

Appendix F

Survey Results

Developed by Parks & Recreation staff and publicly released on Survey Monkey from June through July of 2019, attached is a summary of the public survey results.

Bellingham Parks and Recreation Community Survey

Thursday, August 01, 2019

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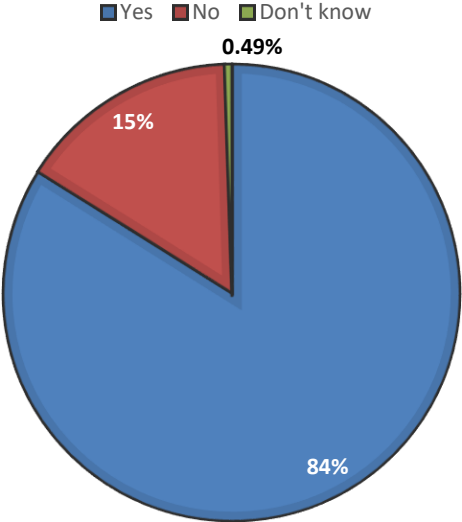
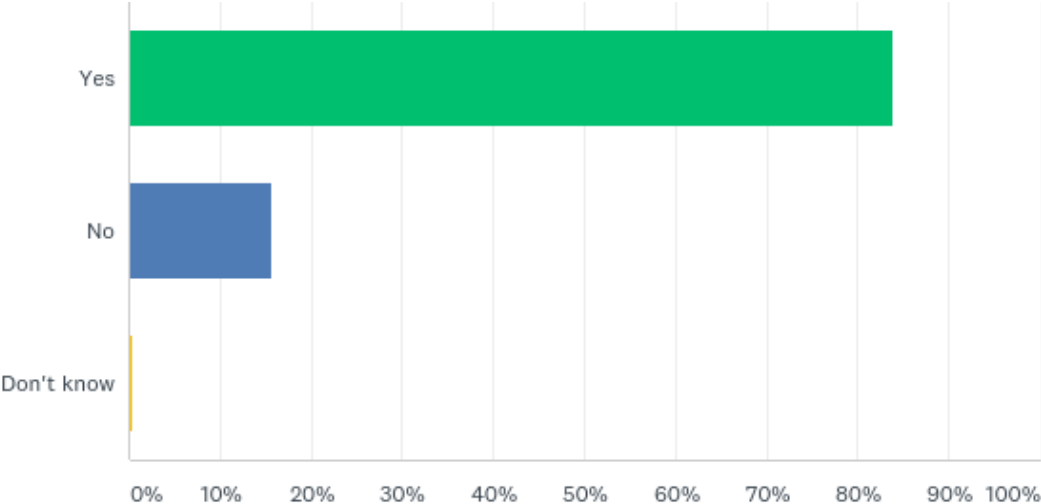
Total Responses

Date Created: Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Complete Responses: 2463

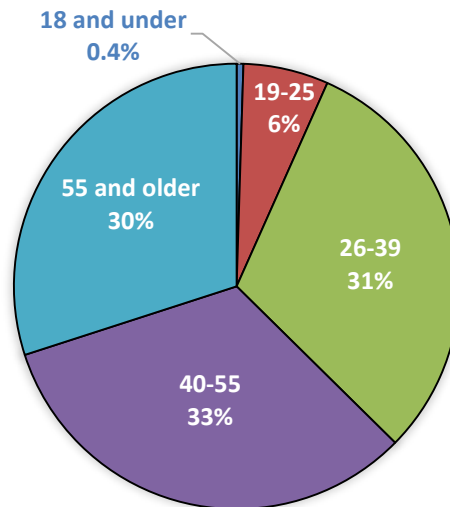
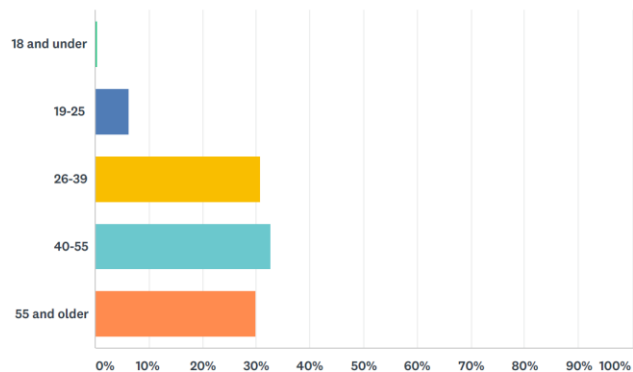
Q1: Do you live in the City of Bellingham?

Answered: 2,454 Skipped: 9



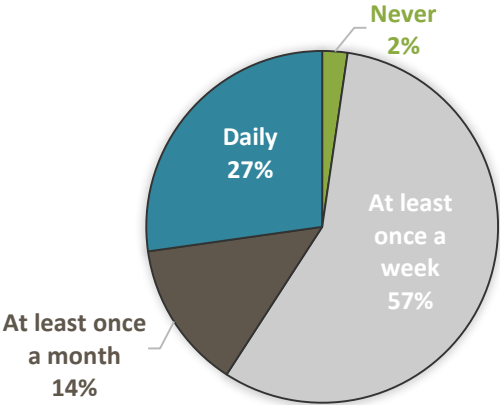
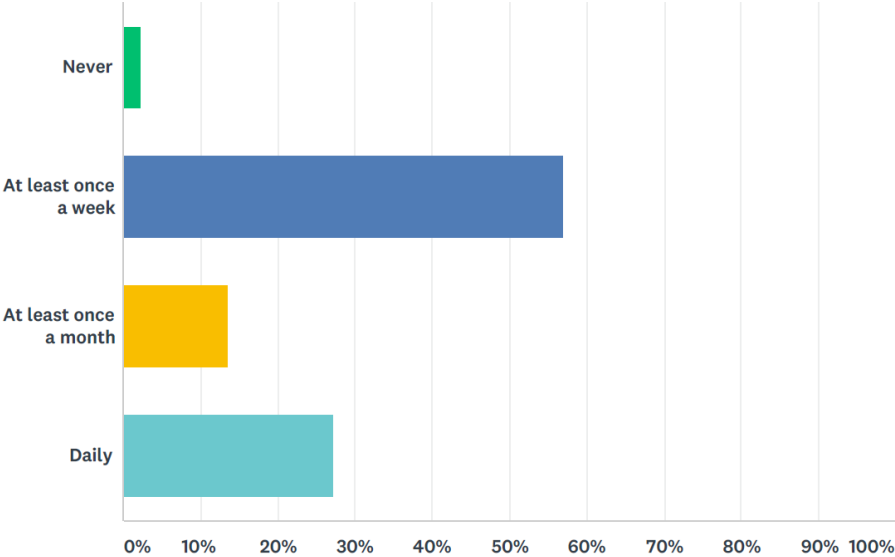
Q2: What is your age

Answered: 2,455 Skipped: 8



Q3: In the past month, how many times have you visited a park, trail or other park facility (pool, golf course, cemetery, athletic field) in Bellingham?

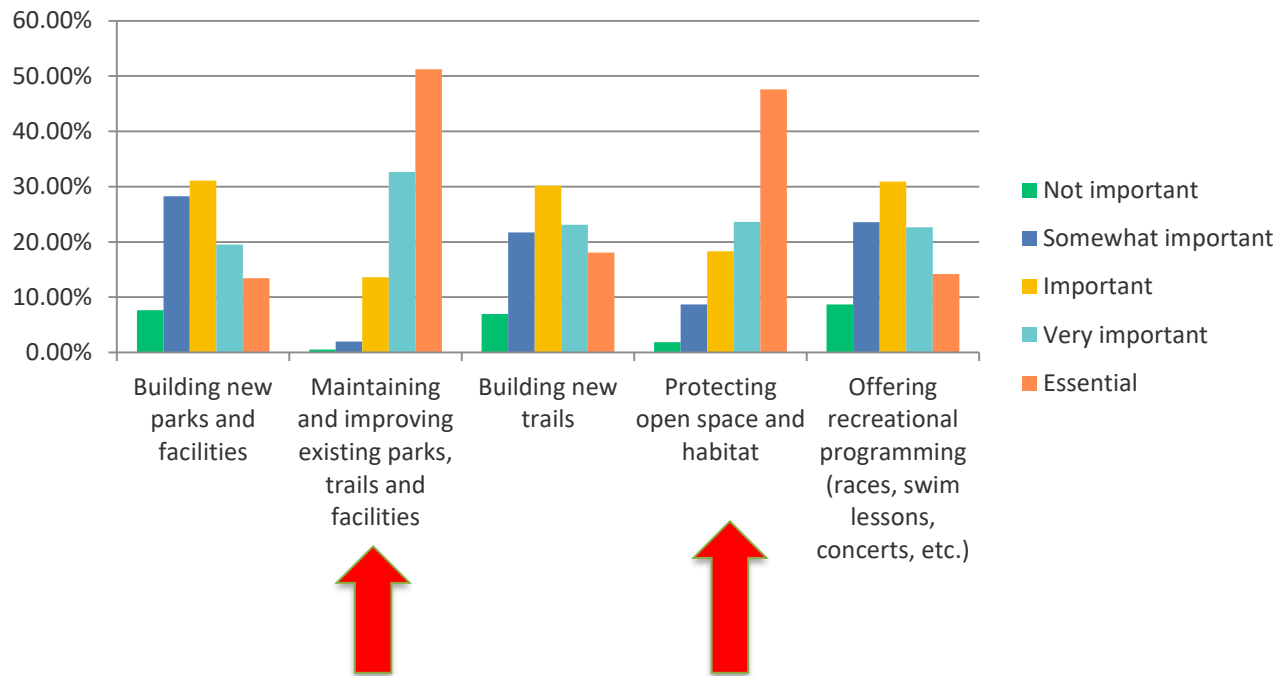
Answered: 2,457 Skipped: 6



Q4: For each of the following Park budget priorities, rate their importance to you

Answered: 2,459 Skipped: 4

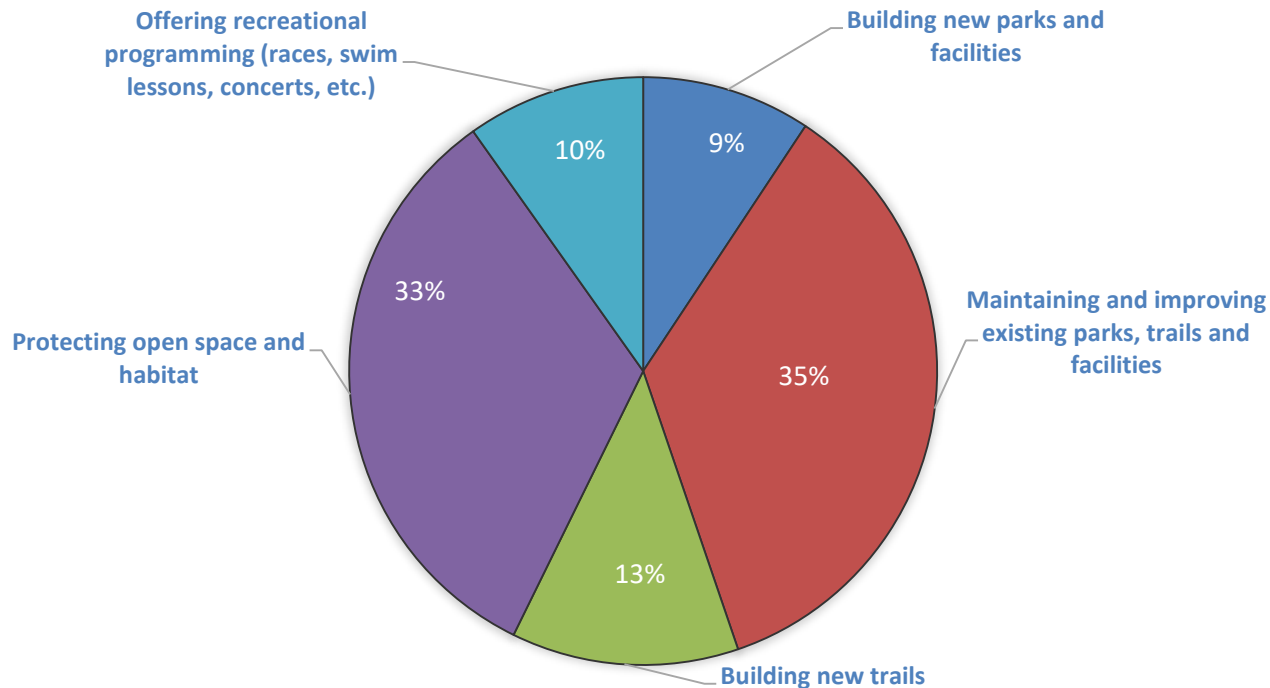
Public Input on Park Budget Priorities



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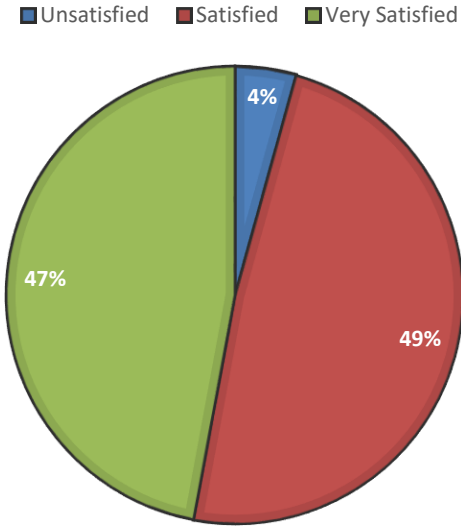
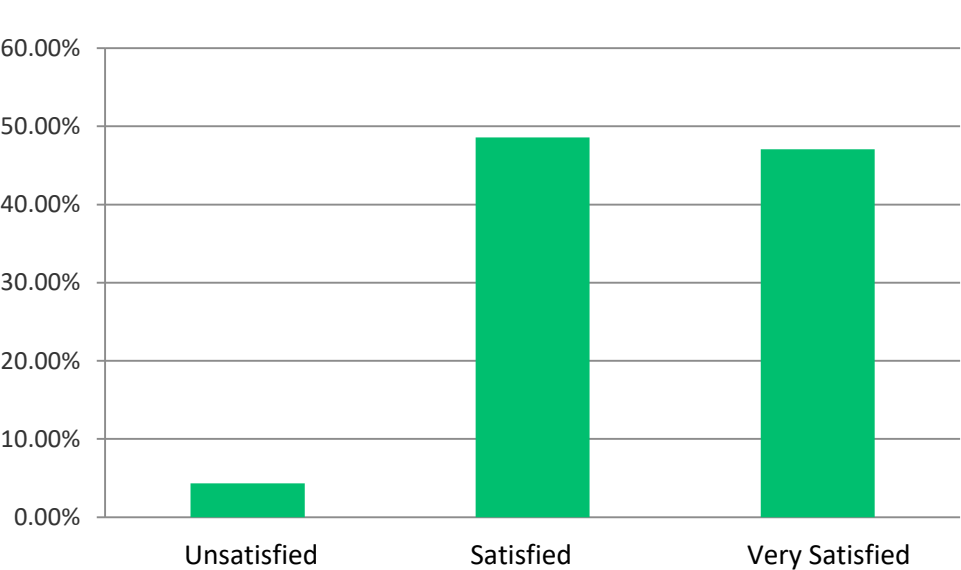
Answered: 2,459 Skipped: 4

PUBLIC OPINION ON MOST ESSENTIAL PRIORITIZATION OF P&R BUDGET



Q5: On a scale of 1-3, how satisfied are you with Bellingham's overall park system?

Answered: 2,447 Skipped: 16



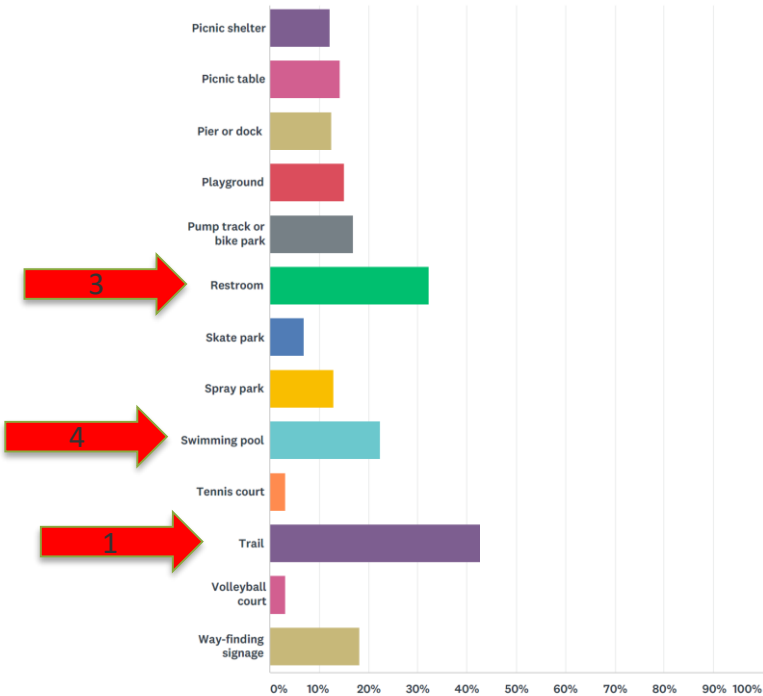
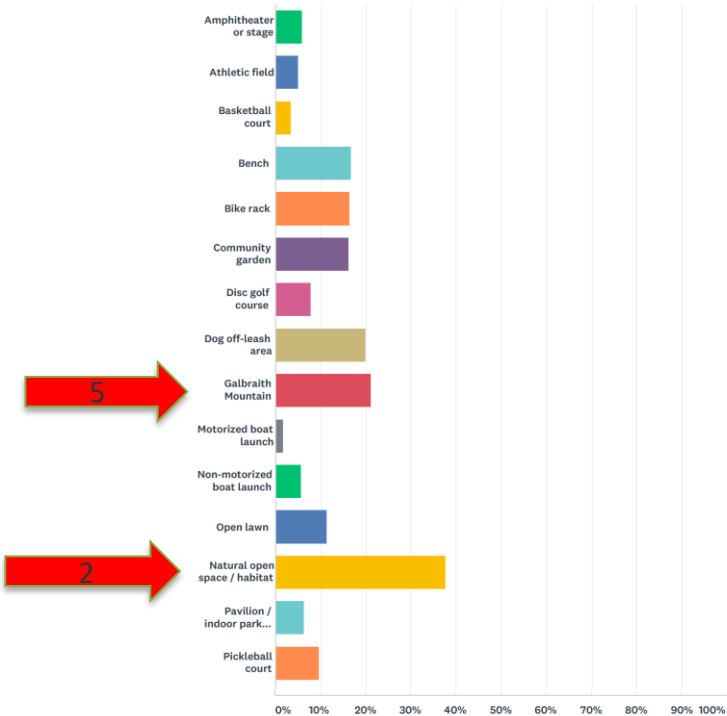
Q6: Which of the following features have you used in a City-managed park, trail or open space in the last year?

Answered: 2,454 Skipped: 9



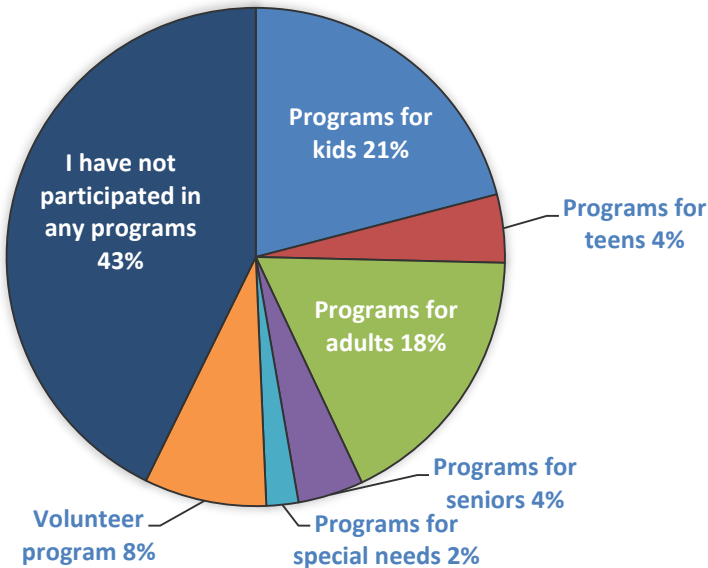
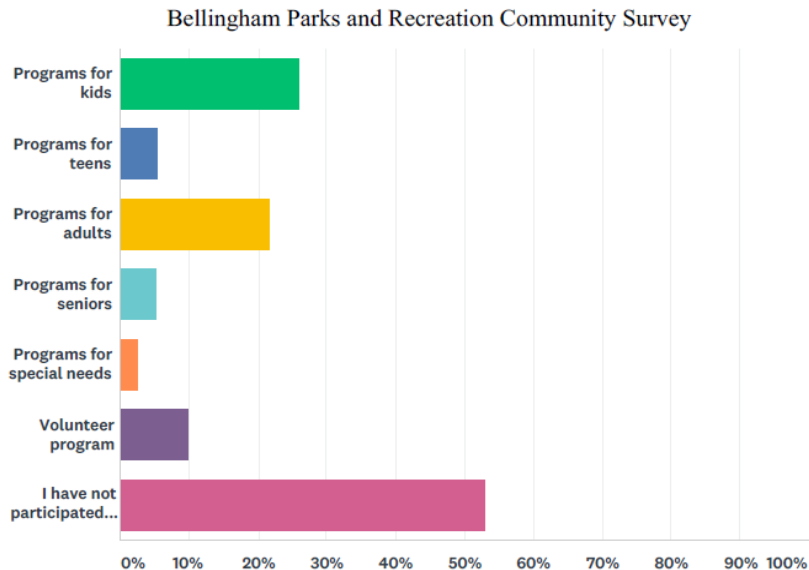
Q7: Which features do we need more of in Bellingham's parks, trails and open spaces?

Answered: 2,306 Skipped: 157



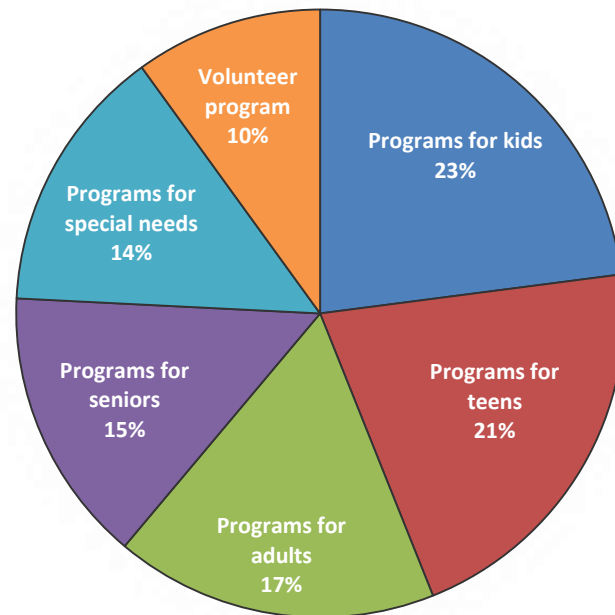
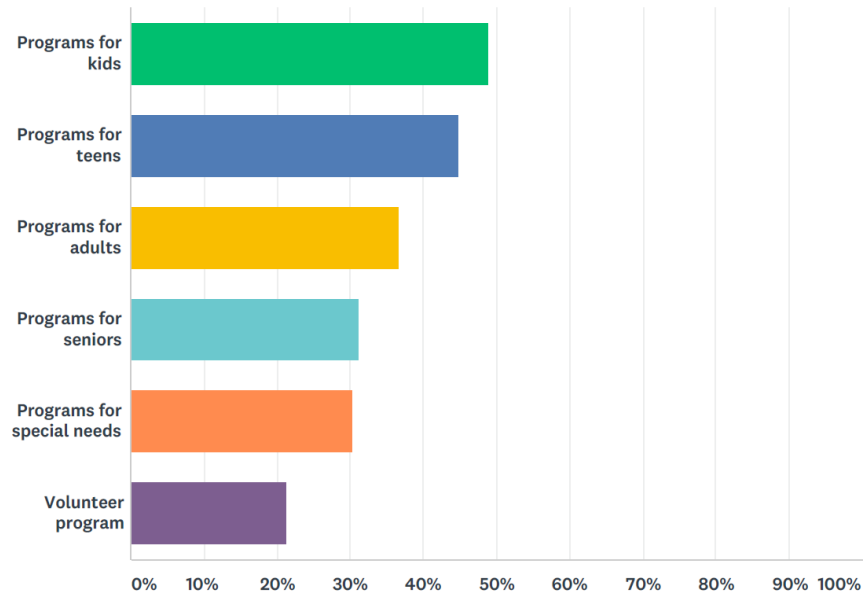
Q8: Which of the following City-sponsored programs have you participated in last year?

Answered: 2,408 Skipped: 55



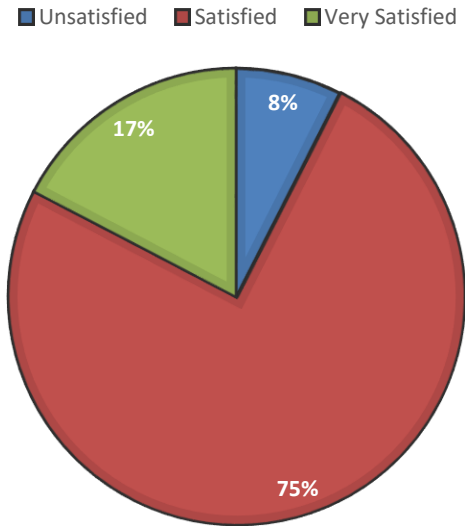
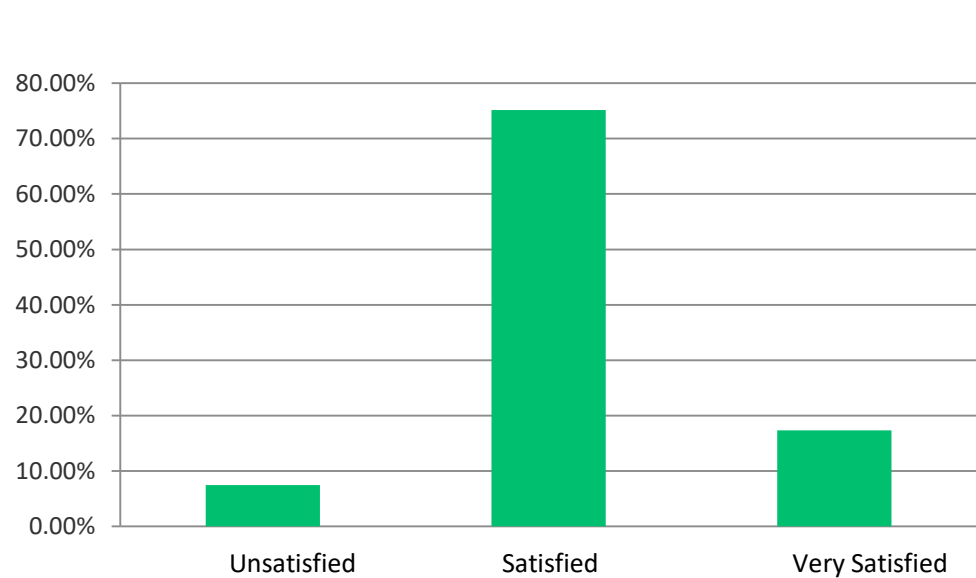
Q9: Which of the following City-sponsored programs do we need more of in Bellingham?

Answered: 1781 Skipped: 682



Q10: On a scale of 1-3, how satisfied are you with Bellingham's recreational programming?

Answered: 2,328 Skipped: 135

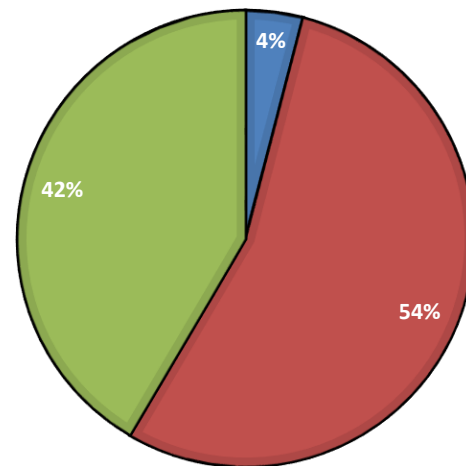


Q11: On a scale of 1-3, how satisfied are you with Bellingham's trail system?

Answered: 2,400 Skipped: 63

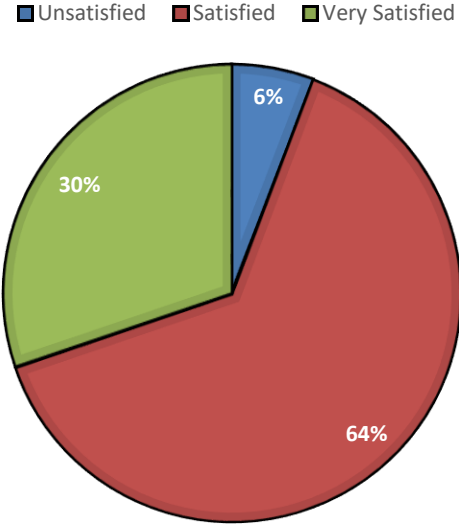
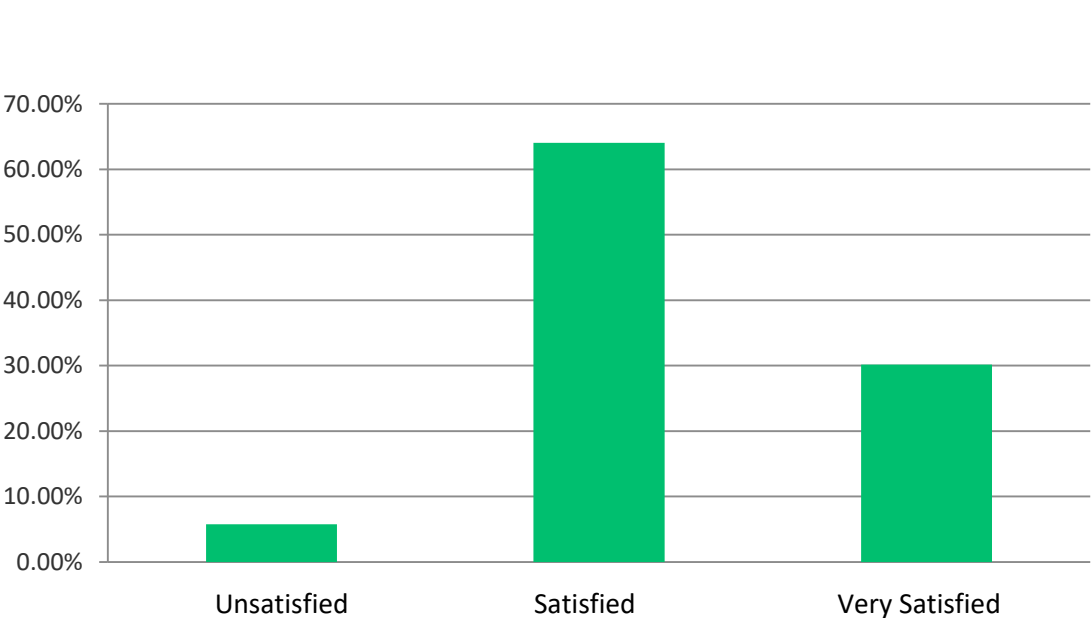


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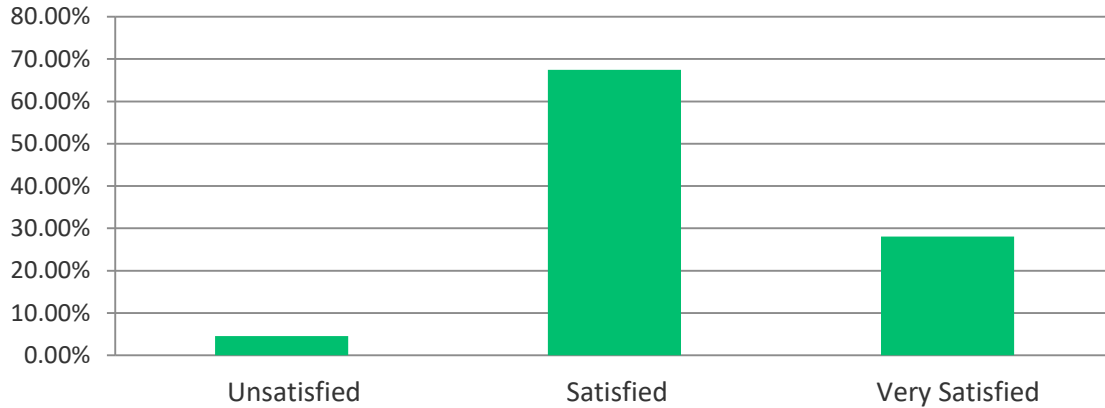
Q12: On a scale of 1-3, how satisfied are you with Bellingham's natural open space and habitat areas?

Answered: 2,408 Skipped: 55

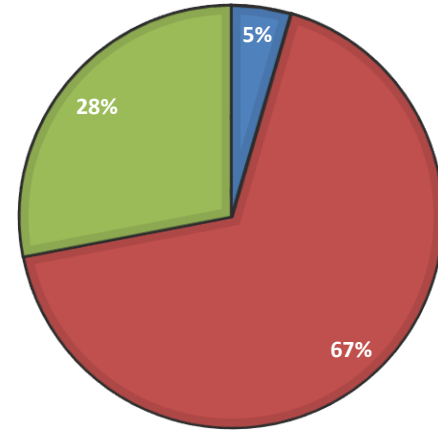


Q13: On a scale of 1-3, how satisfied are you with Bellingham's special use areas, such as the golf course, cemetery, Big Rock Garden, Depot Market Square, and Woodstock Farm?

Answered: 2,375 Skipped: 88

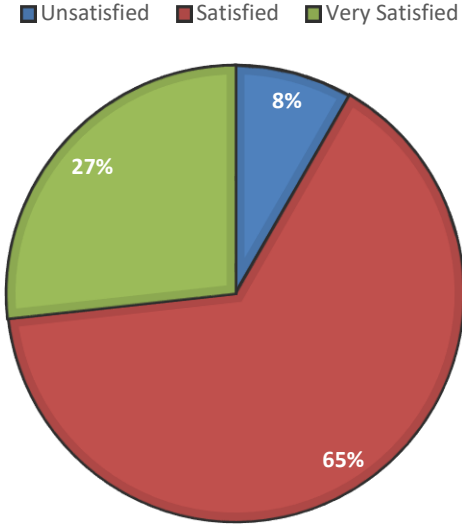
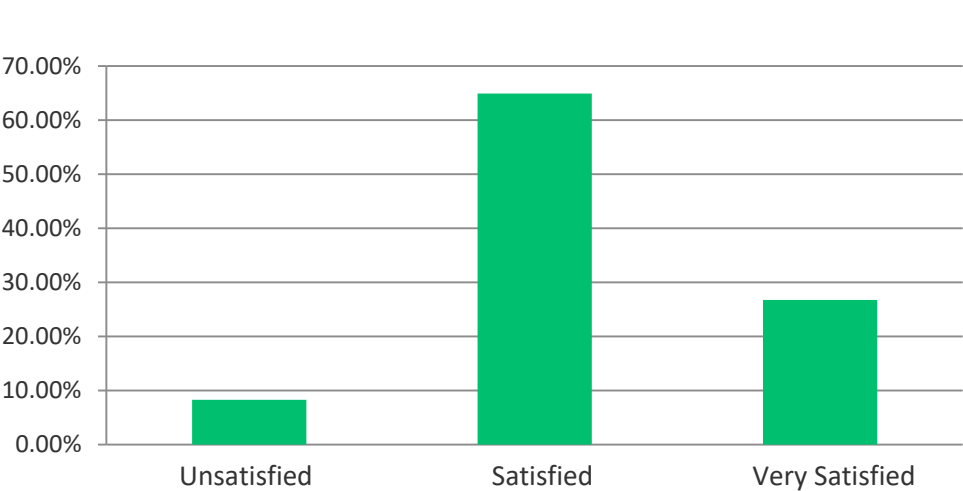


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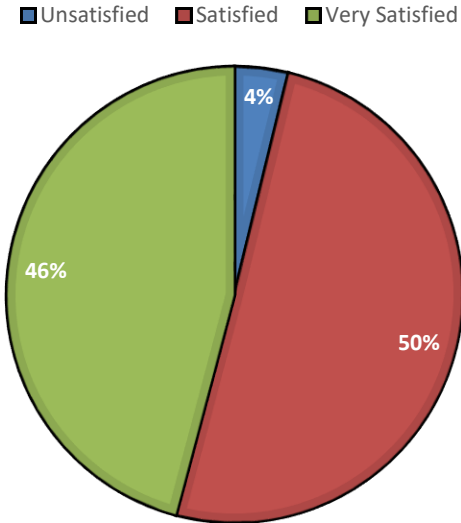
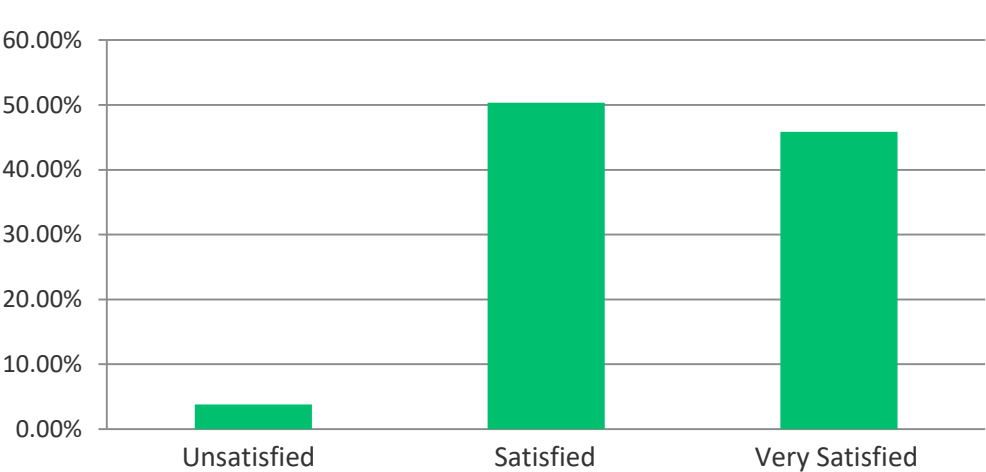
Q14: On a scale of 1-3, how satisfied are you with Bellingham’s neighborhood parks (generally smaller parks serving immediate neighborhood)?

Answered: 2,399 Skipped: 64



Q15: On a scale of 1-3, how satisfied are you with Bellingham’s larger community parks (such as Civic Stadium, Lake Padden, Boulevard and Squalicum Creek Parks)?

Answered: 2,420 Skipped: 43



Common Free Response Comments

Topic (# of times mentioned)

Trail/Trails/Trailhead (1432)

- Additional street/mountain biking trails
- Connectivity between trails and parks
- More garbage cans at trailheads
- Reduce the amount of social trails

Bike/bikes (494)

- Separate mountain bike lanes from hiking lanes
- Speed limit signage for bikers
- More bike trails outside of Galbraith
- Additional bike racks be added to parks
- Arguments about whether e-bikes should be allowed on trails

Safe/Safety/Safer (425)

- Homelessness
- Safe bike trails to get to parks/ around city
- Safety awareness between bikers and pedestrians

Dog/dogs (362)

- More frequent re-stocking of dog poop bags
- Trash cans along trails for dog-poop
- Arguments for and against off-leash dog location, need more areas for off-leash activity

Pool/pools (325)

- Arne Aquatic Center is inadequate for the needs of the community
 - Need a larger pool/ more than one pool
 - More swim lanes
- People want better access to clean and warm water to swim in

Common Free Response Comments

Topic (# of times mentioned)

Sign/signs/signage (240)

- Educational signage on habitat and natural open space preservation
- Educational signage on dog (poop etiquette, off-leash areas)
- Way finders between parks and trails
- Signs to remind bikers to slow down on trails
- Whatcom Falls needs more signs/maps

Programs (241)

- Many have no information on available programs and wish they could know more
- Those who do know about available programs are very satisfied with them
- More street/mountain bike race events
- More concerts
- More volunteer programs

Bathroom/restroom (239)

- Add restrooms to parks with no restrooms
- Year-round restroom access
- Maintain existing bathrooms

Pickleball (184)

- More pickleball courts throughout the city
- A lot of comments on creating pickleball facilities but pickleball is not even in the top 10 most wanted added features (Q7)

Galbraith (140)

- Better/more signage. Maps and signs are out of date in places
- Need a parking lot and restrooms