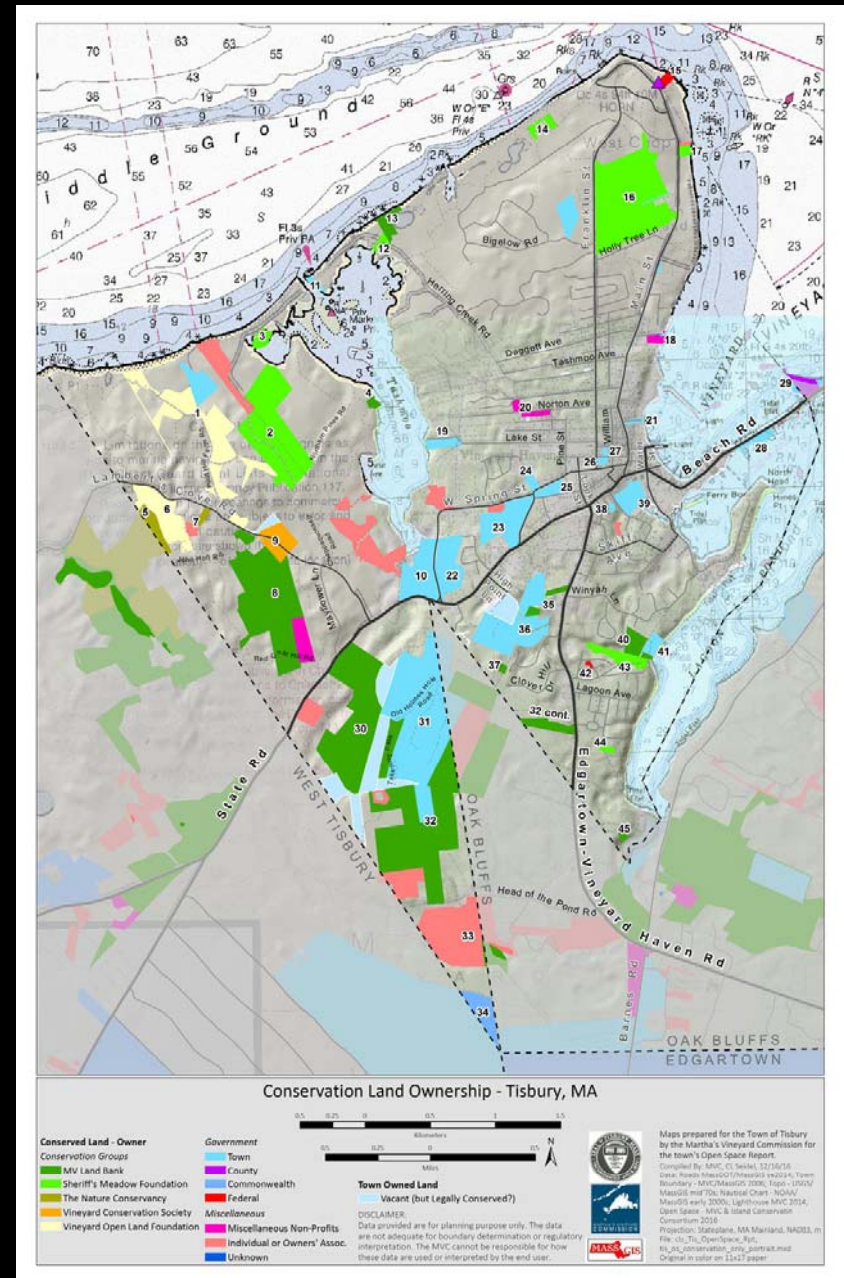


Tisbury Open Space Parks, & Recreation plan

Step 1

Open space and park inventory











Vision Planning Summary -- Parks, Beaches and Open Space

The information below provides a summary of participant worksheets and discussion at the second vision planning workshop. The activity focused on the participant's use of parks and open space in the town, their condition and ways that they felt these resources could be improved. The notes at the end identify the big issues that were discussed and strategies that might be used to better manage and care for our parks. They also address the importance and perceived need for village parks and street improvements in the Vineyard Haven harbor and business district.

1. Most Frequently Used Parks and Open Space

2. Less Frequently Used Parks & Open Space (Beach & Waterfront)

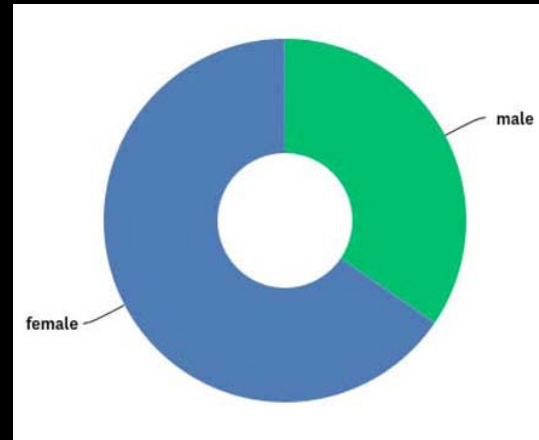
Name & Map ID	Owner & Acres	Uses	Improvement	Aerial Photo of Area (2016) ^a	Name & Map ID	Owner & Acres	Uses	Improvement	Aerial Photo of Area (2016) ^a
Owen Park ID #21	Tisbury 1.2ac	Beach, swimming, life guard, boat access to harbor, Sailing, shower facilities, commercial fishing, crabbing, playground, picnic, parking, music concerts, relaxation, views, walking destination Most frequently used park by vision participants	Larger beach area for swimming, improve portions of the beach, remove old boats from beach, fix band stand, Messy and uninviting, better maintenance, No pleasant place to sit, improve seating, steep hill terrace for benches, more parking, beautification, implement plan for improved infrastructure, food truck		Beach, Owen Little Way ID #18	Tisbury 0.14ac County 0.13ac	Close by, swimming, Pleasant view swimming (like Ice House Pond)	Shallow needs better access to water, Water spigot should be a shower, more parking, Improved maintenance, people don't know about it - better signage	
Tashmoo Overlook & Spring Building ID #10	Tisbury 23.7ac	Beautiful view, amphitheater, Boating/ kayaking, good for kids walking, tranquil, away from traffic, restored building used for Town events, summer camp and private parties, sledding in the winter	Designate as a park, create walking trails for pedestrians, signage, restore herring run, create access for kayaks, connect overlook to park, sidewalk on West Spring Street, improve view, and parking at the overlook, benches, improve water quality		Grove Ave ID #46	Tisbury 0.07ac	Swimming, walkable from neighborhoods	Make it larger Bike racks, more seating, run off mitigation, address erosion, provide signage, people don't know about it.	
Veteran's Park ID #39	Tisbury 10.3ac	Field recreation, ultimate Frisbee, basketball court, playground, bike trail, watch sports, used by island-wide sports teams	Not very visible, Welcoming center, needs better access, not a pleasant place to sit or gather, needs better maintenance, improved destination with more programming, improved drainage at kids park		Wilfrid's Pond Preserve ID #13	MV Land Bank 5.4ac	Swimming not as crowded as Tashmoo beach, beautiful beach and view	Unknown, needs signage, more parking, horrible road, maintain secondary road	
Eastville Beach ID #29	Oak Bluffs 7.6ac	Nice beach, sunsets, fishing, swimming, visual action on the water, close to town, picnicking	Dock, remove some of the rocks from water		Tashmoo Town Beach ID #11	Tisbury 1.9ac	Swimming, Shallow water, great for kids, Sound and lake side offers variety	Improve road, bathrooms, parking haphazard, better parking layout	

Step 2

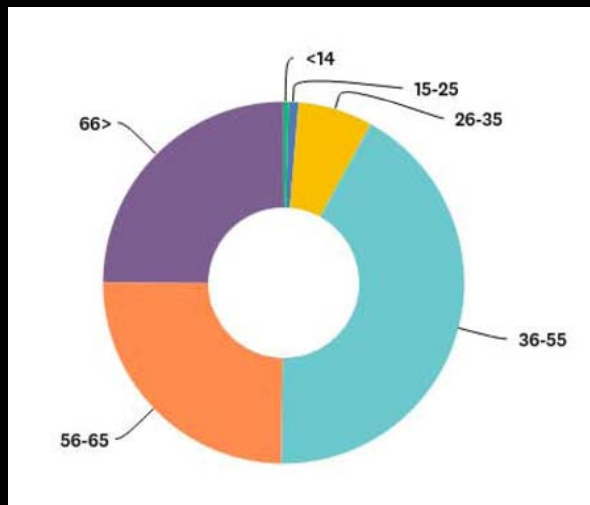
Community Survey

Fall 2017

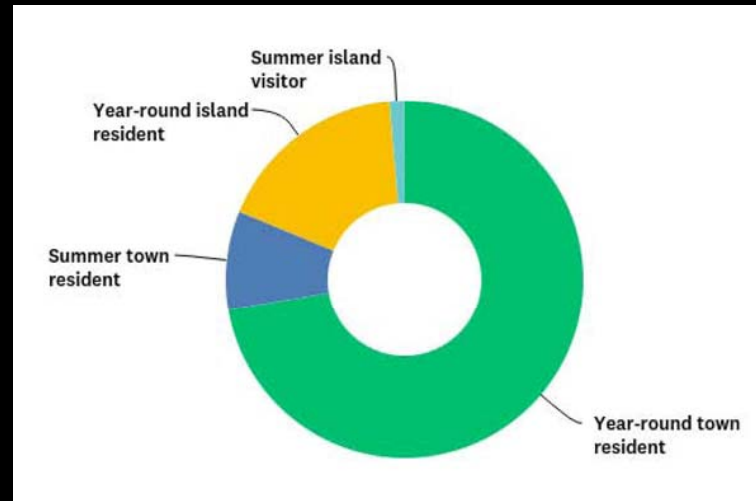
225 Participants



Gender

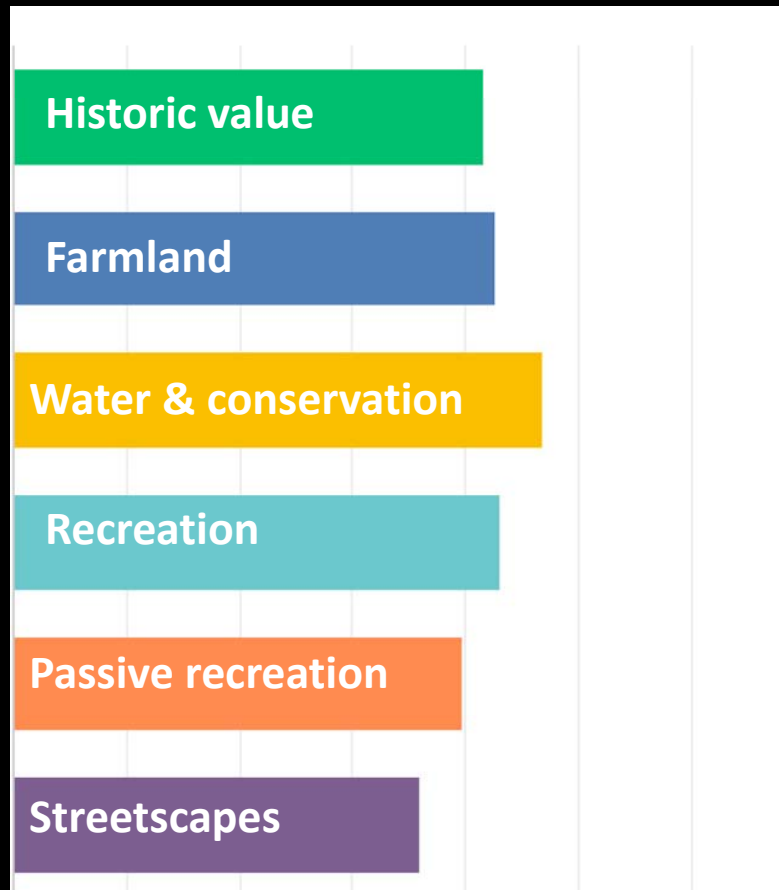


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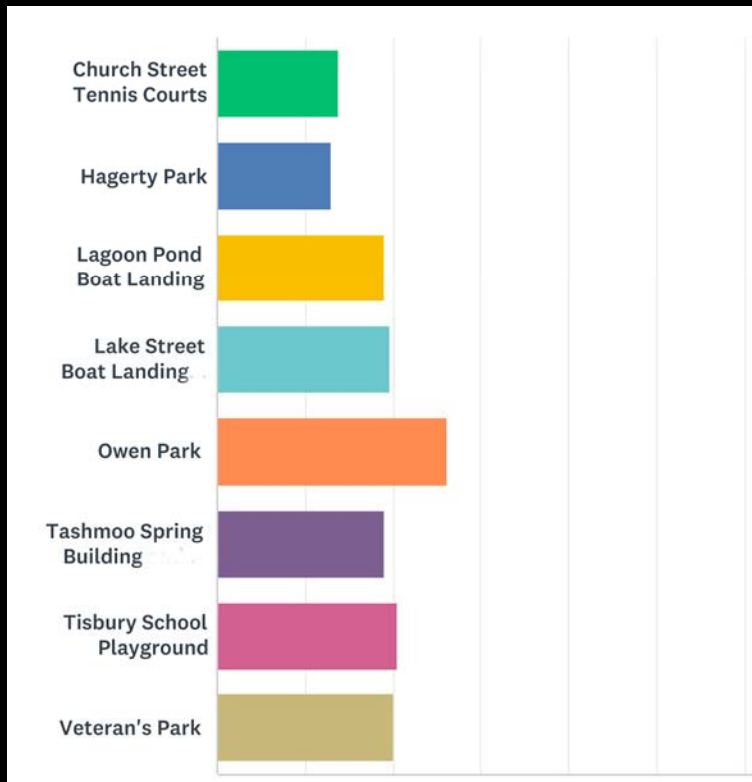
Residency

Value of open space and community parks



All surveyed found the preservation goals moderately or very important.

Current Use: town parks



Owen Park is the only park that is visited often by majority of respondents.

Most respondents visit parks occasionally.

Respondents indicated very little use of Hagerty Park and Church Street Tennis Courts

Current use: swimming



Swimming areas are not often used by most respondents.

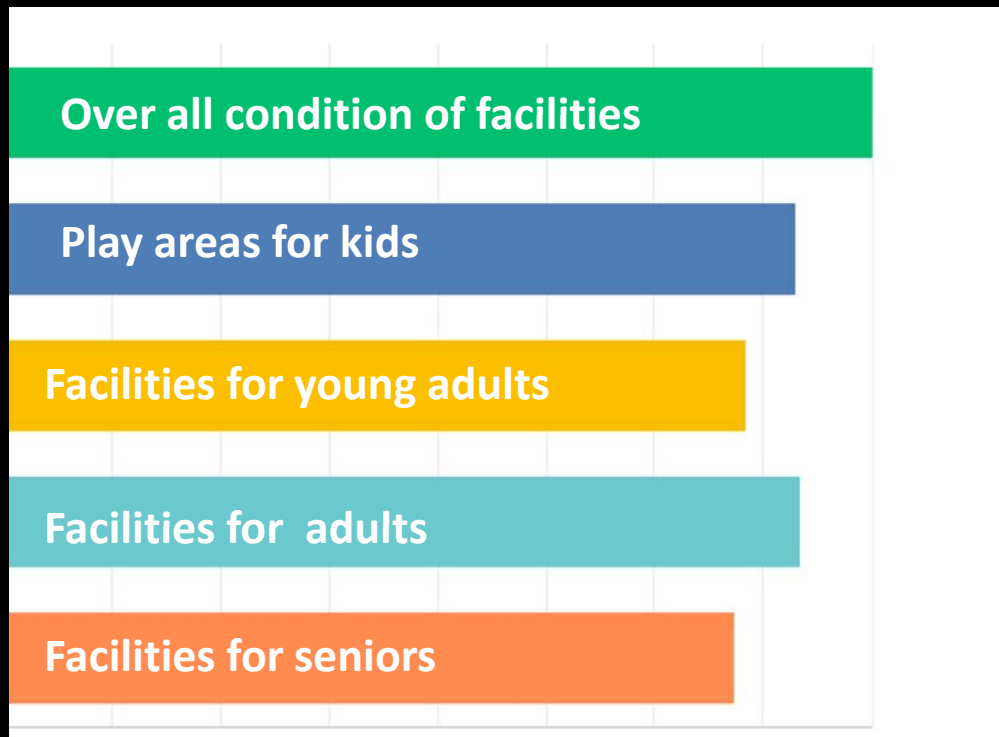
Tashmoo, Owen Park and Eastville received moderate and some frequent use.

Wilfred's Pond and Grove Ave Road end are not used at all by most people.

Current use: open space

occasionally visited	Tashmoo Spring and Overlook Tisbury Meadow West Chop Woods
Rarely visited	Bare hill - Cranberry Acres Hillman's Pt. - Phillips Preserve Pilot Hill Farm - Ramble trail Ripley's Field - Wakeman Center Wapatequa Woods

Level of satisfaction



55 - 65% of respondents are moderately satisfied

About 10% are very satisfied

Lowest satisfaction focuses on recreation

Respondents are moderately satisfied with parks and open space

Improvements to increase use

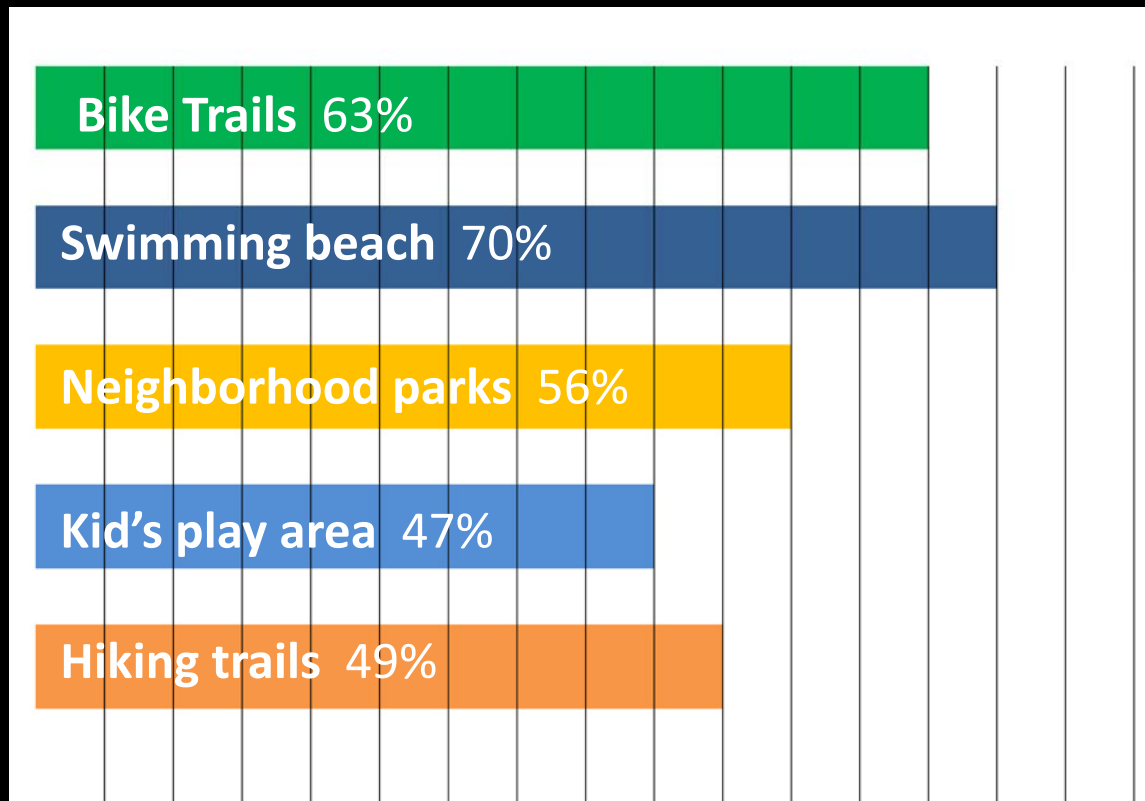


Most respondents felt all suggested improvements would make a difference.

Safe bike connections and improved sidewalks were the highest ranked.

Increased awareness of parks is also important

Recreation Needs: active



The top 5 are shown in table

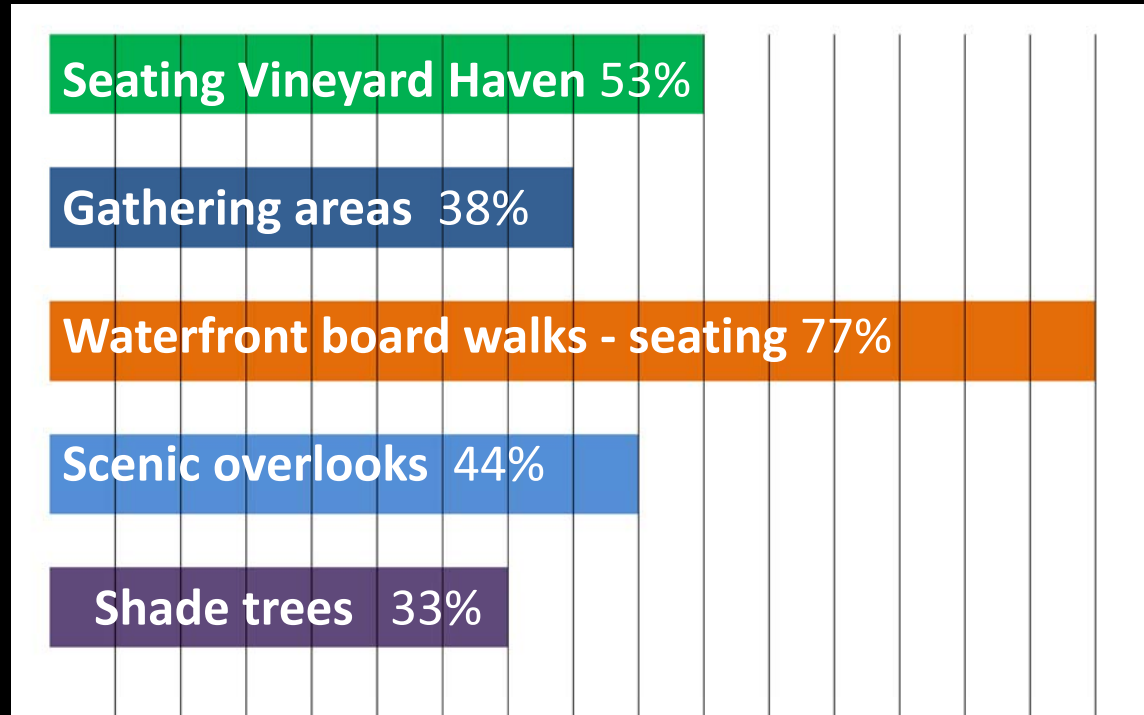
Other needs that were ranked

- Picnic –tables & grills
- Fitness trail
- Small boat access

Other needs suggested

- Park and rec. program
- 3 season opportunities
- Community gardens

Recreation Needs: passive

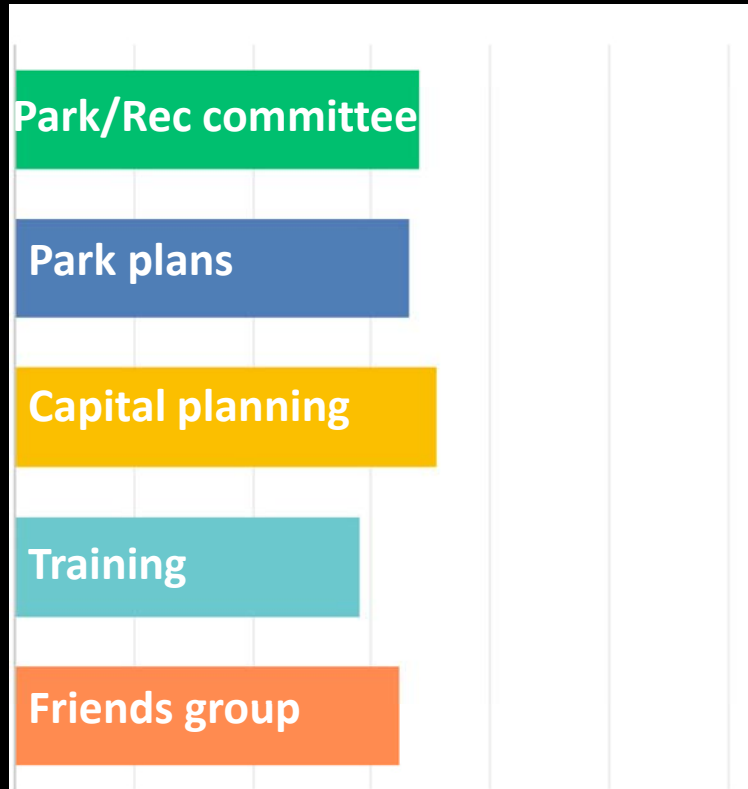


Safety walking areas is essential

Appearance of town is important in creating pleasant walking, seating and gathering areas

Maintenance is important - Recycling, trash containers

Improving Stewardship

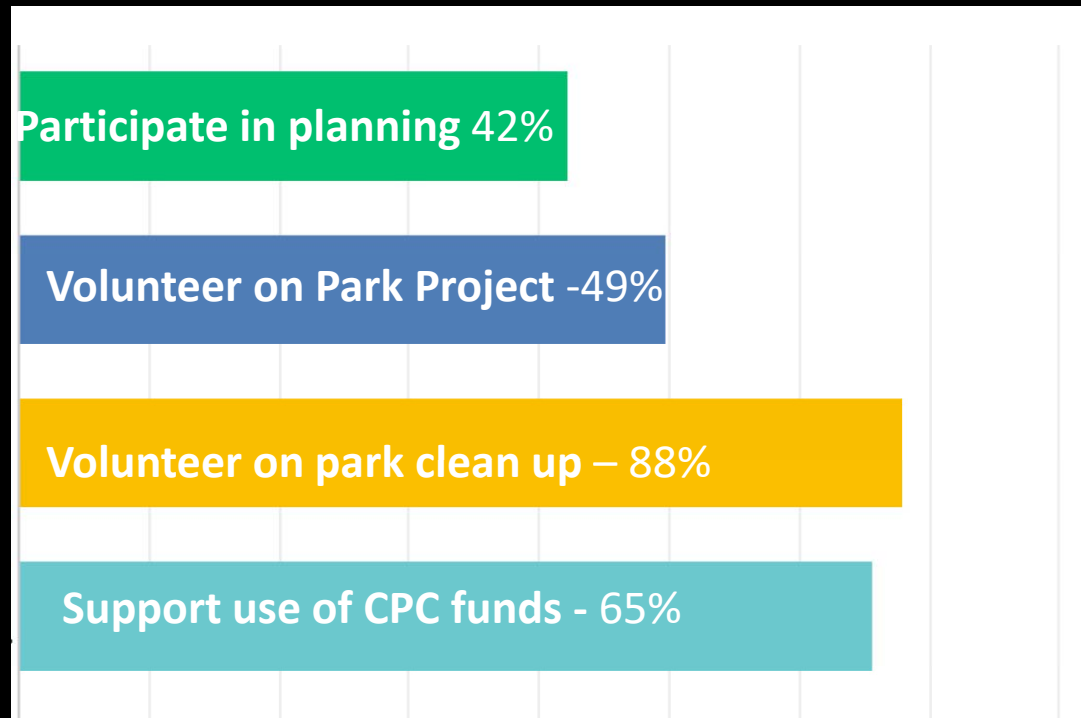


Capital planning for parks

Establish a Town parks and recreation committee

The prepare inventories and plans for sites

Community Support



Reveals the importance of volunteers and the opportunity to develop and coordinate volunteer activities.

The connection between the use of CPC funding and capital planning.

Big ideas

USE

- Other than Owen Park, parks aren't frequently used by the community
- Open space preserves have less use
- Very few people swim at town beaches
- People don't know about many of our resources

UNDERSERVED

- Children
- Kids not on teams
- Seniors

GENERAL

- connectivity – Bike and sidewalks between parks
- Spatial distribution -- neighborhood parks

Big ideas

WATERFRONT

- Swimming beach
- Board walk and seating

IMPROVEMENTS

- Plans for individual parks
- Capital planning
- Community support – CPC funding and volunteers

USE OF VOLENTEERS

- How does town facilitate volunteer efforts

Potential next steps:

- Establish goals and develop policy
- Development of Future Recreation Map
- Development of a General Capital Improvement Plan

Resources

Town website, Vision Forum page

Presentation

Survey summary