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Fiddle Park Plan

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Parks & Recreation Master Plan

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Executive Summary

The Town of Shelburne recognizes Fiddle Park as an integral piece of the overall Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) for the community. As part of the Town-wide PRMP, this Fiddle Park Plan report has been created to re-imagine the park as a community destination. Fiddle Park is the largest park property in Shelburne, totaling 114.5 acres. Enhancing a park space of this size calls for careful consideration and planning to guide future improvements and funding strategies.

At the heart of the Fiddle Park Plan is the Town's goal to provide welcoming and sustainable park spaces for all to use and enjoy and to promote healthy lifestyles. Previous planning for parks and recreation and the future of Fiddle Park highlight the desire within the community to not only hold onto this valuable public land but to enhance it and meet the needs of the growing community.

Since the Fiddle Park Management Plan was created in 2006, the Town has been collecting feedback from the community on the future of the park through various site specific and Town-wide initiatives which are outlined in the Public Engagement Summary (pg 11) of this report.

The most recent community surveys held in 2021 and 2022 asked for feedback on the future of Fiddle Park and the types of features and programming that the community envisions for this park space. Some of what the Town heard from the community in the 2021 survey was implemented in the park and included high priority features like a community garden and off-leash dog park. These features are now present in Fiddle Park and were not included in the focus area of this study.

Data collected in the 2021 survey was the basis of three (3) concept option designs that were prepared and presented to the community in the 2022 survey for comment. Results from this survey were used to prepare the Preferred Concept Design presented in this report. The creation of an overall enhancement plan for Fiddle Park provides the Town a blueprint for park improvement projects that can be implemented in phases over time as funding opportunities become available.

Part One

STUDY & CONSULTATION

Background Study

Purpose & Objectives

Fiddle Park is the largest park property in Shelburne, totaling 114.5 acres. The majority of the site area is dedicated to preserving natural heritage features with a modest trail network. The Town of Shelburne is looking to enhance Fiddle Park with new and improved park features while maintaining the natural heritage of the site.

This Fiddle Park Plan report provides a blueprint for park improvement projects that can be implemented in phases. Figure 1 demonstrates where existing natural heritage features will be retained and where there is available space for park enhancement. The focus area of this Fiddle Park Plan report is 18.5 acres within the 30 acres available in the park for new and improved park features.

Vision

The Town of Shelburne prides itself on being friendly, welcoming and inclusive. It is with these guiding principles that the Town has established goals of sustainable development, accessible parks, recreation facilities and trails that help encourage and foster healthy lifestyles Community Improvement Plan - Design Guidelines, 2019).

Fiddle Park is a beloved destination within the Town Shelburne for it's long running special events and more recently as a place to socialize at the leash-free dog park or tend to the community garden. The existing park features meet some of the community's interests but the vision is to create to create a space with a range of amenities and facilities that provides opportunity for community access and use throughout the year, while continuing to support local events and tourism.

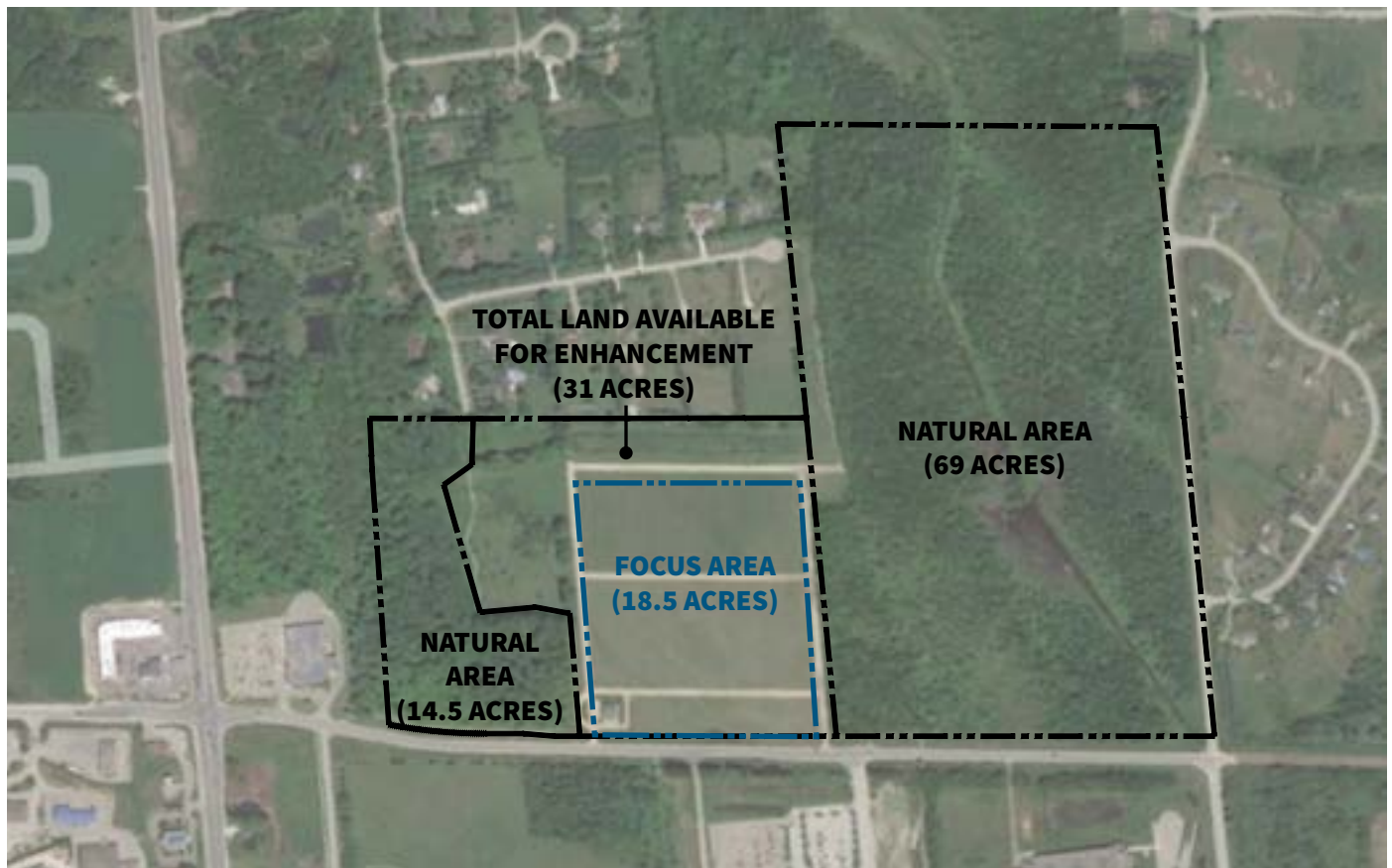


Figure 1: Map of Fiddle Park showing portion of park considered for enhancement.

Background Documents

Community Improvement Plan

In 2019 a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) was created to provide strategies and direction for future enhancement of key areas of Shelburne.

The CIP Design Guidelines highlight the vision for creating accessible spaces and promoting healthy lifestyles, and identify 12 “Big Moves” for Shelburne. This included the “redesign Fiddle Park as a community hub”.

The key features listed as desired enhancements at the initial discussions about park improvements were, a lake for winter and summer programming, trail system, reforestation, additional parking, community gardens and a pavilion for special events.

This Master Plan is intended to see Fiddle Park come to life as a community hub, with opportunities for programming all year and to create a destination that will attract community members and tourism.

Natural & Cultural Heritage

Of the 114.5 acres that Fiddle Park totals, 83.5 acres of the site is protected natural heritage. The natural heritage features and areas on the site are designated for long-term conservation and protection in the Town’s Official Plan, with public access and facilities limited to designated trails.

The wooded areas bookend the central portion of the park where 30 acres of parkland is available for community use and is currently laid out for events including camping sites accessed by internal gravel roadways.

Past programming in the Fiddle Park has included various outdoor concert and seasonal events that would bring an influx of people to the park a few times a year.

Indigenous history of the site needs to be considered and honoured where appropriate. Consultation is required early on during the detailed design process of park improvements.



Figure 2: Image of Canada Day Event, Source: Youtube



Figure 3: Haunted House. Image from "The Little Family presents: Haunt in The Park" Facebook Page



Figure 4: Group performing in "Canadian Open old Time Fiddle Championship" Source: Canadian Open old Time Fiddle Championship Facebook Page

Inventory & Analysis

Fiddle Park Master Plan Study Area

Fiddle Park is the largest park property in Shelburne, totaling to 114.5 acres. The majority of the site area is dedicated to preserving natural heritage features with a modest trail network. The area in focus for this Master Plan is 18.5 acres within the 30 acres available in the park for redevelopment. The focus area is located along County Road 11 and within the existing internal roads.

The lands designated for future park improvements include open lawn (clear of trees), a series of internal park roads, a concession/washroom facility, and a covered pavilion used for special events. Directly adjacent to the park improvement area are the recently installed community garden and off-leash dog park. The topography of the improvement area is generally flat around the concession/washroom building and along County Road 11. Moving from the northwest corner of the site to the southeast corner the slope of the land increases.

The site and surrounding topography creates a substantial flooding issue in the spring and during heavy storm events which occurs between the concession building and the pavilion.

The flooding extends from the community garden to County Road 11. There is a small swale in the park intended to collect and move the water but it is not big enough for the volume of water it receives. Although the surface flooding dissipates in as little as 24 hours, the grass areas remain soggy for a considerable time after the storm event. This condition will only worsen in the future as climate change worsens the intensity and frequency of storm events.

In order to correct the ponding, a larger and deeper swale is required. Consideration should be given to accessible access over a new, larger swale in order to connect the concession/washroom building to the existing pavilion.



Figure 5: Flooding that occurs on site



Figure 6: Image of topography of the site

Trail Connections

Fiddle Park also works as a trail head for access to the local trail network. With passive footpaths and more established trail connections to the neighbourhood, Fiddle Park assists in connecting the community but with a few additional trail connections there is an opportunity to optimize connectivity.

Neighbouring Land Use

The properties surrounding Fiddle Park vary from commercial to the north, school to the northwest, industrial to the west/southwest, and rural residential to the south/east. The park is located in close proximity to residential areas along with new developments increasing the population within a short walking distance of the park.



Figure 7: Fiddle Park Context Map

Existing Park Features

Concession & Washroom Building

Located at one of the two main entry points, the concession and washroom facility is located at the North-West corner of the site. There is a small amount of parking located along the building including accessible parking spaces. Currently the building sits atop a small hill. There are no pathway connections from the building to any existing park features.



Figure 8: Photo of Existing Concession Stand and Washroom Facility (2019)

Community Garden

Along with the dog park, a community garden has been added to the park to address community interests. This space creates another gathering place, for those to share their knowledge and hobby with others in the community. The addition of this garden also allows for access to a gardening space for those who may not have a location to do so, or for people who simply want to garden with their community. The community garden is not in the focus area for park enhancements.



Figure 9: Photo of Community Garden (2021)

Pavilion

The existing pavilion in the open green space of Fiddle Park was funded by Pickin in the Park and has been a key addition to support special events that have historically been held in the park. Some of these events included outdoor concerts and seasonal events. The pavilion structure provides shade and weather protection but could use improvement to the surface below to allow become barrier free and allow additional uses in this space.



Figure 10: Photo of Existing Pavilion (2021)

Off-Leash Dog Park

The off-leash dog park was a more recent addition to Fiddle park, opening in June of 2022. This new feature aids in attracting people to the site. It also functions as a gathering space, allowing the community to come together and meet in a safe, designated area for their beloved pets. The dog park is not proposed to be altered with the park enhancements.



Figure 11: Photo of Off Leash Dog Park (2022)

Existing Park Facilities

Vehicular Circulation

The park area that is subject to this Mater Plan Report is enclosed by the existing outer limits of the internal road network. Within this rectangular loop, there are two additional roads dividing the space into open lawns. See Figure 7 on Page 7.

Parking

Fiddle Park currently has public parking within the site boundaries located at the concession building, community garden and dog park. The stalls are not formally marked with paint and the lots do not have a paved surface at all three parking locations. The current roadway design, in combination with the parking configuration makes it possible for vehicle access and parking throughout much of the open lawn area. A more formal parking lot would provide a contained space for vehicles within the site along with separating pedestrian access and vehicular access within the park.

Dump Station

The park currently includes a dump station for vehicle/RV waste. This feature supported special events that were previously held in Fiddle Park. This type waste service is also available, for a fee, at a number of regional waste treatment plants. The redevelopment of the park and the expansion of community use includes the decommissioning of the dump station.

Servicing

Currently the park is serviced with electricity along the limits of the subject area within the park on the north, south, and west sides. Water servicing runs along all the internal roads to water taps to service the camping sites. Implementation of specific park improvement projects should consider both the availability of service connections and requirements to decommission servicing to suit the project.

Public Engagement Summary

Public Engagement Milestones

The public and stakeholders have been engaged through a series of outreach sessions to give the community an opportunity to provide their ideas and input that ultimately shaped this Fiddle Park Plan report.

The community was also engaged in planning for the future of Fiddle Park through several previous related initiatives:

- Fiddle Park Management Plan (2006)
- Parks Master Plan (2009)
- Community Improvement Plan (2019)
- Fiddle Park Online Survey (2021)
- Fiddle Park Concept Options Online Survey (2022)
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan (Current)

Fiddle Park Management Plan (2006)

The current location of Fiddle Park along the east side of County Road 11 (2nd Line) in the south-east area of Shelburne was established in 2006. At that time, the Fiddle Park Management Plan was created to guide the development of the park primarily to support tourism and recreational activities in addition to the annual Fiddle Fest event. Camping sites and site services, a washroom and concession building, parking, trails and signage were developed. A management model for the park was also established and for many years the event programming in the park was coordinated by the Fiddle Park Committee.

Parks Master Plan (2009)

In 2009, the Town created the first Town-wide Parks Master Plan for Shelburne. The 2009 Master Plan reflects the desires expressed by the community for increasing community use of Fiddle Park. Continued improvements to Fiddle Park were recommended to support increased community access and use.

Community Improvement Plan (2019)

Planning for the continued evolution of Fiddle Park as a community destination park was also identified through the Town's Community Improvement Plan (CIP) completed in 2019. Big Move #7 recommended in the CIP is to redesign Fiddle Park as a community hub. Ideas expressed through community consultation for the future redevelopment and renewal of Fiddle Park are illustrated conceptually in the CIP, with key design recommendations including:

- A community garden that can be used throughout Spring, Summer and Fall – the Shelburne Community Garden has been recently added to the park in 2021
- A pavilion to provide shelter for events – a pavilion/pole barn was added to the park in 2017
- Additional vehicle and bicycle parking spaces to improve accessibility
- A lake/pond that would provide a range of water sports during the Summer season and ice skating during Winter
- A trail system that provides access to many parts of the park including the lake/pond and the natural heritage system
- Flexible spaces to host outdoor activities
- Reforestation of key areas to complement the natural heritage system.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2021-2023)

As part of the Town-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan project, this site master plan for Fiddle Park has been created to re-imagine the park as a community destination by:

- Establishing a new vision and direction building on the community input and ideas generated through previous plans and through further community engagement;
- Assessing the current conditions of the park and related opportunities and challenges;
- Developing a concept plan to visualize, consider and evaluate the potential recreational amenities and facilities that may be added to the park in the future;
- Finalizing the park concept plan to define specific improvements to the park and how they may be implemented in phases, estimate related costs and considering potential funding strategies.

The process has been completed in conjunction with the overall assessment of parks and recreational needs through the Town-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan process.

To initiate the Fiddle Park planning process, a series of online community surveys were launched which are highlighted in the following report sections.

Fiddle Park Online Survey (2021)

In order to update our understanding of community interest in which potential enhancements and new park features are desired in Fiddle Park, an online community survey was launched in September 2021. The survey was live for approximately one month. A total of 481 participants responded to the survey. The amount of feedback received during the 2021 survey is considered greatly successful. This feedback along with an analysis of the existing conditions and site opportunities directly guided the development of three concept options. See the Appendices to view the survey results.

Highlights from the 2021 online survey results are as follows:

How do you get to Fiddle Park

- Walk, 161 participants
- Bicycle, 63 participants

- Car, 391 participants
- Taxi/ride share, 3 participants
- Other, 4 participants

What type of program elements (things to do) would you like to see provided within the park?

- Adult fitness Facilities, 139 participants
- Toboggan Hill, 143 participants
- Skating Paths, 251 participants
- Snow Shoeing, 71 participants
- Trails, 257 participants
- Outdoor Classroom/Amphitheatre, 127 participants
- Community garden, 138 participants
- Bioswales, 33 participants
- Climbing, 39 participants
- Child Playground, 195 participants
- Naturalized area, 185 participants
- Multi-use Sports, 162 participants
- BMX Park, 42 participants
- Dog Park, 179 participants
- Water for passive water sports, 125 participants
- Other, 52 participants

What type of facilities (things to support your visit) would you like to see provided within the park?

- Public washrooms, 414 participants
- Lighting, 307 participants
- Water stations, 235 participants
- Bicycle parking, 54 participants
- Seating, 273 participants
- Dog facilities (poop and scoop stations), 182 participants
- Shade structure(s), 291 participants
- Electricity access, 80 participants
- WiFi access, 103 participants
- Additional vehicular parking, 75 participants
- Electric vehicle charging stations, 10 participants
- Other, 18 participants

Fiddle Park Concept Options Online Survey (2022)

Concept options for the Fiddle Park Master Plan were developed based on the established community input and feedback provided in the 2021 Online Survey. See the Appendices to view the survey results and concepts in detail.

The concept options were presented at a Public Information Centre (PIC) held in September 2022 to allow the community to evaluate the options based on current and future interests and priorities. Days later, the associated online survey was launched to allow another opportunity for the community to provide feedback. This survey was live for approximately two months. A total of 113 participants provided feedback either through the PIC or online survey.

Highlights from the survey results are as follows:

Fiddle Park Concept Options Feedback Data:

- Concept 1, 42% voted in favour
- Concept 2, 27% voted in favour
- Concept 3, 22% voted in favour
- None/ Abstain, 9% abstained or didn't have a preferred concept

Overall Top 6 Programming Preferences:

- Skating Trail, 22 votes
- Camping, 20 votes
- Nature Themed Playground, 15 votes
- Walking Trails, 14 votes
- Fitness/ Sport Activities, 12 votes
- Ampitheatre Seating/ Outdoor Classroom, 10 votes

Top Missing Programming Elements:

- Drive-In Theatre, 4 votes
- Commentary on how to physically access the site, 4 votes
- Identification of space/ features for rent/ revenue, 2 votes
- Indoor Facility, 2 votes
- Enclosed pool, 2 votes



Figure 12: Concept Option 1



Figure 13: Concept Option 2



Figure 14: Concept Option 3

Guiding Principles

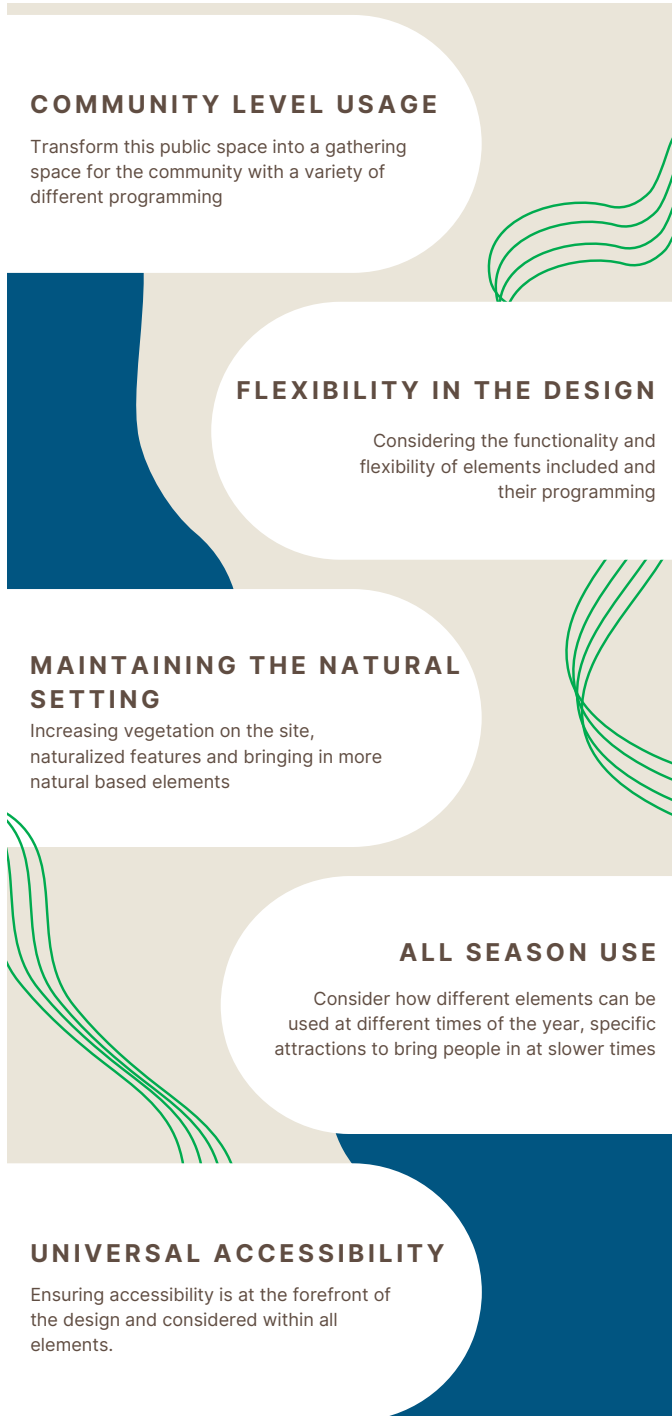


Figure 15: Guiding Principles Infographic

The Guiding Principles that were established after the first Fiddle Park Online Survey in 2021 are outlined in Figure 16. These Guiding Principles along with the specific programming desires we heard from the community became the basis of the three concept options prepared in 2022.

The Preferred Concept Design outlined in the next section of this report responds to all the feedback we've heard to date from the initial Fiddle Park Management Plan in 2006 until the last Fiddle Park Concept Options Online Survey in 2022.

Part Two

PREFERRED CONCEPT DESIGN



PHASED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 BIOSWALE c/w TREES & NATIVE PLANTING
- 2 COMMUNITY PLAZA c/w WATER FEATURE, SEATING, & SHADE
- 3 NATURE THEMED PLAYGROUND
- 4 MULTI-USE COURT
 - SHADE STRUCTURE WITH SEATING
 - LINE MARKINGS
- 5 MEMORIAL PLAZA
 - SHADE STRUCTURE WITH SEATING
 - MEMORY WALLS
- 6 MEMORIAL FOREST TREE PLANTING
- 7 INFORMAL TRAIL NETWORK
- 8 NEW PATHWAY NETWORK
- 9 NEW & IMPROVED PARKING (111 SPACES TOTAL)
 - PAVE EXISTING PARKING AND DRIVEWAYS
 - PICK-UP & DROP-OFF ZONE
- 10 YEAR ROUND MULTI-FUNCTIONAL TRAIL
- 11 PAVILION IMPROVEMENTS
 - PAVED SURFACE
 - VEHICULAR ACCESS
 - MOVABLE SEATING
- 12 AMPHITHEATRE / OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
 - PAVED STAGE AREA
 - ACCESSIBLE ACCESS
- 13 NEW & IMPROVED PATHWAY NETWORK
- 14 SLOPED LAWN
- 15 FUTURE MAINTENANCE STORAGE BUILDING
- 16 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES
- 17 DECOMMISSION DUMP STATION

PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

COLD SEASON

- FREE WINTER SKATING EVENTS
- SPECIAL WINTER SKATING EVENTS
- HOLIDAY LIGHTS
- SANTA RUN
- HOLIDAY LIGHTS INSTALLATION
- SEASONAL EVENTS

WARM SEASON

- WARM SEASON ROLLER DERBY
- COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS
- WALK A-THON
- PAVILION PRIVATE EVENT BOOKINGS
- SKATE TRAIL PRIVATE EVENT BOOKINGS
- MOVIE IN THE PARK
- SUMMER MUSIC SERIES
- POP-UP MARKET

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

- MUSKOKA CHAIR PARTNERSHIP

FIDDLE PARK, SHELBURNE MASTER PLAN - PREFERRED CONCEPT DESIGN - 18.5 ACRES PROPOSED FOR REDEVELOPMENT

Preferred Concept Design

Introduction

The following section provides a profile page for each proposed park improvement project shown on the Preferred Concept Design. When it's time for the detailed design phase, project profiles can be pulled from this report to help guide the design process for the selected improvements.

Below is a description of overall site improvements that shall be considered when designing any new feature in Fiddle Park.

Overall Site Improvements

Barrier free access to the park has been considered in the development of the Preferred Concept Design. Due to site topography, not all features will be completely accessible. When this is the case, a portion of the park project shall be barrier free with no dead ends.

Shaded Seating was a desired feature that came out of the public consultation and should be added into the park. Through different shade structures, plantings as well as furnishing itself, such as picnic tables with umbrellas/permanent shade.

Furnishings shall have a cohesive design language regardless of which phase the park project is implemented. Furnishings materials should consider all-season use of the park to enhance user comfort in colder weather. As possible, donation partnerships should be pursued.

Lighting is proposed for certain features within the Preferred Concept Design to promote safety, enhance the comfort of users, and to extend the usability of certain features into the colder seasons when sunlight hours are reduced.

Planting Opportunities include native and Indigenous significant plants. Native plants should be prioritized to support local fauna and pollinators. Consider grouping plants significant to Indigenous traditional teachings in designated ceremonial gathering areas. The local Indigenous community shall be consulted early in the planning process. As possible, local volunteer groups should be engaged to assist with planting projects throughout the park's redevelopment.

Wayfinding indicators (maps, trail markers, etc.) shall be provided at a minimum for navigating the accessible features of the park.

Materiality for Fiddle Park should be selected for durability, and low-maintenance. Sustainable materials and local manufacturers should be prioritized to reduce the park's carbon footprint. Decorative paving treatments should be coordinated to suit the design theme and historic character of Fiddle Park.

Multi-Functional Trail

Project Scope

- Paved 0.5km Trail
- Inner Loop Connections
- Pavilion Connection
- Accessibility
- Lighting
- Tree Planting
- Wayfinding

Park Project Relationships

Dependent Projects (D) are best constructed at the same time.
Support Projects (S) will support the function of the space but can be constructed at a later date without impact.

- Skate Trail Supports (**S**)
- Amphitheatre & Pavilion Improvements (**D**)
- Pedestrian Circulation & Drainage Improvements (**D**)
- Permanent On-Site Parking (**S**)

Programming Opportunities

- Themed Running Events
- Roller Derby (rental opportunity)
- Linear Pop-Up Market
- Seasonal Events/ Festivals (Dog Parade, Holiday Lights Display, etc.)

Design Considerations

The trail should have a paved surface of at least 4m wide. The design length of the trail should be 0.5km for ease of measuring distance to support programming opportunities.

Inner trail loop connections should be planned strategically to create barrier free connections and shorter walkway loops, provide opportunities to connect back to the concession/ washroom building and other park features, and allow for more programming opportunities along different segments of the trail.

The trail should align with the edge of the existing pavilion to interconnect these park features. The pavilion provides a hub for shade along the trail but tree planting should also be provided along the length of the trail to create rest areas.

Trail markers can be provided along the trail for ease of tracking distance and to direct users along the inner loop connections to navigate to barrier free connections and washroom facilities.



Figure 17: Image from Daily Sentinel, Wiggle Waggle and Walk September 18, 2022



Figure 18: Master Plan Concept Design for Multi-Functional Trail and Internal Pedestrian Connections

Fiddle Park Plan

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Winter Skate Trail Supports

Project Scope

- Portable Roll-Out Refrigeration Piping
- Maintenance/ Equipment Storage Building
- Lighting

Park Project Relationships

Dependent Projects (D) are best constructed at the same time. **Support Projects (S)** will support the function of the space but can be constructed at a later date without impact.

- Multi-Functional Trail (**D**)
- Amphitheatre & Pavilion Improvements (**D**)
- Pedestrian Circulation & Drainage Improvements (**D**)
- Permanent On-Site Parking (**S**)

Programming Opportunities

- Free Skating
- Admission Based Skating
- Special Skate Events (Holiday Lights, etc.)
- Private Event Booking
- Rental Opportunities

Design Considerations

Enhancing the Multi-Functional Trail with Winter Skate Trail Supports created the opportunity to use Fiddle Park year-round and increases funding opportunities for the Town.

Implementing an outdoor skate trail feature also provides the opportunity to attract users from the surrounding area and even the GTA. The naturalized setting of Fiddle Park would set the skate trail apart from urban skate trails and would be closer than existing skate trails to the north.

In order to support the functions of a skate trail, a maintenance and equipment storage building would be required on site. Lighting around the trail would also be required since this feature would be used in the colder seasons when sunlight hours are reduced.



Figure 19: Skating Trail. Source: ToDoCanada.ca



Figure 20: Master Plan Concept Design for Winter Skate Trail and Supports
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Amphitheatre & Pavilion Improvements

Project Scope

- Earthworks
- Tiered Seating Levels
- Barrier Free Access/ Seating Areas
- Tree Planting
- Paving Under Pavilion
- Vehicular Access/ Parking at Pavilion

Park Project Relationships

Dependent Projects (D) are best constructed at the same time. **Support Projects (S)** will support the function of the space but can be constructed at a later date without impact.

- Multi-Functional Trail (**D**)
- Pedestrian Circulation & Drainage Improvements (**D**)
- Permanent On-Site Parking (**S**)

Programming Opportunities

- Outdoor Classroom
- Movie in the Park
- Summer Music Series

Design Considerations

Outdoor amphitheatre seating can be created using earthworks and a series of tiered retaining walls.

The flat surface between tiers shall be wide enough for the passage of one person and someone seated in a folding chair.

A flat surface shall be provided at the base of the amphitheatre with an area designated for accessible viewing space. Barrier free pathways shall be provided along the sides and back of the amphitheatre for additional accessible viewing space in the back. Space shall be planned at the upper barrier free viewing area to allow for a future transfer bench should that be desired in the future.

Tree planting shall be provided to increase access to shade while not disrupting views to the stage area.

Pavilion improvements shall include a paved surface for the stage area as well as a new vehicular access road and parking to support special events.



Figure 21: Outdoor Amphitheatre. Source: Niagara on the Lake website

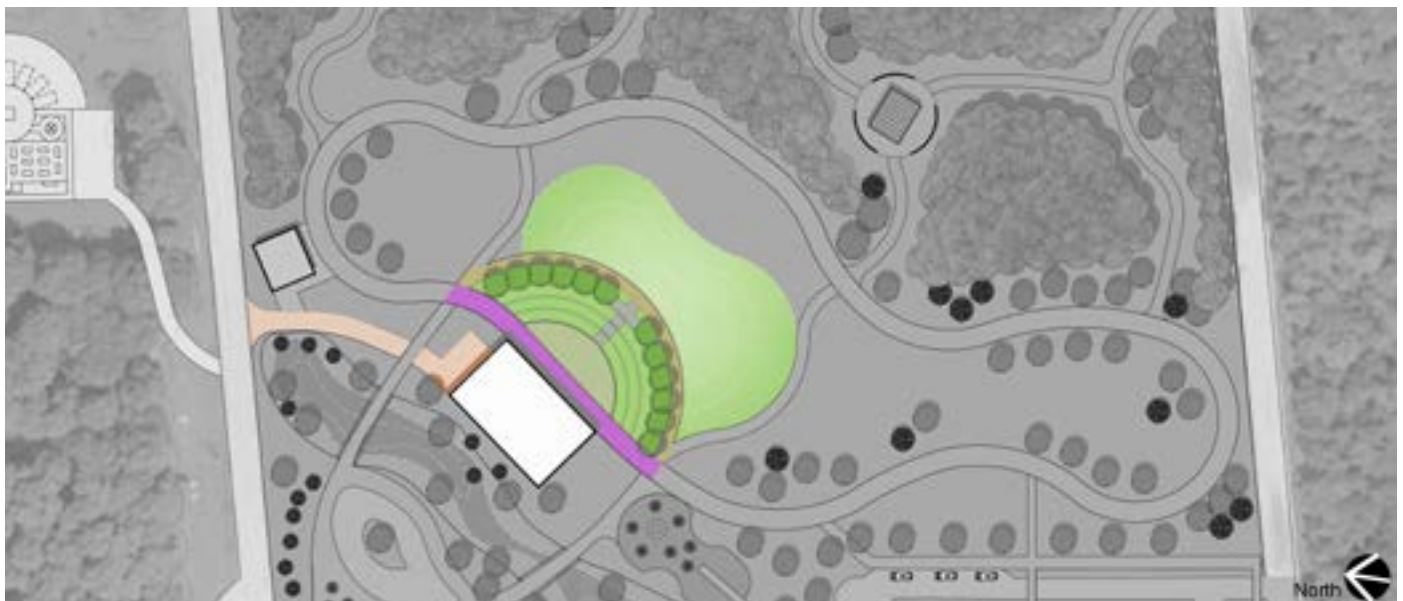


Figure 22: Master Plan Concept Design for outdoor Amphitheatre seating and Pavilion Improvements
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Pedestrian Circulation & Drainage Improvements

Project Scope

- Drainage Swale
- Walkway Connections
- Pedestrian Bridges over Swale
- Barrier Free Access to Concession/ Washroom Building
- Earthworks

Park Project Relationships

Dependent Projects (D) are best constructed at the same time. **Support Projects (S)** will support the function of the space but can be constructed at a later date without impact.

- Multi-Functional Trail (D)
- Amphitheatre & Pavilion Improvements (D)
- Playground (S)
- Multi-Use Court (S)
- Community Plaza (S)

Design Considerations

In order to address the existing drainage issues on site, and to ensure new park features do not make the issue worse, implementing a robust drainage swale is required at the low point of the park. This depressed feature would provide a location for water to collect during the spring melt and storm events.

This feature is not intended to consistently pond water, but during major storm events, it's possible water would pond for a few days until it's able to be absorbed into the ground.

Planting in the drainage swale is encouraged but not required for the function of this feature. Planting can be implemented over time as funding or volunteer programs become available.

To connect the existing concession/ washroom building to the existing pavilion and proposed park features, barrier free walkways shall be provided. Pedestrian bridges will be required to allow barrier free travel over the drainage swale.

At the existing concession/ washroom building barrier free access shall be provided through earthworks and/or ramping.



Figure 23: Drainage feature with bridge. Source: The Roanoke Star News

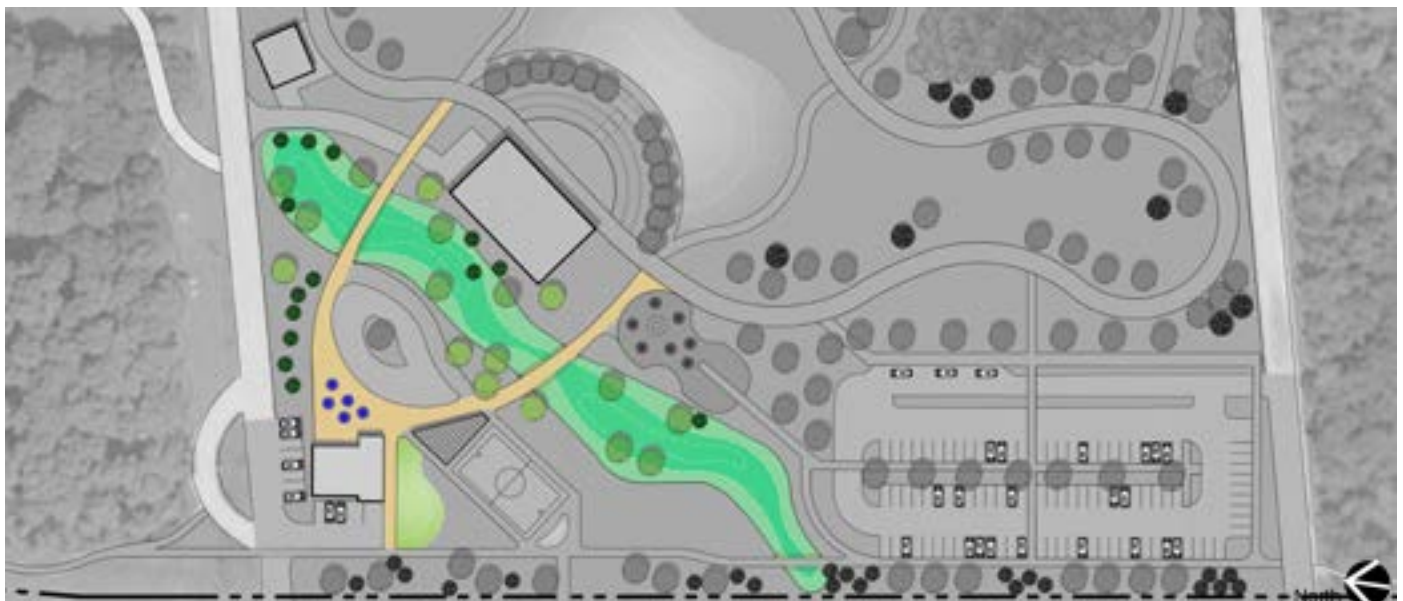


Figure 24: Master Plan Concept Design for Pedestrian Circulation and Drainage Improvements
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Playground

Project Scope

- Nature Inspired Play Equipment
- Barrier Free/Inclusive Play Equipment
- Play Surfacing with Barrier Free Area
- Planting
- Access to Shade
- Seating

Park Project Relationships

Dependent Projects (D) are best constructed at the same time. **Support Projects (S)** will support the function of the space but can be constructed at a later date without impact.

- Pedestrian Circulation & Drainage Improvements (**D**)
- Multi-Use Court (**S**)
- Permanent On-Site Parking (**S**)

Design Considerations

During the consultation period it was heard that most community members desired a nature themed playground to fit into the context of Fiddle Park. Though it shall be noted that it was also heard that included a musical element in the playground would also suit the park's cultural context.

It's important to ensure that barrier free and inclusive play equipment is provided and located strategically to allow barrier free access.

Rubberized Play Surfacing provides optimal accessibility but it is very expensive. Careful consideration shall be given to the location of barrier free surfacing and the arrangement of play equipment.

Planting areas shall be provided in and around the playground to enhance the nature theme and provide opportunities for shade through tree planting. Consideration should be given to planting larger caliper trees to achieve shade faster. Benches shall be strategically located in shade.



Figure 25: Nature themed play. Source: Earthscape Play

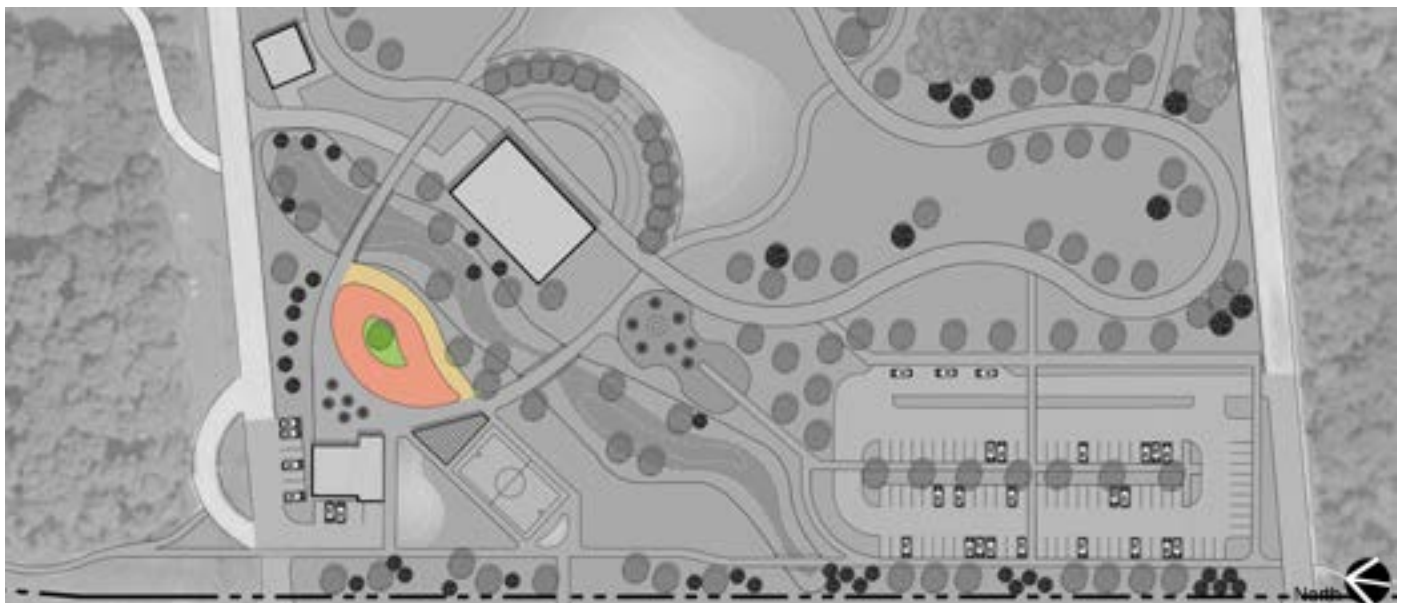


Figure 26: Master Plan Concept Design for nature themed Playground
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Multi-Use Court

Project Scope

- Paved Court
- Line Painting for Multiple Sports
- Basketball Nets and Other Desired Court Sport Equipment
- Shade Structure with Seating
- Buffer Planting

Park Project Relationships

Dependent Projects (D) are best constructed at the same time. **Support Projects (S)** will support the function of the space but can be constructed at a later date without impact.

- Pedestrian Circulation & Drainage Improvements (**D**)
- Playground (**S**)
- Permanent On-Site Parking (**S**)

Design Considerations

The design of the multi-use court shall consider the optimal layout for incorporating as many sports on the same court as possible while still being legible and comfortable for the user.

Co-locating the Multi-Use Court with the Playground allows some efficiency in sharing supporting features. The location of the shade structure with group seating should be designed to optimize the relationship to the playground.

The proximity of this park feature to County Road 11 requires strategic buffering to mitigate the noise impact. Planting and berms used for noise impact mitigation should also consider site lines into the park for passive surveillance.

The earthworks required to create an accessible path along the south side of the concession/washroom building could be designed to double as passive seating for the Multi-Use Courts.



Figure 27: Multi-use court. Source: Suburban Line Marking

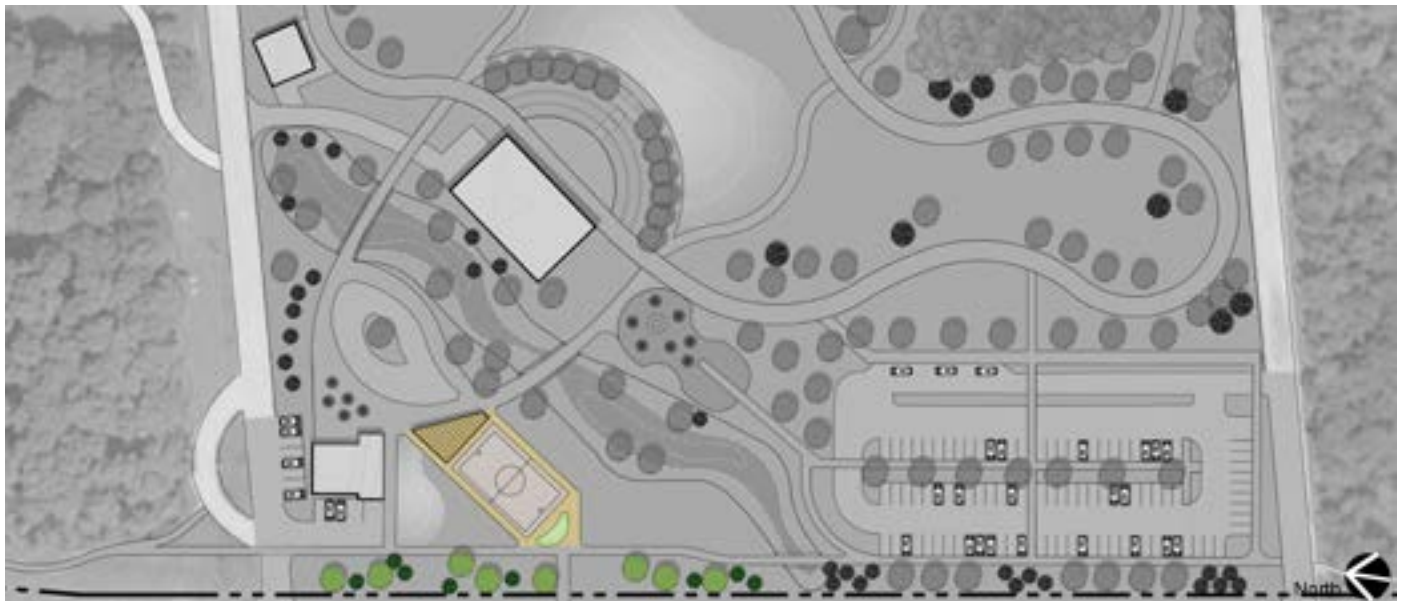


Figure 28: Master Plan Concept Design for proposed Sports areas
Fiddle Park Plan

Community Plaza

Project Scope

- Enhanced/ Decorative Paving
- Water Spray Feature
- Linear Shade Structure
- Decorative Lighting
- Buffer Planting

Park Project Relationships

Dependent Projects (D) are best constructed at the same time. **Support Projects (S)** will support the function of the space but can be constructed at a later date without impact.

- Multi-Functional Trail (**D**)
- Pedestrian Circulation & Drainage Improvements (**D**)
- Permanent On-Site Parking (**S**)

Design Considerations

The design of the Community Plaza shall gesture to the shape of the fiddle as a nod to the cultural heritage of the site. Enhanced decorative paving can be used to further reference the fiddle and set the plaza apart from the surrounding paving.

Within the plaza and at the end closest to the existing pavilion, a water spray feature is proposed that can double as a decorative feature and allow park users an opportunity to cool down in the warmer months.

The proposed linear shape of the shade structure would fit well with the gesture to the fiddle and also provides an opportunity to integrate decorative lighting such as string lights.

Consider opportunities for the Community Plaza to further commemorate the cultural heritage of the site through plaques and/or informative history panels.

The proximity of this park feature to the potential future permanent parking lot and the drainage features calls for strategic buffer planting. This can be achieved through carefully placed trees and careful design of the plaza along the edge of the drainage feature.



Figure 29: Water feature. Source: Town of Los Gatos, California website

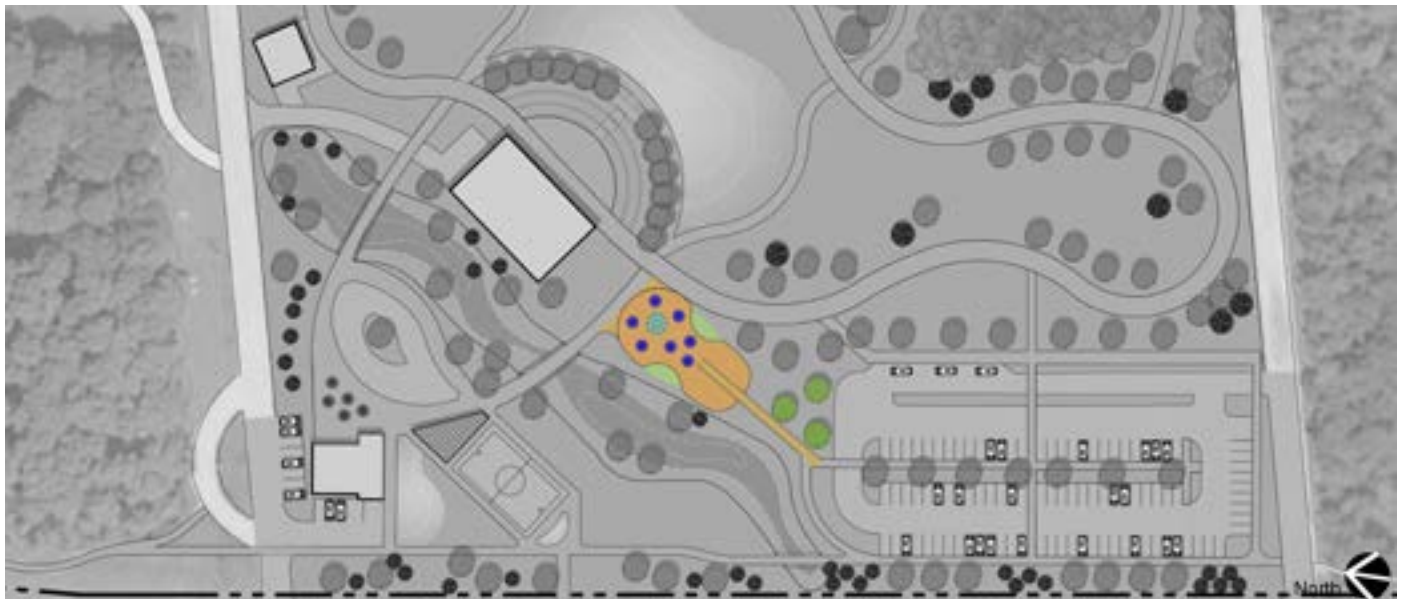


Figure 30: Master Plan Concept Design for Community Plaza
Fiddle Park Plan

Enhanced Parking Lot & Drop-Off

Project Scope

- Paved Entrance Driveway & Parking Area
- Designated Barrier Free Parking/ Pathways
- Integrated Pedestrian Circulation
- Designated Drop-Off
- Servicing
- Lighting
- Buffer Planting

Park Project Relationships

Dependent Projects (D) are best constructed at the same time. **Support Projects (S)** will support the function of the space but can be constructed at a later date without impact.

- Multi-Functional Trail (**D**)
- Pedestrian Circulation & Drainage Improvements (**D**)

Design Considerations

Providing permanent on-site parking supports the function and programming opportunities for the proposed park facilities and amenities. The design should optimize vehicular pick-up/ drop-off movement during high usage events and should aim to provide at least 110 parking spaces. Additional parking for special events can be established via partnership with local business' in the area of the park, and the school board.

The Enhanced Parking Lot & Drop-Off concept presented in this report is one design option that should be explored further in detailed design to determine the best approach based on site conditions.

The design process should consider tree planting to enhance the user experience. Buffer trees along County Road 11 would mitigate views and sound from the busy road. Trees within the parking lot can provide shade. Tree planting within the parking lot should only be provided in continuous beds with at least 20 m³ of soil volume per tree.

To mitigate cost impacts, the permanent on-site parking could be simplified and enhancements implemented over time as funding becomes available. The design of a simplified parking lot should at least provide barrier free parking, gravel surfacing, servicing, lighting, and barrier free pedestrian access to park features.



Figure 31: Alternate parking paving. Source: Totallandscapecare.com

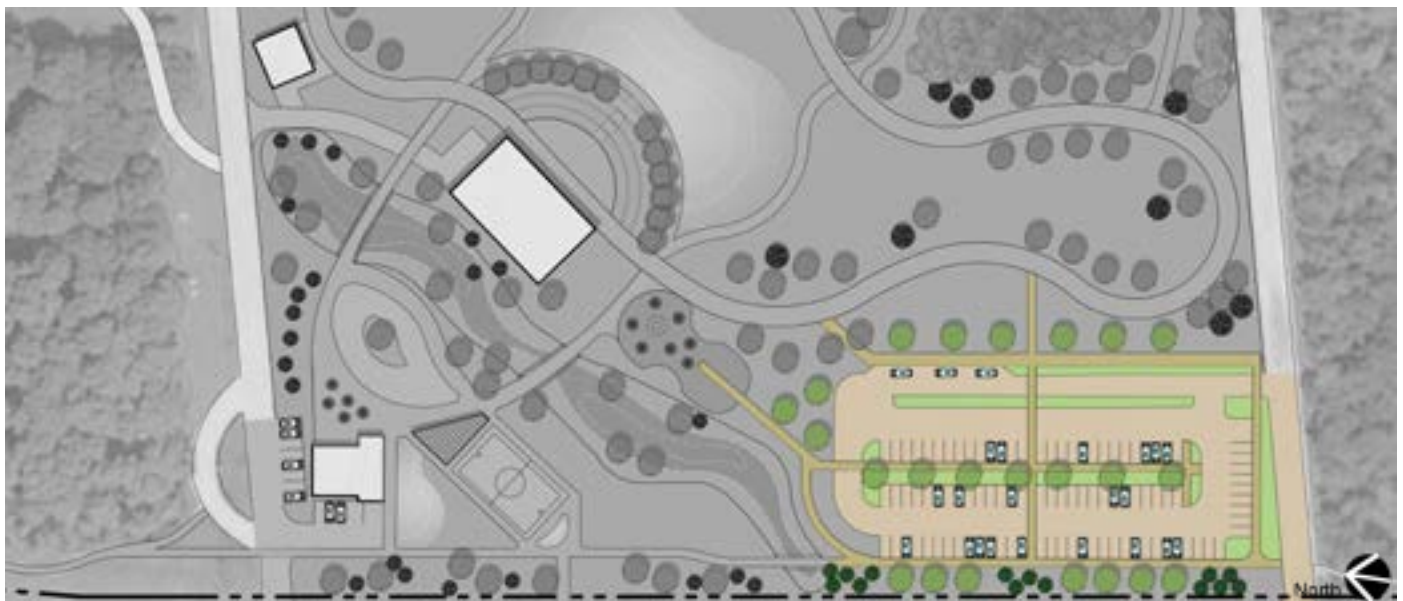


Figure 32: Master Plan Concept Design for Enhanced Parking Lot & Drop-Off
Fiddle Park Plan

Memorial Forest & Walking Trails

Project Scope

- Paved Plaza Space
- Memorial Walls
- Shade Structure with Seating
- Designated Barrier Free Route
- Naturalized Planting
- Tree Planting

Park Project Relationships

Dependent Projects (D) are best constructed at the same time. **Support Projects (S)** will support the function of the space but can be constructed at a later date without impact.

- Multi-Functional Trail (**D**)
- Pedestrian Circulation & Drainage Improvements (**D**)
- Permanent On-Site Parking (**S**)

Design Considerations

The eastern half of Fiddle Park is proposed to be re-naturalized with walking trails. Designating this space as a location for memorial tree planting will help fund the extensive tree planting proposed. The Memorial Forest will also help promote stewardship and respect for the land.

To support the function of the Memorial Forest, a plaza space is proposed to accommodate memorial events.

Within the plaza space there is also opportunity to implement memorial walls that could add another layer of funding.

Walking trails shall be planned throughout the Memorial Forest to provide access to various tree planting nodes. Since the topography of the land may not allow for all pathways to be barrier free, a designated barrier free route shall be provided strategically connecting to the plaza and as many tree planting nodes as possible.

Enhanced naturalized planting shall be provided at strategic locations to frame the plaza and key points within the trail network.

Wayfinding strategies shall be provided through maps, trail markers, and/or strategic planting. This is especially important for the barrier free walkway network.



Figure 33: Gravel trail through naturalized area. Source: Guelphtoday.com



Figure 34: Master Plan Concept Design for Memorial Forest and Walking Trails
Fiddle Park Plan

Community Connectivity Approach

Legend

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Existing Trail Connection to Park

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Proposed Trail Connection to Park

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GTR Weekend Transit Route

1

GTR Weekend Transit Route Bus stop

2

Future Investigation into Road Crossing

3

Future Trail Connection from Hwy 10/89 - Option 1

4

Future Trail Connection from Hwy 10/89 - Option 2

5

Future Shade Improvements to Dog Park

6

Future Expansion at Community Garden

7

Future Trail Connection Along County Road 11

8

Future Trail Connection from Simon St / KTH Park

The proposed future trail connections within Fiddle Park provide an opportunity to design one of the trails as a Cultural Heritage Trail complete with information panels on the history of the Town. This could include significant events and topics of interest.



Figure 35: Proposed Pedestrian Circulation Improvements

Part Three

Phasing and Costing

Phasing Strategy

Introduction

The Preferred Concept Option for the park improvement focus area within Fiddle Park proposes extensive improvements to the features, servicing, and facilities to transform the lands into a destination park for the community.

This Fiddle Park Master Plan Report will act as a blueprint for implementing potential park improvement projects. It is not expected that the entirety of the Master Plan is implemented all at once, but rather incrementally over time to prioritize the most desired and impactful features in the earlier phases.

Phase 1 - Priority Improvement Projects (0 - 5 Years)

The proposed Phase 1 Priority Improvement Projects take into consideration the Guiding Principles, existing park conditions and priorities we heard from the community through the consultation process. The full Preferred Concept Design and the proposed design for Phase 1 are provided on the following two pages of the report.

Phase 1 Priority Improvement Projects include:

- Multi-Functional Trail;
- Skate Trail Supports;
- Amphitheatre & Pavilion Improvements;
- Pedestrian Circulation & Drainage Improvements; and,
- Interim Permanent Parking Lot.

The Phase 1 Priority Improvement Projects addresses the drainage and accessibility issues in the current park, proposes features that support current special events held in the park, and proposes features that support year round usage of the park.

Future Improvement Projects (5 - 20 Years)

Future Improvement Projects are capable of being implemented with minimal disruption to the improvement projects proposed in Phase 1.

These projects can be implemented over time and in any order based on community priorities and as funding opportunities become available.

Future Improvement Projects Include:

- Playground;
- Multi-Use Court;
- Community Plaza;
- Enhanced Parking Lot & Drop-Off; and,
- Memorial Forest & Walking Trails.

Decision making on the implementation of future park improvement projects should seek community input to ensure community values and priorities are met.

For example, as funding becomes available, a new survey can be initiated to provide the community options for potential park improvement projects and ask them to rank the options based on preference. During the detailed design process, concept options can be prepared for the chose park improvement project(s) to be presented to the community for feedback.

Preliminary Budget Planning

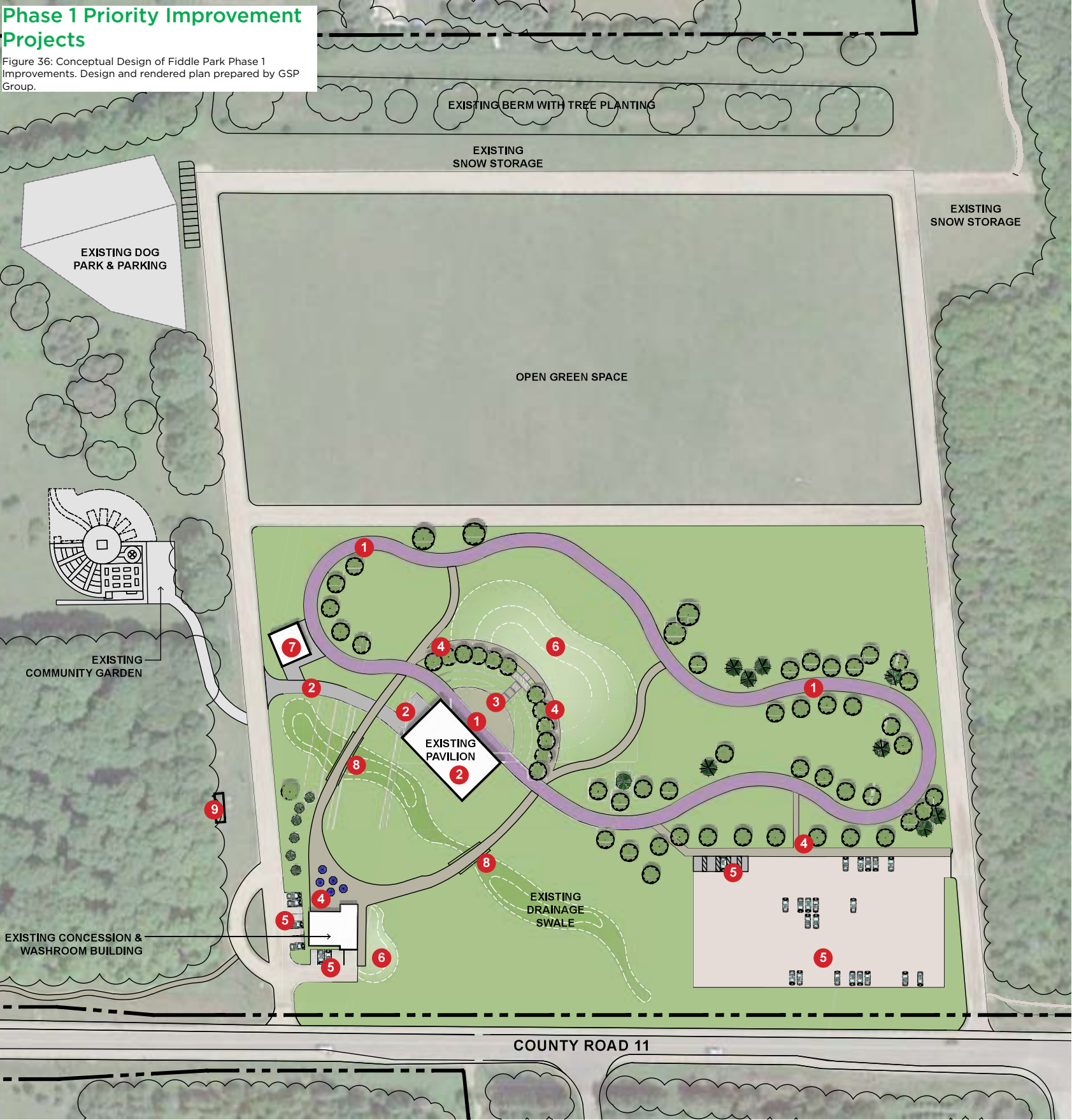
Budget costing has been prepared for the Preferred Concept Design and can be found in the following section. The costing has been broken out into two sections, Phase 1 Priority Improvement Projects and Future Improvement Projects. Preliminary Budget Pricing has been provided for planning purposes only based on information at the time of preparation of this report.

Contingencies have been added to the costing budget to account for omissions and inflation; however, more accurate pricing should be provided in the detailed design phase which may differ from the budgets presented in this report.

The expansion of the park, added facilities and new programming will increase operational and staffing costs that the Town would have to incorporate into their annual operating budgets.

Phase 1 Priority Improvement Projects

Figure 36: Conceptual Design of Fiddle Park Phase 1 Improvements. Design and rendered plan prepared by GSP Group.



PHASED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 YEAR ROUND MULTI-FUNCTIONAL TRAIL
- 2 PAVILION IMPROVEMENTS
 - PAVED SURFACE
 - VEHICULAR ACCESS
 - MOVABLE SEATING
- 3 AMPHITHEATRE / OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
 - PAVED STAGE AREA
 - ACCESSIBLE ACCESS
- 4 NEW & IMPROVED PATHWAY NETWORK
- 5 INTERIM ON-SITE PARKING LOT
 - PICK-UP & DROP-OFF ZONES
 - PAVED ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES
- 6 SLOPED LAWN
- 7 FUTURE MAINTENANCE STORAGE BUILDING
- 8 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES
- 9 DECOMMISSION DUMP STATION

PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

COLD SEASON

- FREE WINTER SKATING EVENTS
- SPECIAL WINTER SKATING EVENTS
 - HOLIDAY LIGHTS
- SANTA RUN
- HOLIDAY LIGHTS INSTALLATION
- SEASONAL EVENTS

WARM SEASON

- WARM SEASON ROLLER DERBY
- COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS
 - WALK A-THON
- PAVILION PRIVATE EVENT BOOKINGS
- SKATE TRAIL PRIVATE EVENT BOOKINGS
- MOVIE IN THE PARK
- SUMMER MUSIC SERIES
- OPEN GREEN SPACE CAN SUPPORT CAMPING AT SPECIAL EVENTS
- POP-UP MARKET



Fiddle Park Preferred Concept Design

Figure 37: Conceptual Design of Fiddle Park Preferred Concept design inclusive of Phase 1 & 2. Design and rendered plan prepared by GSP Group.



PHASED PARK IMPROVEMENTS

- 1 BIOSWALE c/w TREES & NATIVE PLANTING
- 2 COMMUNITY PLAZA c/w WATER FEATURE, SEATING, & SHADE
- 3 NATURE THEMED PLAYGROUND
- 4 MULTI-USE COURT
 - SHADE STRUCTURE WITH SEATING
 - LINE MARKINGS
- 5 MEMORIAL PLAZA
 - SHADE STRUCTURE WITH SEATING
 - MEMORY WALLS
- 6 MEMORIAL FOREST TREE PLANTING
- 7 INFORMAL TRAIL NETWORK
- 8 NEW PATHWAY NETWORK
- 9 NEW & IMPROVED PARKING (111 SPACES TOTAL)
 - PAVED EXISTING PARKING AND DRIVEWAYS
 - PICK-UP & DROP-OFF ZONE
- 10 YEAR ROUND MULTI-FUNCTIONAL TRAIL
- 11 PAVILION IMPROVEMENTS
 - PAVED SURFACE
 - VEHICULAR ACCESS
 - MOVABLE SEATING
- 12 AMPHITHEATRE / OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
 - PAVED STAGE AREA
 - ACCESSIBLE ACCESS
- 13 NEW & IMPROVED PATHWAY NETWORK
- 14 SLOPED LAWN
- 15 FUTURE MAINTENANCE STORAGE BUILDING
- 16 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES
- 17 DECOMMISSION DUMP STATION

PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

COLD SEASON

- FREE WINTER SKATING EVENTS
- SPECIAL WINTER SKATING EVENTS
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- HOLIDAY LIGHTS
- SANTA RUN
- HOLIDAY LIGHTS INSTALLATION
- SEASONAL EVENTS

WARM SEASON

- WARM SEASON ROLLER DERBY
- COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS
- WALK A-THON
- PAVILION PRIVATE EVENT BOOKINGS
- SKATE TRAIL PRIVATE EVENT BOOKINGS
- MOVIE IN THE PARK
- SUMMER MUSIC SERIES
- POP-UP MARKET

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

- MUSKOKA CHAIR PARTNERSHIP

Costing

Phase 1 - Initial Park Enhancements

Costing

Part 1 - Site Preparation & Servicing	\$ 1,000,000.00
Part 2 - Permanent Gravel Parking	\$ 436,950.00
Part 3 - Pedestrian Circulation & Accessibility	\$ 227,900.00
Part 4 - Amphitheatre/ Outdoor Classroom & Pavilion Improvements	\$ 376,200.00
Part 5 - Multi-Functional Trail	\$ 362,600.00
Part 6 - Skate Trail Supports	\$ 1,879,400.00
Part 7 - Overall Site Furnishings	\$ 89,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 4,372,050.00
20% Contingency	\$ 874,410.00
Performance, labour and materials bonds	\$ 104,929.20
Total	\$ 5,351,389.20

Phased Park Enhancements

Costing

Part 1 - Enhanced Permanent Parking lot	\$ 1,188,100.00
Part 2 - Playground	\$ 477,760.00
Part 3 - Multi-Use Court	\$ 300,920.00
Part 4 - Fiddle Plaza	\$ 455,400.00
Part 5 - Memorial Forest and Walking Trails	\$ 669,750.00
Part 6 - Trail Connection - County Rd 11	\$ 82,500.00
Part 7 - Trail Connection - County Rd 11	\$ 98,600.00
Subtotal	\$ 3,273,030.00
20% Contingency	\$ 654,606.00
Performance, labour and material bonds	\$ 78,552.72
Total	\$ 4,006,188.72
Fiddle Park Master Plan Grand Total	\$ 9,357,577.92

Appendices



A People Place, A Change of Pace
SHELBURNE
ONTARIO, CANADA

Meeting Date:	Monday, November 22, 2021
To:	Mayor Mills and Members of Council
From:	Steve Wever, Town Planner
Report:	P2021-48
Subject:	Fiddle Park Plan – Online Survey Results and Draft Vision & Guiding Principles

Recommendation

Be it resolved that Council receive Report P2021-48 as information.

Be it resolved that Council supports, in principle, the draft vision and guiding principles as a framework for further review, direction, consultation and development of a park concept plan for Fiddle Park.

Background

Fiddle Park is the largest park property in Shelburne, with a total property area of 114.5 acres, of which 83.5 acres are protected natural heritage features and 31 acres is open space containing the existing park facilities in the central area of the park.

2006 Fiddle Park Management Plan

The current location of Fiddle Park along the east side of County Road 11 (2nd Line) in the south-east area of Shelburne was established in 2006. At that time, the Fiddle Park Management Plan was created to guide the development of the park primarily to support tourism and recreational activities in addition to the annual Fiddle Fest event. Camping sites and site services, a washroom and concession building, parking, trails and signage were developed. A management model for the park was also established and for many years the

event programming in the park was coordinated by the Fiddle Park Committee.

2009 Parks Master Plan

In 2009, the Town created the first Town-wide Parks Master Plan for Shelburne. The 2009 Master Plan reflects the desires expressed by the community for increasing community use of Fiddle Park. Continued improvements to Fiddle Park were recommended to support increased community access and use.

2019 Community Improvement Plan

Planning for the continued evolution of Fiddle Park as a community destination park was also identified through the Town's Community Improvement Plan (CIP) completed in 2019. Big Move #7 recommended in the CIP is to redesign Fiddle Park as a community hub. Ideas expressed through community consultation for the future redevelopment and renewal of Fiddle Park are illustrated conceptually in the CIP, with key design recommendations including:

- A lake/pond that would provide a range of water sports during the Summer season and ice skating during Winter
- A community garden that can be used throughout Spring, Summer and Fall – the Shelburne Community Garden has been recently added to the park in 2021
- A pavilion to provide shelter for events – a pavilion/pole barn was added to the park in 2017
- Additional vehicle and bicycle parking spaces to improve accessibility
- A trail system that provides access to many parts of the park including the lake/pond and the natural heritage system
- Flexible spaces to host outdoor activities
- Reforestation of key areas to complement the natural heritage system.

2021-22 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

As part of the Town-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan project, a site master plan for Fiddle Park will be created to reimagine the park as a community destination by:

- Establishing a new vision and direction building on the community input and ideas generated through previous plans and through further community engagement;
- Assessing the current conditions of the park and related opportunities and challenges;

- Developing a concept plan to visualize, consider and evaluate the potential recreational amenities and facilities that may be added to the park in the future;
- Finalizing the park concept plan to define specific improvements to the park and how they may be implemented in phases, estimate related costs and considering potential funding strategies.

The process will be completed in conjunction with the overall assessment of parks and recreational needs through the Town-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan process.

To initiate the Fiddle Park planning process, an online community survey was launched and an overall vision and guiding principles have been drafted. This report summarizes the survey results and outlines the draft recommended vision and guiding principles as a framework for further engagement and concept plan development.

Analysis

Community Survey

An online community survey was launched on September 13th and closed on October 11th, 2021. The survey was posted on the Have Your Say Shelburne engagement website and promoted through the Town's social media and a video. A total of 481 participants responded to the survey. Survey results are illustrated graphically in the attached summary Project Report.

Profile of Survey Participants

- Participants represent a broad age group from 18 years to 66+ years who participated in the survey, with the largest age groups represented being adults aged 26 to 45 years (55%) and 46 to 65 years (30%), followed by young adults aged 18 to 25 years (7.5%) and older adults aged 66+ years (6%).
- 75% of participants live in households with more than two (2) residents, and 95% of participants live in households with one or more residents under the age of 20 years. 72% of respondents represent households with one or more children under the age of 15.
- The majority of participants are female (68%) followed by male (31%) gender.
- 83% of survey respondents live in Shelburne, and 27% are from other areas outside of Shelburne.

Visits to Fiddle Park

- 95% of participants or members of the same household have visited Fiddle Park at least once.
- For the 26 respondents/households that have not visited Fiddle Park, 20 indicated that the main reason for not visiting the park is that there is nothing at the park that warrants a visit. Other reasons for not visiting Fiddle Park including that its too far away (4 respondents), no desire to visit (4 respondents) and “other” (2 respondents).
- For the 455 respondents/households who have visited Fiddle Park at least once:
 - 55% only visit the park twice per year (32%) or once or less per year (23%), on average, which corresponds with attending events as the primary activity in the park reported by participants;
 - 22% visit the park monthly (15%) or every two weeks (7%), on average;
 - 18% visit the park weekly;
 - 5% visit the park daily.

Activities in Fiddle Park

- 60% of respondents have visited the park to attend one or more events;
- 48% of respondents go to the park for walking and of those more than half (56%) walk their dog(s) in the park;
- 9% of respondents have used the community gardens in Fiddle Park;
- Other activities participated in the park by 13% of respondents include:
 - Self-planned group events and private rentals;
 - Biking;
 - Trailer dump;
 - EarlyON programs and play groups;
 - Camping;
 - Social/family/friends gathering, picnics;
 - Cricket;
 - General exercise;
 - Playing catch;
 - Flying kites;

- Working in the concession/kitchen;
- Meditation, yoga;
- Drumming;
- Soccer;
- Running/jogging;
- Photography;
- Skating;
- Drive-in movies;
- Farmers market;
- Look at/enjoy the gardens (other than gardening).

How Park Users get to Fiddle Park

- 86% of respondents who have visited the park get there by car;
- 35% walk to the park;
- 14% bike to the park;
- Less than 1% have used a taxi or ride-share service;
- Other means of getting to the park include:
 - R.V. or car/truck and trailer to camp;
 - Running.

Perceptions of Safety

- 98% of respondents who have visited the park feel safe at the park
- Suggestions for making the park feel safer include:
 - Lighting (8 responses)
 - Signage (5 responses)
 - Improved pathways (5 responses)
 - Increased activities (5 responses)
 - Clear sightlines (2 responses)
 - Improved layout (2 responses)
 - Dogs on leashes (1 response)
- 57% of respondents who have visited the park would visit after dark
- 43% of respondents who have visited the park would not do so after dark and the following reasons were noted by the 8% of respondents who provided a reason:

- Not enough light
- Not patrolled, out of sight from the street
- Threat of coyotes or other wild animals
- Fear of becoming a victim of abuse/violence/unwanted behaviour
- Have observed evidence of undesirable park activity that may occur after dark (bottles, garbage, theft, etc)
- No activities (other than periodic events) after dark
- Cannot leave home (due to family/child obligations)
- Too remote/deserted/isolated location, distance
- Bugs

Desired Program Elements

- Respondents would like to see the following program elements in the park (number of responses, from most to fewest):

250+ responses:

- Trails (257)
- Skating paths (251)

150-200 responses:

- Child playground (195)
- Naturalized area (185)
- Dog Park (176)
- Multi-use sports (162)

100-150 responses:

- Toboggan hill (143)
- Adult fitness facilities (139)
- Community gardens (138)
- Outdoor classroom/amphitheatre (127)
- Water (pond/lake) for passive water sports (kayaking, canoeing, paddle boats) (125)

50-100 responses:

- Snow shoeing (71)

25-50 responses:

- BMX Park (42)
- Climbing (39)
- Bioswales (channels designed to concentrate and convey stormwater runoff while removing debris and pollution) (33)
- Other (52)
 - Camping (17)
 - More events (11)

- Cricket (10)
 - Indoor multi-sport facility (3)
 - Splash pad (3)
 - Tennis courts (2)
 - Baseball diamonds (1)
 - Bocce (1)
 - Mini golf (1)
 - Multi-use sports/track (1)
 - Permanent stage (1)
 - Picnic area (1)
 - Skateboard park (1)
 - Water park (1)
 - Youth centre (1)
- 64% of respondents would like to see more winter activities/programming, 31% don't care if more winter activities/programming are provided and 5% would not like to see more winter activities/programming
 - Respondents identified the following winter activities (# of responses):
 - Skating rinks and/or skating paths (191)
 - Tobogganing/tubing (75)
 - Snow shoeing (48)
 - Winter festivals/events/markets/carnivals/social gatherings (41)
 - Cross-country skiing (38)
 - Walking trails (with winter maintenance) (17)
 - Outdoor hockey rink (12)
 - Holiday lights/displays (9)
 - Food/beverages (7)
 - Winter sports/fitness (5)
 - Fire pits/campfires/bonfires (5)
 - Snow/ice art/sculptures/forts/snowman building (5)
 - Downhill skiing/snowboarding/lessons (4)
 - Sleigh rides/dog sledding (3)
 - Ice fishing (1)

Desired Park Facilities

- Respondents would like to see the following facilities (top 5 things to support their visit) in the park (number of responses, from most to fewest):
 - Public washrooms (414)
 - Lighting (307)

- Shade structure(s) (291)
- Seating (273)
- Water stations (235)
- Dog facilities (poop and scoop stations) (182)
- WiFi access (103)
- Electricity access (80)
- Additional vehicle parking (75)
- Bicycle parking (54)
- Electric vehicle charging stations (10)
- Other (18):
 - RV dump station (3)
 - Camping (3)
 - Clubhouse / equipment storage room (1)
 - Cricket pitch (1)
 - Dog park (1)
 - Indoor basketball court (1)
 - Keep it as is for events, drive-in movies, concerns, fundraisers (1)
 - Keep it natural, sustainable (1)
 - Open space (1)
 - Pickleball/tennis (1)
 - Picnic area (1)
 - Playground (1)
 - Tennis courts (1)
 - Water fountain (1)

Public Art

- 50% of respondents do not care if they see public art (murals, sculptures, pavement painting, etc) in the park
- 31% of respondents would like to see public art in the park and the following types of public art are mentioned in comments provided:
 - Abstract (1)
 - Black history (1)
 - Carvings (3)
 - Contemporary (1)
 - Events/fairs/Fiddleville (3)
 - Graffiti wall (6)
 - Group art (1)
 - Ice sculptures (3)
 - Indigenous (8)
 - Installations/temporary installations (3)
 - Light displays (1)
 - Local art (41)

- Local culture/heritage/history (7)
 - Memorial/veterans (2)
 - Multi-cultural (4)
 - Murals (29)
 - Nature/trees/gardens/animals/landscapes (10)
 - Pavement paving (9)
 - Sculptures (23)
 - Student/children/youth art (9)
 - Uplifting and enlightening art
 - Usable/functional/interactive art (3)
 - Varied art
 - Wood/tree sculptures (3)
- 18% of respondents would not like to see public art in the park
 - 1.5% of respondents indicated “other” comments noting the following:
 - Tree sculptures and other nature-themed art
 - Consider environmental impact
 - Concerns about vandalism
 - Public art should be mobile and creative

Draft Fiddle Park Vision and Guiding Principles

Following review and discussion of the survey results, the project team of Town staff and consultants (GSP) prepared a draft vision statement and guiding principles, as follows:

Vision:

Fiddle Park will be reimagined to benefit the entire community, creating spaces where people can connect with one another, share experiences, and enjoy the natural environment of the park.

Guiding Principals:

1. Design park for **community** level usage.
 - Provide park elements that draw people from the whole community and beyond
 - Maintain adequate space for community level events
 - Re-establish the park area with new amenities that are primarily for community use and may also draw visitors and support local tourism objectives (phase-out camping)
 - Primarily free access for day-to-day use available to the public, with some programming and rental use

2. Provide **flexibility** in the design of the spaces.
 - Spaces and elements can be used for more than one activity
 - Design for multi-use and avoid facilities that may dominate the use of the park for a specialized/singular or limited range of activities
3. Maintain the **natural setting** of the park and provide strong connections to surrounding natural environments.
 - New park elements to be predominately passive* outdoor facilities and amenities
 - Use current topography to enhance new park elements, reduce the amount of on-site grading

*passive recreation generally refers to activities that do not require significant built infrastructure or other major alterations to the landscape, are typically low-impact and unstructured, and may be more informal and spontaneous in nature
4. Design for **four seasons** of use.
 - Provide park elements and programming that draw people to the park all times of the year, especially winter.
5. Provide for universal **accessibility**.
 - All park elements should be barrier free, except where this is not possible to maintain natural settings
 - Washrooms/facilities need to be accessible and open
 - Design for all age groups

The draft Vision and Guiding Principles are intended for Council consideration at this stage, to guide the next steps of the process and overall direction for the Fiddle Park concept plan and may be refined or expanded through further consultation.

Financial Impact

None at this time.

Policies & Implications (if any) Affecting Proposal

As summarized above.

Consultation and Communications

As summarized above.

Council Strategic Priorities

Council's Strategic Priorities has three Goals - Sustainable, Engaged and Livable. There are a total of 12 targets with the three Goals.

This report aligns with the Sustainable, Engaged and Livable Goals within the Targets:

Target T2	Municipal services review and evaluation
Target T3	Invest and fund critical infrastructure for future
Target T6	Promote more open communication
Target T7	Promote partnerships and collaboration
Target T9	Promote age-friendly, multi-cultural community
Target T10	Improve and enhance parks and recreation services
Target T11	Improve community connections
Target T12	Support and celebrate arts and culture

Supporting Documentation

Survey Summary Report
Fiddle Park Existing Conditions Plan

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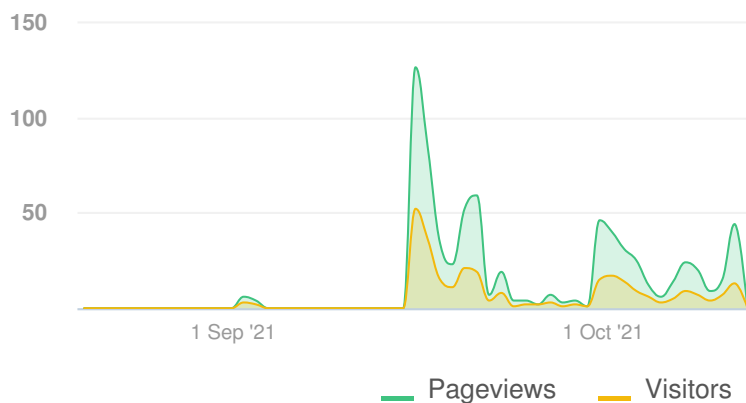
Project Report

14 December 2018 - 11 October 2021

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Visitors Summary

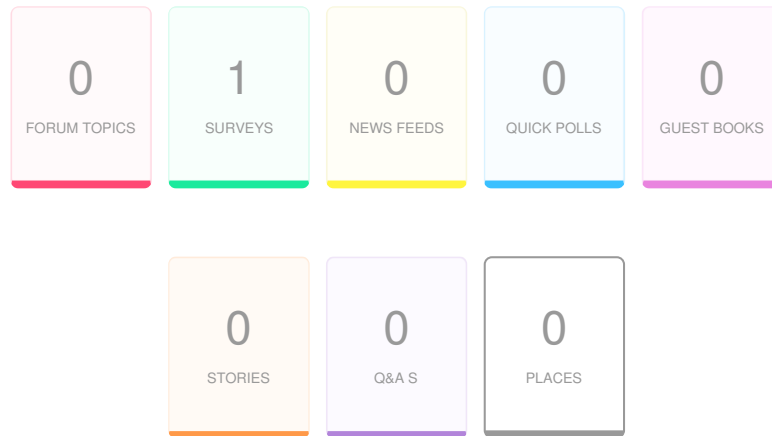


Highlights

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NEW REGISTRATIONS		
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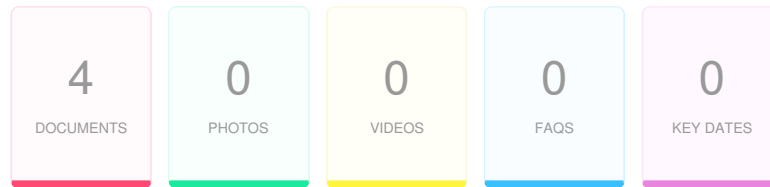
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Contributed to a tool (engaged)		468									

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS SUMMARY



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Survey Tool	Survey: Fiddle Park Plan	Archived	507	17	0	451

INFORMATION WIDGET SUMMARY



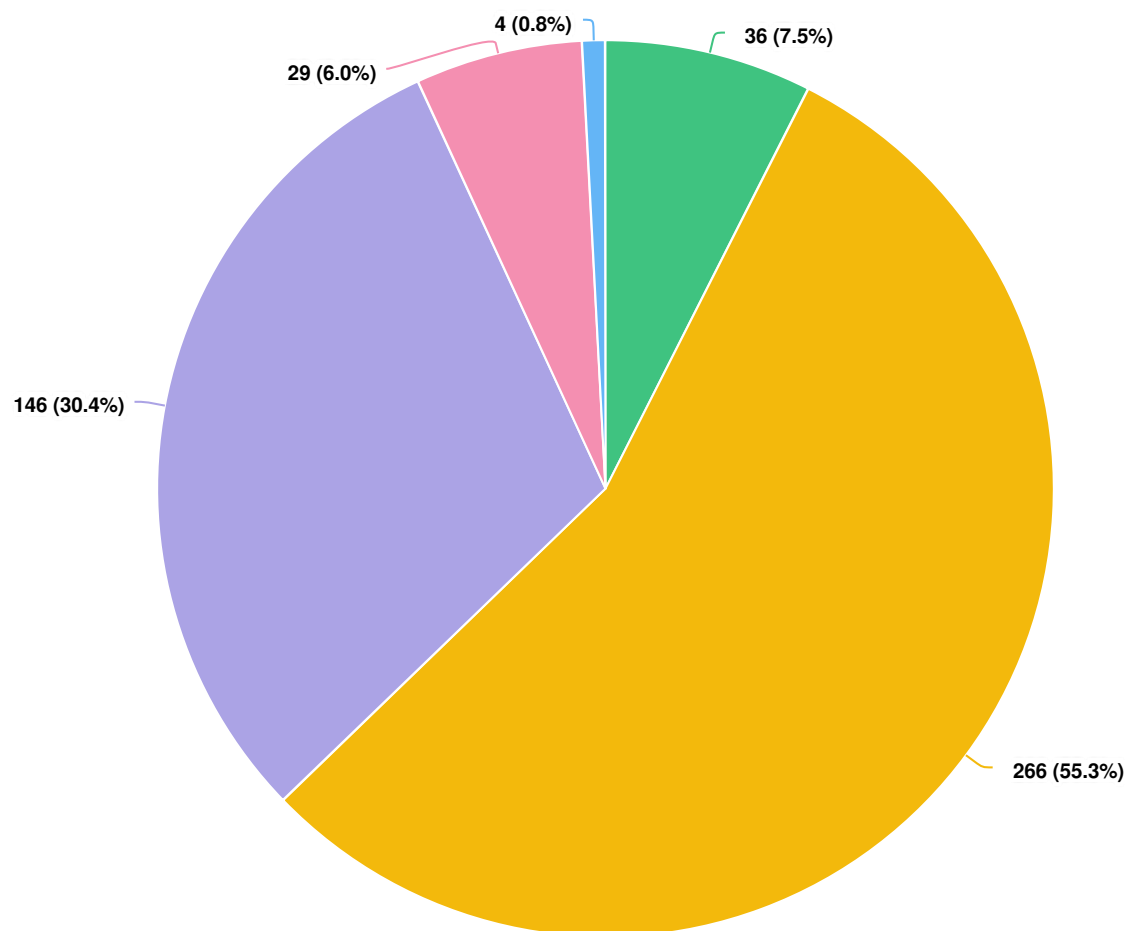
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Document	Parks Master Plan.pdf	2	2
Document	General Information and 2006 Park Management Plan	1	1
Document	Fiddle Park Existing Conditions.pdf	1	1

ENGAGEMENT TOOL: SURVEY TOOL

Survey: Fiddle Park Plan

Visitors	507	Contributors	468	CONTRIBUTIONS	481
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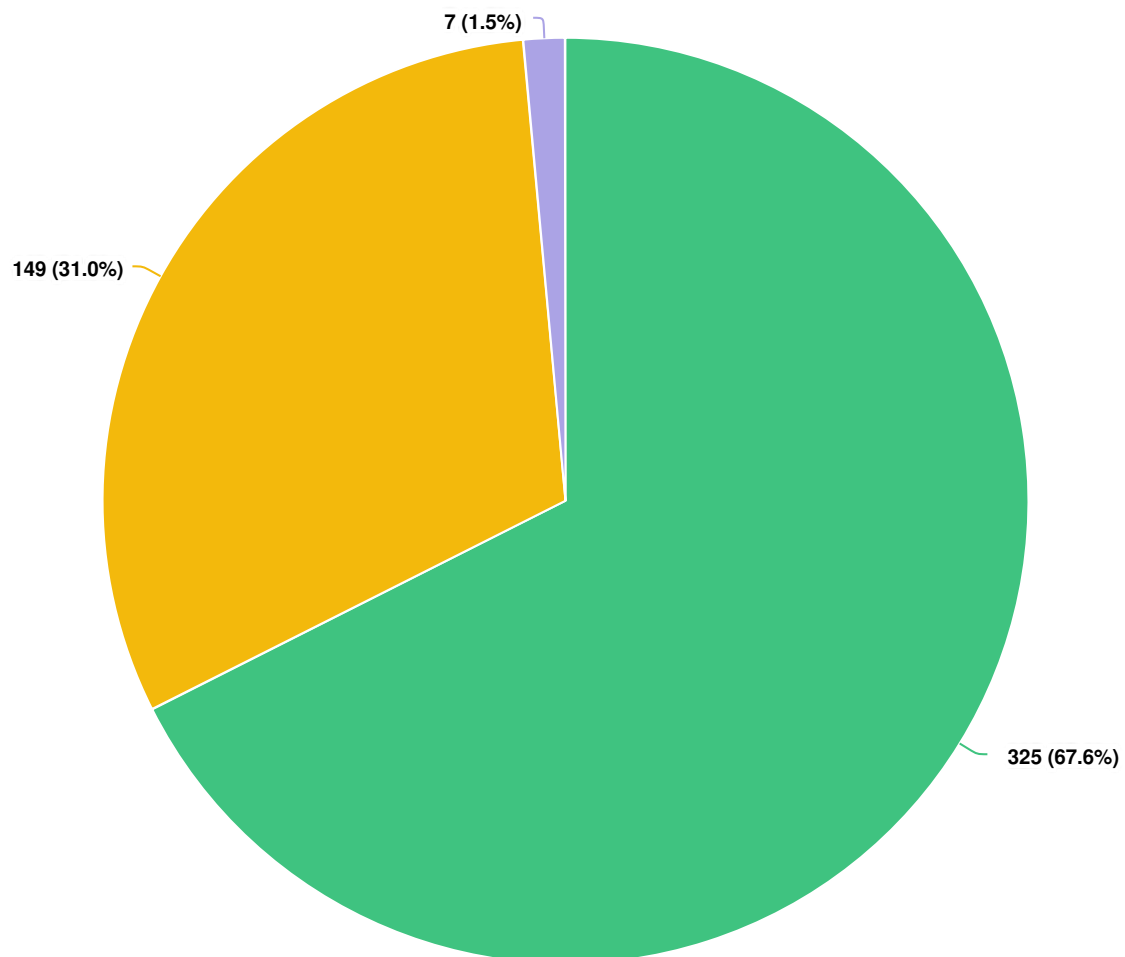
Question options

18-25 26-45 46-65 66+ Prefer not to answer

Mandatory Question (481 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

What is your gender?



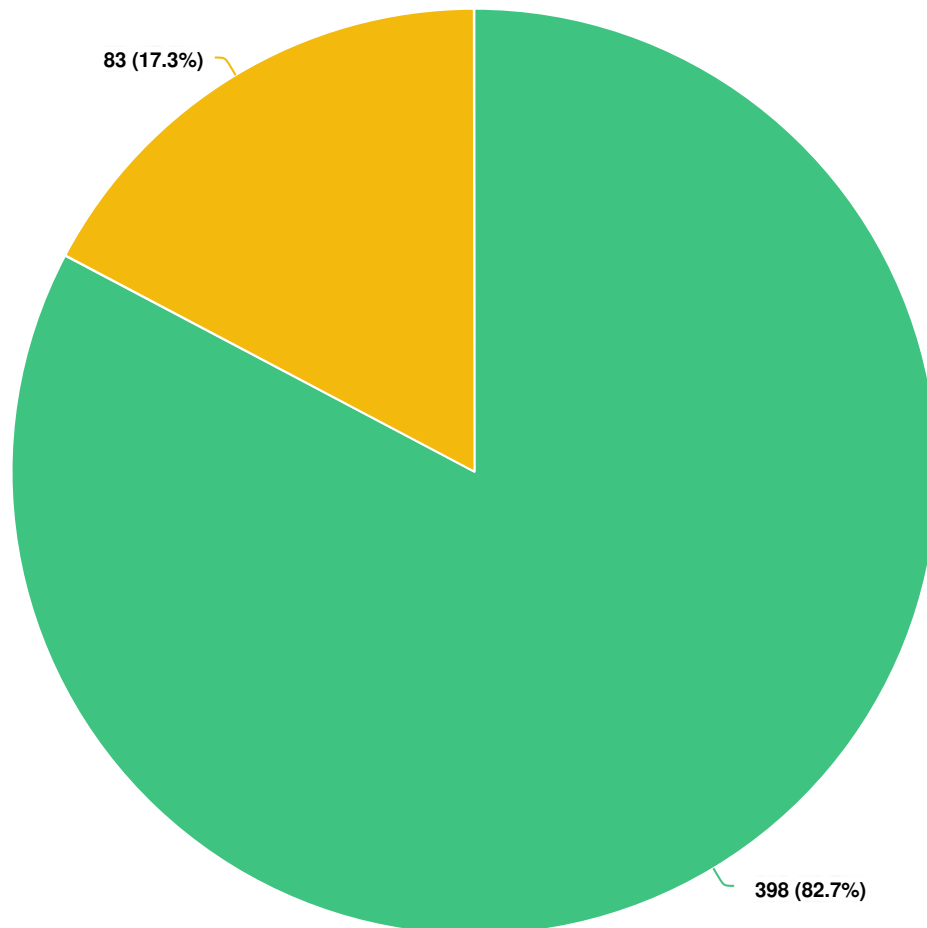
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Do You Live in Shelburne?



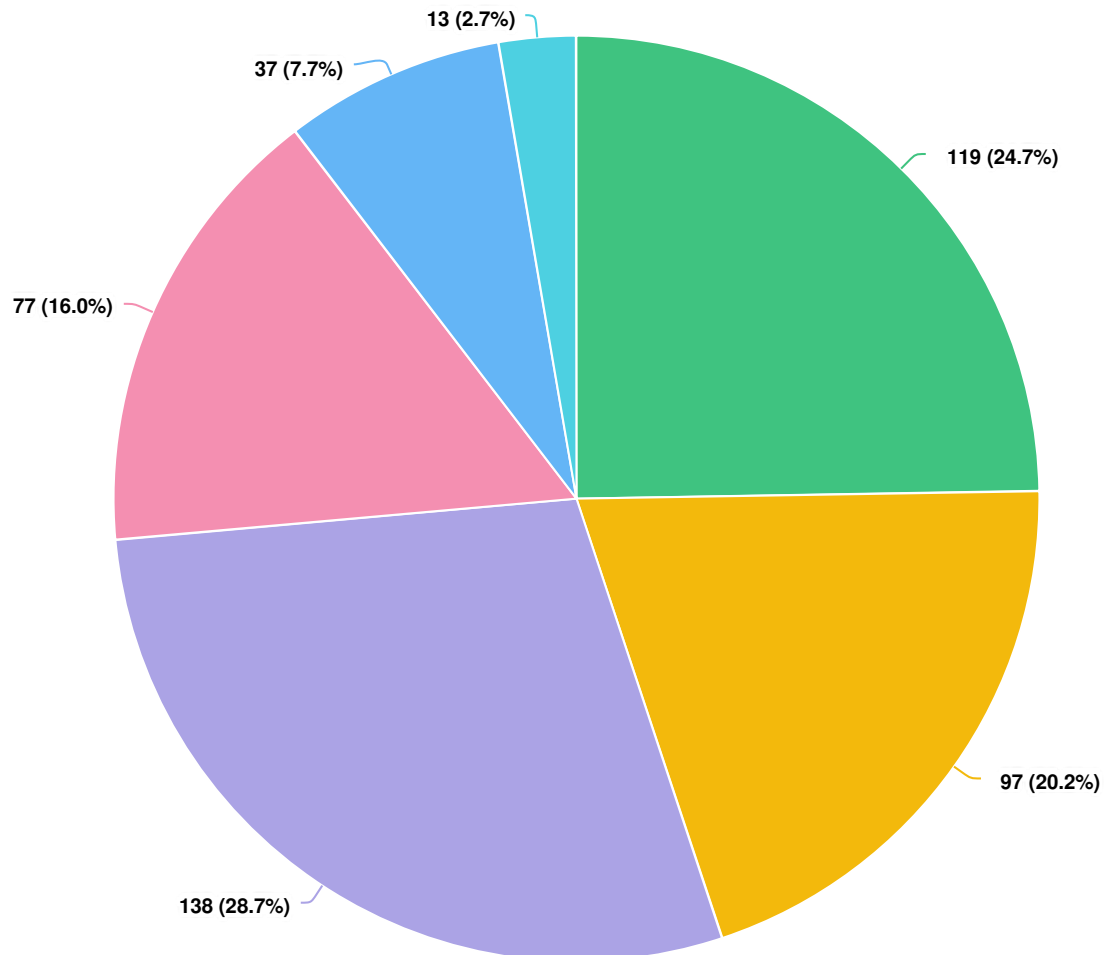
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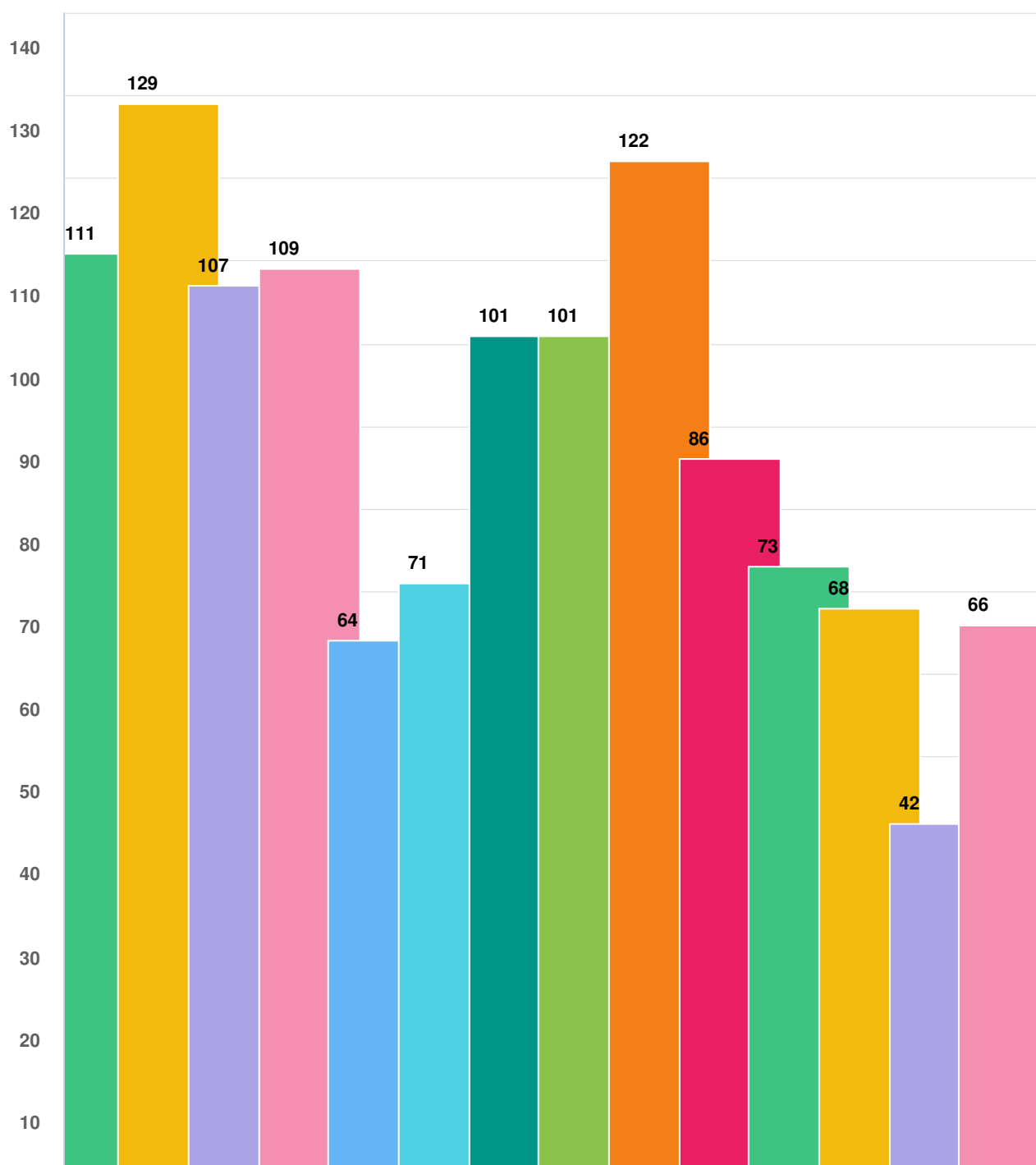
Question options

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Mandatory Question (481 response(s))

Question type: Dropdown Question

Including yourself, What are the ages of the person(s) who live at your address? (Pick all that apply)



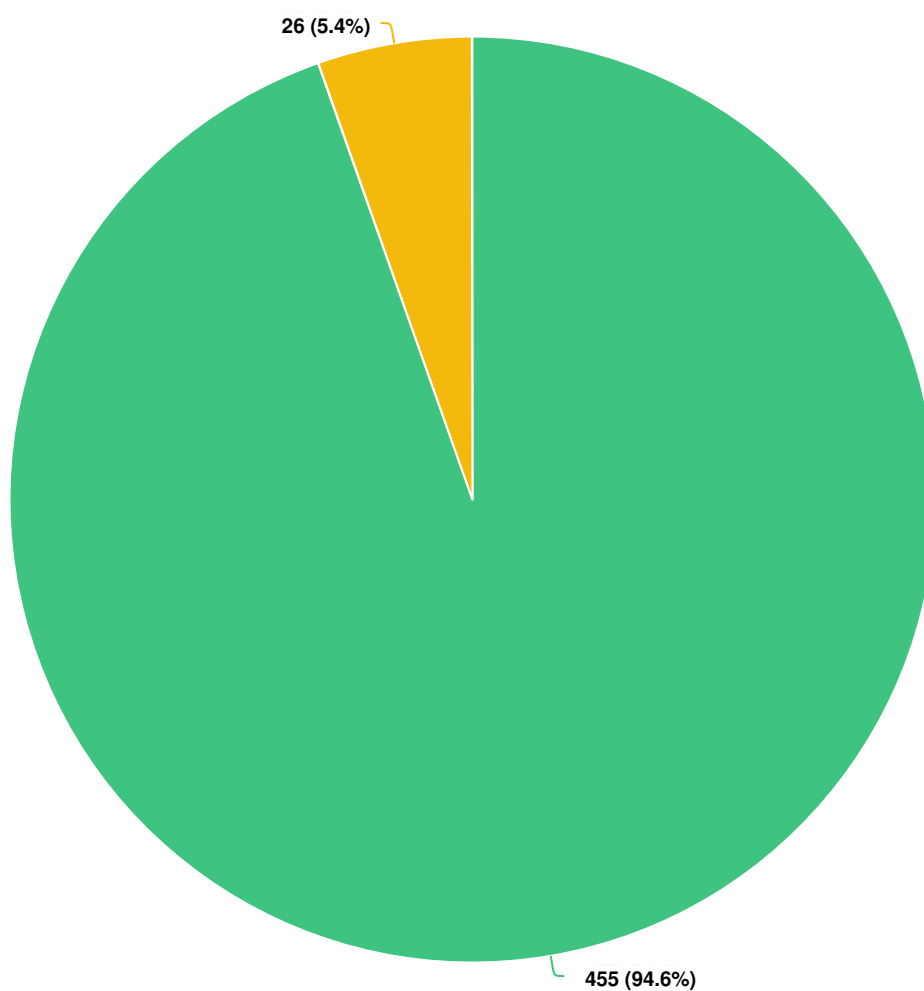
Question options

● Age 0 - 5
 ● Age 5 - 10
 ● Age 11 - 15
 ● Age 15 - 20
 ● Age 21 - 25
 ● Age 26 - 30
 ● Age 31 - 35
● Age 36 - 40
● Age 41 - 45
● Age 46 - 50
● Age 51 - 55
● Age 56 - 60
● Age 61 - 65
● Age 65 +

Mandatory Question (481 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Have you or members of your household ever visited Fiddle Park?



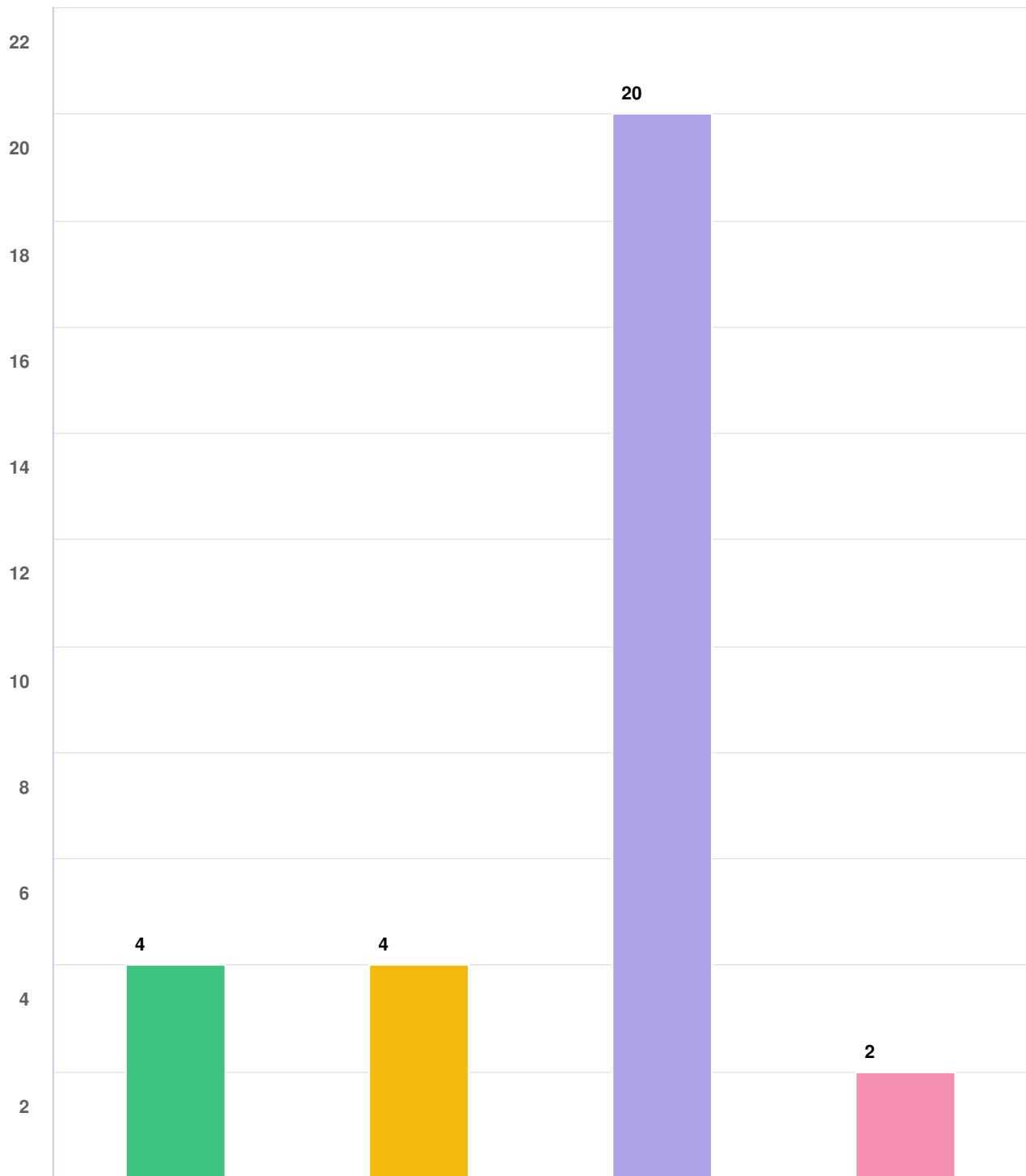
Question options

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Mandatory Question (481 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Why have you not visited Fiddle Park? (Pick all that apply)



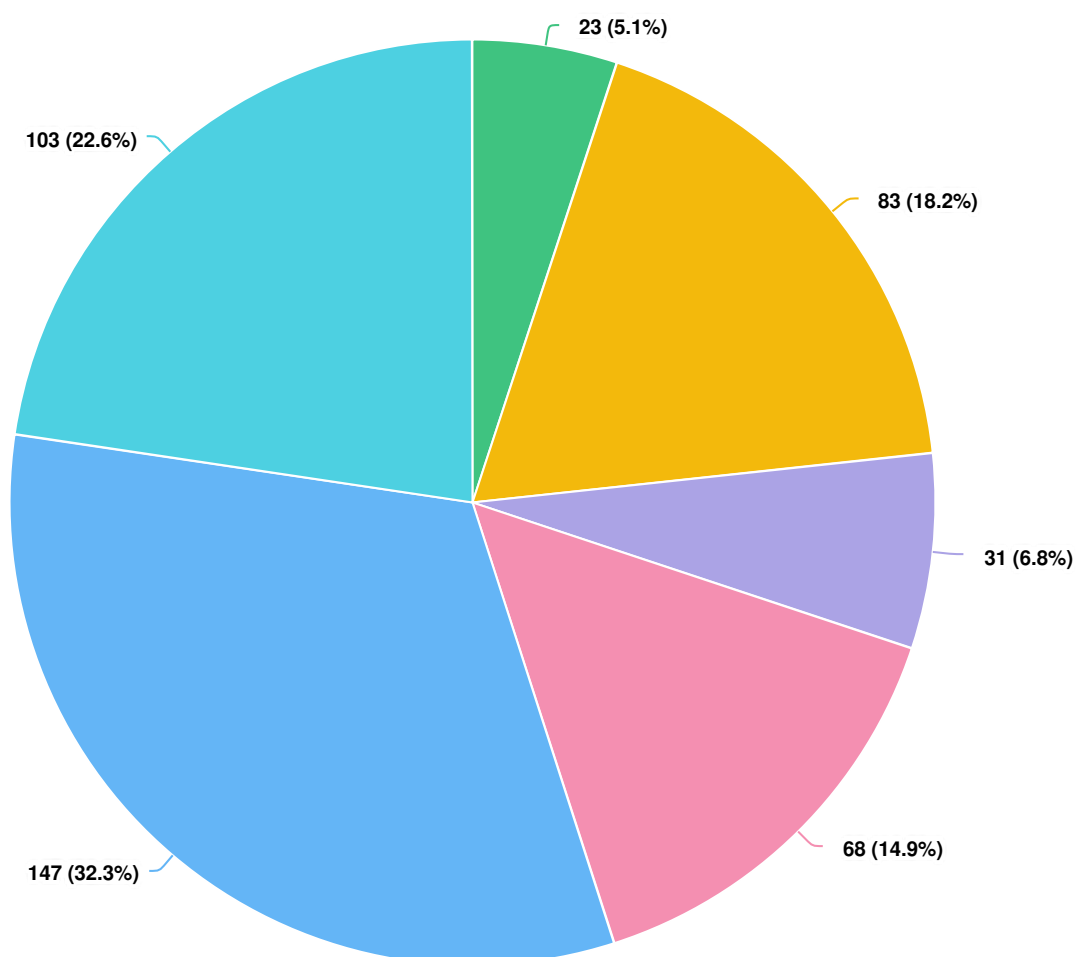
Question options

☒ Too far away ☒ No desire to visit ☒ There is nothing at the park to warrant a visit ☒ Other

Mandatory Question (26 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

How often do you visit Fiddle Park? (Pick the answer that most closely describes how often you visit)



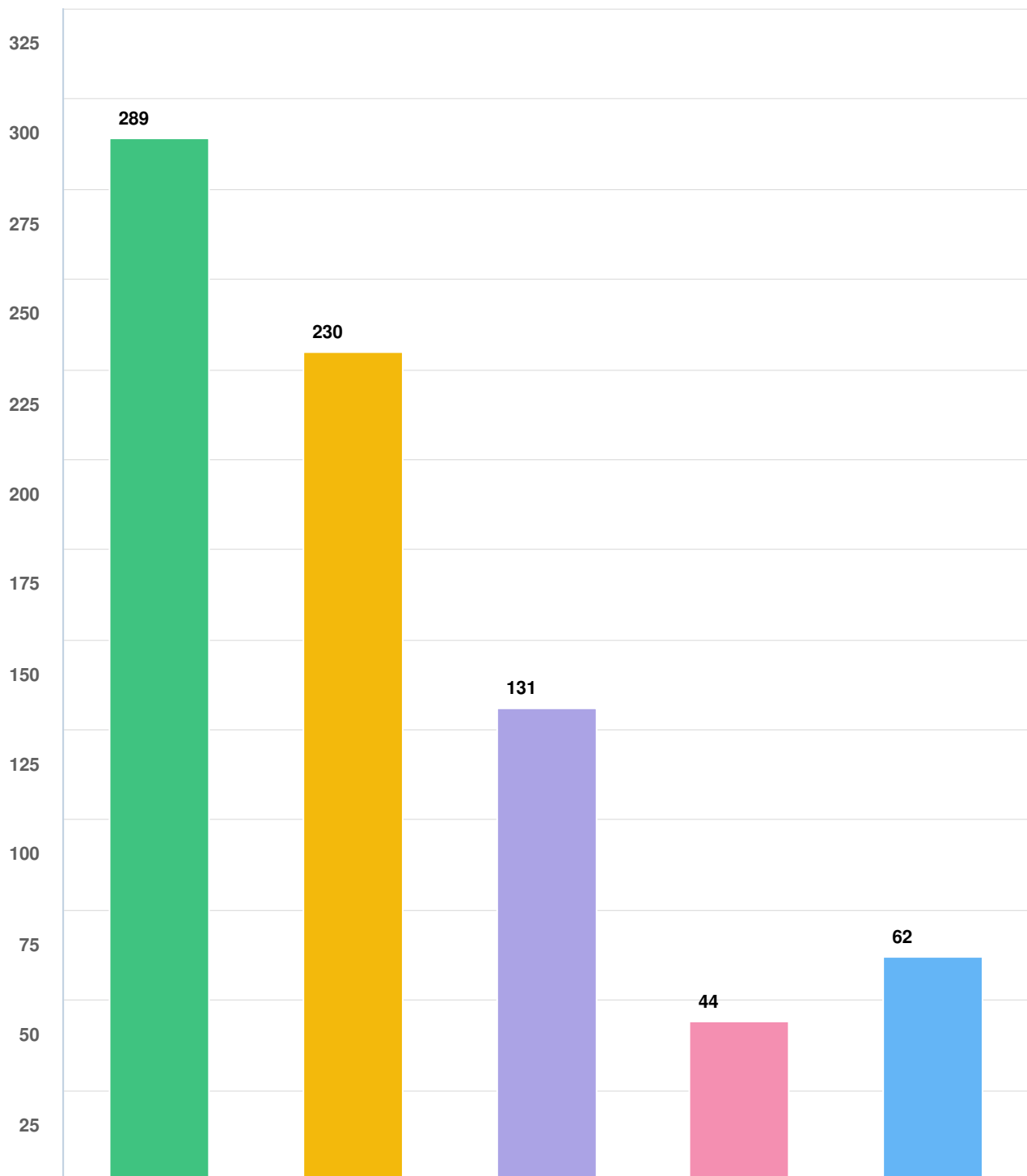
Question options

● Daily ● Weekly ● Every 2 weeks ● Monthly ● 2 times per year ● 1 time per year or less

Mandatory Question (455 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

What types of activities do you participate in when visiting Fiddle Park? (Pick all that apply)



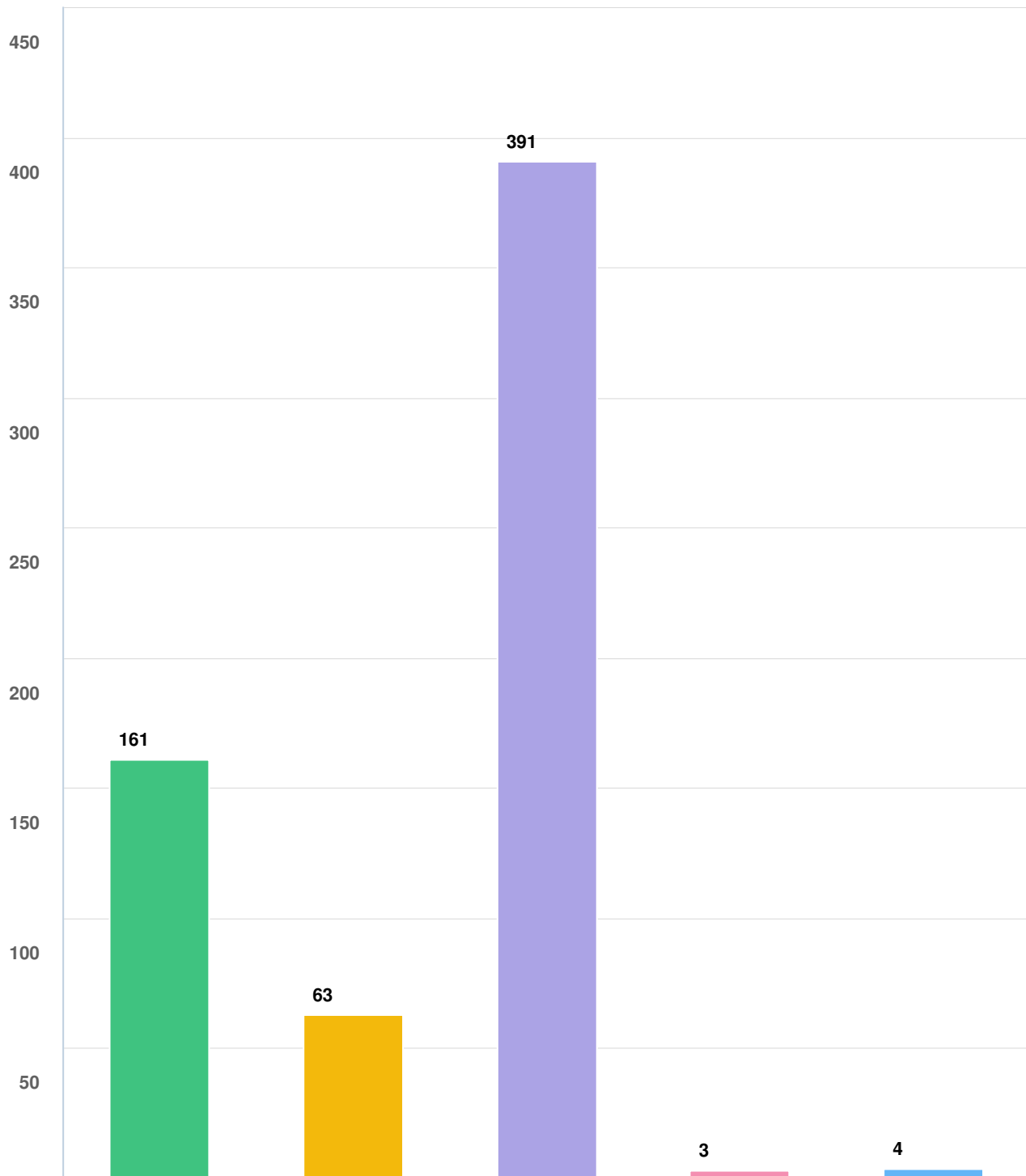
Question options

● Attending Events ● Walking ● Dog Walking ● Community Gardens ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (455 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

How do you get to Fiddle Park? (Pick all that apply)



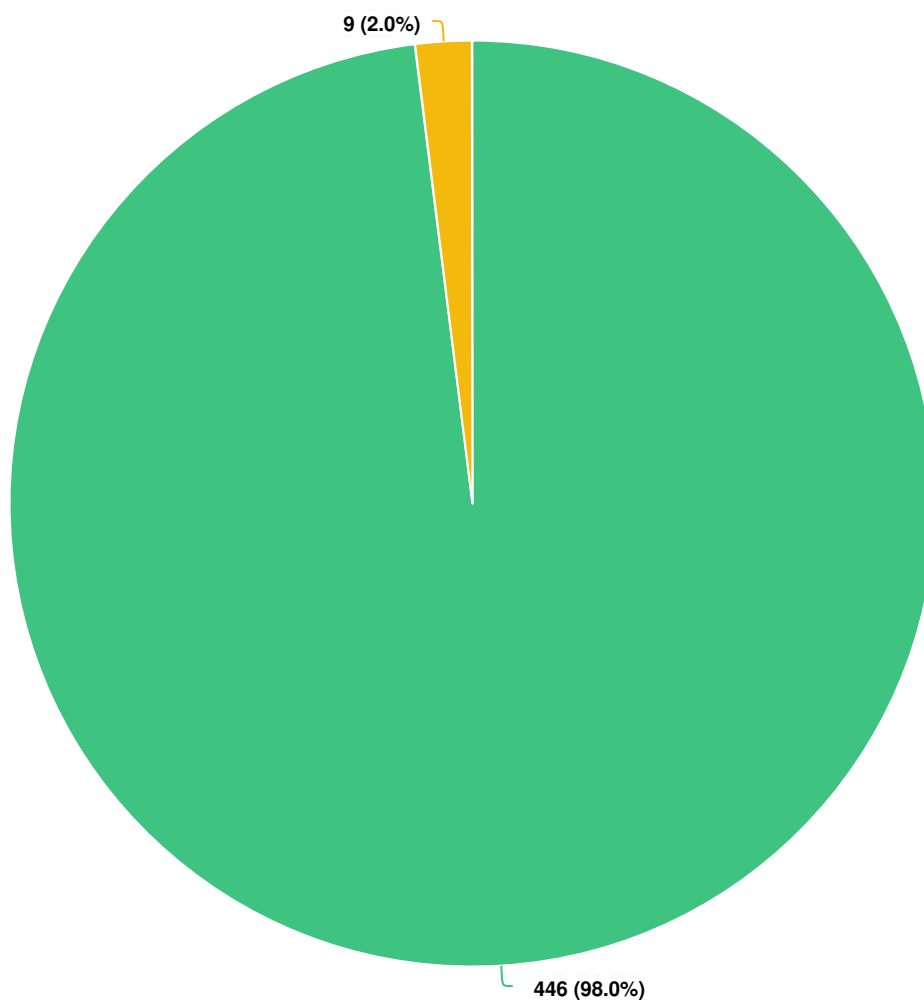
Question options

● Walk ● Bicycle ● Car ● Taxi/Ride-share ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (455 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

When you visit Fiddle Park, does the park feel safe?



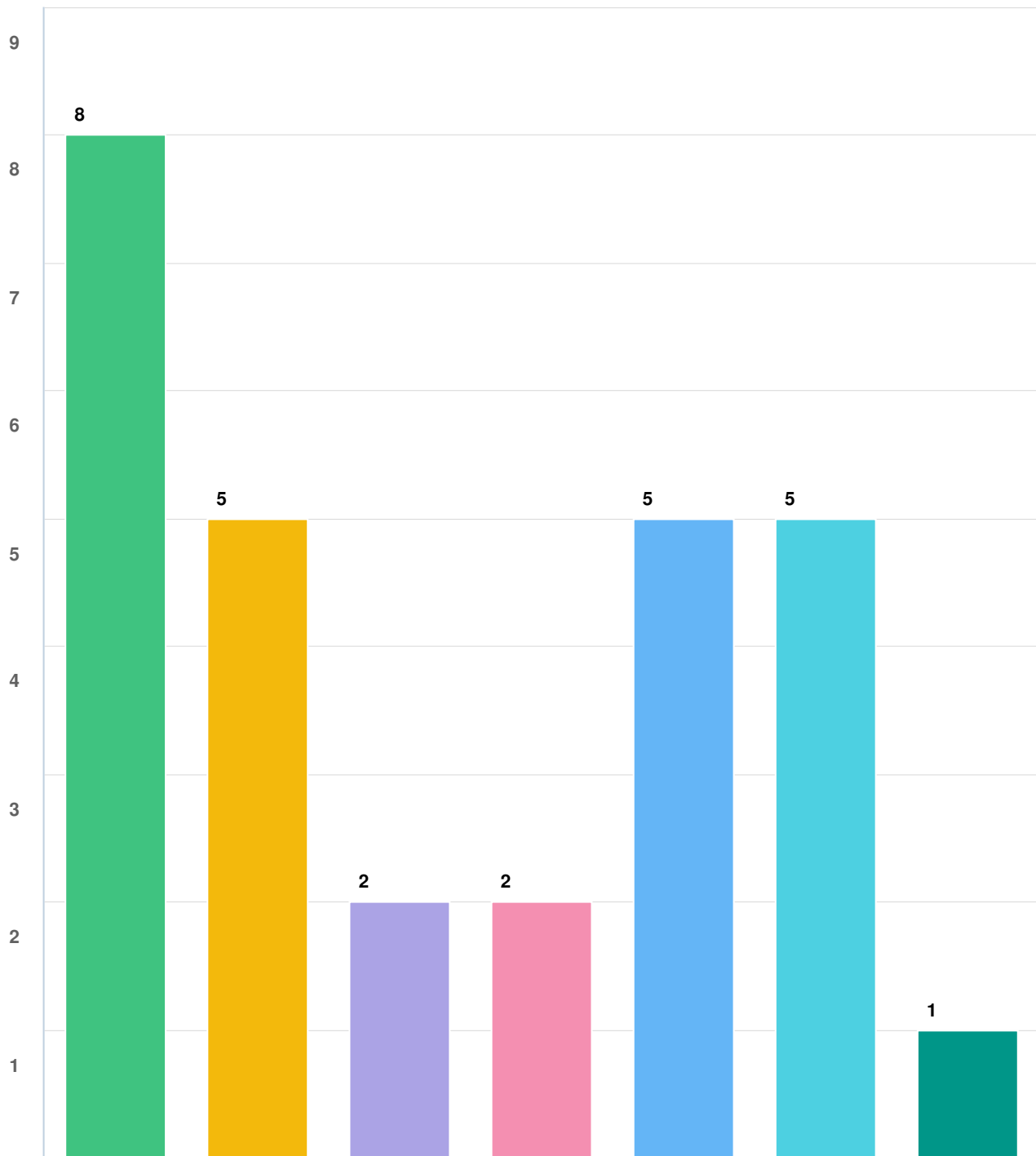
Question options

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Mandatory Question (455 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

What Can be done to make the Park safer?



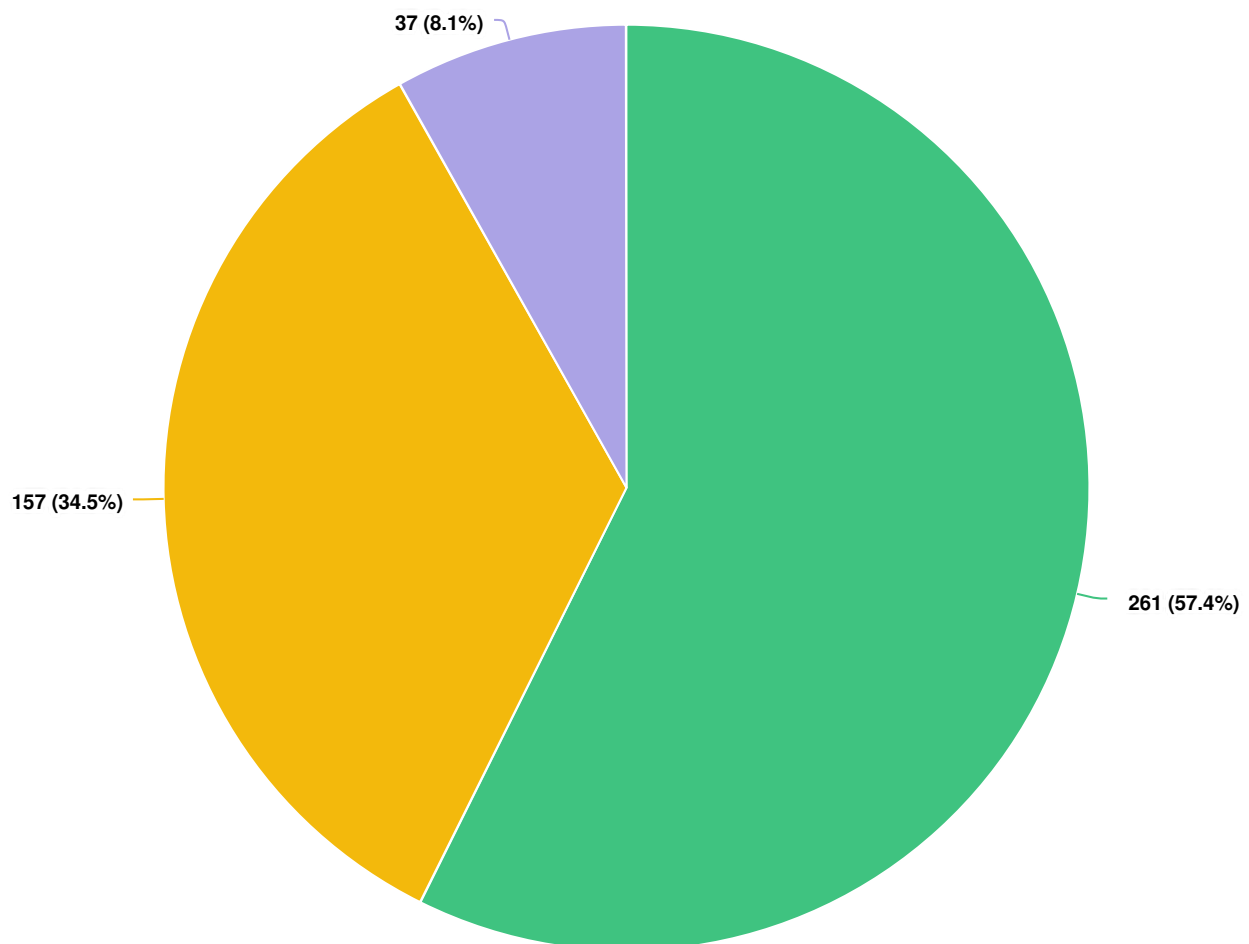
Question options

- Add more lights
- Add signage
- Clear sightlines
- Improve the layout
- Increase activities
- Improve pathways
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (9 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Would you visit Fiddle Park after dark?



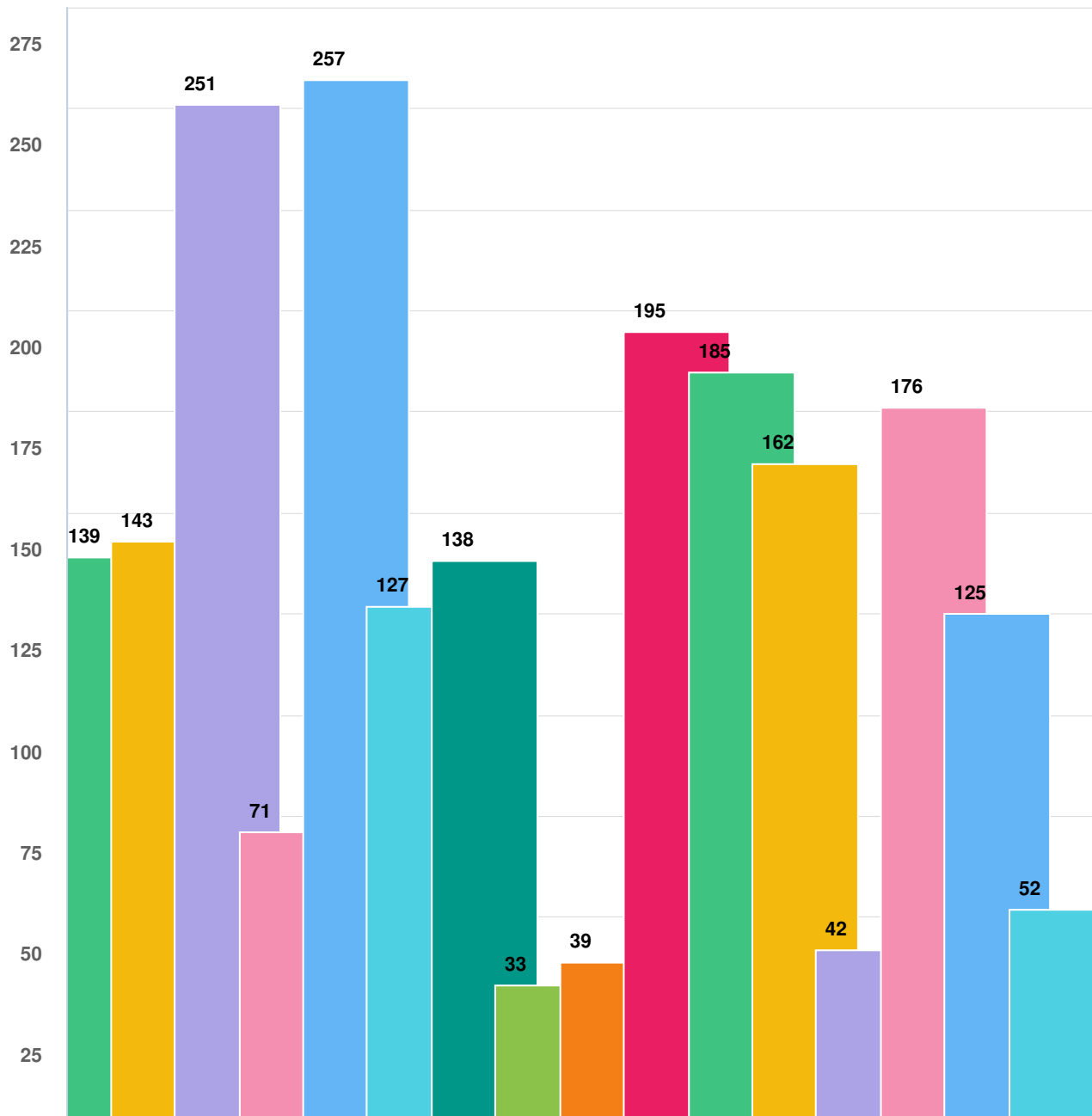
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ If you answered No, why not?

Mandatory Question (455 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

11. When visiting Fiddle Park, what type of program elements (things to do) would you like to see provided within the park? Pick your top 5 must-haves



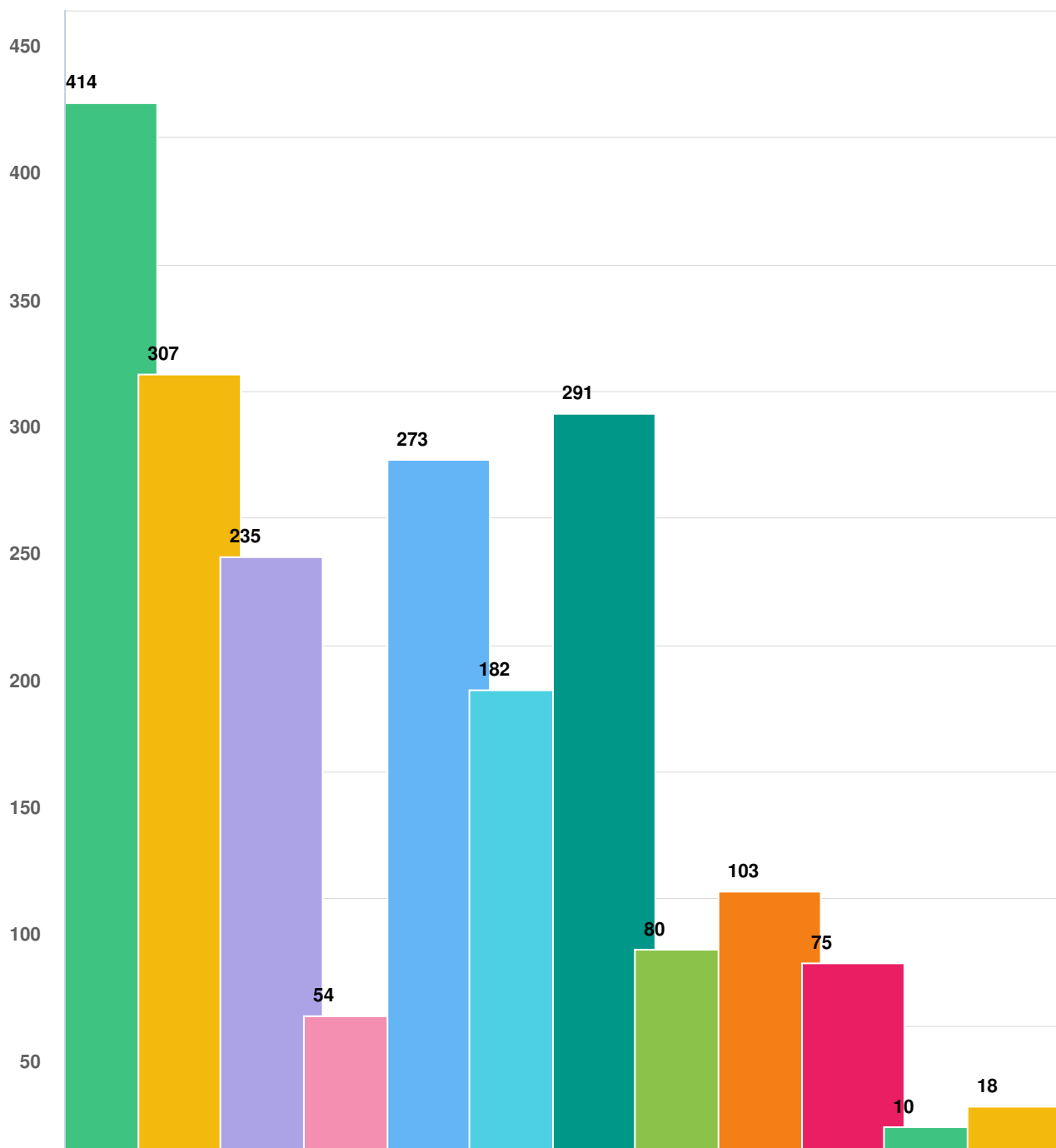
Question options

- Adult Fitness Facilities
 ● Toboggan Hill
 ● Skating Paths
 ● Snow Shoeing
 ● Trails
- Outdoor Classroom/Amphitheatre
 ● Community Gardens
- Bioswales (Bioswales are channels designed to concentrate and convey stormwater runoff while removing debris and pollution)
- Climbing
 ● Child Playground
 ● Naturalized area
 ● Multi-use Sports
 ● BMX Park
 ● Dog Park
- g. Water (pond/lake) for passive water sports (kayaking, canoeing, paddle boats)
 ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (481 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

When visiting Fiddle Park, what type of facilities (things to support your visit) would you like to see provided within the park? Pick your top 5 must-haves



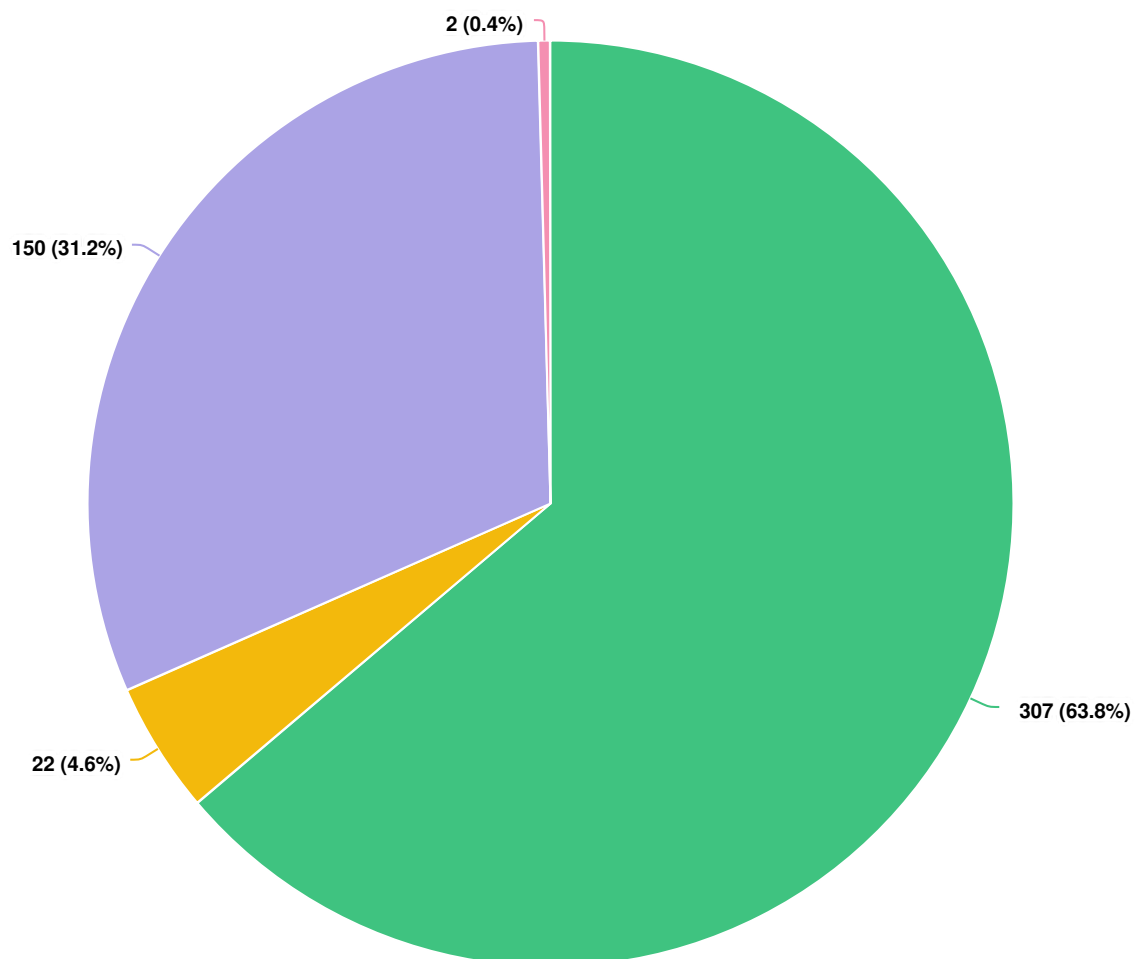
Question options

- Public washrooms Lighting Water stations Bicycle parking Seating
- Dog facilities (poop and scoop stations) Shade structure(s) Electricity access WiFi access
- Additional vehicular parking Electric vehicle charging stations Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (481 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Would you like to see more winter activities/programming within Fiddle Park?



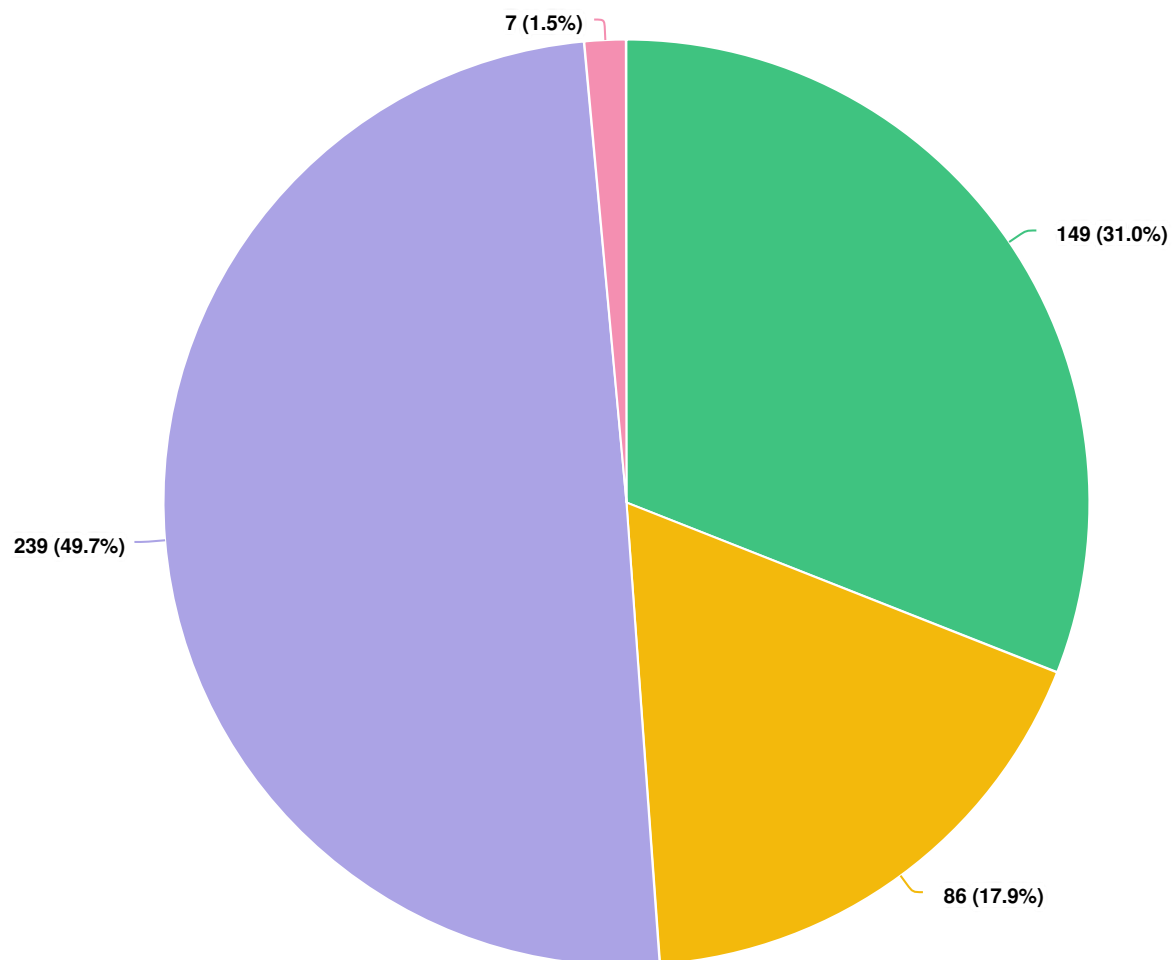
Question options

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't care ☐ Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (481 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Would you like to see Public Art (Murals, sculptures, pavement painting etc.) at Fiddle Park?



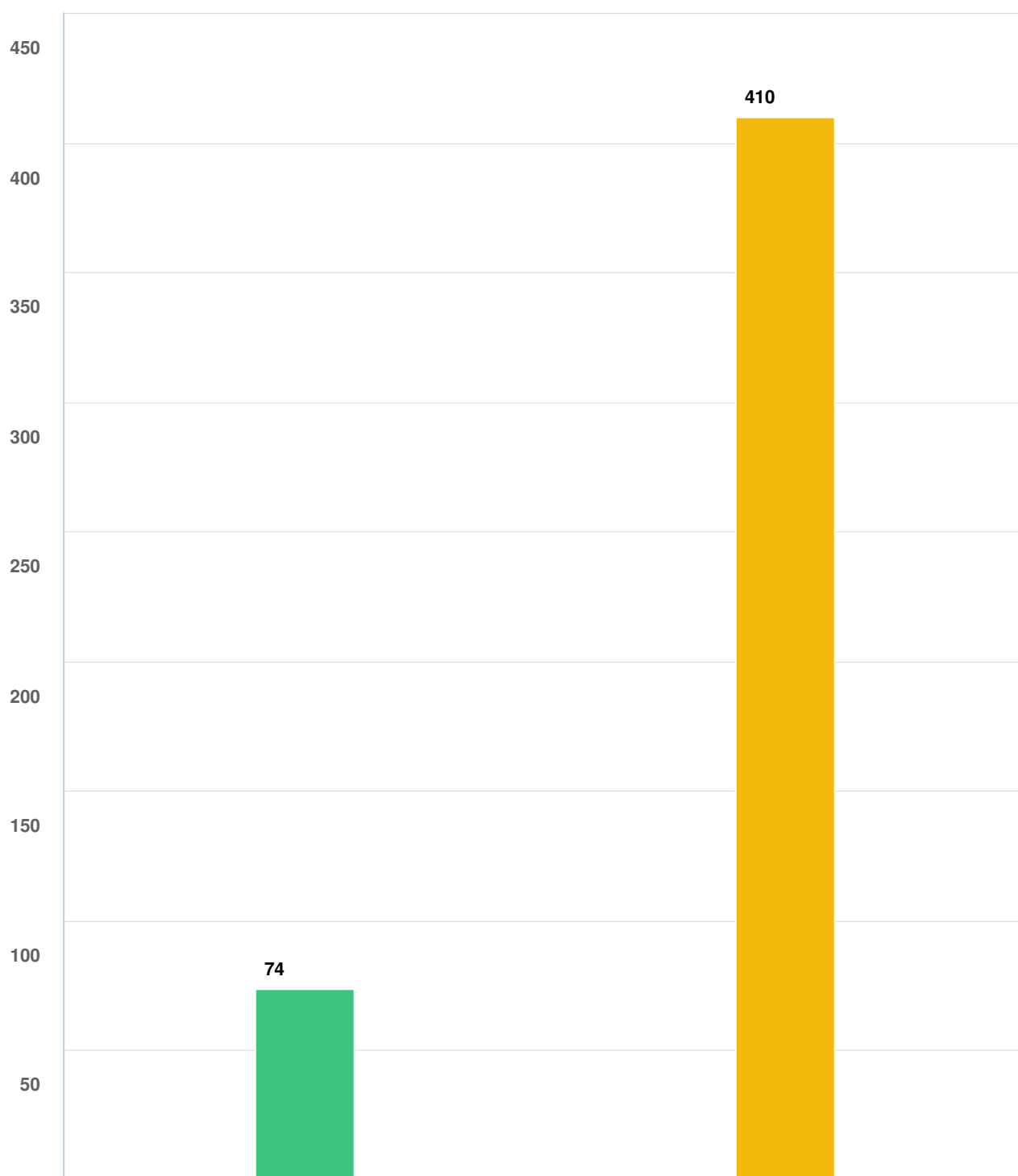
Question options

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Mandatory Question (481 response(s))

Question type: Radio Button Question

Would you like to be part of the direct focus group / meetings for this project?



Question options

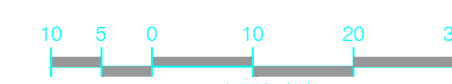
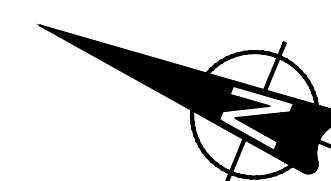
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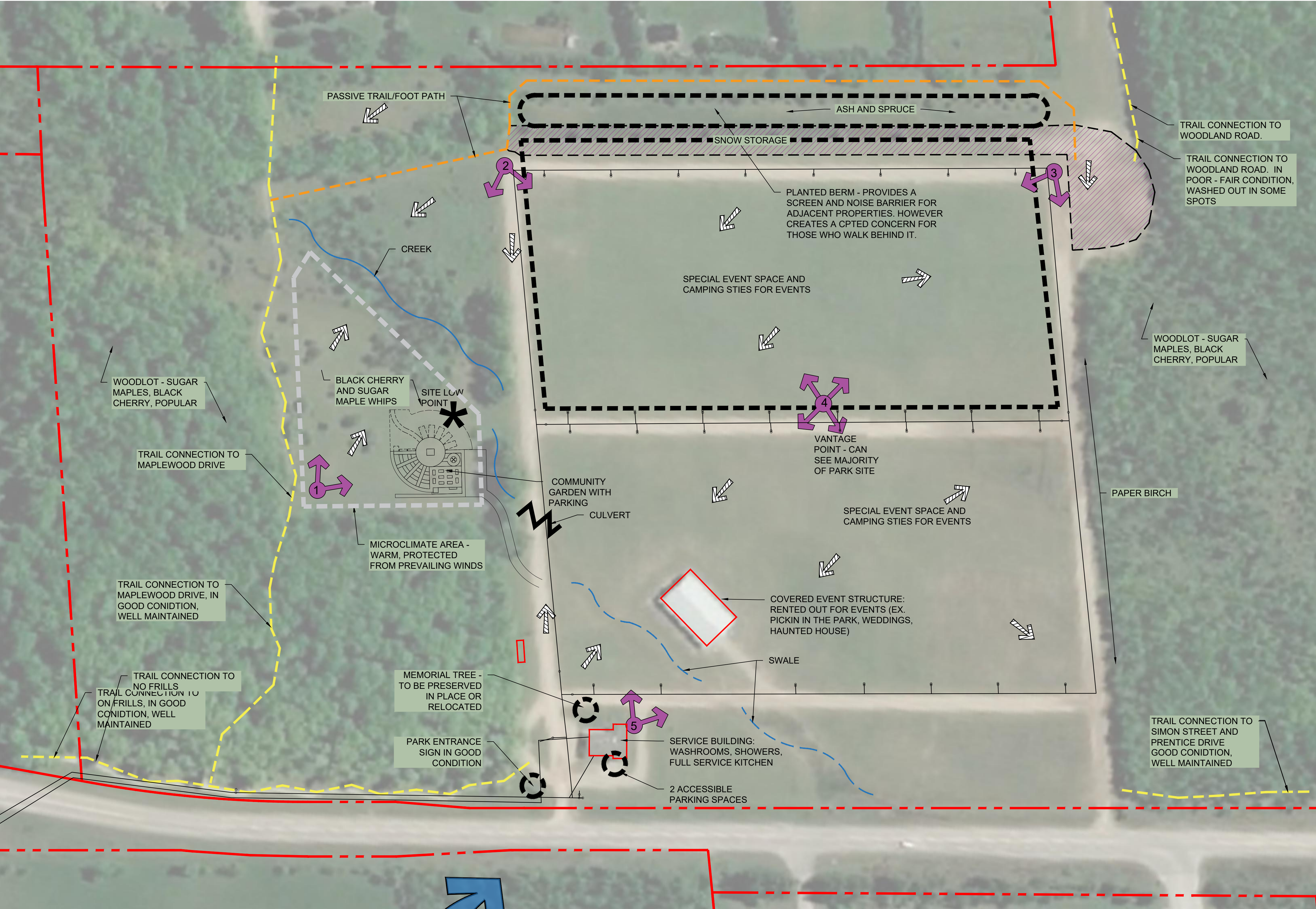


FIDDLE PARK, SHELBURNE EXISTING CONDITIONS



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LEGEND

VIEW POINTS

SLOPE ARROWS

SITE FEATURES

TRAILS - MAINTAINED



VIEW POINT #1



VIEW POINT #2



VIEW POINT #3



VIEW POINT #4 A



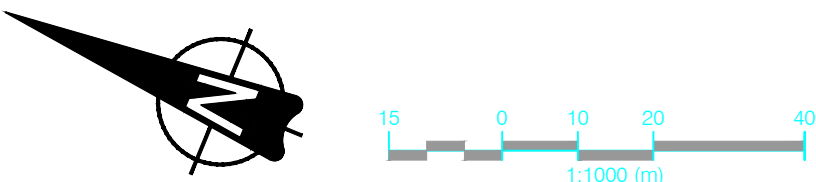
VIEW POINT #4 B



VIEW POINT #5

FIDDLE PARK, SHELBURNE

SITE INVENTORY/ANALYSIS





NATURE THEMED PLAY



DOG PARK



BMX / MOUNTAIN BIKE TRACKS



MULTI-USE SPORTS COURTS



ADULT FITNESS



NATURALIZATION



PLAYGROUNDS



CLIMBING



FIDDLE PARK, SHELBURNE PRECEDENT IMAGES



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE - BIOSWALES



COMMUNITY GARDEN



LAYERED SEATING - OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS



TRAILS



OUTDOOR ICE RINK



SKATING TRAILS



TOBOGGAN HILL



SNOWSHOEING



FIDDLE PARK, SHELBURNE
PRECEDENT IMAGES

Fiddle Park Concept Options Feedback - Data

Total Concept Votes Including PIC

Concept 1 – 48/98 (online) | 0/15 (comment sheet/sticky votes) | **48/113, 42%**

Concept 2 – 25/98 (online) | 5/15 (comment sheet/sticky votes) | **30/113, 27%**

Concept 3 – 18/98 (online) | 7/15 (comment sheet/sticky votes) | **25/113, 22%**

None/ Abstain – 7/98 (online) | 3/15 (comment sheet/sticky votes) | **10/113, 9%**

Concept 1 – Preferences/Dislikes

- **Nature Themed Playground (16)**
 - Nature theme playground (-1)
 - Lack of Rubberized Play Surfacing (-1)
 - Location of playground (-1)
- **Skating Trail (16)**
- **Amphitheatre Seating/Outdoor Classroom (13)**
 - Amphitheatre (-3)
- **Walking Trails (10)**
- **Overall Nature Theme (8)**
- Look-Outs (4)
- Layout (3)
 - Too much sloped lawn (-1)
- Water Feature/ Play Element (3)
- Ornamental Gardens (2)
 - Gardens (-1)
- Community Plaza (2)
 - Community Plaza (-1)
- Overflow parking (2)
 - Overflow parking (-1)
 - Overflow Parking Location (-1)
- Naturalized Planting (3)
- Boardwalk (1)
- Event Supports (1)

Concept 2 – Preferences/Dislikes

- **Variety of Programming (9)**
- **Beach Volleyball (6)**
 - Beach volleyball (-2)
- **Fitness Stations (6)**
- **Skating Trail (6)** (preference for larger length)
- **Sports Pads (6)**
- Walking Trails (4)
- Overall Sports Theme (2)
- Layout (2)
- Fitness Themed Playground (2)
 - Fitness themed playground (-1)
- Ornamental Gardens (1)
 - Gardens (-2)
- Permanent Parking (1)
- Location of play? Family gathering? (1)
- Spacing of Sloped Lawns (1)
- Naturalized Planting (1)
 - Lack of Parking (-2)
 - Wetlands (-1)
 - Lack of Special Event Space (-1)

Concept 3 – Preferences/Dislikes

- **Camping (21)**
 - Too Much Camping (-1)
- **Open Space (5)**
- **Music Themed Playground (2)**
 - Playground (-1)
 - Location of Playground (-1)

- **Expansive Event Space (2)**
- Parking Layout (1)
- Expanded Washrooms (2)
 - No Expanded Washrooms (-2)
- Community Plaza (2)
- Boardwalk (1)
- Skating Pad under Pavilion (4)
 - Tree Planting @ Pavilion (-2)
 - Wetland, presumed hazard for night event (-1)
 - Lack of Splash Pad (-1)
 - Not enough dedicated parking (-1)
 - Layout of Community Plaza/Playground to switch (-1)

Overall Programming Preference Rating

- **Skating Trail (22)**
- **Camping (20)**
- **Nature Themed Playground (15)**
- **Walking Trails (14)**
- **Amphitheatre Seating/Outdoor Classroom (10)**
- Fitness Stations (6)
- Sports Pads (6)
- Beach Volleyball (4)
- Look-Outs (4)
- Water Feature/ Play Element (4)
- Naturalized Planting (4)
- Skating Pad under Pavilion (4)
- Large Open Space (3)
- Overflow parking (3)
- Community Plaza (3)
- Boardwalk (2)
- Event Supports (1)
- Fitness Themed Playground (1)
- Music Themed Playground (1)
- Permanent Parking (1)
- Lack of Special Event Space (-1)
- Wetland (-2)

Program Elements Missing from Concepts:

- **Drive-In Theatre (4)**
- **Commentary on how to physically access the site (4)**
- **Identification of space/features for rent/revenue (2)**
- **Indoor Facility (2)**
- **Enclosed pool (2)**
- Music element in natural playground (1)
- Sand play area (1)
- Sports field type that is not yet in any other park (1)
- Space to program with classes (yoga, music, etc.) or (1)
- Skate Park (1)
- Pond condition instead of wetland (1)
- Increase size of community garden (1)
- Additional covered area (1)
- Designated space for food vendors (1)
- Table games (chess, tic tac toe)
- Covered sports activity space (1)
- Enough parking for special events (1)
- Multi-purpose/flexible overflow parking (1)
- Seating area south of stage (1)
- Cultural and Community heritage (1)
- Memorial Trees or Garden (1)
- Washrooms near Pavilion (1)
- Storage (1)

Do not like any concepts, would like to see instead:

- Balance/ inclusion of programming from all three concepts (2)
- Funding to be spent on high school (1)
- Bigger pavilion for skating,
- 'Regular' playground (theme is too expensive & natural not desired) (1)
- Permanent cricket facility – not seen in parks and rec master plan (1)
- Revenue generating features (1)

- Ice Skating/ Roller Skating Rink with Public Washroom (1)
- Accessible above and beyond minimum requirements (1)

Programming Elements that were thought to be missing/ need more clarity:

- Covered / Inviting picnic areas (6)
- Shade / Seating in Shade (3)

- Ability to host concerts (2)
- Access to Washrooms (2)
- Inclusive Playground (1)
- Accessible access to the washroom/concession building (1)
- Paved trails (1)
- Splash Pad/Water Play (1)
- Playground (1)
- Lighting (1)

Fiddle Park Concept Options Feedback - Analysis

Preferred Concept Design

The data shows that there is a strong preference for Option 1 but that there are merits to the programming proposed in Options 2 and 3 that should be explored.

Preferred Programming

The Top 5 programming elements across all three options are generally consistent with the survey conducted in 2021 and include:

1. Skating Trail
2. Camping
3. Nature Themed Playground
4. Walking Trails
5. Amphitheatre Seating / Outdoor Classroom

1 - Skating Trail

The skating trail extending use of the park into the winter season was a desirable attribute of this programming. It suggests that other winter appropriate programming is desirable on the site. There is concern regarding the ability to access the washroom facilities, especially when small children have more layers to remove. Designating a space for portable washrooms near the pavilion could alleviate this concern. It was mentioned that the length of the skating trail in Concept 2 was desirable.

2 – Camping

Camping was identified as a desirable program element, even when responders identified Option 1 or 2 as their preferred concept. Some of the reasons why camping was supported was nostalgia and support for existing events such as HMF, Pickin' in the Park, Fiddle 50 etc. Phasing out the camping over time could help to mitigate concerns with Options 1 and 2.

3 – Nature Themed Playground

The nature theme was by far the most desired theme for the playground. There are some that desire the condition of the play surfacing to be accessible and to include accessible play within the natural play space. There is concern that the quality of play in a nature themed play space can sometimes be underwhelming. An example of a successful natural playground was provided, Orangeville's Island Lake Nature Playground.

4 – Walking Trails

Walking trails was another desired program element. Sometimes there was a specific preference for trails in the naturalized area but more generally supported throughout the site. There is concern regarding equitable access to trails with a desire for paved surfaces and manageable slopes. There is also concern regarding safety and visibility. Planning for a hierarchy of walking trail types with a clear distinction of accessible trail routes would help alleviate some of these concerns. Consideration should be given to locating active programming in low visibility portions of the site.

5 – Amphitheatre Seating/ Outdoor Classroom

Amphitheatre style seating was identified as a desired support element for events as well as an outdoor classroom. There was concern regarding whether this space would be popular enough to merit inclusion in the preferred concept design. Careful consideration for the size, layout, accessibility, and access to shade for this program element is required to maximize the use of the space.

Themes

There are some themes that can be drawn from the concept options feedback that should be considered when developing and presenting information for the preferred concept design:

Phased Approach

- Allows the retention of the current camping program while residents become accustomed to shifts within the programming of the site. Camping was identified as a desirable program element, even when responders identified Option 1 or 2 as their preferred concept.
- Allows funding to be determined over time with phased implementation.
- Prioritization for the earliest phase should be given to the most desired programming elements identified [Skating Trail, Nature Themed Playground, Camping, Walking Trails] as well as program that provides a source of revenue [rentable picnic pavilions, event supports, etc.]

Equity vs Revenue

- While revenue generating programming supports the ability for the park to function, this can create a barrier for some residents. Allowing facilities to be free when the facility is not being rented helps to maintain equitable access. Areas and activities that relate to rental permits should be clear and well-defined to avoid any potential conflicts with keeping the park generally accessible and open to the public during park hours.

Concept Blending / “A Little Bit for Everyone”

- While a Nature Themed Park was noted as desirable from the feedback, it was also expressed that the park programming should support a variety of users in terms of age and abilities. Suggesting that some of the fitness programming from Concept 2 be added to Concept 1.
- Including either or both the Fitness Stations or one of the proposed Sport Pads within the programming of Concept 1 would help to satisfy teen, young adult, and active residents.
- Active or loud programming (play areas) should be located to still allow space for quiet contemplation/ respite.
- The overflow parking proposed in Concept 1 is supported but there is a desire to consider a more flexible use of the space. This could be an opportunity to include a seasonal market space or food vendor space to support events.

Accessibility & Safety

- Even though we are at a high-level planning phase of the project, there is a desire to identify accessibility and safety features that will be incorporated into the future park improvements.
- Specifically mentioned was the difficulty in the change of grade/elevation around the existing building that is proposed to be expanded in all concept options. Accessible ground conditions for the playground and walking trails were also identified as well as accessible furnishings.
- Public safety and vandalism were also identified as a concern.
- The preferred concept design should provide information on how accessibility and safety will be incorporated into the design.

Transportation to Park

- It was identified that since Fiddle Park is not centrally located in Shelburne, that access to the site should be a consideration when planning new programming.
- Specifically mentioned was the lack of walkability to the site and a desire for transit for seniors. Providing more information on planned future trails leading to the site and potential bus drop-off should be considered for the preferred concept design.

Cultural Heritage

- Finding a way to honour the history of the land from a cultural heritage perspective was identified by a few responders. Consideration should be given to integrating Indigenous History and the more recent musical history in the preferred concept design.

Program Elements Missing (or Thought to be Missing)

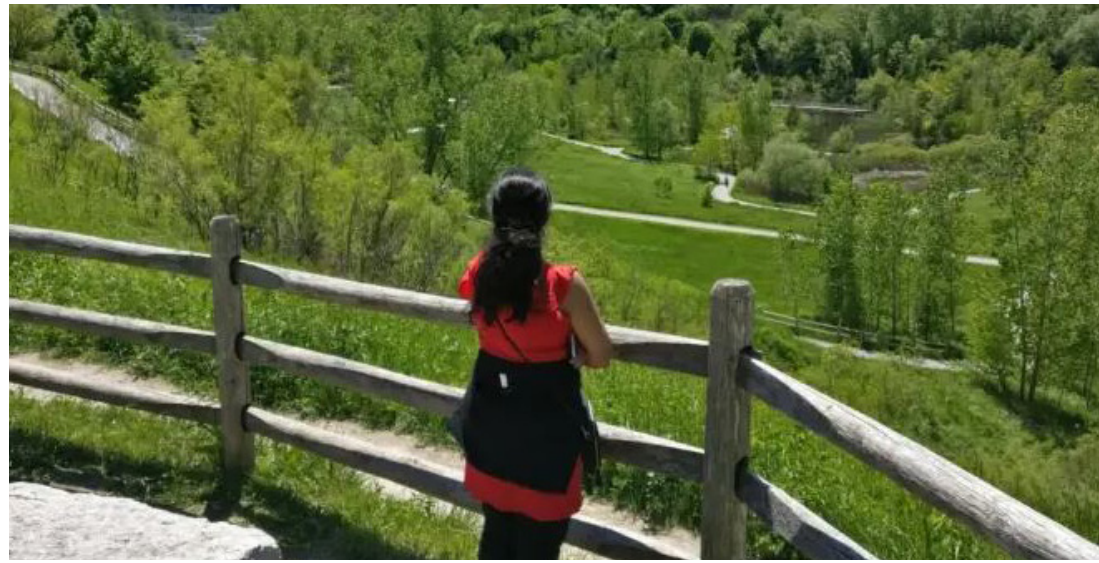
The feedback identified programming that was not included in the concepts but are desired on site. Some of this feedback is relevant to the development of the site as a destination park and some disagreed with the planned use for the site. For example, an indoor recreation facility or ‘enclosed’ pool.

Often feedback regarding missing programming identified site features that would be planned in the detailed design phase of the project, rather than the master planning level, and should be considered as the project progresses. Feedback that should be considered for the preferred concept design include:

- Designated space for food vendors
- Seating area south of stage/ pavilion
- Multi-purpose/flexible overflow parking
- Designated open area able to accommodate special events

Feedback indicated that some of the programming intended to be presented in some or all the concepts was thought to be missing. The preferred concept design should ensure to highlight: covered and non-covered picnic areas; shade structure and shade elements; and access to washroom facilities. Other program elements thought to be missing are very specific and addressed in the detail design phase.

LOOK OUT POINTS & VIEW CORRIDORS



WINTER SKATE TRAIL / SUMMER WALKING LOOP



AMPHITHEATRE SEATING / OUTDOOR CLASSROOM



NATURE THEMED PLAYGROUND



EXPANDED WASHROOMS & COMMUNITY PLAZA



LEGEND

- VEHICULAR ROAD
- MAINTENANCE / SPECIAL ACCESS ROAD
- MAJOR PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY
- MINOR PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY
- VIEW CORRIDOR, LIMIT OBSTRUCTIONS
- BUFFER TREATMENT
- SHADE STRUCTURE

SITE FURNISHINGS & FEATURES

- BENCHES / SEATING
- WATER STATIONS
- BICYCLE PARKING
- TRAIL DISTANCE MARKERS
- LIGHTING
- INFORMATION BOARD
- WATER FEATURE

WALKING TRAILS AND NATURALIZED PLANTING



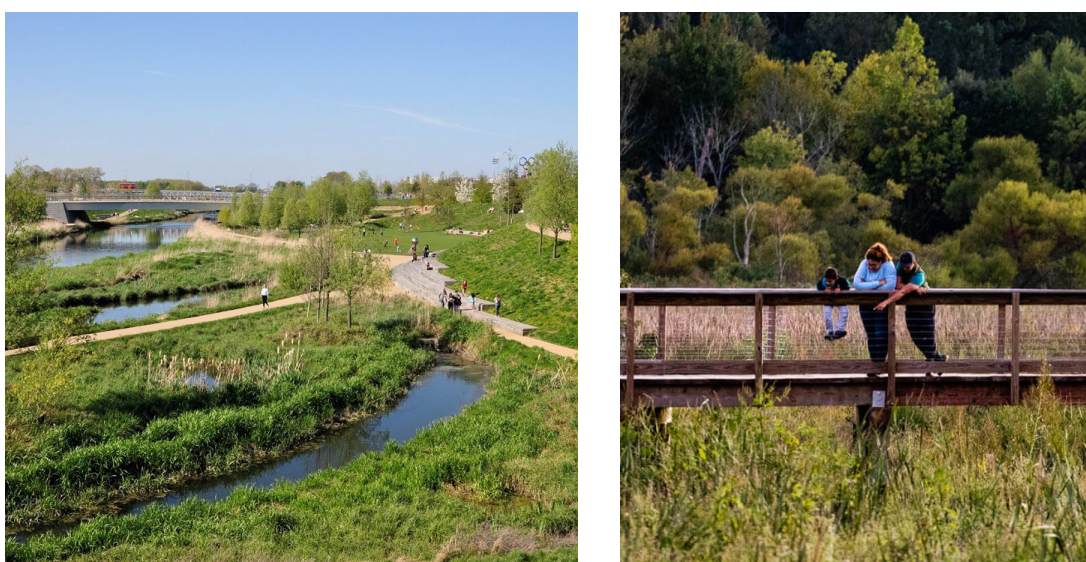
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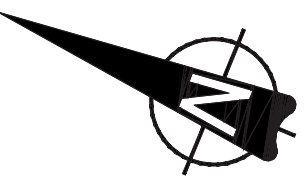
OVERFLOW PARKING FOR SPECIAL EVENTS



BIOSWALE / WETLAND & BOARDWALK CROSSINGS



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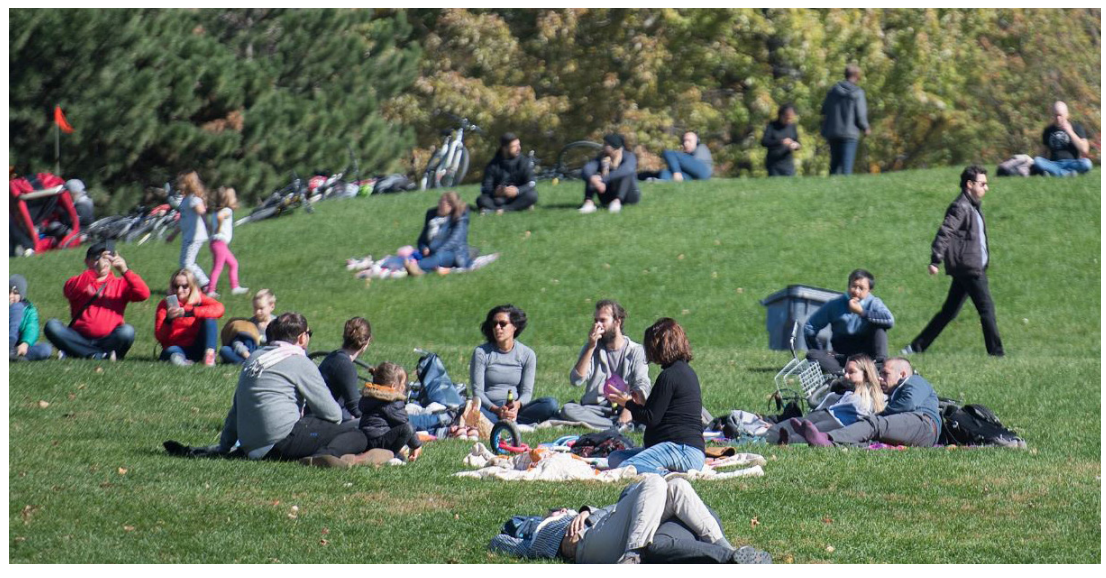


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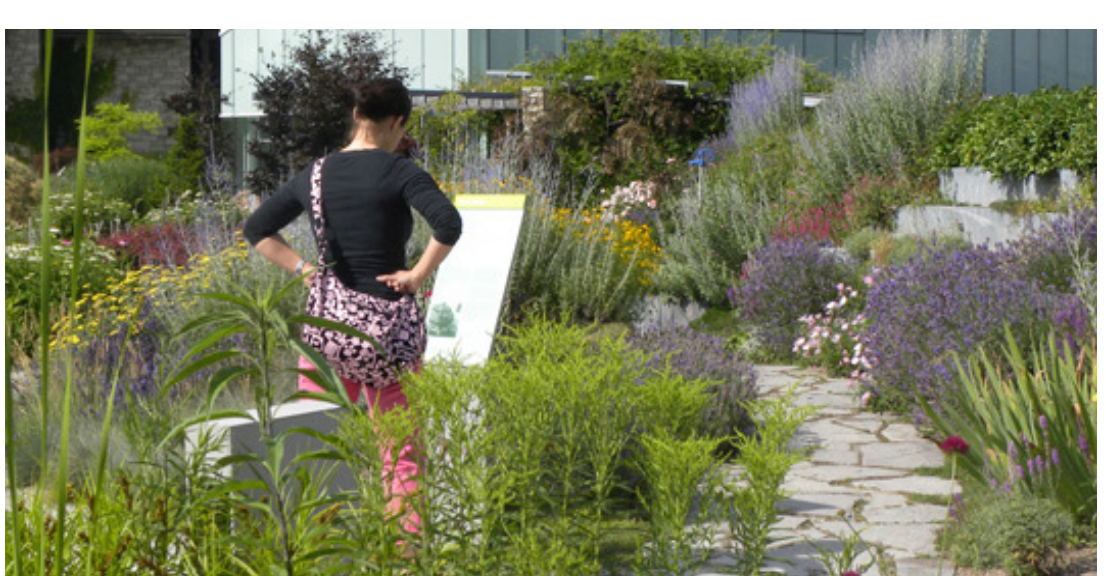
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FITNESS STATIONS



ORNAMENTAL GARDENS



EXPANDED WASHROOMS & COMMUNITY PLAZA



LEGEND

- VEHICULAR ROAD
- MAINTENANCE / SPECIAL ACCESS ROAD
- MAJOR PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY
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- VIEW CORRIDOR, LIMIT OBSTRUCTIONS
- BUFFER TREATMENT
- SHADE STRUCTURE

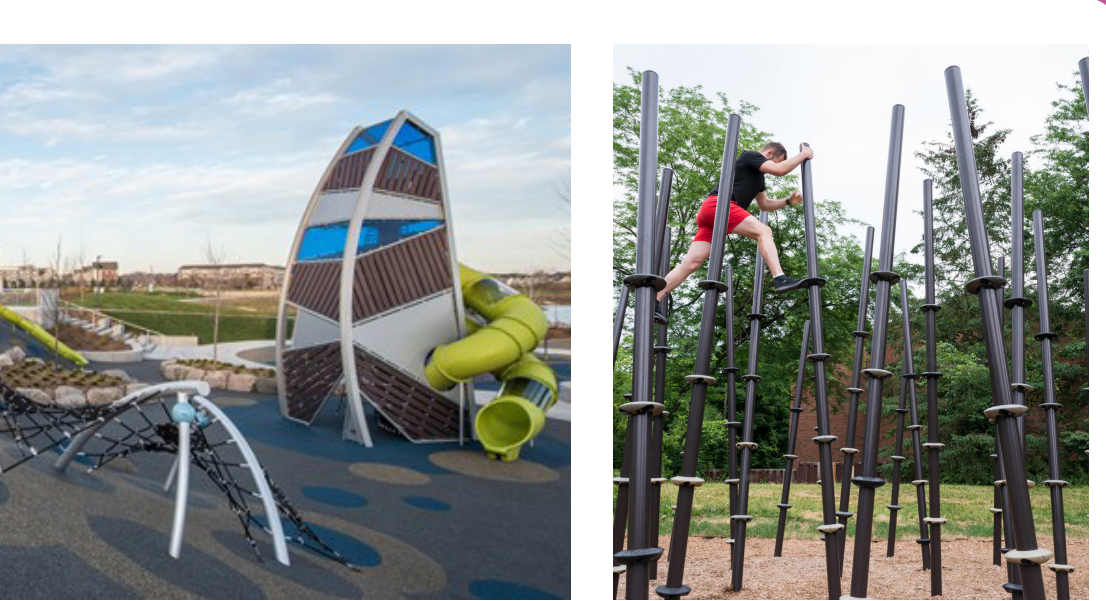
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WALKING TRAILS AND NATURALIZED PLANTING



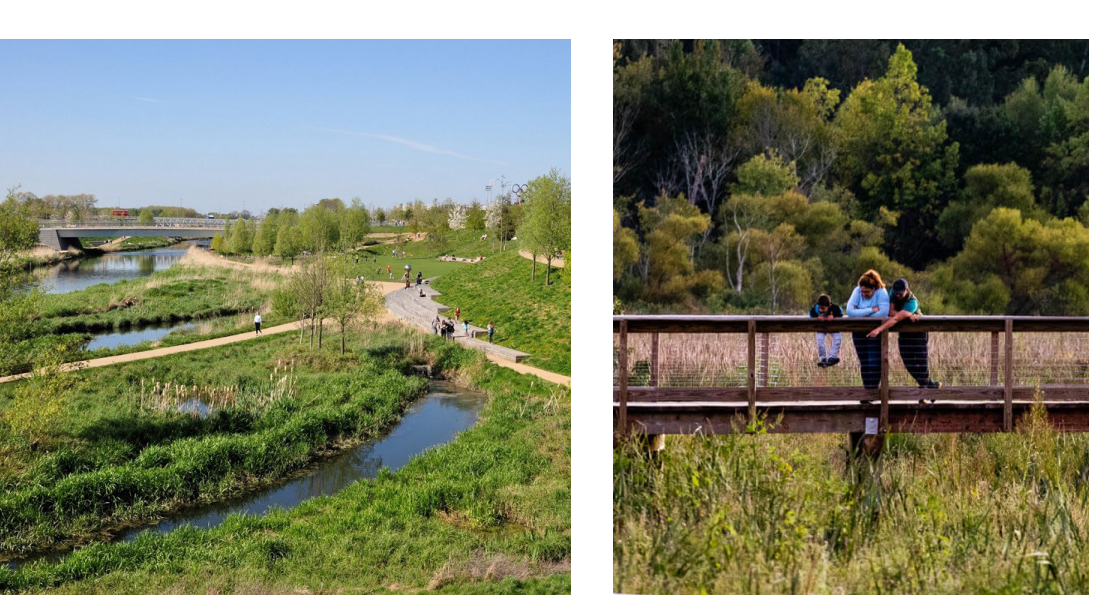
FITNESS THEMED PLAYGROUND



MULTI-USE COURTS & BEACH VOLLEY BALL



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MAINTAIN EXISTING CAMPING



EXPANDED WASHROOMS & COMMUNITY PLAZA



MUSIC THEMED PLAYGROUND



FIDDLE PARK, SHELBURNE MASTER PLAN - CONCEPT OPTION 3



LEGEND

- VEHICULAR ROAD
- MAINTENANCE / SPECIAL ACCESS ROAD
- MAJOR PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY
- MINOR PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY
- VIEW CORRIDOR, LIMIT OBSTRUCTIONS
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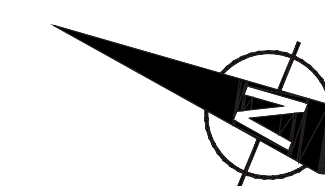
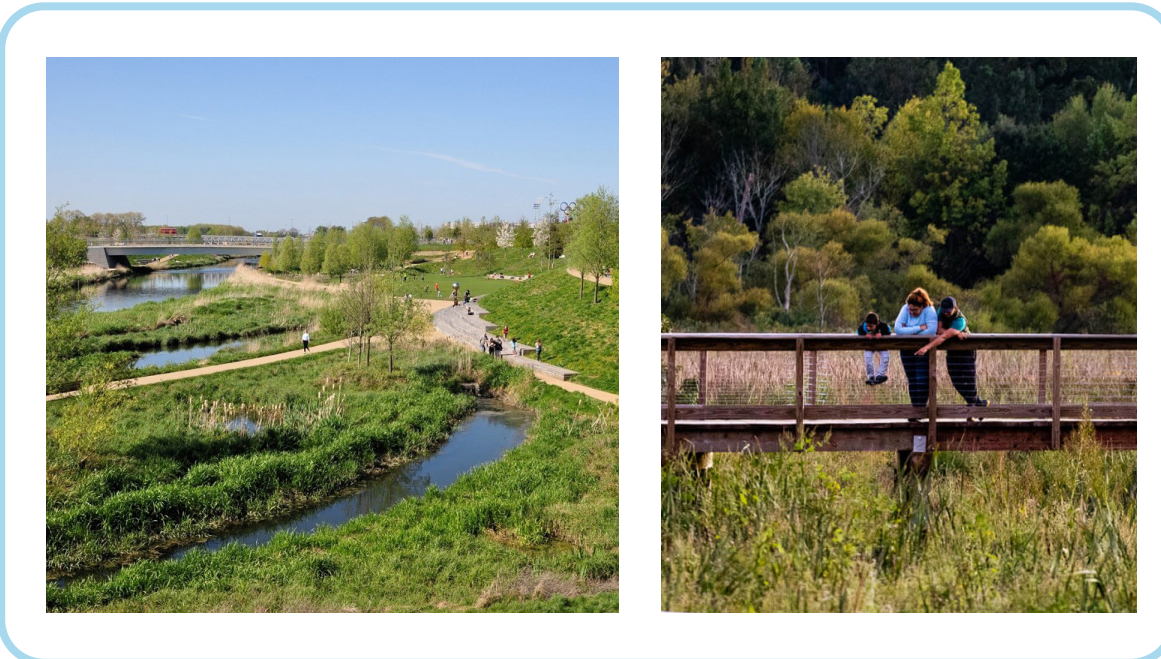
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Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Draft – June 2023



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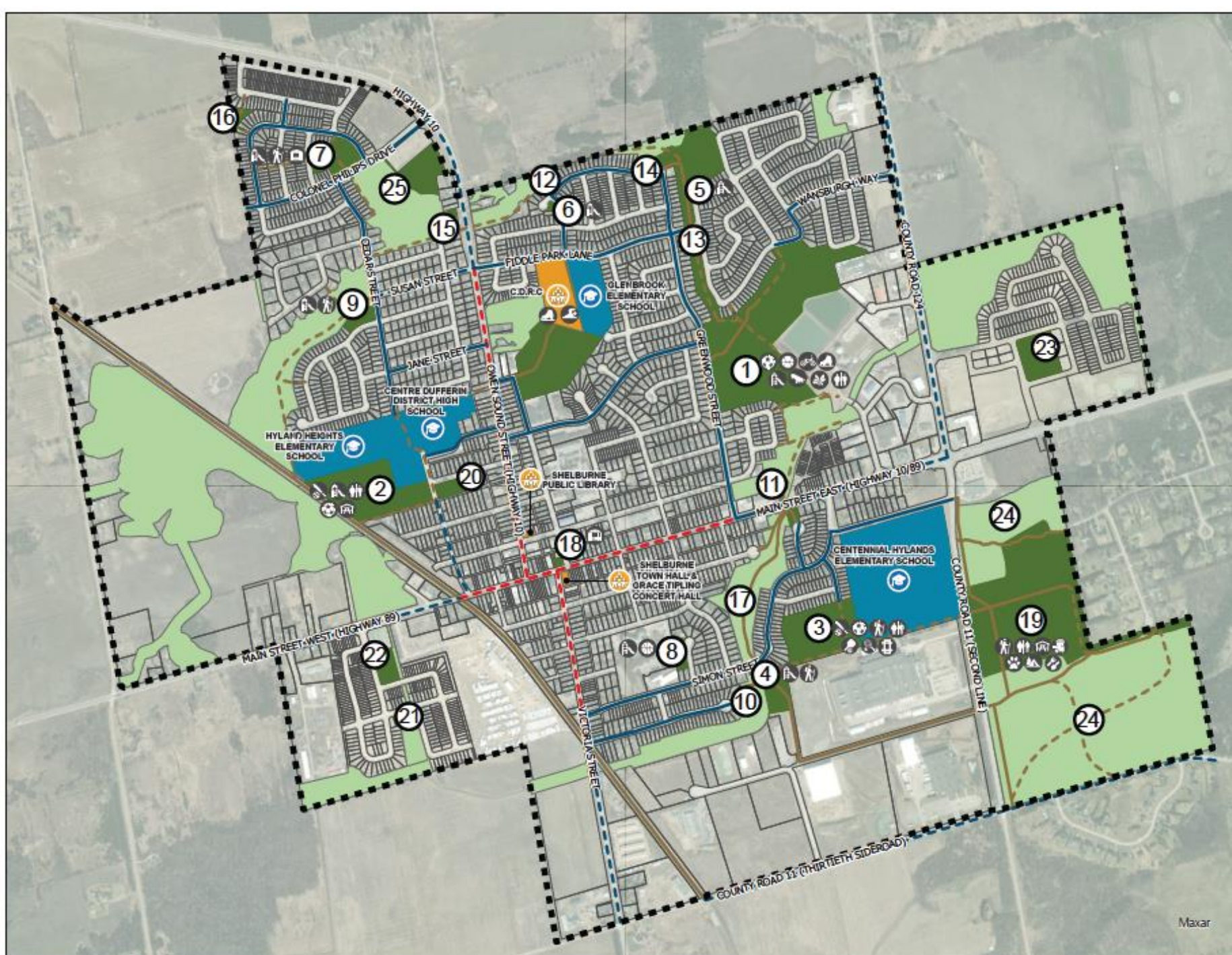
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Community/Sports Parks

- 1 Greenwood Park
- 2 Hyland Park / Natasha Paterson Memorial Park
- 3 KTH Park

Neighborhood Parks/Parkettes

- 4 Simon Street Park
- 5 Greenbrook Parkette
- 6 Greenwood Crescent Parkette
- 7 Summerhill Park
- 8 Simon Court Parkette
- 9 Walters Creek Park

Linkages/Linear Parks

- 10 Franklyn Street Linkage
- 11 Rintoul Linkage
- 12 Berry Street Linkage
- 13 Greenbrook Linkage
- 14 Greenwood Linkage
- 15 Willow Street Linkage
- 16 Summerhill Linkage
- 17 Shelburne Meadows

Special Tourism / Other Park

- 18 Jack Downing Park
- 19 Fiddle Park
- 20 Green Park (Watertower)

Future Parks

- 21 Hyland Village Linkage
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- 23 Ghant Park

Natural Areas

- 24 Fiddle Park Woodlands
- 25 Summerhill Natural Area

01 Community / Sports Parks

1.1 Greenwood Park



Greenwood Park

Multi-use Trails Plan

- 1 Ravines Edge / Main Street connection (250m)
- 2 Rintoul Crescent walkway connection (220m)
- 3 Greenwood Linkage / north connection (100m)
- 4 Greenwood Crescent sidewalk connection (50m)
- 5 Tansley Street connection (200m)
- 6 Internal park connections (780m)
- 7 Hammond Street connection (180m)

--- Pave existing trails with implementation of new multi-use connections (200m)

Total new multi-use trails: 1,780m
Total existing trails upgrade: 180m
Total new + existing trails: 1,960m

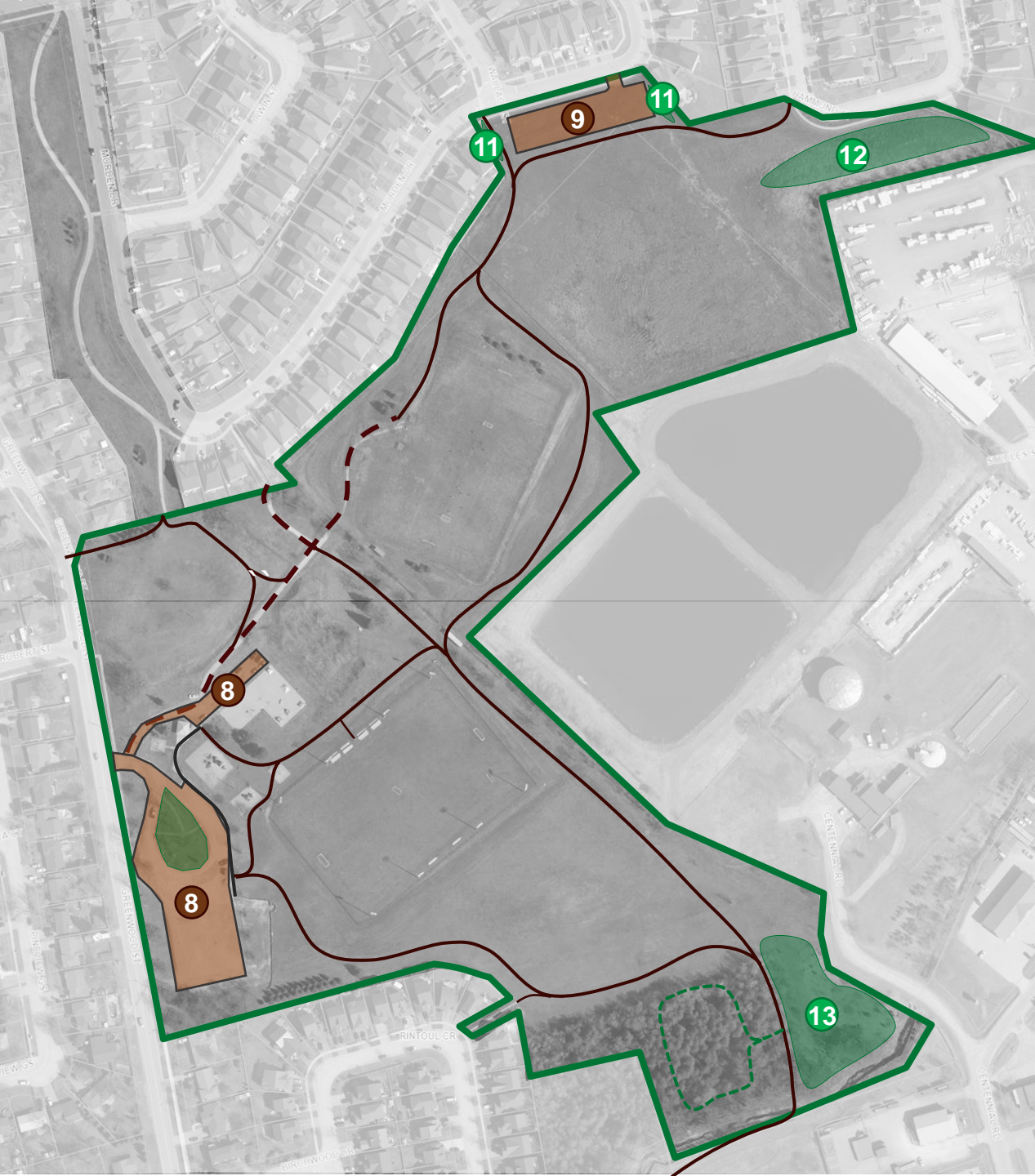


Greenwood Park

Parking & Landscape Enhancements

- 8** Pave existing parking areas
- 9** Tansley Street Parking Area (40-60 spaces)
- 11** Trees/plantings to screen parking area
- 12** Plant acoustic berm with native trees
- 13** Potential trail head / parking area, natural areas restoration, community gardens and/or maintain as open space

----- Potential nature trail loop



Greenwood Park

Park Expansion Area

- 14 Multi-use sports field (cricket / soccer)
- 15 Washroom building and park shelter



Greenwood Park

New / Renewed Facilities in Existing Park

- 16** Trees/plantings and seating near new Splash Pad (opening 2023)
- 17** Park shelter / shade structure
- 18** Basketball / multi-use courts / outdoor rink (remove former BMX track)
- 19** Consolidated play structures with accessible pathways (AODA compliant)
- 20** New / renewed park lighting (dark sky compliant, timer/motion-activated)



01 Community / Sports Parks

1.2 Hyland Park / Natasha Paterson Memorial Park



Hyland Park / Natasha Paterson Memorial Park

New / Renewed Facilities in Existing Park

- 1 Multi-use trail connections within park and connection to rail trail (420m); increase visual connectivity to rail trail (wayfinding)
- 2 Accessible pathway (AODA compliant) to pavilion/washrooms from parking area (20m)
- 3 Update and consolidate play structures with connectivity to larger park area (10m)

Total new multi-use trails / pathways: 450m



01 Community / Sports Parks

1.3 KTH Park



KTH Park

New / Renewed Facilities in Existing Park

- ❶ Extend multi-use trail connection from Simon Street Park to School access point and internal park connection to sidewalk on Homestead Drive – accessible (350m)
- ❷ Optional alternative location for multi-use sports field retrofit (from baseball/soccer to cricket/soccer)
- ❸ Parks shelter / shade structure
- ❹ New park washroom building





02 Neighbourhood Parks / Parkettes

2.1 Existing Neighbourhood Parks / Parkettes

Existing Neighbourhood Parks

Walters Creek Park

- 1 Replace play structures
- 2 Provide accessible pathway (AODA compliant) to park elements (10m)
- 3 Review potential for multi-use or secondary trail connection to west / rail trail (190m)

Simon Street Park

- 4 Resurface trail connection from Simon Street to Franklin Street – make accessible (135m)
- 5 Provide accessible pathway (AODA compliant) to park elements (20m)
- 6 Consider potential trailhead with enlarged parking area
- 7 Consider potential basketball half-court (relocation from Simon Court Parkette)

Summerhill Park

- 8 Review potential opportunity to add a multi-use court



Parkettes

Jack Downing Park

- ① Continue to review event, programming and public art opportunities for recently redeveloped park area

Greenwood Crescent Parkette

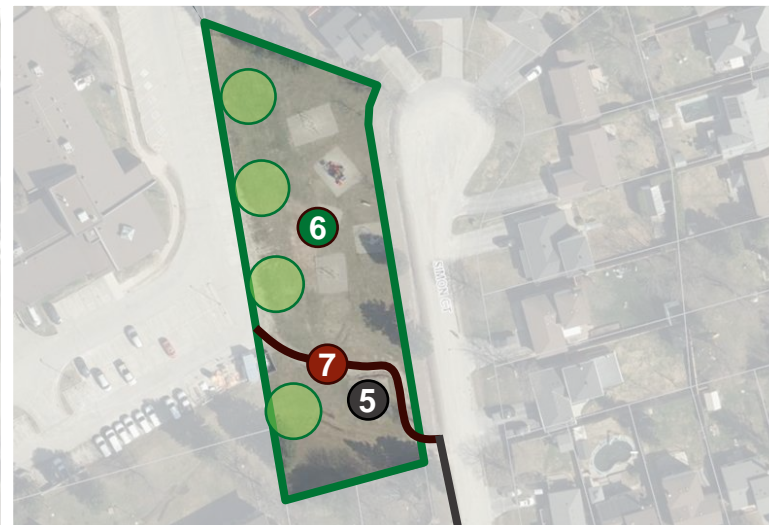
- ② Provide accessible sidewalk connection to play area from sidewalk on Greenwood Crescent
- ③ Update safety surfacing and sidewalk connection with playground equipment replacement.

Morden Drive Park

- ④ Add benches, bike rack and tree plantings

Simon Court Parkette

- ⑤ Decommission basketball half-court (review potential relocation to Simon Street Park)
- ⑥ Remove play equipment; add benches/seating areas, tree plantings, consider decorative fencing along Simon Crt
- ⑦ Formalize pathway connection, add sidewalk connection to Simon Street sidewalk



02 Neighbourhood Parks / Parkettes

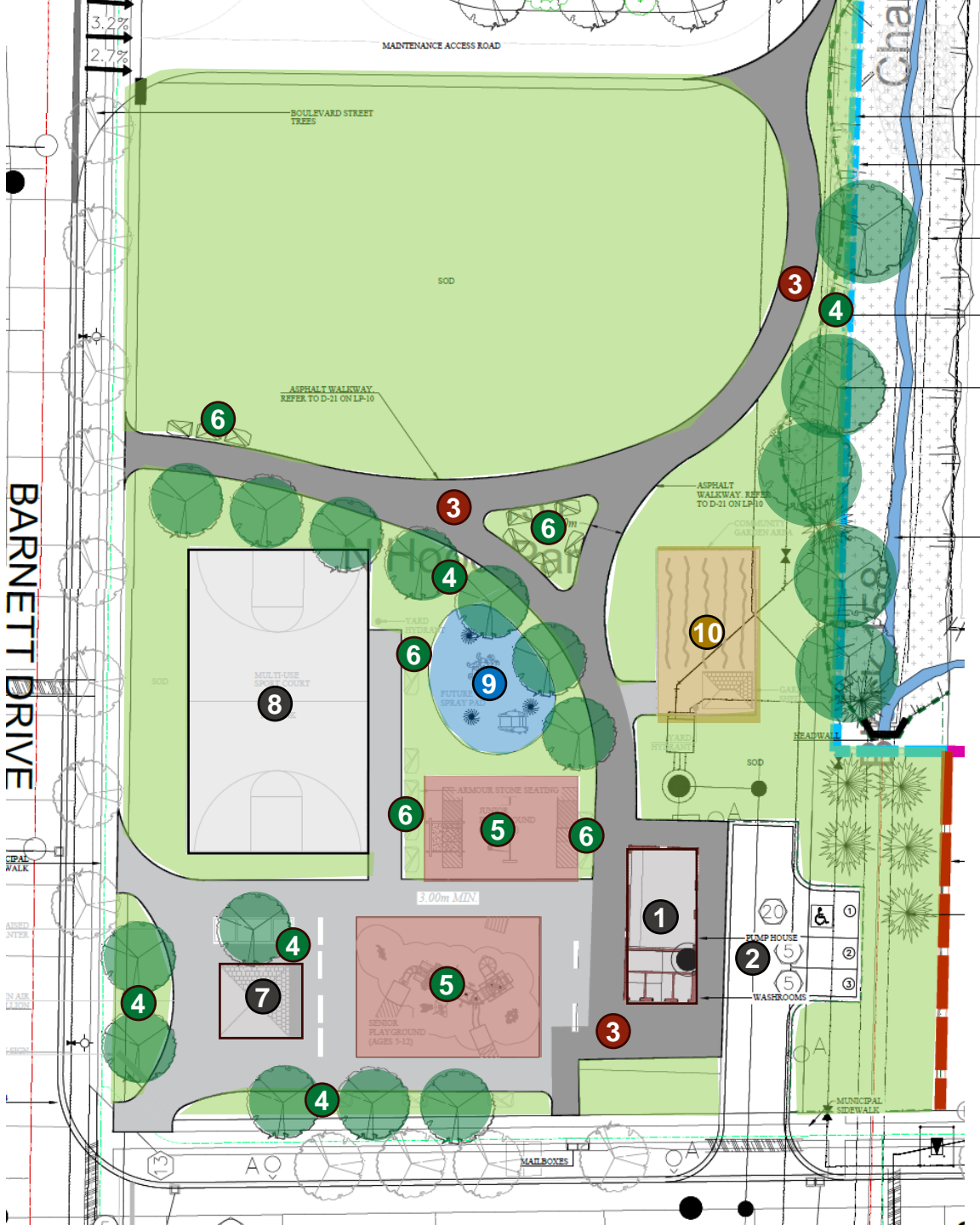
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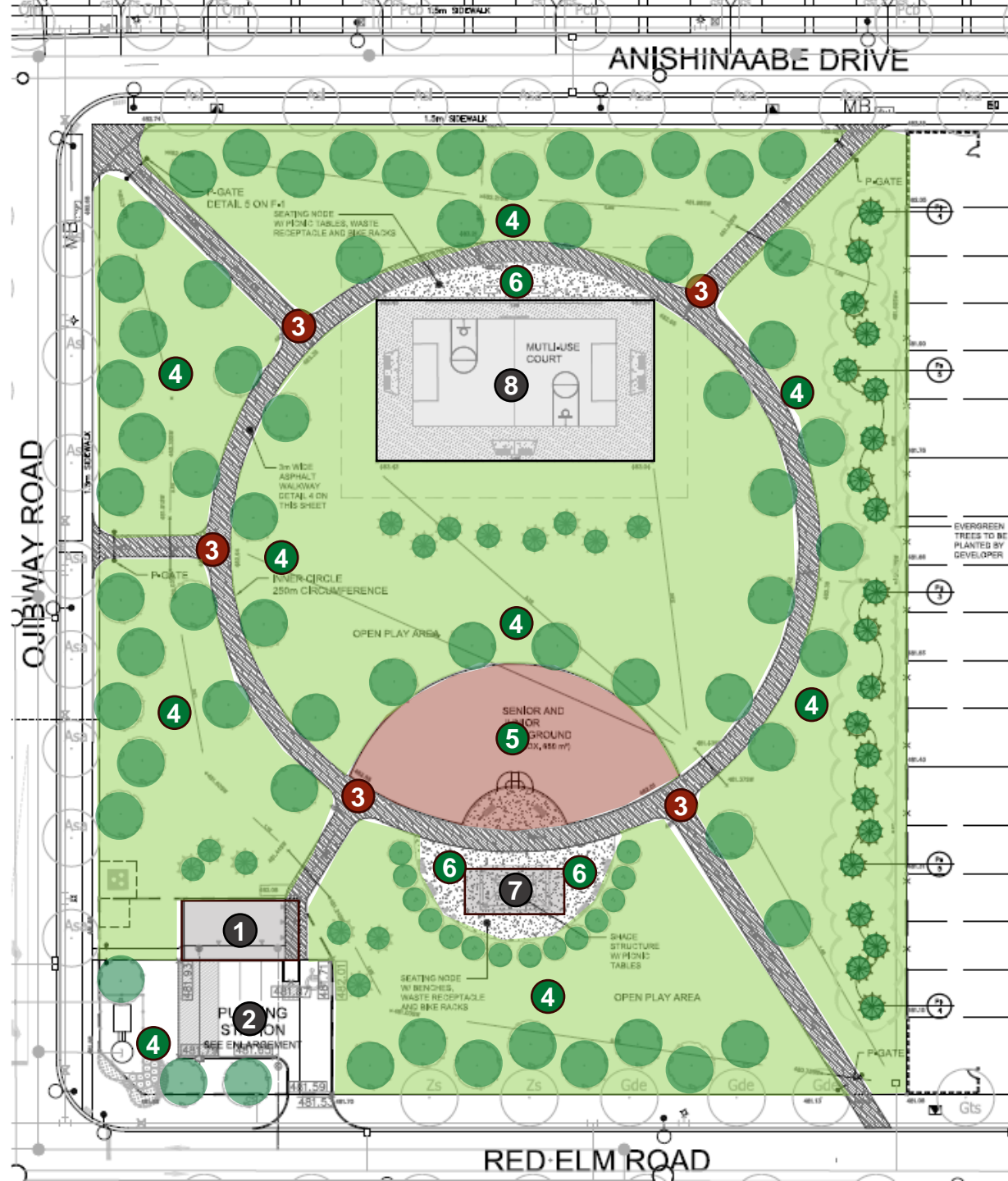


New Neighbourhood Parks

Hyland Village Park – Facility Fit Concept Plan

- ① Existing park washroom building / sanitary pumping station (unassumed)
- ② Existing driveway and parking area (3 spaces) (unassumed)
- ③ Planned multi-use park pathways / trail connection between Main Street, Stewart Street and Barnett Drive
- ④ Planned tree plantings
- ⑤ Proposed junior and senior children's playgrounds
- ⑥ Proposed benches or armourstone seating areas
- ⑦ Proposed park shelter / shade structure / gazebo
- ⑧ Proposed basketball / multi-use court / outdoor ice rink
- ⑨ Potential future spray feature
- ⑩ Potential future community garden





New Neighbourhood Parks

Ghant Park (Emerald Crossing)

- 1 Existing park washroom building / sanitary pumping station (unassumed)
- 2 Existing driveway and parking area (4 spaces) (unassumed)
- 3 Planned multi-use park pathways / trail connection between Red Elm Road Ojibway Road and Anishinaabe Drive
- 4 Proposed tree plantings
- 5 Proposed junior and senior children's playgrounds
- 6 Proposed benches, bike racks and waste receptacles
- 7 Proposed park shelter / shade structure
- 8 Proposed basketball / multi-use court / outdoor ice rink

03 Community Trails

3.1 Trail Improvements



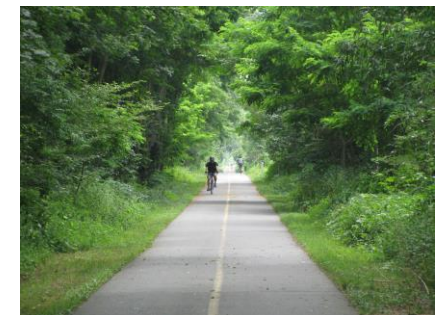
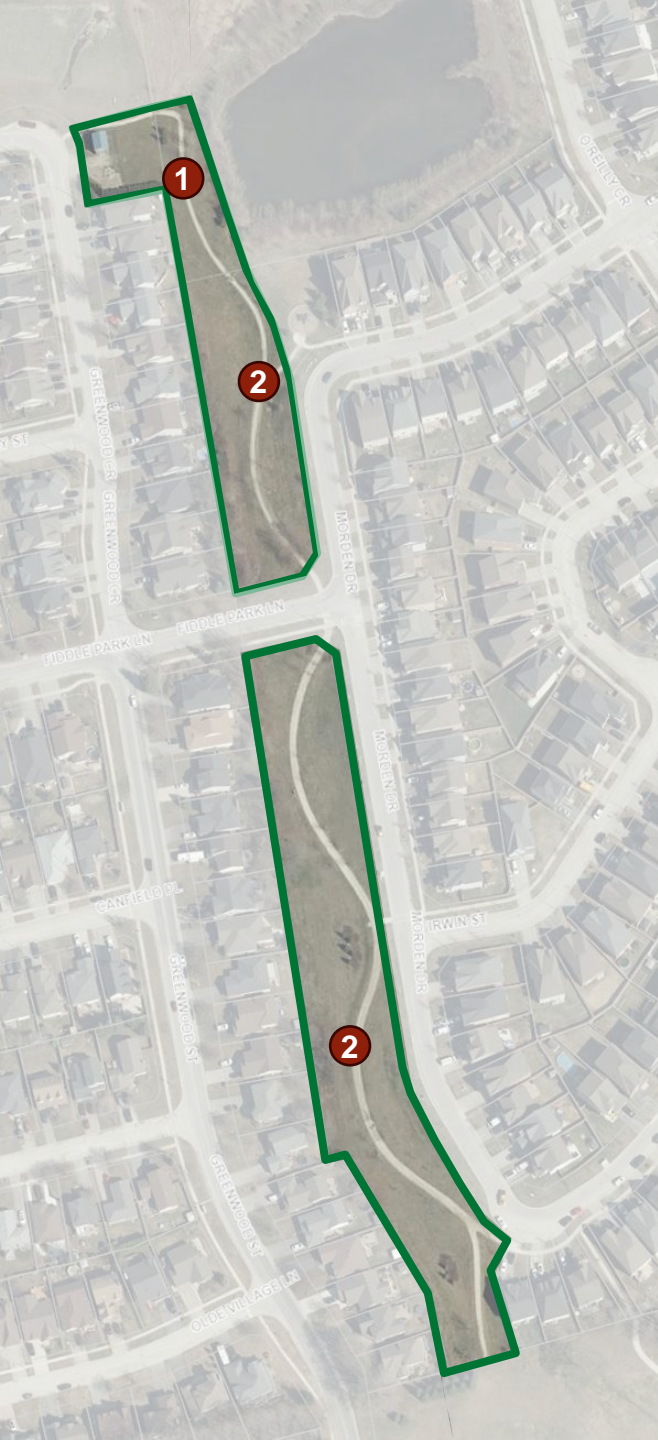
Trail Improvements

Greenwood Ave Linkage

- 1 Provide improved trail surface at north end
- 2 Consider trail upgrade to paved surface to incorporate trail as part of primary multi-use trail network (595m)

Simon Street Trail Linkage

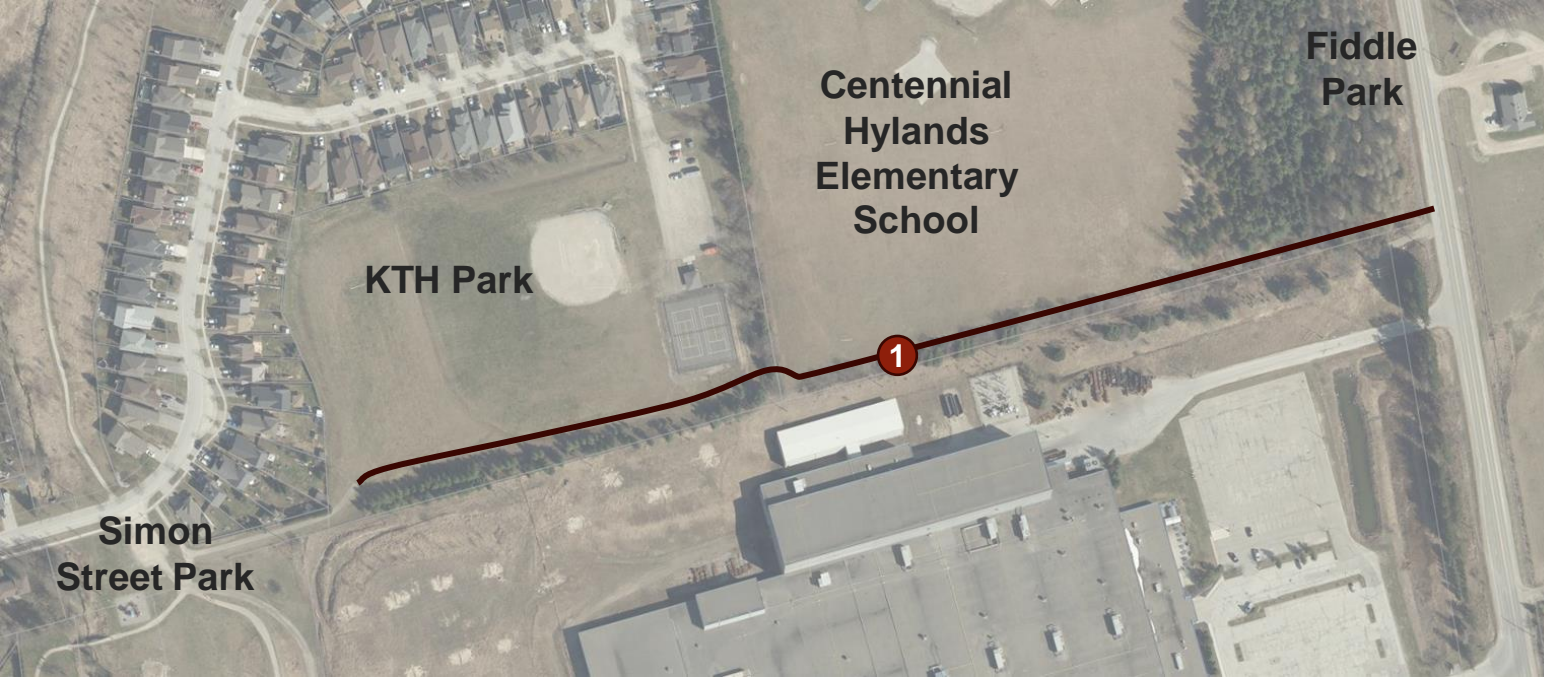
- 3 Provide lighting along linkage
- 4 Resurface trail – e.g., boardwalks, asphalt (530m)



03 Community Trails

3.2 New / Future Trail Connections





New / Future Trail Connections

Simon Street Park & KTH Park Trail

- 1 Extend paved multi-use trail from Simon Street Park through KTH Park to County Road 11 / Fiddle Park (requires agreement with School Board to route trail along south edge of Centennial Hylands school property) (560m)

Hyland Village / Victoria Steet Trail

- 2 Connect trail along Besley Drain from Hyland Village (McMullen Street access) to Victoria Street (requires agreement with Stella-Jones and approvals from the Township of Amaranth and NVCA to route trail through private property in the Township, along the Besley Drain) (540m)



Trails Plan

Regional Connection

↔ Existing Dufferin County Rail Trail

Primary Multi-use Trail System

— Existing paved trails/pathway connections

- - Existing limestone/gravel trails proposed for multi-use surfacing (paved / boardwalk)

— Proposed future multi-use trails

— Existing on-street connections

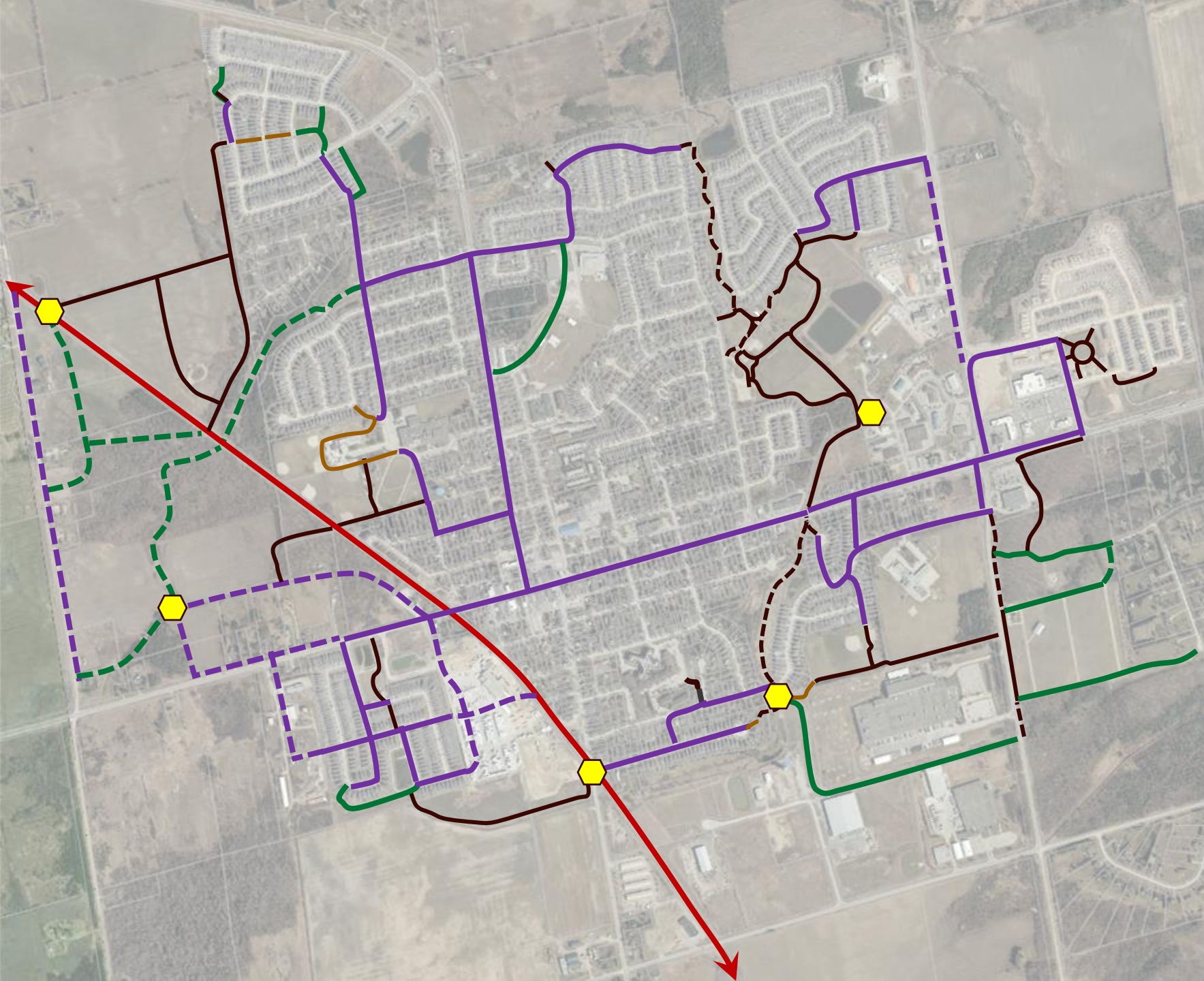
- - Future on-street connections or primary trails

⬡ Potential trailhead location(s)

Secondary Trails

— Existing Secondary Trails

- - Proposed future Secondary Trails



04 Recreation Facilities, Programming & Service Delivery

4.1 Recreation & Culture Facilities





Recreation & Culture Facilities

Facility Conditions Assessment & Asset Management

- Complete Facility Condition Assessment to assess the structural integrity of the Town's indoor facility assets to maintain existing assets in good operating condition for the next 10-year period.
- Commission a professional Landscape Architect to assess park assets by category (play-structures, lighting, splashpads, trails, furnishings, pavilions, washrooms, parking lots), and prepare a lifecycle capital plan for replacements and/or repairs/revitalization.
- Integrate the results into Asset Management Plans and corresponding capital budget and ten-year forecasts.
- Ensure that annual capital budget allocations and reserves are adequate to fund future capital repairs.

Grace Tipling Hall

- The Grace Tipling Hall Feasibility Study should continue to be used to guide future capital, programming and staffing resources and be included in future annual budgets for the consideration of Council

Recreation & Culture Facilities

Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex

- Maintain and periodically review financial contribution agreement with area municipalities for the ongoing operation of the current Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (CDRC), subject to the following.
 - That the CDRC undergo a Facility Conditions Assessment that assesses the structural integrity of the ice pad, outdoor pool, and all meeting/multi-use spaces, and determine the annual capital expenditures required to maintain the facility in good operating condition for the next 10-year period.
 - That the results of the Facility Conditions Assessment report be merged into respective municipal Asset Management Plans with corresponding target dates, budget estimates and financing sources.
 - That the CDRC municipalities ensure that their respective portions of the capital requirements are contained within their respective capital budgets and are subject to an annual review to ensure coordinated project timing.
 - That the CDRC Board support funding for facility scheduling and recreation registration software that can produce utilization reports for each facility amenity, and that such reports be provided to the Board on a monthly, seasonal, and annual basis for their review.
 - That the CDRC Board work with staff to set performance targets on a seasonal and annual basis with corresponding action plans if targets are not being met.
 - That CDRC staff prepare a contingency prime-time ice allocation policy to be implemented should the demand for prime-time ice exceeds 100% utilization.
 - That the CDRC have policies and cost recovery formulas to determine when ice is extended from the prime season (October to March)
 - That the CDRC develop new, proactive communication tools in conjunction with their Municipal partners to ensure coordinated promotion of all events and activating as well as space availability.
 - Launch an annual “Call” for new service providers and or event hosts (or bi-annual)?

04 Recreation Facilities, Programming & Service Delivery

4.2 Programming & Service Delivery



Programming & Service Delivery

Community Services Department

- Staffing – initiate the creation of a Community Services Department by establishing a dedicated position for a recreation programmer and special event coordinator to implement master plan and deliver program and marketing targets, for indoor and outdoor recreation and culture facilities and spaces and including facilitation of community use of schools in collaboration with the School Board and connecting interested residents with available facilities and programs in other nearby communities (e.g. indoor aquatics in Orangeville) as well as available transportation services and resources
- Develop new, proactive communication tools to ensure coordinated promotion of all events and activities including a designated municipal resource for social media to coordinate live and weekly content.
- Continue to invest in community signs and digital information to promote community events i.e., Fiddle Park, CDRC. Build awareness of culture and recreational programs available within the community – inventory of providers and services.

Service Providers & Programming

- Launch an annual request for opportunities and interest for service providers and/or event hosts to encourage new, emerging, and/or established service providers.
- Conduct a survey to determine community desired programs, locations and providers/delivery options.
Provide volunteer/partner support financially and resources - startup fund, insurance, volunteer development/training, grant writing.
- Improve the school board relationship, booking communication and procedures and develop grass root programming. Work with third parties like school board and others to build programming up in the community. Maintain a proactive working relationship with Boards of Education to facilitate reciprocal use of both school and community assets to optimize utilization by students and the community.
- Municipality will have to lead the gaps in programming if service providers can't be secured.
- Fees – complete a review of fees and adapt the approach to ensure playfields, building rentals and ice are at competitive rates while recognizing and building awareness of the cost of maintaining municipal assets and services.. Consider user fees subsidy program – fund allocated by the municipality.

Recommendations Summary

Capital Costs & Operating Considerations

Item	Preliminary Capital Cost Estimate	Operating Considerations
1.1 (#1-7) – Greenwood Park Multi-use Trails (1,960m total)	\$350,000	Additional equipment and staff time for year-round maintenance and repair.
1.1 (#8-13) – Greenwood Park Parking & Landscape Enhancements	\$1,500,000	
1.1 (#14-15) – Greenwood Park – Park Expansion Area (Cricket/Soccer Field & Washroom Building / Park Shelter)	\$1,000,000	Staff time and materials for turf maintenance/repair, washroom cleaning, maintenance/repair.
1.1 (#16-20) – Greenwood Park – New / Renewed Facilities	\$650,000	No significant operating impacts.
1.1 Subtotal – Greenwood Park	\$3,500,000	
1.2 (#1-2) Hyland Park / Natasha Paterson Memorial Park – trails/wayfinding	\$90,000	Additional equipment and staff time for year-round maintenance and repair.
1.2 (#3) Hyland Park / Natasha Paterson Memorial Park – new play equipment	\$350,000	No significant operating impacts.
1.2 Subtotal – Hyland Park / Natasha Paterson Memorial Park	\$440,000	
1.3 (#1) – KTH Park – Multi-Use Trails / Internal Park Connection	\$60,000	Additional equipment and staff time for year-round maintenance and repair.
1.3 (#2-4) – KTH Park – OPTION – Alternative location for Multi-use Cricket/Soccer Field & Washroom Building / Park Shelter	*same as Item 1.1	*same as Item 1.1
Total – Community / Sports Parks	\$4,000,000	

Recommendations Summary

Capital Costs & Operating Considerations

Item	Preliminary Capital Cost Estimate	Operating Considerations
2.1 (#1-3) – Walters Creek Park – Replace play structures, new pathways/trails	\$125,000	No significant operating impacts.
2.1 (#4-7) – Simon Street Park – Resurface trail, accessible pathways, enlarge parking, trailhead, basketball half-court	\$100,000	
2.1 (#8) – Summerhill Park – Multi-use Court	\$125,000	
2.1 Subtotal – Existing Neighbourhood Parks	\$350,000	
2.1 (#1) Jack Downing Park – Events, Programming, Public Art	-	See Item 4.2 – Programming & Service Delivery
2.1 (#2-3) Greenwood Crescent Parkette – Sidewalk / Accessible Pathway, Replace Play Equipment and Safety Surface	\$80,000	No significant operating impacts.
2.1 (#4) Morden Drive Park – add benches, bike rack, tree plantings	\$20,000	No significant operating impacts.
2.1 (#5-7) Simon Court Parkette – convert to passive park, remove basketball half-court and play equipment, resurface pathway, add sidewalk	\$50,000	No significant operating impacts.
2.1 Subtotal – Existing Parkettes	\$150,000	
Total – Existing Neighbourhood Parks and Parkettes	\$500,000	

Recommendations Summary

Capital Costs & Operating Considerations

Item	Preliminary Capital Cost Estimate	Operating Considerations
2.2 (#1-8) – Hyland Village Park – New Neighbourhood Park	\$650,000	Staff time, equipment and materials for park facilities and turf maintenance/repair, multi-use pathways maintenance, washroom cleaning, maintenance/repair.
2.2 (#1-8) – Ghant Park (Emerald Crossing) – New Neighbourhood Park	\$900,000	
Total – New Neighbourhood Parks	\$1,550,000	
3.1 (#1-2) Greenwood Avenue Linkage – trail resurfacing / upgrades	\$100,000	Additional equipment and staff time for year-round maintenance and repair.
3.1 (#3-4) Simon Street Trail Linkage – resurface, add lighting	\$200,000	
3.1 Subtotal – Trail Improvements	\$300,000	
3.2 (#1) Simon Street Park – KTH Park – Fiddle Park Connecting Trail	\$50,000	Additional equipment and staff time for year-round maintenance and repair.
3.2 (#2) Hyland Village – Victoria Street – Trail Connection	\$100,000	
3.2 Trails Plan – Provision for Other Primary & Secondary Trails and Supports	\$1,050,000	
3.2 Subtotal – New Trails	\$1,200,000	
Total – Trail Improvements and New Trails	\$1,500,000	

Recommendations Summary

Capital Costs & Operating Considerations

Item	Preliminary Capital Cost Estimate	Operating Considerations
4.1 (#1) – Facility Condition Assessment – CDRC and other Town-owned recreation and culture buildings/facilities	\$250,000	Staff time to coordinate condition audits, update asset management database and develop implementation plans.
4.1 (#2) – Grace Tipling Hall Feasibility Study Implementation	To be determined	
4.2 (#3) – Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex Capital Contributions	To be determined	
Total – Recreation and Culture Facilities Assessment	\$250,000	
4.2 (#1) – Community Services Department	To be determined-	Additional FTE – Recreation Programmer / Events Coordinator: \$100,000 (if full year 2024); Communications and community engagement tools and initiatives; Collaboration and facilitation with partners and volunteers, and other service providers
4.2 (#2) – Service Providers & Programming	To be determined	
Total – Recreation Facilities, Programming and Service Delivery	\$250,000	
Total Estimated Capital Cost to Implement PRMP Recommendations		\$7,800,000
Total Estimated Capital Cost to Implement Fiddle Park Plan Recommendations		\$9,500,000
Grand Total Capital Cost Estimate		\$17,300,000



Next Steps

- Parks & Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) Draft Report – July
- Online posting of PRMP and Fiddle Park Plan – July/Aug
- Fiddle Park Plan display boards available for public review at Town Hall – July/Aug
- Community & Stakeholder Review & Engagement – July/Aug
 - Livestreamed / recorded presentations
 - Online feedback / comments
- Revise / Finalize PRMP and Fiddle Park Plan – Aug
- Final Council Presentation – Sept 25th
- Implementation (10-year+ Capital Plan)