



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 5	16	15.53%
5-12	27	26.21%
13-18	26	25.24%

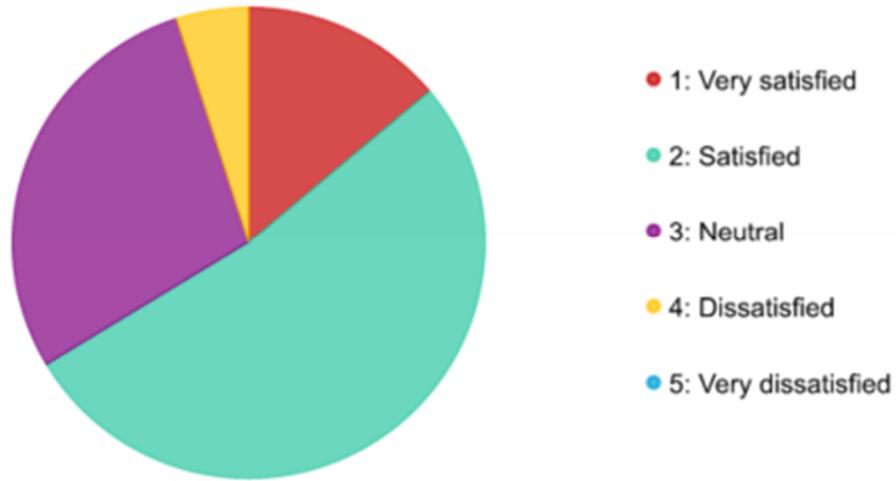
**The Ben Avon Heights Park is a valuable asset and a big part of what makes our neighborhood special:**



**RESPONSE COUNT:**

<b>Walkability/Location: (5)</b>
<b>Community/Social Connection: (9)</b>
<b>Family /Kid-Friendly: (7)</b>
<b>Maintenance: (1)</b>
<b>Sports/Fitness: (2)</b>
<b>Placemaking: (4)</b>

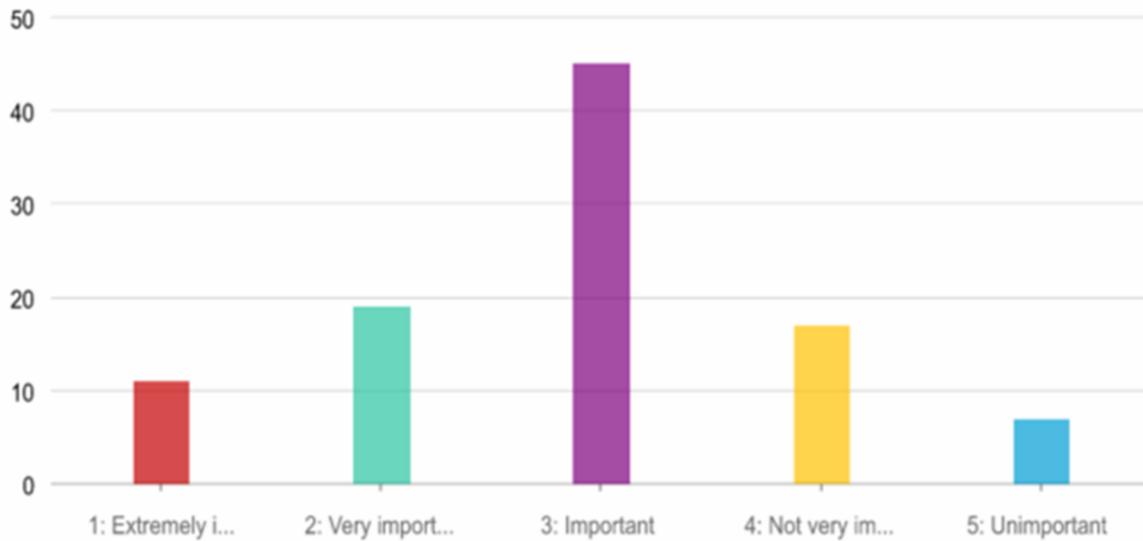
## How satisfied are you with the current state of the park?



### RESPONSE COUNT:

Playgrounds/ equipment: (7)
Open space: (4)
Shade: (6)
Maintenance: (10)
Seating: (5)
Courts: (5)
Dogs: (3)
Landscaping: (4)
Parking: (2)
Other: (11)

## How important is improving the park in the context of wider community needs?



Answers	Count	Percentage
1. Extremely Important	11	10.68%
2. Very Important	19	18.45%
3. Important	45	43.69%
4. Not Very Important	17	16.5%
5. Unimportant	7	6.8%

Another way to look at it: **72.82%** of respondents felt improving the park was **important to extremely important**.







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